



Derbyshire Youth Sailing

NSSA Regatta Organisation and Trophy Policy

Organisation

The DYS NSSA rep is the Team manager for the NSSA week long, summer regatta. They are responsible for advertising the event, entering the DYS team and publicising options for accommodation and any other logistical arrangements. During the event, they will manage the sailing aspects of the week and be the point of contact with the race committee. The Team Manager may co-opt other adults present during the regatta to help with the Team Manager role and may delegate responsibilities to them. The Team Manager should ensure that the Derbyshire Bell trophy is taken to the event.

Parents of sailors attending the event will be responsible for arranging their own accommodation and travel and must appoint a responsible adult to be with their sailor during the event. The responsible adult will be responsible for the sailor, including all aspects of wellbeing, food, travel, accommodation and behaviour, throughout the event. Parents must remain on site throughout the event when their sailors are on the water. If they need to leave the site, they must elect a Loco Parentis.

Team Captain

A team captain will be appointed by the DYS committee before the event. Once the team has been entered, the Team Manager will ask all the sailors involved to make a nomination for the position of Team Captain. They may nominate themselves or another sailor. They may also express their wish not to be the Team Captain. The Team Manager will take this information to the DYS committee, who will agree on the best sailor for this role.

The Team Captain will assist the Team Manager during the event in managing aspects of sailing. They will provide help and advice to the other DYS sailors, representing their views and ensuring any issues are escalated in an appropriate and timely manner.

Trophies

There are 4 trophies awarded during the NSSA regatta. These are presented at the DYS annual Prize Giving, apart from the Derbyshire Bell, which is presented at the Regatta Prize Giving. Ideally the winners of these trophies should be announced by the Team Manager at the end of the regatta, while all the sailors are present.

Derbyshire Bell – 1st DYS boat – presented at the event

2nd place shield - 2nd DYS boat

3rd place shield – 3rd DYS boat

Spirit of Derbyshire – awarded for some noteworthy action or achievement during the event.

The Team Manager is responsible for awarding the Derbyshire Bell, 2nd place shield and 3rd place shield. This is a subjective decision, as the sailors will have competed in different fleets with differing numbers of boats and competitiveness. Sailors taking part in the Rookie Fleet are not eligible for these awards. Opinions may be sought from others present at the event in order to reach a fair consensus and this is recommended if the Team Manager is connected to sailors involved. Where possible these decisions should be ratified with the DYS Chair before announcing.

The Team Manager should use the following tools, in order, to help them make the decision:

- Observation of sailing and knowledge of the fleets, in conjunction with finishing positions.
- If this is close then order the sailors by percentage points scored (net points scored divided by max possible points which could be scored (races to count x (number in fleet +1)))

The Team Captain is responsible for awarding the Spirit of Derbyshire, under the guidance and with the agreement of the Team Manager. This may be awarded to a sailor or to one of the team volunteers. The Team Captain may ask for nominations from the other sailors. The trophy recognises some action or achievement above and beyond the normal which has stood out during the week. Examples include; helpfulness, team spirit, sacrifice, determination, perseverance, bravery.

Guidance and Actions for Team Manager

- Advertise the event well in advance, starting shortly after the previous event
- Establish the costs for entry, on site camping and food options
- Research possible other accommodation options rather than being on site
 - Staying on site usually requires all adults to DBS checked
- Enter the team
- Ensure all parents have filled in a DYS Team Event Consent Form
- Ensure all trophies (both DYS Bell and any NSSA trophies) are returned to the event
- Ask sailors for team Captain nominations
 - Make clear this is nominations not votes – the committee will decide the team captain
- During the event, be on site at all times (or delegate responsibilities)
 - Attend team manager meetings every day
 - Check for any protests every day
 - Make sure sailors are aware of any announcements or changes