



Sailing Instructions

NHEBSC- Youth League

Dates

3rd May, 7th June, 21st June, 12th July, 16th Aug, 4th Oct 2026

Purpose

The youth league is new race series for under-18s to compete in. They will have their own start and their own results.

Format

The youth league runs on every first Sunday of the month from spring to autumn. This year the first race is Sunday 4th May and the last is Sunday 5th October. In total there are 6 races.

On each of the 6 race days there will be up to 3 races for the youth league same as for the seniors.

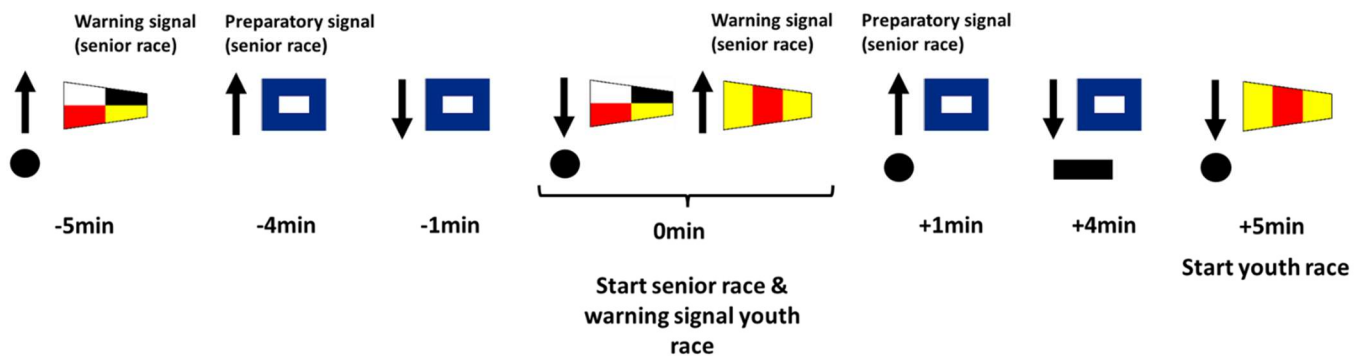
Anyone under 18 years old on 1st January 2025 will qualify to race in the youth-league. Within the youth-league there are two categories: **Cadets** (5-13 years old) and **Juniors** (14-17 years old). If are 13 years or younger on 1st January 2026, you'll be racing in the Cadets category.

The key is to have a fun series to get kids of all abilities interested and comfortable in racing. It should be fun, but also keep it fair.

Start

The start line is the same as for the senior race, but the youth league race will start 5 min after the senior race. This means the start of the senior race is the warning signal of the youth league race. There will be a special class flag (numeral pennant 0) for the youth league. We will also provide other visuals aid (coloured sticks) to indicate the count-down, so the kids can easily see how much time they have left.

The OPDs don't need to start another set of stop-watches. The senior time is the master-time and all times will relate to that. That means when the master-watch shows 5min, it's the start of the youth league race.



Course

The course will be the same as for the senior race. It's very likely that the youth league will have a lap less than the front of the senior race.

Finish

The finish line is the same as for the senior race and all boats will be finished together, i.e. there is no separate finish time for the youth league.

When entering the results for the youth league OODs need to make sure to reduce the finish time by 5min, as the started 5min after the timing started.

Results

The results of the race will count towards the current series (i.e. Spring, Early summer, etc) and also to the separate youth league.

There will be a separate tab on the web-site for the youth league. The best five race results will count towards the trophy, for each Cadets and Juniors.

Notes: