

NSBA's Broadland Youth Regatta held at Norfolk Broads Yacht Club

The BYR was hosted by Norfolk Broads Yacht Club in Wroxham, on behalf of the NSBA, on Saturday 9th September. Despite clashing with an Eastern Region event at Grafham Water, Cambs, this event nevertheless commendably attracted over 80 competitors shared across four racing starts with the largest fleet, as has been usual over several years, being the Topper Class counting 24 craft.

The weather did not bode well for sailing, being very hot, humid and crucially a complete lack of wind until mid afternoon when eventually a light north-easterly sea breeze arrived. The morning therefore commenced slowly with cold drinks and ice-creams nigh selling-out, parents unable to keep cool neither outside in blistering sunshine, nor indoors with no cooling breeze through wide open doors and windows. The children nevertheless simply took to the water in whatever manner on paddle-boards, canoes or simply leaping in fully clothed.

Following early lunches a decision beckoned for possible total abandonment, but organisers decided to hold off until 14:00 for such a final potentially sad decision. Suddenly a breeze developed and sailors were called afloat for a 13:20 first starting series; 74 boats set off only to be virtually becalmed just to windward of what should have become a start-line, such that the race-management team could not possibly set a clear start-line. All boats returned to moorings but then after another half-hour the wind finally arrived though fitful and of inconsistent direction. Nevertheless there followed two full series of racing.

The prize for first overall double hander went to Johnnie Rudd and Sam Dornie of the host Club sailing a Norfolk Punt at almost exactly twice as fast as the slowest Optimist fleet. Despite such trying wind conditions, starring performances

The overall inter-club championship for the **NSBA Centenary Salver** was won by Horning Sailing Club. Snowflake SC and Waveney and Oulton Broad YC were joint second, Norfolk Broads YC came fourth, Beccles Amateur SC were fifth and Hickling Broad SC sixth.

The **Whelpton Cup** for the most successful double-handed boat was awarded to Johnnie Rudd and Sam Dornie in a Norfolk Punt.

The **Lady Mayhew Trophy** for endeavour, 'applying the greatest effort in a spirit of sport, determination and fun' was awarded to Jack Aitken in an Optimist.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

TOP HONOURS TO INDIVIDUALS IN THE VARIOUS FLEETS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

ALLCOMERS B (SLOW) FLEET

- 1st Hamish Harmer (Horning SC) - Splash
- 2nd Henry Drew & Finn Elson (Norfolk Punt C) - RS Feva
- 3rd Lily-Rose Phillips (Waveney and Oulton Broad YC) - RS Tera Sport

LASER FLEET

- 1st Jack Sisley (Beccles Amateur SC) - Laser Radial
- 2nd Hugo Hardy (Hickling Broad SC) - Laser Radial
- 3rd Rose Ling (Hickling Broad SC) - Laser Radial

OPTIMIST FLEET

- 1st Zoe Barnes (Snowflake SC)
- 2nd Hugh Walker (Waveney and Oulton Broad YC)
- 3rd Jack Reeve (Waveney and Oulton Broad YC)

TOPPER FLEET

- 1st Jensen Jakob (Snowflake SC)
- 2nd Ellie Thwaites (Snowflake SC)
- 3rd Abbey Penny (Horning SC)

of double wins were achieved by Zoe Barnes (Optimist), and by Jensen Jakob (Topper), both representing Snowflake SC. Elsewhere Jack Sisley from Beccles sailed consistently to head the Laser Class without actually winning either race. The front of both Handicap fleets saw equally traded 1st and 2nd places such that "last-race" tiebreaks had to be applied.

On water judges were given the unenviable task in such light conditions where nothing much of remark might be taking place, to select an individual sailor for showing best endeavour overall; actually there was indeed a clearly agreed standout performance by one very young man for showing independence and determination in not following the pack but applying his own spirited strategy across the course towards commendable placings; Jack Aitken of Norfolk Broads YC was thus awarded the Lady Mayhew Trophy for his endeavours.

Finally all results collected and the best six rankings achieved by team members added together for the eagerly awaited overall Club result; following some very close top-3 totals and a tie-break applied for the runner-up slot, the Centenary Salver was awarded to Horning Sailing Club.



