**Derbyshire Youth Sailing Series 2015**

**supported by Peak Dinghy Spares**

*Notice of Series*

A Youth Open series consisting of nine, one day events is scheduled to take place during 2015 on various dates at Derbyshire Sailing Clubs and will be organised by each Sailing Club at their own premises.

The organising authority for each event will be the sailing club of the event and Derbyshire Youth Sailing.

Series Dates are provided below and are correct at time of publication but subject to possible change. Please confirm event date on Derbyshire Youth Sailing website [www.dysailing.org](http://www.dysailing.org) prior to travelling to each event:

 9th May Errwood SC [www.errwoodsailing.co.uk](http://www.errwoodsailing.co.uk)

 30th May Combs SC [www.combssailingclub.co.uk](http://www.combssailingclub.co.uk)

 13th June Toddbrook SC [www.toddbrooksailingclub.org.uk](http://www.toddbrooksailingclub.org.uk)

 27th June Glossop & District SC [www.sail-glossop.co.uk](http://www.sail-glossop.co.uk)

 4th July Ogston SC [www.ogstonsc.co.uk](http://www.ogstonsc.co.uk)

 22nd August Staunton Harold SC [www.shsc.org.uk](http://www.shsc.org.uk)

 5th September Carsington SC [www.carsingtonsailingclub.co.uk](http://www.carsingtonsailingclub.co.uk)

 12th September Burton SC [www.burtonsailingclub.co.uk](http://www.burtonsailingclub.co.uk)

 19th September Trent Valley SC [www.trentvalleysc.org](http://www.trentvalleysc.org)

1. RULES
	1. The events will be governed by the rules defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 – 2016
	2. The Rules of each Sailing Club, the Rules of the appropriate Classes and the requirements of any landowners providing premises for the organising Sailing Club will apply.
2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY
	1. The series is open to all boats that have a current Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap Number of 1000 and above. Boats of lower handicap number may be permitted to compete and should contact the organising authority at least two weeks in advance of an event where they want to compete to seek approval.
	2. Competitors are to be aged under 19 on the 31st August 2015 and either a member of a Derbyshire Sailing Club or resident in Derbyshire or attending a Derbyshire education establishment.
	3. There is no pre-registration for entering the Series. Entering any of the individual events is adjudged to be an entry into the Series.
	4. Pre-registration of intent to compete in each of the events will be available on the Derbyshire Youth Sailing website dysailing.org and will be open until midnight on the Monday of the week preceding each event date. Pre-registration assists the organisers to be aware of potential entry numbers to arrange appropriate resources and planning for the event but does not commit a competitor to attend.
	5. To be eligible to be awarded series prizes, a boat must also have:-
		1. Complied with the requirements of Section 8 regarding boat class, rig type and helm & crew combinations throughout the series, and,
		2. Competed in a minimum of the number of events as follows:
			1. Where 10 events occur, compete in at least 6 events.
			2. Where 9 events occur, compete in at least 5 events.
			3. Where between 8 and 4 events occur, compete in at least 4 events.
			4. Where fewer than 4 events occur, compete in all events that occur.
3. FEES
	1. Required fees per pre-registered boat are as follows:

Single handed £10 per event

Double handed £13 per event

Boats which are not included on the pre-registration list for an event will be charged an additional £2 per boat per event.

