

## NSBA's Broadland Youth Regatta held at Horning Sailing Club

In its 30th year of this Broadland event, the Norfolk & Suffolk Boating Association's (NSBA) Broadland Youth Regatta was hosted at Horning Sailing Club (HSC) on Saturday 31st August 2024.

Held at HSC's base in Horning for the very first time in its history, it attracted 99 young sailors in 88 boats from eight Broadland clubs, ranging from those in their first few weeks of sailing to those far more experienced, and all aged under 19 years.

HSC is based on a small island on the bend of the River Bure in Horning, and with the number of boats arriving it was going to be a logistical challenge, but it was quite a sight to see every inch of the island surrounded by dinghies – from Optimists to RS Fevas, Toppers to Lasers and more. Managing racing also took a different format, with the fleets split to participate on both the River and Hoveton Little Broad, which was popular with the young sailors who all experienced both and enjoyed the variety of sailing.

With the forecast for winds to increase during the day, the afternoon was expected to be the most challenging, but it turned out to be the morning, with huge gusts passing through – at one point taking out most of the fleet on the Broad. The more experienced sailors raced on the Broad, mainly in Lasers, RS Fevas, Splashes and faster dinghies, who enjoyed planing up and down, with capsizes a-plenty, forcing several retirements.

Meanwhile, the 33-strong fleet of Toppers and slow handicap fleet of Optimists, RS Teras, a Gull and Mirror dinghy sailed on the river whilst it was quieter from day boats, similarly seeing many capsizes and retirements – both courses keeping the volunteer rescue boats extremely busy, before swapping venues for the afternoon series.

As the day went on, some young sailors counted upwards of 20 capsizes and for all who took part there was a great sense of achievement. Amongst the challenges there were

also some comical moments, particularly during the last Laser race, where a boat capsized right on the finish line and inadvertently took the final turning buoy with them, meaning that the Race Officer had to think both creatively and fast to direct the sailors where to turn before it was promptly put back in place!

Amongst the individual results, the Allcomers B Fleet was won by HSC's Hamish Harmer sailing his Splash, with Beccles Amateur Sailing Club (BASC)'s Sam Johnson and Freya Welham second in a Firefly. Third was HSC's Anya Gittins also sailing her Splash. The Allcomers C fleet saw Waveney & Oulton Broad Yacht Club (WOBYC) dominate the results, taking the top six places in the fleet – won by Will Keys-Batson, with Isaac Thomas second and Hugh Walker third, all sailing Optimists.

In the Lasers, there was sibling rivalry between Ellie and Tom Thwaites – Ellie sailing for Snowflake Sailing Club (SFSC), and Tom for Norfolk Broads Yacht Club (NBYC). Both with two first places, on countback it was Ellie who won the fleet, with Tom second despite coming back from a spectacular capsize at the start of the third race to win that race, and Henry Weymss of SFSC third.

Due to the high number of entrants, the Toppers sailed in two flights, and overall were won by Jenson Jakob with three wins sailing for SFSC, with Nate Sparrow of WOBYC second and Isobelle Johnson of BASC third.

After four races, taking the highly sought after **NSBA Centenary Salver for first-placed team**, were WOBYC, with SFSC and HSC equal on points – on countback, second place went to SFSC, with host Club HSC third.

The **Lady Mayhew Trophy** for *'endeavour, applying the greatest effort in a spirit of sport, determination and fun'*, was awarded to Chevy Bulldeath of HSC, sailing his first regatta in a Topper.

The **Whelpton Cup** for the most successful double-handed boat went to Sam Johnson and Freya Welham of BASC sailing their Firefly.

Overall, it was a challenging but rewarding day for the young sailors, who had the opportunity to try something different, push themselves and have fun – all in the spirit of the event.

Thanks go to all the many volunteers who helped out over the day and many thanks also to our generous sponsors for supporting the event: Norfolk Yacht Agency (NYA), the University of East Anglia (UEA), Jeckells and Son Ltd, BeWILDerwood, Herbert Woods, Onboard, UEA Sailing/Sportspark and Heat Different.

