

# NSSCA 2023 Event Notes



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

## 2023 Series Dates

Draycote Water – 13<sup>th</sup> May  
Hollowell – 24<sup>th</sup> June  
Middle Nene – 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Banbury – 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Northampton – 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Cransley – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Midlands Regional Championships @ Rutland SC – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June  
NSSA Regatta @ Draycote Water SC – 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 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. I will liaise between the NSSCA and the host clubs to discuss coaching aims for each event.

## Fleets will be divided as follows: (2023 PYs)

Fast handicap (Faster than 1363, *nb* slowest fast fleet boat likely to be fusion pro, 1300)  
Standard Toppers PY 1369  
Slow handicap (Slower than 1364 to include topper 4.2 and RS Tera Pro)

(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, this may be amended by host club in the notice of race.

The slow fleet to start first followed by the Toppers and then the fast fleet. The start of the slow fleet is the 3 minute signal for the topper fleet and so on).

Each start/class will sail the same course. The start and finish lines of the course do not have to be the same, however if this is the case all boats need to complete an equal number of laps. 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.

The standard of sailing varies from National Squad down to first open meeting; this makes it a particular challenge for the race officials. It is acceptable to coach/assist beginner sailors.

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 Sue Bull at [principal.cransleysailingclub@gmail.com](mailto:principal.cransleysailingclub@gmail.com) as soon as possible and no more than two days after the event has taken place. The results will then be posted on the Northamptonshire Youth Series [Facebook page](#).

Entry forms / WebCollect should contain the following information:

- Name (helm and crew)
- Address
- Email address
- Age of sailor/s as at 31.12.23 (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.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in each fleet at each event
- 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 more than one fleet. Should a sailor race in more than one fleet (e.g. standard topper than ILCA 6 (fast handicap)) they will be scored in both fleets for the fleet results. 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 31<sup>st</sup> December of any given year. By way of example, an 11 year old turning 12 on 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (new for 2022, perpetual trophy NB to purchase) – 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.