

NSSCA 2025 Event Notes



The Northamptonshire Youth Series consists of five open events to run from May until September.

2025 Series Dates

Cransley – Not hosting this year
Middle Nene – Saturday 10th May
Northampton – Saturday 7th June
Banbury – Saturday 5th July
Draycote Water – Saturday 30th August
Hollowell – Saturday 13th September

NSSA Regatta @ Rutland SC 20st to 25th July.

The format for each event is:

- 9:15 Briefing – rigged and ready,
- 9.30 coaching in fleet groups after briefing
- 12:15 to 13:15 Lunch
- 13:15 Race Briefing
- 13:30 Race 1 followed two subsequent races back-to-back (each race approximately 40-45 minutes)
- 16:30 Tea
- 17:00 approx. prize giving

The NSSCA will endeavour to provide a head coach to oversee training programme across all the events, but host clubs are requested to provide coaches.

Fleets will be divided as follows: (2025 PYs)

<https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/technical/handicap-systems/portsmouth-yardstick>
Fast handicap (PY 1370 and faster, *nb* slowest fast fleet boat likely to be RS Tera pro)
Standard Toppers PY 1363
Slow handicap (PY 1371 and slower to include topper 4.2)

(This is a maximum but if numbers dictate classes can be combined).

Starting signals for each fleet at 3 minutes, then 2, 1 and go.

The fast fleet to start first, followed by the Toppers and then the slow fleet. The start of the fast fleet is the 3-minute signal for the topper fleet and so on). On water coaching is acceptable during the racing, if anything, it can be essential for some sailors.

Each start/class will sail the same course. The start line will become the finishing line. Races are calculated based on average lap time. As long as a sailor completes one lap, they will receive a result for that race-this tends to favour beginners.

A trapezoid course, where possible, works best.

Times of all boats will need be taken such that corrected aggregate times based on average lap times can be calculated. This will mean that all boats must complete at least one lap. Shorter courses with more than one lap tends to be better than longer single lap courses. Please use the NSSCA results sheets if helpful, whatever you use, each lap time must be recorded. This is essential.

The zero time for the races is that start of the fast fleet. Record all times for all races from this zero. When calculating results, 3 minutes needs to be deducted from the finish time for the topper 5.3 fleet, and 6 minutes for all slow fleet boats.

If three races are completed, one result can be discarded.

The standard of sailing varies from competent racers down to first open meeting; this makes it a particular challenge for the race officials. It is acceptable to coach/assist beginner sailors. It is best to keep to shorter courses and race duration of c40 minutes

Results to be calculated in Sailwave as one file using the Portsmouth Yardstick scoring system. The Sailwave file to be used for the club event will be sent to clubs prior to their event to enable all relevant information to be captured. The Sailwave file to be emailed to Norman Byrd at norman_byrd@hotmail.com as soon as possible and no more than two days after the event has taken place. Draycote will consolidate the event results into a running series result.

Please aim to publish the results 15 minutes before the prize giving to allow anomalies to be resolved.

Entry forms / WebCollect should contain the following information:

- Name (helm and crew)
- Address
- Email address
- Age of sailor/s as at 31.12.25 (this is essential)
- Club
- Class of boat
- Sail number
- Whether it is the sailor's first NYS event
- Name of Parent/Guardian (who must be present at the event)
- Mobile contact number of Parent/Guardian in case of an emergency
- Permission to use names and photographs of sailors
- Health declaration

We would like to standardise the entry fee across all the events at £10.00 for single handers and £15 for double handers although clubs may vary this.

Individual events prizes

Scoring:

Each event will be scored overall and also as separate fleets

- Each club will be responsible for awarding prizes on the day of their event.
- The NSSCA will provide series medals for 1st to 3rd in each fleet if requested in advance.
- The NSSCA will provide overall series prizes, either perpetual trophies or prizes as supplied via sponsorship.
- NSSCA committee representatives may make discretionary awards on the day for performances of note by competitors not already winning a prize and it is the intention that all sailors competing in their first ever NYS series event shall receive a medal.

Overall series prizes

Prizes presented by the NSSCA will be funded by a £80.00 donation from each of the affiliated clubs made at the beginning of the season, and certainly prior to their event.

The overall series results will be calculated using finishing positions at each event. One discard is allowed. If only three individual events are held there will be no discard. Results are calculated on an overall basis, and by fleet. It is the sailor that is scored rather than the boat. This allows for an

overall series result should sailors race in different boats within a single fleet. It is very unlikely that sailors will attempt to win the series by choosing boat or rig permutation based on the day's sailing conditions.

NSSCA will award the following NYS overall series trophies: -

- **Best Overall Sailor** – Must be a member of an NSSA affiliated club
- **Best under 13 Junior Sailor** – Must be a member of an NSSA affiliated club.
- **Best under 16 Sailor** - Must be a member of an NSSA affiliated club.
- **Best under 19 Sailor** - Must be a member of an NSSA affiliated club.
- **Best Team** – the NSSA affiliated club with the lowest combined points based on top 4 boats from each club at each event.
- **Best newcomer** – must be first year attending NYS events. Scored on most races started, if tied scored on most races completed, if tied scored on overall finishing position.

Age category trophies are awarded for the highest placed competitor in the age band for which the competitor qualifies. Age is determined by “sailing age”, this is the age of the competitor on 31st December of any given year. By way of example, an 11 year old turning 12 on 1st of June would have a sailing age of 12.

- Best under 13 Junior Sailor – Must be up to and including 12 years of age, a member of a NSSCA club.
- Best under 16 Sailor - Must be 13, 14 or 15 years of age, and a member of a NSSCA club.
- Best under 19 Sailor - Must be 16, 17 or 18 years of age, and a member of a NSSCA club.

Fleet winner prizes will be awarded to the highest placed competitor in the following fleets:

Fast handicap, slow handicap, topper fleet.

The intention is to evenly distribute the prizes although sailors may win more than one perpetual trophy.

Top Prize: (Trophy & Prize)

Best Overall Sailor – Must be a member of an NSSCA club (Banbury, Cransley, Draycote Water, Hollowell, Middle Nene, and Northampton sailing clubs).

Next tier: (Trophy & Prize)

• Best newcomer – must be first year attending NYS events and a member of a NSSA club. This will be scored on most races started, if tied scored on most races completed, if tied scored on overall finishing position.

Trophy Only:

• Best Team – the NYS club with the lowest combined points based on top 3 boats from each club at each event.

Prize Only:

Bottom Tier:

Fast fleet sailor – Highest placed sailor from a NSSCA club in fast fleet who has not won any other award.

Topper fleet sailor – Highest placed sailor from a NSSCA club in the topper fleet who has not won any other award.

Slow fleet sailor – Highest placed sailor from a NSSCA club in the slow fleet who has not won any other award.