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Photo – Vicky Gould



The host venue – Norfolk Broads Yacht Club

Photo – Trish Barnes



Jack Aitken,
winner of the
Lady Mayhew
Trophy for
endeavour
Photo –
Trish Barnes



Johnnie Rudd
and Sam Dornie,
winners of the
Whelpton Cup
Photo –
Trish Barnes

ENTRY DEADLINE – 24th August 2024

NSBA - BROADLAND YOUTH REGATTA

SATURDAY 31st August 2024

Under the burgee of Horning Sailing Club



Open to all members of NSBA affiliated clubs under 19 years on day of the Regatta. FREE to enter.
Entry forms must be received 1 week prior to event. E-mail: secretary@horning-sailing.club
More details at: www.horning-sailing.club & www.thegreenbook.org.uk

NSBA's Broads Area Inter-Club Championship for Ramuz Trophy (2022) held at Beccles Amateur Sailing Club

The 2022 RAMUZ Trophy event (intended to be held in September 2022), was cancelled, as it fell during the mourning period following Queen Elizabeth II's death. The event was held, instead, on 16th April 2023.

With first-places in different heats both Sam Woodcock (Norwich Frostbites Sailing Club) and Chris Bunn (Lady Yacht Club) opened their challenges for the Ramuz "Champion-of-Champions" inter-club sailing event of The Broads area.

This competition attracted 14-teams ranging across The Broads from Hickling in the north to Lowestoft in the south, it was hosted on the River Waveney, Norfolk/Suffolk border, by Beccles Amateur Sailing Club (BASC), and was organised by the Norfolk & Suffolk Boating Association (NSBA).

Sunday had started with nil wind, dense fog and tele-messages to the NSBA organiser asking whether the event was going to take place at all. BASC home club members had been hard at it from 8 o'clock preparing boats (Norfolk dinghies, lent by nine private owners), rigging and launching to tie alongside; then news came through that the main Norwich/Lowestoft road was blocked with major emergency diversions, all-in-all leading to a very non-urgent commencement while we waited for late arrivals and for any wind, or at least sunshine to clear the fog.

Following some full hour of delay which included a leisurely briefing, the flat-looking river-waters evinced little hope, however the first flight was beckoned afloat and indeed managed some progress so racing was on.

First two races 25-minute single lap events; then with some ripple-patches on the water-surface, third and fourth races extending to a lap-and-half, and so conditions improved until by mid-afternoon extended 30-minute races of fully three laps became possible; remarkably a programme had held together and to reasonable timescale. Sunshine and blue sky then made for a splendid day for bank-side spectators, this venue being most amenable for being able to view the whole proceedings as boats raced up-and-down stream close-at-hand past the clubhouse. Everyone agreed that the event had showcased the host club to very best effect, not just for the conditions, but for the spectating and indeed for the collective effort put in by the Beccles club-members.

The basis of competition was a cumulative league with no discards, sailed in four rounds of two flights with promotions and demotions after each round effectively offering repêchage opportunity should a team suffer a bad race; all teams raced four times.

The last race of the day would become the show-down between thus-far equal-scoring Bunn and Woodcock. When these two first met it was 1-2 in favour of Chris; upon second meeting in round-3 the result reversed, so all to play for in the final round.

Sure enough these two popped out of the start-line with clear advantage over the rest of the fleet, but Woodcock placed an

effective lee-bow onto Bunn who was forced to tack off early; that turned out to be the single most decisive move between these two top-notch competitors and Bunn found himself on the back-foot, otherwise equally matched. Woodcock went on to win with Bunn forced into successively trying-something-different for any way past.

Mid-fleet saw tightest imaginable competition with too many place-changes to report on and an eventual tie-break for 3rd place between four teams, and yet another 3-way tie-break for the next position.

Pos	Team/Club	Races	Pts
1	Sam Woodcock & David Yapp Norwich Frostbites SC	1 / 2 / 1 / 1	5
2	Chris Bunn & Chris Tuckett Lady Yacht Club	1 / 1 / 2 / 2	6
3	Daniel Tyrrell & Jamie Manners Norfolk Broads YC	4 / 6 / 1 / 3	14
4	Joe Warnes & Jenny Riley Royal Norfolk & Suffolk YC	2 / 4 / 4 / 4	14
5	Hugh Braidwood & Samuel Johnson Beccles Amateur SC	2 / 5 / 2 / 5	14
6	Chris Aitken & Laura Aitken Broads One Design Class	4 / 2 / 6 / 2	14
7	Tamsin Highfield & Mike Horwitz Rollesby SC	6 / 1 / 3 / 6	16
8	Sam Archer & Olivia Archer Norfolk Schools SA	5 / 3 / 7 / 1	16
9	Richard Whitefoot & Lizzie Whitefoot Snowflakes SC	3 / 3 / 5 / 5	16
10	Jane Pye & Karen Armitage Hickling SC	3 / 7 / 5 / 3	18
11	Chris Bolton & Hamish Harmer Horning SC	7 / 4 / 3 / 7	20
12	David Gentry & Jackie Soards Waveney Sailability	7 / 7 / 4 / 4	22
13	Dick Roe & Katie Dullieu Norfolk Punt Club	6 / 5 / 6 / 6	23
14	Ben Adams & Judith Robertson Coldham Hall SC	5 / 6 / 7 / 7	25



No wind ahead!

