



Notice of Selection

RYA Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad 2007

Phase 1- commencing May 2007

Introduction

Normally up to 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 at least 4 of these places to girls. The first 6 places will be awarded to the top 6 sailors on the basis of the ranking list compiled from the two indicator events.

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.

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 Laser 4.7 Steering Team Chairman- Rob Platts
- UKLA Laser 4.7 Representative- Julian Hayes
- RYA Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad Coach- Kirsty Bonar

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad 2007, sailors shall normally be aged under 16 years on the 31st December 2007. 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 these places will usually 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 2007 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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| • Eric Twiname Championship 2007
Rutland SC | May 12 th & 13 th 2007 |
| • UKLA 4.7 Ladder Event
Royal Victoria, Isle of Wight | May 19 th & 20 th 2007 |

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.

Sailors that are unable to attend either, or both indicator events should notify the selectors together with any reasons in writing via the Junior Racing Manager, duncan.truswell@rya.org.uk

Scoring

The ranking system will be compiled by adding together the individual race scores from each indicator event. The following discard system will be used to allow for sailor inconsistency and varying conditions.



There will be a maximum of 12 races:

10 – 12 races	4 discards
8 – 9 races	3 discards
6 – 7 races	2 discards
3 – 5 races	1 discards
2 races or less	0 discards

Discretionary Places

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

- 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.

Registration, Entry Fees and Measurement

Sailors must be members of the UK Laser Association and should be members of the RYA.

Applications for the 2007 Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad should be made on the relevant paperwork (which can be downloaded from the Laser 4.7 section of the RYA web-site) and submitted to the RYA Junior Racing administrator prior to the start of the first 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.

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

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

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:

Full information regarding RYA Laser 4.7 National Junior Squad training can be found on-line at:

www.rya.org.uk/Youth/youthsailracingprogrammes/nationaljuniorsquad/laser4.7.htm

Full RYA Youth Racing selection policies can be found on-line at:

www.rya.org.uk/Youth/youthsailracingprogrammes/nationalyouthsquad/NYS+General+Information.htm