

North East & Yorkshire Youth Sailing Association (NEYYSA)

Travellers Series 2026/27

NOTICE OF RACE

Overview

The NEYYSA Traveller Series 2026/27 will take place between September 2025 and July 2026 with a break during the winter months. The Series provides competitive and inclusive sailing across the region, offering sailors the opportunity to race at different clubs and conditions throughout the year.

1. Series Organising Authority (SOA)

- 1.1. The Series Organising Authority (SOA) is the North East & Yorkshire Youth Sailing Association (NEYYSA).

2. Race (Open Meeting) Organising Authority (ROA)

- 2.1. The Race Organising Authority (ROA) is the host club as outlined in Appendix 1 for each Open Meeting.

3. Rules

- 3.1. The Open Meetings will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2025 - 2028).
- 3.2. The rules and by-laws of the host clubs will apply.
- 3.3. Competitors should note all Open Meetings in this series implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028), or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter.
- 3.4. The exoneration penalty, and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration, of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available
- 3.5. Rule 40.1 shall apply. (See also NoR 16 and NoR 23).

4. Eligibility & Entry

- 4.1. The series is open to anyone under the age of 19 on 23:59hrs on 31st August 2027. Separate junior trophies and prizes are open to competitors under 14 on 23:59hrs on 31st August 2027.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter via the online registration on www.neyysa.org together with paying the regatta entry fee. Entries for each Open Meeting will close at 2100hrs on the Thursday before the Open Meeting. On the day entry may be possible if the entry limit is not reached on-line but is subject to approval of the ROA.
- 4.3. Competitors who are under 18 before and including the day of the regatta must have a declaration form completed by their parent or guardian before they will be allowed to compete. This applies to helms and crews. The parental declaration form is part of the on-line or hardcopy entry form.
- 4.4. Entry to the series is restricted to displacement mono-hull dinghies with a Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) number. If a boat's class is not listed, then the SAO will allocate a Series Trial PY number which cannot be appealed.
- 4.5. For selected events, as identified on the series entry form, there will be opportunity for young sailors who are not yet competent enough to enter the regatta division to enter a "Rookie division" where they may sail a double handed boat with a competent adult as crew. These sailors are not eligible for the main or regatta division prizes. The PY of the boat may be adjusted to reflect the competency of the adult crew.

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5. Change of Rig, Boat, Class or Crew

- 5.1. Competitors shall register and sail one class of boat in each open meeting. They may, with written permission from the SOA change the class of boat or sail size at different open meetings and continue to count their points for their series score.
- 5.2. Competitors may request permission to change sail size or class of boat from that entered from the SAO up 0900 hours on the morning of the open meeting.
- 5.3. The same helm and crew in double-handed boats must enter the events to be eligible for the series double-handed prizes. The SOA may permit the change of crew in line with the following conditions;
 - a) The crew has started helming and wishes to enter the series themselves.
 - b) The crew is unavailable, and the helm has a temporary crew.

6. Cancellation & Extenuating Circumstances

- 6.1. The ROA may cancel the Open Meeting or reject or cancel entries, in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS76. In the open meeting that the ROA decides to cancel the open meeting or reject an entry they shall do so by 2100hrs the day before the Open Meeting to the affected competitors and shall refund the entry fee, less any costs already incurred.
- 6.2. In the event of the ROA cancelling their Open Meeting, the Organising Authority (NEYYSA) will post an official notice on the official notice board by 2100hrs on the day before the Open Meeting advising of the cancellation.
- 6.3. Competitors may cancel their entry up to 7 days before the open meeting and receive a full refund of the entry fee. Cancellation of the entry by the competitor less than 7 days before the open meeting will result in loss of 100% of the entry fee.
- 6.4. Competitors who are entered and listed on the entry list for an open meeting but who do not compete due to significant extenuating circumstances may apply for average points to be applied to the event in their series score. The request must be received in writing by the SOA before the protest time limit expires for the last race in the series. Where the request is granted, average points will be calculated using all the events they have scored a result in and applied to the series event score. Competitors have no grounds for redress for the score applied by the SOA. Only one request per competitor per series will be granted.

7. Schedule

- 7.1. The programme for the North East & Yorkshire Youth Travellers Series 2026/27 is shown in Appendix 1.
- 7.2. Any changes to this program will be notified on the SOA's official notice board.
- 7.3. There will be a briefing prior to the first race at each Open Meeting. This may be scheduled on-line. Notice will be posted on the series noticeboard by 2100hrs on the Thursday before each Open Meeting providing the date, time and location of the briefing.
- 7.4. Competitors are required to confirm attendance to the ROA prior to going afloat.
- 7.5. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race of each Open Meeting will be no earlier than 1015hrs.