Photo – Holly Hancock



RAMUZ Trophy winners Sam Woodcock and David Yapp from Norwich Frostbites SC receive the trophy from Janet Forster (President of BASC)



Synchronised heel to fill sails in lightest breezes

Photo – Holly Hancock



Barely even a ripple wake

Photo – Holly Hancock



The RAMUZ Trophy

NSBA's Broads Area Inter-Club Championship for Ramuz Trophy (2023) held at Coldham Hall Sailing Club

The Norfolk & Suffolk Boating Association (NSBA) invited all its affiliate organisations to the 2023 'Ramuz' event, kindly hosted this year by Coldham Hall Sailing Club on the River Yare, and sailed in Yeoman Class keelboats. Eleven teams arrived early on Saturday 16th September and while autumn mist initially hung low, a gentle NE breeze appeared at 09:00 briefing time.

The basis of competition was for racing in two flights with promotions and demotions across successive rounds, with every team involved in four races; no discards and total points score defining. For subsequent rounds top-flight winners were rewarded with selecting their next boat, all others were then randomly drawn.

The first round of 2-flights was sailed in randomly allocated boats; flt-1 saw some confusion at mark-1 for which hand it should be taken, and some teams learned early where weedy (i.e. slow!) spots lay. Whereas Lady Yacht Club set out their store with an emphatic win, flt-2 was more closely contested between Rollesby Broad SC, Waveney & Oulton Broad YC and Horning SC eventually finishing in

that order. Rollesby and WOBYC gained promotion while Beccles and Norfolk Broads (weed-related retirement) were demoted.

Lady YC continued a dominance with further wins in the next two rounds while the remaining field were much more level on points. WOBYC appeared the main challenger overall though suffered round-3 miscalculation by being over the start-line and needing to return behind the fleet; WOBYC recovered to 3rd during the race but finally dropped to 5th and hence a demotion.

The final two races therefore threw up an interesting conundrum where WOBYC easily secured a win in the lower flight, such that their total points score would mean that they should gain 2nd place overall. With a blank sheet of wins to Lady YC's benefit this team went into the final without the challenge of WOBYC and were already almost the assured winners; all they needed was to keep a check on Beccles Amateur SC who could perhaps threaten only if BASC won this last race. By the final start the river (tidal-) current had changed and following WOBYC's earlier penalising jump-start on a following current, with the current now holding boats back, the whole fleet started very shy. However Lady YC played the current best and established yet another early lead never to be challenged; BASC came home next ahead of Horning, Rollesby, Hickling & Coldham in that order.

Lady YC is a very special club without a clubhouse base, but with an esteemed membership only by invitation of the existing members. At prizegiving Chris Bunn commented that both Chris's were very proud to represent LYC and that after the prizegiving they would be heading with the good news straight to Alan Lee's home; Alan Lee was seriously ill at the time and has since, very sadly, passed-away. Alan had been the Lady YC Commodore for 33 years, and is grandson of the late Herbert Woods who originated this club through linking to his erstwhile Lady Class of craftsman-built wooden broads sailing cruisers, which even today remain highly desirable.

Ben Falat, Chair of NSBA upon presenting prizes thanked Coldham Hall SC for hosting, and boat-owners for lending their craft as well as Coldham Hall public house for permissions of access.

Pos	Team/Club	Pts
1	Lady YC (Chris Bunn & Chris Tuckett)	4
2	Waveney & Oulton Broad YC (Chris & Gill Jordan)	10
3	Beccles Amateur SC (Jack Sisley & Hugh Braidwood)	11
4	Rollesby Broad SC	12
5	Horning SC	13
6	Hickling Broad SC	14
7	Coldham Hall SC	15
8	Snowflakes SC	15
9	Norwich Frostbite SC	16
10	Waveney Sailability	16
11	Norfolk Broads YC	20





Chris Bunn (Helm) and Chris Tuckett, Lady Yacht Club – winners of the RAMUZ 2023



Photos – Ben Falat

Saturday 21st September 2024

INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FOR RAMUZ TROPHY



To be sailed in Fireflies – hosted by UEA/NBYC at NBYC

NSBA Affiliated Clubs are invited to enter a team.