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### **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS – Top honours to individuals in the various fleets:**

#### **ALLCOMERS B FLEET**

- 1st Hamish Harmer (HSC) - Splash
- 2nd Sam Johnson (BASC) - Firefly
- 3rd Anya Gittins (HSC) - Splash

#### **ALLCOMERS C FLEET**

- 1st Will Keys-Batson (WOBYC) - Optimist
- 2nd Isaac Thomas (WOBYC) - Optimist
- 3rd Hugh Walker (WOBYC) - Optimist

#### **LASER FLEET**

- 1st Ellie Thwaites (SFSC) - ILCA6 Radial
- 2nd Tom Thwaites (NBYC) - ILCA7 Standard
- 3rd Henry Weymss (SFSC) - ILCA6 Radial

#### **TOPPER FLEET**

- 1st Jenson Jakob (SFSC)
- 2nd Nate Sparrow (WOBYC)
- 3rd Isobelle Johnson (BASC)



*Horning Sailing Club, host of the 2024 Broadland Youth Regatta*



*Photos – Holly Hancock*

(ENTRY DEADLINE – 23rd August 2025)

## **NSBA - BROADLAND YOUTH REGATTA SATURDAY 30th August 2025**



**Under the burgee of Rollesby Broad Sailing Club**



FREE to enter. Open to all members of NSBA affiliated clubs under 19 years on day of the Regatta.  
**Entry forms must be received 1 week prior to event.** E-mail: [sailing@rbsc.org.uk](mailto:sailing@rbsc.org.uk)  
 More details at: [www.rbsc.org.uk](http://www.rbsc.org.uk) & [www.thegreenbook.org.uk](http://www.thegreenbook.org.uk)

**Scan the QR code – more details will be published in due course, and  
 check the link: [www.rbsc.org.uk/2025-nsba-broadland-youth-regatta](http://www.rbsc.org.uk/2025-nsba-broadland-youth-regatta)**



## NSBA's Broads Area Inter-Club Championship for Ramuz Trophy held at Norfolk Broads Yacht Club

This annual end-of-season Inter-Club event for The Broads Area took place on Saturday 21st September, at Wroxham Broad, by kind permission of Norfolk Broads Yacht Club. Each affiliate organisation of the Norfolk & Suffolk Boating Association (NSBA) was invited to submit one pairing of helm-&-crew as representative.

The twist this time was a move away from either local keelboat classes or heavier dinghies into Fireflies as loaned by University of East Anglia (UEA); this was a deliberate strategy to encourage perhaps some younger participants. Indeed that is what variously transpired amongst the 11 entries with a team of youngsters, three of teenagers and some clubs struggling to enter anyone at all probably due to their membership-age profiles.

The basis of competition was to form two leagues, upper & lower, using 6 and 5 Firefly Dinghies, without discard and counting all results; following an initial random allocation (slightly seeded), teams moved up or down with repêchage so that at the end of four rounds a Demi-Final and Final could determine winners. Expectations proved difficult with some new helms but from established previous top-performing clubs, some well-known helms but would they perform in the small Fireflies (?), and some with Firefly experience but little elite-echelon history.



Broads Area Inter-Club Championship Ramuz Trophy and prizes  
Photo – Ben Falat

Frostbites (a recent winner), led the first flight throughout with a three-way chase between Oulton Broad (often showing good pedigree), Lady Yacht Club (current holder of the trophy) and Sailability (Instructors) developing into an intense last beat battle. Teams dropping to the lower league were Sailability, Snowflakes and Punt Club.

Clear leader by a huge margin in the second flight and a highly favoured pairing was UEA (team-racing experience in Fireflies, hence well seeded), however, late-on they picked up a patch of weed and unable to clear it dropped to fourth into a demotion-spot. Leaders were Norfolk Broads (venue hosts) followed by the Beccles pairing (experienced in Fireflies) staking intention when after a nondescript first beat they pulled through several places on the off-wind to challenge seriously for the lead. Rollesby (always useful in Solo or Streaker classes) topped out the upper league with UEA and the youth team from Horning moving down.

Proof of how close racing actually was, was provided by clear podium contenders Oulton Broad who following a second in Round-1, won the top-flight in Round-2, then came last in Round-3; though they again came second in the Demi-final, they had to add an extra relegation point for this place.

Never relegated out of the upper league were Norfolk Broads (1,3,1,1), Beccles (2,2,2,2) and Lady YC (3,4,3,4). Teams suffering only one relegation with subsequent successful repêchage included Frostbites (1,5,1,3), Oulton Broad (2,1,6,2) and Rollesby (3,6,2,5).

This becomes the third time spanning some 30-years, that Chris Pank in representing his clubs has won this very prestigious event: 1995 in Norfolk Punts for Royal Norfolk & Suffolk YC, 2018 in Norfolk Dinghies and now 2024 in Fireflies, both for Norfolk Broads YC.

Prizes were awarded to the podium places (Norfolk Broads, Beccles and Frostbites), to winners of the Demi-Final (Sailability), with keepers in thanks to the host club (Norfolk Broads) and to suppliers of the craft (UEA).

