



MIRROR CLASS
ASSOCIATION

Notice of Selection

RYA Team GBR - Mirror European Championships

2008 – Gottskar, Sweden

Introduction

A team of fourteen boats will be selected to represent RYA Team GBR at the Mirror European Championships, in Gottskar, Sweden.

Additionally, for boats selected, the RYA shall be allocating international travel grants of £500 and Coaching Support at the regatta which takes place from the 4th to the 10th of August 2008.

Those sailors chosen to receive a travel grant and coaching support at the regatta will be expected to commit to the pre-regatta training programme taking place in the UK and additionally at the regatta venue from the 1st of August 2008; this will be detailed nearer the time. The RYA event coaches will be Peter Aitken, RYA National Mirror Coach, and Matt McGovern and Matt Burge, both of whom are assistant RYA National Junior Squad coaches.

The first eight places for RYA Team GBR and the international travel grants will be offered to the current (2007-8) RYA National Mirror Squad subject to the sailors continued satisfactory performance at the RYA National Junior Squad training camps and additionally the sailors **full attendance** at the Nationwide series events listed below.

The remaining places will be offered at the discretion of the selection committee, to boat's who in their opinion have demonstrated the most potential to win medals for RYA Team GBR at international competitions in the subsequent years.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the RYA Team GBR, sailors shall normally be aged under 16 years on the 31st of December 2008. In addition selected Mirror 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.

Indicator Events

The 2008 Mirror European Championships International grant indicator events are:

- ❑ **Mirror Nationwide Series – Royal Corinthian Yacht Club. 19th – 20th April 2008.**
- ❑ **Mirror Nationwide Series – Whitstable Sailing Club. 3rd – 4th May 2008**
- ❑ **RYA Eric Twiname Championship 2008** (Closed entry – only current members of the RYA Zone Squads are eligible, see event NoR) – **Rutland Sailing Club. 10th – 11th May 2008.**

Sailors aspiring to be selected to represent RYA Team GBR at the Mirror European Championships are normally expected to attend 2 of the 3 indicator events above.

Discretionary Places

When allocating discretionary places the selection committee will take into consideration the following factors:

- Performance in the Indicator series
- Age and potential
- Factors affecting results
- 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.

Exceptional Circumstances/failure to attend Indicator events

Sailors that are either:

1. Unable to attend either, or both indicator events, or
2. Would like to make the selectors aware of any exceptional circumstances which could be considered during selection,

Should notify the selectors, including any relevant reasons, in writing via the Junior Racing Manager, at duncan.truswell@rya.org.uk

Registration, Entry Fees and Measurement

Boats wishing to be considered should fill out the registration form on the UKMCA 2008 Europeans page.

There will be no additional entry fee for the Mirror International travel grant indicator Series.

All boats must conform to the Class Association rules and measurements.

The Selection Committee may extend the selection process beyond the series

Selection Practice

Selectors therefore have the discretion to determine:

- The size of the squad, taking into account the target size
- Which of the criteria to take into account.
- Who to select

In making their decisions and exercising their discretions Selectors are expected to:

- Use their expertise and experience.
- Rely on their observations of the competitors, together with the observations made by other individuals, such as class coaches and class representatives.

By entering an event or activity that is part of this indicator series the competitors agree that the Selectors have such discretions. The Selection Committee may extend the selection process beyond the series.

The selection committee will be made up of the following individuals (or their appointed representatives):

- RYA Junior Racing Manager- Duncan Truswell (selection committee Chairman)
- Mirror Steering Team Chairman- Simon Lovesey
- UKMCA Youth Squad Manager– Angus Carlisle
- RYA Mirror National Junior Squad Coach- Peter Aitken

There will be no appeals against the selection criteria and the decisions of the Selectors. By entering the RYA Mirror International travel grant Indicator events the competitors agree to this condition.

Further details of RYA selection policies can be found on the web-site.

Notification

Applicants will be notified in writing by mail as soon as is practically possible after the completion of the final indicator event, usually within 14 days. Only the helms of boats which have applied to the National Junior Squad will be notified initially. They will be requested to pass the paperwork onto their crews promptly.

Whilst we value the tremendously important contribution crews make, our experience has shown that there are frequent crew changes at this level. We use our best endeavors to avoid any unnecessary confusion/upset which may arise from the RYA being given inaccurate information about current pairings.

All successful sailors' names will ultimately be published on the RYA web-site once all attendance confirmation forms/contracts/confirmations have been returned to the office – it is not our policy to publish this information before this time.

Status

The Royal Yachting Association (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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