



## **NSSA National Youth Regatta 2004**

After some serious consideration Filey SC reluctantly decided that it would not be able to host the NSSA National Youth Regatta in 2004 as it had intended.

It was thought that the beach at Filey would be too small for a regatta of this size and there could be serious health and safety implications particularly as the beach is likely to be crowded with holiday makers as well as sailors and support staff during the regatta week.

However, the Yorkshire and Humberside Youth Sailing Association was quickly able to move the regatta to Bridlington when the Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club agreed to host the event at its Blyth Park Dinghy Site.

This is seen as an advantageous move as the wide sandy beaches at Bridlington on the East Yorkshire coast offer some of the finest sailing waters in the UK. The dinghy club and boatpark are some two miles south of the town close to a gently shelving sandy beach but well away from the throng of holiday makers.

Starting on Sunday 25 and running through to Saturday 31 July 2004, the regatta will be a similar format to this year. The East Riding of Yorkshire Council has welcomed the event with open arms and has already made a generous cash sponsorship offer.

The Y&H YSA has received some useful feedback from teams that attended this year's regatta at Weymouth and it plans to improve the event in 2004 particularly in the areas of race management, safety cover, results communication and catering. Preparations are now well underway and further details will be available in the next edition of SSM.

Plans are afoot to again use the dedicated regatta website: [www.nssa-regatta.org.uk](http://www.nssa-regatta.org.uk) Check it out!

# NSSA National Youth Regatta 2004

25 - 31 July at the Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club, Bridlington

## Notice of Race

**A BIG Welcome to ALL COMPETITORS and STAFF from RYYC and Yorkshire and Humberside Youth Sailing Association**

### 1. Organising Authority

1.1 The organising authority is the Yorkshire and Humberside Youth Sailing Association in partnership with the National School Sailing Association and the Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club.

1.2 The event will be based at the Blyth Park Site of the RYYC in Bridlington, Yorkshire

### 2. Rules

2.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2001 - 2004, the RYA prescriptions, the relevant Class Association Rules and the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 The Regatta is designated Category C (in accordance with RRS Appendix G4).

### 3. Conditions of Entry

3.1 The Regatta is open to any person who will be under 19 years of age on 31 August 2004 and who (or whose school, club or association) is a member of the National School Sailing Association.

3.2 Racing will be for all PY rated mono-hulls and multi-hulls. Team entries will be made on the official entry form, which is available from the Regatta Secretary, 65 Coalbrook Avenue, Sheffield S13 9XQ or web site.

3.3 Completed entry forms shall be submitted by 1 July 2004.

3.4 Entries will only be accepted from Adult Team Managers who will submit an entry form on behalf of a club, school or association.

3.5 Team Managers will be responsible for their team members at all times.

### 4. Registration and Schedule

4.1 Team Managers will register their teams at the Blyth Park site from 14.00 hrs on Sunday 25 July.

4.2 A briefing for competitors will be held at 20.00 hrs on Sunday 25 July.

### 4.3 Schedule of Races:

Date	Event	Warning Signal Time
Mon 26 July	Race 1	10.25 hrs
	Race 2	14.25 hrs
Tue 27 July	Race 3	10.25 hrs
	Race 4	13.25 hrs
	Race 5	15.25 hrs
Wed 28 July	Mount Haes( first start)	09.55 hrs**
	All comers Race	10.25 hrs
	Single Handed Trophy Race	10.25 hrs*
Thu 29 July	Race 6	10.25 hrs
	Race 7	13.25 hrs
	Race 8	15.25 hrs
Fri 30 July	Race 9	10.25 hrs
	Race10	13.25hrs *

\* The Single Handed Trophy Race will be sailed in Toppers. Each team will be entitled to 2 entries. A team of ten boats will be entitled to three entries, a team of twenty boats entitled to four entries and so on.

\*\* The Mount Haes Trophy Competition will be sailed on a knockout basis in a dinghy class to be announced. Each team will be entitled to entries on a sliding scale based on the number of boats in that team. The organiser may award 'wild card' entries should there be places available.

4.4 Should the weather deteriorate during the regatta, race times may be staggered to reduce the numbers of boats on the water and to allow safety boat ratios to increase. This decision will be made by consultation between the Principal Race Officer, Principal Safety Officer and Event Manager. Such amendments will be published on the official notice board at the clubhouse. Should it prove impossible to run races, due to a lack of sufficient wind, race times may be amended to allow races to be run on succeeding days. Such amendments will be published as detailed above.

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## 5. **Measurement Certificates**

5.1 Measurement Certificates will not be required but all boats must conform to the spirit of their class rules.

## 6. **Sailing Instructions**

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be handed out at Registration. Team Managers may request copies of the Sailing Instructions after 1 July subject to availability.

## 7. **Racing Area and Courses**

7.1 Racing will take place in Bridlington Bay. Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions and on the notice board at the clubhouse. They will also be covered in the Race Officers briefing as shown in Para. 4.2 of this notice.

## 8. **Scoring**

8.1 The Low Point Scoring System (Rule A2) will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if 5 or more races have been completed.

8.2 Results for handicapped fleets will be based on average lap times.

## 9. **Coaches and Supporters**

9.1 No powered craft other than those approved in advance by the Chief Safety Officer for Rescue and Race Organisation are allowed to launch from the Blyth Park site. The sailing instructions will identify restrictions relating to team managers, coaches, and other support personnel.

## 10. **Prizes**

10.1 The Prize-giving will be on Friday 30 July at approx. 19.00 hrs.

10.2 Class Trophies will be awarded where 5 or more boats have entered in that class.

10.3 The winners of the Class Trophies will be the highest placed boats, extracted from the overall handicap result, except where separate class series races are sailed.

## 11. **Safety**

11.1 All competitors must wear adequate (closed cell foam) personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Boats whose occupants fail to comply with this requirement will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 40.

11.2 All boats are advised to carry a towing warp at all times when afloat. This warp shall be at least 4 metres in length and at least 5mm in diameter.

11.3 A tally system will be in operation. All competitors will tally out before going afloat and tally in as soon as possible after coming ashore.

## 12. **Disclaimer of Liability**

12.1 A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

12.2 It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going afloat, the boat confirms that it is fit for the conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

12.3 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2m (two million pounds sterling).

12.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the Regatta. The organisers encompass everyone helping run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.

12.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve a boat of its responsibilities.

12.6 The fact the race committee may conduct random inspections of the boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat as set out in this paragraph.