



Crewsaver ITCA (GBR) National Youth Squad ITCA (GBR) Intermediate National Youth Squad

The squads are organized by the class association for youth aged sailors. The aim of the squads is to provide Topper Sailors with the best possible race coaching, provided by a top quality coaching team, to help develop their advanced racing skills.

Applicants have to be GBR ITCA members.

The age range is 15 to 18 years by 31 December 2008.

Your application must be submitted online with all other squad applications. The online application form will be on the Topper website.

Selection to the squads requires sailors to compete in a minimum of two National Series Indicator events, and the National Championships, as well as competing in their Area Traveller events for the previous two years. If, for good reason, you cannot attend all the required events, you can still apply for a discretionary place, but you need to attach a covering letter explaining the circumstances in advance. The squad size is limited to 30 places in each squad. If applications exceed this number, then sailors' performance at the required events will be taken into account when places are offered.

National Series Indicator Events are: Largs, 14/15 June 2008. Oxford 12/13 July 2008. Pwllheli 6/7 September 2008.

National Championships: Paignton, 3 to 8 August 2008.

You can apply for a place in the RYA Junior Squad as well, however, you cannot accept places in more than one squad.

For Crewsaver ITCA (GBR) National Youth Squad sailors there are six weekends of training, which are 8/9 November 2008, 29/30 November 2008, 13/14 December 2008, 7/8 February 2009, 21/22 February 2009, and 14/15 March 2009.

The training is held at Pitsford Reservoir in Northampton. Accommodation is provided at the sailing club under the supervision of house parents.

The dates and venues for the ITCA Intermediate National Youth Squad are yet to be decided

In addition to six weekends training, a week's sea training at Bradwell for both squads will be organized around Easter. The squads will also receive support at the Inlands, Nationals, National series and Worlds. Any questions please contact Ian Patience, Head Coach.