



Dear All,

Thank you for participating in our Team Racing competition. We are very excited to be organising this again and look forward to seeing you at Ripon SC on 19 & 20 September.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been so supportive and enthusiastic about the event during the planning stages and has offered so much support and help, both prior to and during the event. Sailing is a true community sport and this event very much reflects this attitude.

This document contains as much information as possible about the event and we hope it answers any questions you may have. If you have any queries that aren't covered here, please let us know and we will do our best to answer it and share the information with everyone else as well.

Communication

The event will use a telegram channel to communicate with competitors as well as the official notice board. We encourage at least one member/support person from each team to join the event communication channel.

[Redacted safeguarding](#)

All the information in this info pack will also be posted on the communication channel.

Registration

Registration will be between 8am – 8.45am on Saturday 19 September in the main club room.

This year we are encouraging the teams to take more responsibility for their sailing admin and request the team captain attends the registration desk, collects their team sheet then confirms the details are accurate with their team members before returning the sheet and collecting their hats. This will hopefully also speed up the registration queue!

It may be possible to register some teams on Friday evening, we will post on the telegram group if this is going to be feasible.

Briefing

In the interests of reducing admin time on Saturday morning so we can get sailing more quickly, the briefing will be released on-line no later than 9pm Thursday 18 September and the link will be shared via the telegram channel.

Team Manager Meeting

There will be a short Team Manager meeting at 8.15am on Saturday morning to make sure everyone understands the arrangements. We are aware there are quite a lot of new to team racing sailors & families at this event so we want to make sure everyone is clear on the plan before we start!

Volunteer Meeting

Per the Notice of Race, each team is expected to provide a volunteer to assist with the event management. The [volunteer rota](#) will be posted by 9pm on Thursday 18 September.

There will be a short meeting at 8.30am on Saturday morning for all team volunteers.

The volunteer rota includes support on shore to assist with keeping the clubhouse clean & tidy and assisting the galley with crockery clearance.



Entries & Team Consent

Thank you for your [entry payment](#).

Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race & Race Schedule

This year we are delighted to be working in partnership with [K-Sail](#) and will be using their team racing event platform. All information is available on their website, including the race schedules.

[K-Sail Event Page](#)

The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and schedule are being finalised and will be published no later than 9pm on Thursday 17 September onto the [Event Notice Board](#) and [K-Sail Event Page](#). There will be a physical notice board in the clubhouse lobby where information may be duplicated from the official on-line noticeboard.

Protest Flags

Don't forget every competitor needs a protest flag.

This needs to be red material and the design that seems to work best is a rectangle of red material about 20cm x 15cm on a 0.5m length of thin string so you can tie it to your buoyancy aid and then stuff it down the front when it is not in use. It will get a lot of use so needs to be accessible.



Ripon SC Gates & Access Codes

The event is being held at Ripon Sailing Club. Farnham Lake, Knaresborough. HG5 9JS.

Please see the site plan at the end of this document.

There is an external security gate. The code for this gate is **REDACTED**

This is valid from 5pm on Friday 18th September until 9pm on Sunday 20th September. The code will also open the main clubhouse door out of hours.

The keypad for the main gate is in the stone wall on the right-hand side of the entry gate.

The code is also needed to exit the grounds; the keypad is on a blue post the right-hand side as you drive up to the main gate.

Ripon also has an inner gate, known as the "Otter gate" as it is designed to keep Otters away from the angling club's carp! This will open when you drive up to it, just wait and it will open. Pedestrians can open it using the white pedestrian button on the hedge side of the gate. Please don't hit the large red emergency stop button unless it is an emergency, this needs a manual re-set and makes you very unpopular!

The clubhouse door is on a timer, it will either open when you walk up to it or you need to type in the code **REDACTED** on the keypad to open the door. This code will work overnight.

Unloading & Parking

If you are bringing a Feva or RIB, please bring it into the boat park/launching area. We will unload next to the club boats (immediately after the green barrels) and launch from the concrete ramp. Once you have unloaded the vehicle, please return it to the car park. Trailers will be parked in the dinghy park for the weekend; an event volunteer will direct where they are to be stored.

Vehicles towing ribs should drive to the slipway area immediately adjacent to the concrete ramp, we can arrange launching from there.

Unless you are towing a boat, please park in the main car park and walk up to the clubhouse.



Food

The galley will be operating all weekend from 8am – 3.30pm each day serving hot drinks, snacks and lunches. Bacon sandwiches will be available until 10.30am each day. The galley will also be serving cake and other snacks.

The galley and bar take card payments.

You can pre-order your lunches [via this link](#) until 1300hrs Friday 18 September.

Saturday Night Meal

On Saturday evening we will be holding a pizza buffet served with salads and a pudding. If you wish to join us please book your £8pp ticket via [Saturday Night Social](#). Orders close at 9pm on Thursday 17th September.

The club bar will be open on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon & evening.

