

## NSBA's Broadland Youth Regatta held at Rollesby Broad Sailing Club

On 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025, Rollesby Broad Sailing Club hosted the NSBA's 31<sup>st</sup> Broadland Youth Regatta. The event brought together eight sailing clubs across Norfolk and Suffolk, providing youth sailors with the opportunity to showcase their skills in a day of racing. RBSC hosted the regatta for the first time, providing a safe, enclosed, and welcoming environment. The club has been a hub for sailing for the past 53 years, taking pride in the racing opportunities and competitiveness it offers, from grass-roots to present day. By hosting the regatta, the club showcased the valuable experience and racing cultivated at Rollesby. Despite the earlier threat of *Hurricane Erin*, the day turned out to be uninterrupted sunshine and steady south-westerly winds, creating perfect racing conditions on Rollesby Broad. Ninety competitors turned out, with a fleet of 80 boats taking to the water in a series of 16 races. As with previous Broadland Youth Regattas, there was a wide range of experience and skill level to the competitors, varying in age from 7-19, with some younger competitors new to racing and making their "open regatta" debut.

The boats were split into four fleets. Toppers took to the water first, tackling the strong breeze with Oppies and RS Teras chasing them 5 minutes later. After the first two races, it was the Lasers' turn, with the fast fleet at their heels. Taking advantage of their spinnakers the RS Fevas were flying, the brightly coloured sails soaring forward as they ran down the broad towards the clubhouse. Cheers from 200 spectators greeted the sailors as the bell rang out as each boat crossed the finish line.

As the afternoon progressed, gusts of wind caused chaos on the water, leading to synchronised capsizes involving RS Fevas and Lasers, all met with cheers from the crowd. Even with death-rolls and capsizes littering the broad, the young sailors' spirits were high as the day drew to an end. The number 6 buoy off of a downwind run posed challenges to the competitors, with the Rollesby Woods shielding the mark, the strong winds dropped as the sailors hardened up towards following buoys and the finish line. Capsizes across



the site kept the rescue teams busy, with entanglements with the buoy flags happening more than once.

Another incident occurred at number 6, when the crew of a RS Feva fell overboard. Swimming after their boat, a fellow RS Feva team, seeing the accidental swim, rescued the stranded crew, returning them safely to the jetty. This act of sportsmanship led to Rollesby awarding the Feva an award for embodying the spirit of Rollesby Broad Sailing Club, which emphasises supporting one another and fostering a friendly racing atmosphere.

17:30 brought the day to an end with free hot-dogs for competitors, and the ice cream van providing dessert. Clubs gathered in front of the clubhouse for thanks to the competitors, volunteers and sponsors, prior to prize-giving. The inter-club competition for the **Centenary Salver** was won by **Snowflake Sailing Club**. **Waveney and Oulton Broad Yacht Club** were second, and **Horning Sailing Club** third. **Hickling Broad Sailing Club** came fourth, **Norfolk Broads Yacht Club** fifth, **Beccles Amateur Sailing Club** sixth, **Norfolk Punt Club** seventh, and **Rollesby Broad Sailing Club** eighth.

The **Whelpton Cup**, for the most successful double-handed boat, was awarded to **Beccles Amateur Sailing Club**'s Sam and Freya in their expertly sailed Norfolk One Design dinghy.

The **Lady Mayhew Trophy** for endeavour, "*applying the greatest effort in a spirit of sport determination and fun without necessarily achieving a winning position,*" was awarded to Joly Brewster, crewed by Henry Long from **BASC** in their RS Feva.

A brilliant day for competitors, and volunteers, whose time and energy went into making it an excellent experience. RBSC was supported by sponsorship from **Cox's Boatyard**, **Marine Tech** and other local businesses.

Ben Falat, at the presentation and on behalf of the Norfolk and Suffolk Boating Association, thanked volunteers from RBSC, including Commodore Rhiannon Alger, lead Race Officer Tamsin Highfield, Race Officers Roger Wilson and Phil Highfield, and their dedicated team of timekeepers, beachmasters, caterers and safety-boat crews.

*Report by Rhiannon Alger, 02/09/2025 – YachtsandYachting.com*



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Centenary Salver winners – Showflake Sailing Club.  
L–R: Zoe Barnes, Tara Quayle, Ellie Thwaites, Jensen Jakob,  
Harry Wemyss, Arthur Welin.