1. SCHEDULE
	1. Registration for each event is intended to commence at 09:00 on the day of the event and will close at the warning signal of the last race of the event.
	2. A competitors briefing is intended to commence at 10:30am on the morning of each event.
	3. The schedule time of the warning signal for the first race of each event is 11:00am.
	4. The intended schedule is for three races to be sailed at each event. The typical intended schedule is for one race before a break for lunch and then two races sailed back to back after lunch. Event prize giving will occur as soon as possible after racing is completed.
2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
	1. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration for each event. A generic draft of the Sailing Instructions is available on the website [www.dysailing.org](http://www.dysailing.org)
3. COURSES
	1. Course details will be advised at the competitors briefing for each event. It is the intention that race courses will be either set round the club marks in an order that forms a simple shape or will be set with inflatable marks in a trapezoidal or triangular shape.
4. SCORING
	1. Scoring will be recorded for boats in four different groupings. An overall group will be scored with all entered boats included. A Junior age group will be scored including all boats whose helm is in school year up to and including school year 6. An Intermediate age group will be scored including all boats whose helm is in school years 7 to 9 inclusive. A Senior age group will be scored including all boats whose helm is in school year 10 and above.
	2. The school year will be that which the competitor is in at the beginning of the series for the whole of the series of this calendar year.
	3. Series Scoring system is as follows:
		1. A boats’ score will be recorded under the helms’ name and with the same helm, will be the total of her event scores with discards as below:
		2. When there are 10 events completed, a boats’ score will be the total of her 6 best event scores.
		3. When there are 9 events completed, a boats’ score will be the total of her 5 best event scores.
		4. When between 4 and 8 events are completed, a boats’ score will be the total of her 4 best event scores.
		5. When fewer than 4 events are completed, a boats’ score will be the total of her event scores.
		6. A boats’ helm is permitted to change boat class once in an annual series and the scores for both boat classes sailed will be scored as one boat.
		7. If a boats’ helm wishes to change boat class more than once in a series, they will be required to seek permission from DYS volunteer officers for each such change, with the reason for their request. Permission will not be unreasonably withheld and will be decided upon to maintain fairness within the fleet and series. Where changes are approved, the scores for each of the boat classes they have sailed will be scored as one boat.
		8. Boat helm and crew combinations in double handed boats will be treated in the same way as boat class changes.
		9. Boat rig changes with the same hull will be treated in the same way as boat class changes.
	4. Event Scoring system will be as follows:
		1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will be used and one race is required to be completed to constitute an event.
		2. When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boats’ event score will be the total of her race scores.
		3. When 3 races have been completed, a boats’ event score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
	5. Boat, helm, crew or rig changes during an event can only be with the permission of the Race Officer. Permission will not be unreasonably withheld and will be decided upon to maintain fairness within the fleet and series.
5. EVENT PRIZES
	1. Prizes will be given at the discretion of each Sailing Club with the following guidelines:
		1. Each age group and the overall group will be awarded prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in their group.
		2. Additional prizes to recognise particular achievements may also be awarded.
		3. Prizes may include trophies, mementoes or items of chandlery, clothing or confectionary.
6. SERIES PRIZES
	1. Prizes for the Series will be given as follows:
		1. Each Age Group and the Overall Group will be awarded prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed boats in their group which will be an engraved memento such as a medal or small trophy to keep. Crews and helms of double handed boats will each receive a memento.
		2. Each Overall and Age Group champion boat will also be awarded a named trophy together with chandlery vouchers worth £30. The Age Group Trophies will be returned each year to be awarded to the next champions at the AGM and Annual Prize Giving event. Each champion shall arrange and pay for the engraving of their name(s) on a plaque including fixing to the trophy during their champion year.
		3. The named trophies are as follows:
			1. Overall The Derbyshire Shield
			2. Junior Age Group The Ellen MacArthur Trophy
			3. Intermediate Age Group The Ben Ainslie Trophy
			4. Senior Age Group The Andrew Simpson Trophy
		4. Each Overall and Age group 2nd place boats will be awarded chandlery vouchers worth £25.
		5. Each Overall and Age group 3rd place boats will be awarded chandlery vouchers worth £20.
		6. The Saunders Cup will be awarded to the highest placed female helm in the Overall group.
		7. The Peak Dinghy Spares Trophy will be awarded to the most improved helm in the Overall group based on their ranking improvement between two consecutive years of completing an eligible series score.
7. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participating in the events of the series do so entirely at their own risk, see RRS rule 4 Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event or series.

1. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

1. FURTHER INFORMATION
	1. Boat Decontamination – to help minimise the spread of invasive species, all boats must be washed ensuring decontamination prior to arriving at any of the series events.
	2. Further information about the venues and their events may be found via the Derbyshire Youth Sailing website [www.dysailing.org](http://www.dysailing.com) or on the individual sailing club websites.