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- 7.6. Each Open Meeting is scheduled with a minimum of three races with a lunch break. The ROA may vary this format depending on local conditions. Changes to the schedule of racing will be posted on the Race Organising Authority's official notice board at least 30 minutes before the start of the first race.

8. Entry Fees

- 8.1. Entry Fees to each Open Meeting are £15 per boat. Entry must be paid via the declared on-line entry system.
- 8.2. On the day entries may be made at the discretion of the ROA who must be contacted by the competitor by 2100hrs the evening before the Open Meeting to obtain permission to attend the host club and enter on the day. If permission is granted then instructions on how to enter and pay the entry fee will be provided.

9. Official Notice Board

- 9.1. The NEYYSA website (www.neyysa.org) will be the series' official notice board.
- 9.2. The ROA for each Open Meeting will declare the location of their open meeting notice board in their supplementary sailing instructions and information displayed will take precedence for the specific open meeting. Where possible, this information will be duplicated on the Series' official notice board.

10. Sailing Instructions

- 10.1. Sailing instructions for each Open Meeting will be available for download from the NEYYSA website (www.neyysa.org).
- 10.2. Supplementary sailing instructions for each open meeting will be published on the Race Organising Authority's official notice board. These may also be posted on the Series official notice board but this is not guaranteed.

11. Venues

- 11.1. The series venues are listed in Appendix 1 with their locations and local contact.

12. Courses

- 12.1. The courses will be defined in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions for each Open Meeting.

13. Starts

- 13.1. The black flag will not be used until at least 1 general recall has been signalled for each race started. Code flag P, Code Flag I or Code Flag U can be flown at any start.

14. Support Boats

- 14.1. Only official Open Meeting organisation boats will be allowed to launch at any Open Meeting.

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15. Fleet

- 15.1. There will be one fleet for the series, unless stated in the open meeting sailing instructions there will be a single start.
- 15.2. A sub-fleet will be defined as the regatta fleet, this fleet is for less experienced sailors and sailors are able to receive on-water support to complete the racing (when available).

16. Scoring

The scoring system is as follows;

16.1. For each Open Meeting;

- a) RRS Appendix A shall be applied by the Race Organising Authority except;
 - i. When a boat starts a race but subsequently retires after the start (DNF) they shall receive points equivalent to the number of entries in the event + 1
 - ii. When a boat does not start a race (DNS/DNC) they shall receive points equivalent to the number of entries in the event + 2.
- b) A Minimum of one race will be completed to constitute an Open Meeting.
- c) If up to two races have been completed, then a boat's score shall be the sum of her individual race scores. If more than two races are completed the boat's score shall be the sum of her race scores minus her worst score.

16.2. For the NEYYSA Travellers Series 2026/27;

- a) For the purpose of scoring the series, a competitor's score for each Open Meeting ('event score') will be points equal to their position in the overall results for the Open Meeting.
- b) When a competitor does not enter or register at an Open Meeting, their event score for that Open Meeting will be two more than the number of entries at the largest Open Meeting in the series.
- c) The lowest 5 scores for each competitor from the open meetings in the series will be used to determine the overall series results. Where 5 or less open meetings have been completed, all open meetings will be used to determine the overall series results.
- d) The competitor with the lowest series score wins and others will be ranked accordingly.
- e) The Regatta prizes will be taken from the overall series results and will not be scored as a separate fleet.
- f) The Rookie prizes will be taken from separate results and will not be scored as part of the overall series.
- g) Regatta & Rookie fleet sailors are not eligible for the series Junior or North/South Junior trophies or Overall Oppo trophy.
- h) RRS A8 will be used to break series ties, replacing "boat" with "competitor" and "race" with "Open Meeting".
- i) For the area series prizes, the sailor's declared home club, at the first Open Meeting they enter in the series, shall be used to determine eligibility for each prize.
- j) The North / South Area divide for series prizes is considered to be the line which connects the points 1 mile due north of Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club, Ripon Sailing Club and Filey Sailing Club respectively and extends on this trajectory to the eastern & western shores

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of the UK. Clubs located south of this line are considered to be in the south area, clubs located north of this line are considered to be in the north area.

- k) Helm and crew in double-handed boats will accrue the same series points.
- l) If a "Rookie" sailor enters events in the series in the Regatta division, average points for their regatta division results will be used to score the events they entered in the Rookie fleet so they receive a score for these events in the regatta division results. Their Regatta fleet scores will not count for the Rookie series.

17. Outside Assistance

- 17.1. Sailors must indicate on the official entry form that they are entering the Regatta fleet which will receive on-water support (where available). This is aimed at beginner and novice racers who require on-water support to complete the race. This changes RRS 41.
- 17.2. Rookie Fleet sailors may only receive information and on-water advice/support from the competent adult in their boat.
- 17.3. Addition of Paragraph (e) to RRS 41: Regatta fleet competitors may receive information and advice from the official coach boat to assist them in completing the race.
- 17.4. Regatta fleet sailors who are deemed by the ROA to be sailing to the main fleet standard will have application of RRS41(e) withdrawn, effective from the next race, without opportunity for redress. This decision will be published on the Race Organising Authority's official notice board at least 15 minutes before the start of the race in which it takes effect.
- 17.5. Competitors not participating in the Regatta fleet may request or be offered coaching feedback from the on-water coach or other officials after the race protest time limit has elapsed.
- 17.6. All competitors will display any additional markings or pennants as requested by the race committee to aid Regatta fleet competitor identification.
- 17.7. Addition of Paragraph (f) to RRS 41: For all competitors to; when a competitor is seen by a safety boat crew to be in need of assistance to permit them to return to the racing, the safety boat crew may offer assistance to overcome a manifest problem provided that the competitor does not gain significant advantage in the race from help received.
- 17.8. Participation in a Buddy sailor support scheme does not constitute outside assistance.

18. Prizes

- 18.1. Open Meeting Prizes will be awarded, as a minimum, to the leading competitor. Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Organising Authority.
- 18.2. Series Prizes and Trophies will be awarded at the last Open Meeting in the 2026/27 Series by the SOA.
- 18.3. Series prizes will be awarded as defined in the series prize list on the Series official notice board.

19. Communication

- 19.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

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20. Advertising

- 20.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20 applies.

21. Berthing

- 21.1. Boats may not be stored overnight at the host club without prior arrangement with the host club.

22. Measurement

- 22.1. Measurement Certificates will not be required at entry. All boats competing in the series are expected to comply with the spirit of the current rules applicable to their class. All boats are liable to equipment checks on arrival. The protest committee will be permitted to give a discretionary penalty for breaches of class rules, which may be to award no penalty.

23. Rights to Use Names & Likenesses

- 23.1. Competitors automatically grant to the SOA and ROA without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to a specific open meeting or the series.

24. Competitor Clothing

- 24.1. Competitors and spectators shall wear personal buoyancy at all times while afloat and using jetties. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Self-inflating and manual gas inflated (offshore) life vests are not permitted. This changes RRS 40.1.
- 24.2. Sailors shall wear the bib provided by the race organisers if requested to do so.

25. Risk Statement

- 25.1. Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk.

By taking part in the open meeting, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the open meeting;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the open meeting and they are fit to participate; e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

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- e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- f) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this open meeting drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or open meeting and to attend any competitors briefing held at the venue;

26. Insurance

Boats are required to be adequately insured, including insurance against third party claims of at least £3,000,000.

27. Privacy Statement & Data Protection

- 27.1. The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the open meeting.
- 27.2. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the open meeting (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest.
- 27.3. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the open meeting and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 27.4. By entering and competing in any Open Meeting of the series, the parents/guardians and sailor agree that any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television and written reports may be published on websites or social media. If you do not agree to this, please notify the SAO using the contact details in Appendix 1.

28. Membership and Liability

- 28.1. All visiting competitors and supporters will be deemed as visiting yachtsmen at each host club and as such shall abide by the host club's rules and by-laws.
- 28.2. Members of the host club, their guests and visitors may use the club premises and other facilities of the club entirely at their own risk and implicitly accept that.
- 28.3. The host club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the club;
- 28.4. The host club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of use of the club premises or any other facilities of the host club, or out of participating in any race organised by the host club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said members, guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to, or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committees or servants of the club.

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APPENDIX 1 2026/27 NEYYSA TRAVELLER SERIES SCHEDULE

Date	Venue
5 September 2026	Sunderland Yacht Club
26 September 2026	Covenham Sailing Club
17 October 2026	Tynemouth Sailing Club
31 October 2026	Sheffield Viking Sailing Club
03 April 2027	Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club
17 April 2027	Scaling Dam Sailing & WS Club
24 April 2027	Beaver Sailing Club
8 May 2027	Venue TBC
22 May 2027	Welton Sailing Club
5 June 2027	South Shields Sailing Club
12 June 2027	Pennine Sailing Club
3 July 2027	Teesdale Sailing & WS Club
10 July 2027	Derwent Reservoir Sailing Club

To contact the SOA (NEYYSA):email info.neyysa@gmail.com.