Coaching, Umpires & Sailing Mentors

This event focuses on upskilling the region's younger & less experienced sailors into the joys, tactics and strategies of team racing. We are again pleased to welcome several of our older sailors who are now a bit too good at team racing to the event as coaches and trainee umpires. We are also pleased to welcome several of the York Uni sailors who are coming to assist with coaching as well. Some of the other more experienced NEYYSA sailors are assisting by helming with young and inexperienced crews to help them learn how to team race by sharing their skills. By investing in and supporting these young people we are ensuring continued regional success and future event organisation capability. Thank you to all of them who have stepped up to assist.

Changing Rooms & Kit

There are over 100 sailors participating; we recommend you store your kit in your vehicles/tents after changing. Last year we had a ridiculous amount of lost property at this event, including several new wetsuits and spray tops which were never claimed & were sold for NEYYSA funds, so unless you would like to **donate the kit your sailor loses to NEYYSA funds** via their second hand kit sale **please ensure EVERYTHING IS NAMED**.

Adults and non-sailing siblings are politely requested to refrain from using the showers and changing rooms at peak times.

Adults are politely requested to observe NEYYSA's and Ripon SC's safeguarding guidelines and minimise time in the changing rooms when under 18s are changing. There is a separate disabled toilet & shower room which can be used.

Motorhomes/ Caravans / Tents Overnight

Overnight stays are possible on Friday and Saturday evening in motorhomes, caravans and tents.

Access to the changing rooms is available overnight.

The club needs to know who is on site overnight to comply with their lease. Please book via this link [Camping/Van Booking](#). Information will be sent out about overnight arrangements on Thursday 17 September. Club members can book camping via the club website.

Blue Green Algae

The club suffered an outbreak of Blue-Green Algae in late summer 2022. Please see the [RYA's Blue Green Algae](#) page for more information. The club recommends all visitors on-site wash hands before eating, shower after being in contact with the water and wash kit thoroughly after it has been in the water.

All boats used at the event need to be washed prior to leaving site. A hosepipe will be available for this at the end of the event.

North East and Yorkshire Youth Sailing Association

Information To Competitors

Regional Team Racing Event 19 & 20 September 2026 at Ripon Sailing Club



Help With Boats

A massive thank you to Windermere School, Derwent Reservoir SC, Elton SC, Otley SC, Covenham Sailing Club, Yorkshire Dales SC and Ripon SC for loaning boats to enable this event to happen.

All the boats are owned by clubs or schools and volunteers help maintain them. Please look after the boats and treat them as if they belong to you. Damage will need to be paid for out of the team damage deposit.

Boats will need to be unloaded and rigged on Saturday morning, put away Saturday evening, rigged Sunday morning then de-rigged and loaded on Sunday evening.

Teams have been assigned boats per the table below but it is expected that every sailor & supporter helps until all the boats are sorted. This expectation to assist with preparing and putting boats away is included in the sailing instructions and we expect every team to adhere to the SIs.

Boat Preparation & Pack Up Allocation

Boat	Lead Person	Teams Assigned
Windermere School Boat 1	Will Johnson	Windermere School A Windermere School B Windermere School C LYS Odyssey LYS Cadets South Shields SC 1 South Shields SC 2
Windermere School Boat 2		
Windermere School Boat 3		
Windermere School Boat 4		
Windermere School Boat 5		
Windermere School Boat 6		
Covenham SC Boat 1	Glenn Richardson Carl Baxter	Goofy Goobers Ripon Rotters Blue Waterpark Coniston 2
Covenham SC Boat 2		
Otley SC Boat 1	Rob Mccandless	Red Devils
Yorkshire Dales SC Boat 1	George Spence	Dales Darts Dales Dingbats
Ripon SC Boat 1	Lucy Priest	Ripon Rotters Red Ripon Rotters White Waterpark Coniston 1
Ripon SC Boat 1		
Derwent Reservoir SC Boat 1	Howard Versey Martin Jones	LYS Sentinel LYS Vanguard Team VW DRSC Wey Aye Cap'n Team mINEOS Bottom Hats
Derwent Reservoir SC Boat 2		
Derwent Reservoir SC Boat 3		
Derwent Reservoir SC Boat 4		
NEYSA Sails (8 Jibs)	George King	East Coast Orcas
Rutland Sails (8 Mains)	Henry Blades	Sunderland Dolphins



Other Club Site Information

Dogs are permitted on site but must be on a lead. Dogs are not allowed to foul the site or to enter the clubhouse or water. Assistance dogs are welcome in the clubhouse.

Regrettably, it is not currently possible to walk round the lake, please enjoy our grounds but don't cross the boundary fence or otter fence at each end of our grounds.

The conservatory has a large toybox with toys suitable for pre-sailors, please ensure these are returned and tidied away after use.

The club has an active recycling policy, please help by placing your rubbish in the correct bin.

Swimmers must wear a buoyancy jacket and U16s must be accompanied by a "look-out". Swimming is only permitted around the jetty area.

It is possible to leisure sail during the weekend; we request you stay away from the event race area. Spectators & leisure sailors must not enter or interfere with the race course. The club lease does not permit paddleboards, canoes or kayaks.

Buoyancy aids must be worn on the jetties by everyone.

The lake shelves quickly at the edges, please supervise young children when they are at the water's edge. Waders are not recommended for launching as you can get out of your depth very quickly.