### FINAL RESULTS (\*Note: lower league place points +1)

Pos	Team/Club	Helm	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	Final
1	Norfolk Broads YC	Chris Pank	Ali Clapburn	1	3	1	1	[ 6 ]
2	Beccles Amateur SC	Sam Johnson	Freya Welham	2	2	2	2	[ 8 ]
3	Frostbites SC	Sam Woodcock	Sam Archer	1	5	1*	3	[ 11 ]
4	Waveney & Oulton Broad YC	Chris Schonhut	Nathan Clark	2	1	6	2*	[ 12 ]
5	Lady YC	Chris Tuckett	Mark Turner	3	4	3	4	[ 14 ]
6	Sailability Instructors	Alan Cone	Nicola Porter	4	4*	3*	1*	[ 15 ]
7	University (UEA)	Chloe Harding	Rosie Madin	4	1*	4	6	[ 16 ]
8	Rollesby SC	Roger Wilson	Adam Wilson	3	6	2*	5	[ 17 ]
9	Snowflakes SC	Hamish Harmer	Hugh Hardy	5	2*	5	3*	[ 17 ]
10	Horning SC	Ollie Bezant	Harrison Rider	5	3*	4*	4*	[ 19 ]
11	Norfolk Punt Club	Will Glover	Kate Dulieu	6	5*	5*	5*	[ 24 ]





Start, during the 2024 RAMUZ Trophy event held at Norfolk Broads Yacht Club

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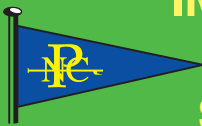
Runners-Up, from BASC; Sam Johnson and Freya Welham



Winners, from NBYC; Chris Pank (right) and Ali Clapburn, are presented with the RAMUZ Trophy by Ben Falat, Chairman of the NSBA

(ENTRY DEADLINE – 10th September 2025)

## INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FOR RAMUZ TROPHY SATURDAY 20th September 2025



To be sailed in YBODs – hosted by **Norfolk Punt Club**

NSBA Affiliated Clubs are invited to enter a team.

Notice of Race and Entry Forms will be posted on [www.thegreenbook.org.uk](http://www.thegreenbook.org.uk)

## The Mike Evans Memorial Trophy for Excellence (2023)



The Trophy is to be awarded for excellence in a context chosen by the General Purposes Committee (GPC) of the NSBA, from year to year.

This first Trophy (2023), was 'assessed' in the context of 'preserving the heritage of Broads watercraft', and was presented to Steve Evans of South River Marine, by Anne Evans, Mike Evans' widow, and Ben Falat, Chairman of the NSBA.

The Trophy contains a selection of our past President's ties from his illustrious career in international yachting management.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the award could not be presented (as is usual) at the NSBA AGM in 2023, so was instead 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 Mike Evans Memorial Trophy for Excellence (2024)

The context of excellence selected for 2024 was 'Building and developing modern watercraft'; therefore the 2024 Trophy was awarded to Goodchild Marine with particular mention of their cohort of apprentices.

The GPC felt that not only is Goodchild Marine an exemplar, widely recognised company for: 'Modern up-to-date- techniques and applications, but additionally their focus on developing personal skills and transmitting knowledge across an impressive apprentice cohort' is a clear statement of building for the future.

Both Alan and Sue Goodchild were present to accept the award at the NSBA AGM in November 2024.



## The Martin Broom Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to Broads Boating

The Martin Broom Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to Broads Boating was made to Barton Regatta Committee with particular mention of Kira Mason. The new regatta committee for 2023 consisted of Kira Mason, Emily Greves and Giles Bryan. The new committee took on the erstwhile 'Monday regatta' as it was failing, and the three day regatta was born, rebranded as 'Barton Regatta' and with a new logo and extended format.

The new format regatta proved to be a great success in 2023 and 2024 with much larger racing fleets and social events. The event is run annually by the regatta committee in conjunction with the Norfolk Punt Club flag officers and committee and a small army of club volunteers.

The Trophy was presented by the NSBA's Chairman Ben Falat at the NSBA AGM in November 2024. Unfortunately Kira was not able to attend to receive the award for the Barton Regatta Committee, but Norfolk Punt Club's Commodore Kate Dulieu did so on her behalf.



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 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 the Trophy must return it to the Hon Administrator of the NSBA before 1 November in the year following its award.

**Please inform the NSBA of any nominations for the recipient of the Trophy in 2025, by 15 October 2025.**