

NSSCA 2026 Event Notes



The Northamptonshire Youth Series consists currently of seven open events run from April until September.

2026 Series Dates

Northampton – Saturday, 18th April, Maximum number 100 Boats

Middle Nene – Saturday, 25th April, Maximum number 35 Boats

Hollowell – Saturday, 23rd May, Maximum number 40 Boats

Banbury – Saturday, 27th June, Maximum number 35 Boats

Draycote Water – Saturday, 11th July Maximum number 100 Boats

Cransley – Saturday, 1st August, Maximum number 25 Boats

Northampton – Saturday, 5th September, Maximum number 100 Boats

******Entry Clarification: In order to participate in the Northamptonshire Youth Series Events you must be Ages 8-18 (As of December 31, 2026)******

Other events:

RYA Eric Twiname Junior Championships May 2 – 4, 2026, @ Rutland.

NSSA Regatta 19-24 July @ Downs Sailing Club, Deal, Kent

The format for each event is:

- 9:15 Race Briefing – rigged and ready,
- 10:00 Race 1 & 2 back-to-back (each race approximately 30 - 40 minutes)
- 12:15 to 13:15 Lunch
- 13:15 Race Briefing
- 13:30 Race 3 & 4 back-to-back (each race approximately 30 - 40 minutes)
- 16:30 Tea
- 17:00 approx. prize giving

The NSA will endeavour to provide 3 volunteers to record times all the events, but host clubs are requested to provide adequate safety cover and coaches encourage education during races.

Fleets will be divided as follows: (2026 RYA PY)

Falcon: ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7, Feva XL, Fusion (PY 0 -1367)

Eagle: Topper 5.3, Tera Pro (PY 1368, 1369)

Osprey: Topper 4.2, Tera Sport, Opi (PY 1450+)

(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 Osprey fleet to start first, followed by the Eagle and then the Falcon fleet. The start of the Osprey fleet is the 3-minute signal for the 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 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. 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. If four races are completed, one result can be discarded.

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 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 Will Ambrey and Heather Trollinger 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](#).

Please 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 31.12.26
- Club
- Class of boat
- Sail number
- Sailors first 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 will be standardising the entry prices across all the events at £10 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 NSSA will provide medals for sailors first Northamptonshire Youth Series Event
- The NSSA will provide medals/trophies for 1st to 3rd in each fleet at each event
- The NSSA will provide overall series prizes, either perpetual trophies or prizes as supplied via sponsorship.
- NSSA 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

Trophies/medals presented by the NSSA will be funded by a £80 donation from each of the affiliated clubs made at the beginning of the season, and prior to the first event. Prizes will be supplied via sponsorship.

The overall series results will be calculated using finishing positions at each event. Two discards are allowed. If only five individual events are held there will be no discard. Results are calculated on an overall basis, and by fleet.

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 2/4 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.

Under 13

Under 16

Under 19

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

Falcon Fleet (Fast fleet)

Eagle Fleet (middle fleet)

Osprey Fleet (slow fleet)

The intention is to evenly distribute the prizes. Individuals may win more than one event, for which they may win more than perpetual trophy, but they will only receive one prize.

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Trophies and prizes:

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 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 NSSA club.
- Best under 19 Sailor - Must be 16, 17 or 18 years of age, and a member of a NSSA club.
- 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 county NYS club with the lowest combined points based on top 2/4 boats from each club at each event.

Prize Only:

Bottom Tier:

Falcon fleet sailor – Highest placed sailor from a NSSA club in Falcon fleet who has not won any other award.

Eagle fleet sailor – Highest placed sailor from a NSSA club in the Eagle fleet who has not won any other award.

Osprey fleet sailor – Highest placed sailor from a NSSA club in the Osprey fleet who has not won any other award.