Photos this page – Trish Barnes

### FLEET RACING RESULTS

1<sup>st</sup> - Topper 45571 Tara Quayle  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Topper 46389 Isobelle Johnson  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Topper 48735 Nate Sparrow

1<sup>st</sup> - Optimist 5997 Isaac Thomas  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Optimist 6434 Henrietta Highfield  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Optimist 4724 James Quayle

1<sup>st</sup> - RS Tera Pro 4331 Annabel Hooton  
2<sup>nd</sup> - RS Tera Pro 3263 Jack Reeve  
3<sup>rd</sup> - RS Tera Pro 3424 Harry Calver

1<sup>st</sup> - ILCA 6 176848 Nathan Clark  
2<sup>nd</sup> - ILCA 6 224127 Jensen Jakob  
3<sup>rd</sup> - ILCA 6 224753 Ellie Thwaites

Fast Handicap 1<sup>st</sup> - ILCA 4 207704 Kit Bentall  
Fast Handicap 2<sup>nd</sup> - ILCA 4 184134 Will Keys-Batson  
Fast Handicap 3<sup>rd</sup> - ILCA 4 3952 Zoe Barnes

1<sup>st</sup> - RS Feva XL 6165 Robin & Toby Hailey  
2<sup>nd</sup> - RS Feva XL 8831 Henry Drew & Finn Elson  
3<sup>rd</sup> - RS Feva XL 559 Hugh Walker & Martha Dinsdale

(ENTRY DEADLINE – 29th August 2026)

## NSBA - BROADLAND YOUTH REGATTA SATURDAY 5th September 2026

Under the burgee of Norfolk Punt 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: [vc@puntclub.co.uk](mailto:vc@puntclub.co.uk)

More details at: [www.puntclub.co.uk](http://www.puntclub.co.uk) & [www.thegreenbook.org.uk](http://www.thegreenbook.org.uk)

## NSBA's Broads Area Inter-Club Championship for the Ramuz Trophy held at Norfolk Punt Club on Barton Broad

This annual end-of-season Inter-Club event for The Broads Area took place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025 on Barton Broad, by kind permission of Norfolk Punt Club. Each affiliate organisation of the Norfolk & Suffolk Boating Association are invited to submit one pairing of helm-&-crew as representative.

*This report from our special correspondent:*

Wind from the south, threatening to switch SW, all day. So some good fig-8-shaped courses on Barton Broad. The wind started about F4, dropped to F2; then picked up for the final race to F4 again. Force 4 is rather strong in a boat you have never sailed before! Right from the start, Chris Bunn (**Lady Yacht Club**) and Flip Dugdale (**Snowflake Sailing Club**) were battling for the lead, trading 1sts and 2nds through the first 3 races. **RNSYC** (Chris and Gill Jordan) were making some cracking starts to maintain 3rd (just), with **WOBYC** (Jordan Levett and Jaimie Dobson) trading places with **Sailability** (Veronica Falat and Nicole Porter), trying to get out of the lower leagues – that Veronica did very neatly just when it mattered.

The final race saw some very close racing, with **SFSC** just pipping **Norfolk Broads Yacht Club** (Chris Pank) and **LYC** in 3rd to allow Flip Dugdale to win the Ramuz Trophy. 3rd was **NBYC**, while **RNSYC** made a mess of the last race by

catching their topping lift on one of the solid metal channel marker posts and coming to a very rapid stop.

This last-race incident did result in some damage to the White-Boat involved. NSBA is highly appreciative of boat-owners lending their craft and indebted to its insurers where **Alan Boswell Group** said, "...recognising the longstanding relationship we have with the NSBA...". (Alan Boswell Group insurers advertise on page 20.)



*Broads Area Inter-Club Championship Ramuz Trophy and prizes.*

**Demi-final:** This demi rung of five-teams had filtered-down into a fairly well-matched bunch; however Norfolk Punt Club continued their love of turning marks by again hitting the start-mark to put themselves out of contention.

**Final:** Two teams in it and whoever beats the other takes the title: as the previous race winner LYC had choice of craft, however this did not help; SFSC pulled ahead early and sailing carefully to protect this, forced LYC into repeated small errors which let NBYC through into second and thus absolutely assured SFSC of overall victory.

Two female-only teams both making the Final, and one of which taking overall victory!

Silver and Bronze placings went to last two year overall winners; competition in this annual event remains suitably hot.

