

Notice of Selection

RYA Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad 2009

Introduction

12 Laser 4.7 National Junior squad places will be offered, however this number may vary according to the ability of competitors taking part in the indicator series. Normally we would aim to award 3 of these places to girls. The first 6 places will normally be offered to the 6 highest ranked sailors to include a minimum of 2 girls aged under 16 on the 31st of December 2009, on completion of the indicator series.

The remaining Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad places will be offered at the discretion of the selection committee to helms who in their opinion have demonstrated the best prospects of progressing to the RYA National Youth Squads and the most potential to win medals for RYA Team GBR at international competitions in the subsequent years.

Support

Sailors selected to be part of the 2009 RYA Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad will receive the following support:

- Invitation to four or more residential training weekends. These take place at a number of venues around the UK and are delivered by the RYA Laser 4.7 National Coach and other additional specialists and coaches.
- Benefit from a specific needs based training programme.
- Have the opportunity to access remote coaching support from the National Squad Coach.
- The opportunity to purchase a discounted National Junior Squad jacket.
- Receive transitional advice regarding Youth Sailing from the National Junior Squad Coach in order to assist progression into a Recognised Youth Class.

Whilst the RYA Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad programme is heavily subsidized by the RYA, some parental contribution towards the costs of coaching, venues, coach boats, accommodation, and food is required.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad 2009, sailors shall normally be aged under 16 on the 31st December 2009. However in exceptional circumstances up to 3 sailors who do not meet the age criteria may be invited at the discretion of the selection committee (given the nature of the girls' single-hander pathway), if offered, these places will usually (but not exclusively) be offered to girls.

In addition Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad sailors must be resident in Great Britain, hold or be eligible to hold a British passport, and eligible to represent Great Britain in the ISAF Youth World Sailing Championships.

Helms may not accept a Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad place if they have accepted a place in another RYA Squad.

Selection Criteria and Procedure

6 of the 2009 Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad places will be allocated according to a ranking system using the results from the following indicator events:

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| • RYA Eric Twiname Championship
Rutland Sailing Club | 9 th & 10 th May 2009 |
| • UKLA 4.7 Ladder event
Datchet Sailing Club | 30 th & 31 st May 2009 |

Members of the selection committee (or their appointed representatives) will be attending the above events in order to make discretionary selections based upon the matrix of criteria listed below.



Exceptional Circumstances/failure to attend Indicator events

Sailors that are either:

1. Unable to attend any, or all indicator events, or
2. Would like to make the selectors aware of any exceptional circumstances which could be considered during selection,

Should notify the selectors in writing including any relevant reasons in writing via the Junior Racing Administrator, at Tzaneen.mears@rya.org.uk

Scoring

The ranking system will be compiled by adding together the overall finishing positions (including all competitors) from the RYA Eric Twiname Championship and the UKLA 4.7 ladder event at Datchet.

There will be a maximum of 12 races:

11+ races	4 discards
8 -10 races	3 discards
6 -7 races	2 discards
3- 5 races	1 discard
2 races or less	0 discards

Discretionary Places

Discretionary places will be determined by the Selection Committee and may be offered to sailors who:

- In their opinion have demonstrated the best prospects of progressing to the RYA National Youth Squads and the most potential to win medals for RYA Team GBR at international competitions in the subsequent years.
- Fall outside the age criteria.
- Fail to achieve automatic selection, possibly (but not exclusively) because they are new to the class, injured, or could not attend all indicator events.

When allocating discretionary places the selection committee will take into consideration the following factors:

- Age and potential
- Factors affecting results
- Performance in the Indicator series
- Attitude and behaviour throughout the series and during previous training
- Class ranking list
- Performance in other events
- Goals and aspirations
- Height and weight
- Other factors the selection committee considers appropriate.

The Selection Committee may extend the selection process beyond the indicator series.

Selection Practice

Selectors therefore have the discretion to determine:

- The size of the squad, taking into account the target size.
- Which of the criteria to take into account.
- Who to select.

In making their decisions and exercising their discretions Selectors are expected to:

- Use their own expertise and experience.
- Rely on their own observations of the competitors, together with the observations made by other individuals, such as class coaches and class representatives.

By entering an event or activity that is part of this selection series the competitors agree that the Selectors have such discretions.

Selection Committee

The selection committee will be made up of the Laser 4.7 Class Steering Team (or their appointed representatives) which currently consists of:

- RYA Junior Racing Manager- Duncan Truswell (selection committee Chairman)
- UKLA 4.7 Class representative - Mike Lis
- Laser 4.7 Steering Team chair – Julian Hayes
- RYA Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad Coach- Kirsty Bonar



Registration, Entry Fees and Measurement

Sailors must be members of the UK Laser Association and should be members of the RYA. Applications for the 2009 Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad can be submitted on-line at www.ryaracingevents.org.uk from the 1st of February 2009, and must be in prior to the first indicator event. Once on the racing events page click on the '2009 RYA National Junior Squad Applications' under the 'All Regattas' heading. All applications must be submitted before the last indicator event.

There will be no additional entry fee for the Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad indicator Series.

All boats must conform to the Class Association rules and measurements.

Further details of the RYA selection policy is published on the website.

Notification

Applicants will be notified in writing by mail as soon as is practically possible after the completion of the final indicator event, usually within 14 days. Successful sailor's names will be published on the RYA web-site once all attendance confirmation forms/contracts have been returned to the office – it is not our policy to publish this information before this time.

Appeals

There will be no appeals against the selection criteria and the decisions of the Selectors. By applying for the RYA Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad the competitors agree to this condition.

Status

The Royal Yachting Association's (RYA's) policies and procedures are subject to change from time to time, including variations required to comply with Sports Councils' directions on the investment of National Lottery funds.

The RYA reserves the right to amend, supplement and/or discontinue at its absolute discretion, for whatever reason, any or all of its policies and procedures.

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Information which may be of use to aspirants

Sailors aspiring to also attend the Laser 4.7 Youth World or European Championship should also bear in mind that application for a place is a pre-requisite via the International Laser Class site and the deadlines are 16th of January 2009 (for the Worlds) and 30th of January 2009 (for the Europeans) respectively. Sailors are advised to apply if they are in any doubt without setting any false expectations as the late application process is less likely to result in a place being awarded. Further details at:

www.laserinternational.org then click on the relevant event from the World or European pages.

Additionally, sailors must fulfill the UKLA selection criteria and process which is outlined at: www.laser.org.uk the look for notices related to 4.7 Worlds or Europeans.