Free to enter. Notice of Race and Entry Forms will be posted on www.thegreenbook.org.uk
Entries must be received by 11th September 2024.

The Mike Evans Memorial Trophy for Excellence

To commemorate the many achievements of Mike Evans, a new NSBA Award was established in 2023, the Mike Evans Memorial Trophy for Excellence. The Trophy will be awarded for excellence in a context chosen from year to year by the General Purposes Committee of the NSBA. For the purposes of the 2023 award of the Trophy, 'excellence' was assessed in the context of preserving the heritage of Broads watercraft. The Trophy will be presented at the Flag Officers' Event in March 2024.

The award of the Mike Evans Memorial Trophy is governed by the following rules:

- 1 The Trophy is only awarded for excellence in a context chosen from year to year by the General Purposes Committee of the NSBA.
- 2 The Trophy may be awarded to an individual, a group of individuals or an organisation whatever the context.
- 3 A member of the General Purposes Committee of the NSBA is not eligible for the Trophy on an individual basis. The Trophy may be awarded to a group of individuals or an organisation of which a member of the General Purposes Committee is a member.
- 4 Nominations must be made by an NSBA affiliated club or organisation or two individual members of the NSBA.
- 5 A nomination must be in writing. It must explain why the nomination is being made and include factual information in support.
- 6 The closing date for nominations is 30 September in any year. The nomination must reach the Hon Administrator by 11.59 on that day. No extension of time will be granted and a late nomination will not be considered.
- 7 The Trophy may not be awarded to the same individual, group of individuals or organisation for excellence in the same or similar context within five years of its previous award to that individual, group of individuals or organisation.
- 8 The holder of the Trophy must return it to the Hon Administrator of the NSBA before 1 November in the year following its award.



The Martin Broom Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to Broads Boating

(Sadly, due to a lack of suitable nominations, the Martin Broom Memorial Trophy was not awarded in 2023. Please inform the NSBA of any nominations for the recipient of the Trophy in 2024, by 30 September, 2024.)

The award of the Martin Broom Trophy is governed by the following rules:

- 1 The Trophy is only awarded for an outstanding contribution to Broads boating. 'Outstanding contribution to Broads boating' refers to such a contribution whatever the context.
- 2 The Trophy may be awarded to an individual, a group of individuals or an organisation whatever the context.
- 3 A member of the General Purposes Committee of the NSBA is not eligible for the Trophy on an individual basis. The Trophy may be awarded to a group of individuals or an organisation of which a member of the General Purposes Committee is a member.
- 4 Nominations must be made by an NSBA affiliated club or organisation or two individual members of the NSBA.
- 5 A nomination must be in writing. It must explain why the nomination is being made and include factual information in support.
- 6 The closing date for nominations is 30 September in any year. The nomination must reach the Hon Administrator by 11.59 on that day. No extension of time will be granted and a late nomination will not be considered.
- 7 The Trophy may not be awarded to the same individual, group of individuals or organisation for the same or a similar contribution within five years of its previous award to that individual, group of individuals or organisation.
- 8 The holder of the Trophy must return it to the Hon Administrator of the NSBA before 1 November in the year following its award.

The Tim Whelpton Trophy for Young Achievement

(Sadly, due to a lack of suitable nominations, the Tim Whelpton Trophy was not awarded in 2023. Please inform the NSBA of any nominations for the recipient of the Trophy in 2024, by 15 October, 2024.)

The award of the Tim Whelpton Trophy is governed by the following rules (revised in 2020):

- 1 The Trophy is only awarded to a member of an NSBA affiliated club/organisation who is under 21 as at 31 December of the year in question and who is considered by the judges to have achieved sailing excellence at international or national level. The Trophy does not have to be awarded in any particular year; there must be a candidate who truly meets the standard just mentioned.
- 2 The Trophy may be awarded to an individual on successive occasions.
- 3 Nominations for the award of the Trophy must be made by an NSBA affiliated club or organisation or two individual members of the NSBA.
- 4 A nomination must be in writing. It must explain why the nomination is being made and include factual information in support.
- 5 The closing date for nominations is 15 October in any year. The nomination must reach the Hon Administrator by 11.59 on that day. No extension of time will be granted and a late nomination will not be considered.
- 6 The Trophy is a perpetual trophy but the NSBA will provide a memento for the winner to keep.
- 7 The holder of a Trophy must return it to the Hon Administrator of the NSBA before 1 November in the year following its award.