### RESULTS

		<i>( in heats, a &amp; b )</i>			<b>1a 1b</b> Pts		<b>2a 2b</b> Pts		<b>3a 3b</b> Pts		<b>Demi-Final Final</b> Pts			<b>Total Points</b>
Snowflakes SC	SFSC	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	2	2	1	1	2	2				1	1	6
Lady YC	LYC	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	1	1	2	2	1	1				3	3	7
Norfolk Broads YC	NBYC	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>		1	4	4	4	4				2	2	11
Royal Norfolk & Suffolk YC	RNSYC	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	2	2	3	3	3	3				5	5	13
Waveney Sailability	WSL	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>		3	6	6		1 2*				4	4	15=
Rollesby Broad SC	RBSC	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>		4		3 4*		4 5*			1		2*	15=
Waveney & Oulton Broad YC	WOBYC	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	4	4		2 3*		5 5			2	2	3*	15=
Norfolk Punt Club	NPC	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>		3	5	5		2 3*			5		6*	17
Beccles Amateur SC	BASC	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>		5		4 5*		3 4*			3		4*	18=
Coldham Hall SC	CHSC	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>		5		1 2*		6			4		5*	18=

(\*1-point added to place-points in lower tier)

**WINNERS: Snowflake Sailing Club, represented by Flip Dugdale & Emily Norman**



RAMUZ event at Norfolk Punt Club – 54 (winner) establishes a close cover over 126 (3rd and overall runner-up).



Winning helm Flip Dugdale receives wooden base, with all-important winning crew Emily Morgan receiving the trophy from Ben Falat (NSBA Chairman).



Pre-start 'relaxed' jockeying for position.



Ben Falat (left) with runners-up Chris Bunn (centre) and Chris Tuckett (right).



Waveney Sailability represented by duty-helpers. L–R: Jackie Soards, Ben Falat, Nichola Porter, Veronica Falat.



## INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FOR RAMUZ TROPHY

Plans for the 2026 Ramuz Trophy  
are unconfirmed at the time of publication.

Please check [www.thegreenbook.org.uk](http://www.thegreenbook.org.uk) for updates.



## The Mike Evans Memorial Trophy for Excellence

The NSBA presented its highest-impact award, this year for Sail-Training.

Ben Falat, the NSBA Chairman presented the Association's Mike Evans Award to The Excelsior Trust, which is also an Affiliate of the NSBA.

The award was presented during the NSBA General Meeting in November 2025, and received by Jamie Campbell (centre) and John Irving (right), on behalf of The Excelsior Trust.



**EXCELSIOR has taken to sea over 11,000 often disadvantaged young people,** since

re-commissioning by HRH The Princess Royal at Lowestoft in 1988.

Sail-Training at sea changes lives: it works differently to other forms of engagement and it usually takes at least three days to 'reach' deep into a young person.

Regularly, the first time a new EXCELSIOR crew member has done anything as part of a team, is when they pull up EXCELSIOR's mainsail; if they don't hoist that sail, the boat doesn't move.

They sail out through the harbour mouth, relax and begin to enjoy the experience; within a couple of miles, they lose mobile signal, which will not be available again until they make next landfall. A little later, it dawns that they cannot get off; they are stuck – entirely out of their comfort zones, with unfamiliar crewmates in confined quarters below deck and in a sailing environment they don't understand.

They all lend a hand with cooking, washing up and sail changes; they are taught some basic navigation and all have a go at helming EXCELSIOR. Before long, they decide that night watches can be fun and they are picking up new skills at every turn and it's something they have done for themselves.

A different, more confident young person steps off EXCELSIOR at the end of their trip.

**One can delight that so many of the young crews volunteer and return to help with EXCELSIOR's winter maintenance at the Lowestoft shipyard.**

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 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 Administrator of the NSBA before 1 November in the year following its award.

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

The NSBA Committee most enthusiastically supported the nomination of Bill Clark.

Awarded this year to an individual whose personal determination, drive and liaisons with stakeholders regarding Bankside Management is evident in his leading volunteer teams (and providing them with in-the-field bacon-butties and teas) as well as producing heartfelt thoughtful YouTube videos, and personal engagement with outside bodies including a full gamut of RSPB, Natural England, Broads Authority, Wildlife Trusts and others.



The Trophy was presented by NSBA's Chairman Ben Falat at the NSBA General Meeting in November 2025.

Whereas the rules for this award preclude existing members of NSBA's Management Committee, it proved the catalyst for Bill to join this team anew for 2026.

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.
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- 6 The closing date for nominations is 30 September in any year. The nomination must reach the 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 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 2025.)*

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 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 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 2026 by 15 October 2026**