



RYA Youth Racing Committee Vacancies

The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) is seeking to appoint a new member to the RYA Youth Racing Committee (YRC).

The YRC is a policy-forming sub-committee of the RYA Racing Committee (RC) and is the volunteer group responsible for setting policy, advising, challenging and liaising with RYA staff within British Youth Sailing (BYS). YRC has authority in a number of areas including:

1. *To work with the RYA British Youth Sailing staff, and key Class Associations, Recognised Clubs and volunteers to:*
 - a) *encouraging more sailors to start racing*
 - b) *creating and promoting a pathway to success*
 - c) *increasing the number of Junior and Youth racers*
 - d) *ensuring equality of opportunity*
 - e) *supporting the progression of youth sailors to other classes and disciplines.*
2. *Increase the retention of Junior and Youth Racers and enable them to enjoy a lifetime within the sport.*
3. *Provide oversight, feedback and long term perspective of major RYA Junior and Youth Championships, i.e.; RYA Youth Nationals, ET Championships, Youth & Junior Team Racing Championships & BYS Regional Junior Championships;*
4. *Recommend Youth Sailor disciplinary policy and procedures;*
5. *Agree RYA Youth Sailing submissions to World Sailing in consultation with other relevant groups and committees, and to review and make recommendations on other countries' Youth submissions, and to submit these drafts and recommendations to the RC;*
6. *Liaise as appropriate with the Chairs of other specialist groups to ensure a smooth progression to other disciplines and international representation in specialist international championships and regattas;*
7. *Determine the RYA British Youth Sailing Class & Club Recognition framework and make recommendations regarding Class recognition to the RC;*

The YRC are looking for additional members to replace outgoing members that have completed their terms.

The RYA YRC usually meets 4 times per annum at RYA House, Hamble, however much of the day to day discussion and review of documentation and policy is conducted by e-mail.

The YRC fulfils a key function within British Youth Sailing and active participation and commitment to attend meetings is essential. Members are reimbursed for any associated expenses at standard RYA rates.

The successful candidates will have knowledge and experience of some of the following areas:

1. *Knowledge of the performance sport, and competitive Sailboat/Windsurf/Kiteboard racing, including:*
 - a) *Team Racing*
 - b) *Match Racing*
 - c) *Keelboat Sailing*
 - d) *One-design and development class racing*
 - e) *Multihull Sailing*
 - f) *Club Racing*
 - g) *Competitive Windsurfing*
 - h) *Junior and Youth international sailing competition*
 - i) *Kiteboarding*
2. *Working with class associations/volunteer organisations;*
3. *An understanding of the climate of Performance Sport and its implications within the Youth Racing framework;*
4. *Setting, reviewing, and assessing the impact of policy usually prepared by department staff;*
5. *Ability to deal with emotive subjects in an objective way;*
6. *An understanding of the importance of parental involvement and its implications;*
7. *Awareness of the challenges of working with children and young people, including an understanding of the issues surrounding child protection;*
8. *A working knowledge of other Racing Groups, Committees and the RYA Board;*
9. *A familiarity with the following groups:*
 - a) *Top Youth sailors and their parents,*
 - b) *Junior sailors and their parents,*
 - c) *The RYA Recognised Junior & Youth Class Associations,*
 - d) *[Some of] The British Youth Sailing Recognised Clubs,*
 - e) *International Junior and Youth events*

Process of application:

- Candidates express interest in the vacancies by e-mail via olivia.risk@rya.org.uk
- Candidates will then receive by e-mail by return a contact details form, and a candidate competency questionnaire
- Closing date for candidate competency questionnaire return is 1700, on 17 May 2019
- The Chair, in consultation with staff, will then liaise with candidates by e-mail/phone as soon as possible to progress and assess applications as is consistent with the terms of reference.