

2010 Eric Twiname entries open on-line

So popular was last year's event that organisers' were forced to reluctantly turn away entries for 2009's full-to-capacity event as the popularity of the championships continues to swell. And with automatic selection to the 2011 ISAF Youth Team Racing World Championships up for grabs this year for the winning youth team, organisers are urging teams to submit their entries as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

The 2010 RYA Eric Twiname Youth and Junior Team Racing Championships will take place at Farmoor Reservoir, near Oxford on 16-17 October and entries will be exclusively through the RYA Racing Events website – www.rya.org.uk/racing/events

Entries will be accepted from teams of six to sail in three-boat teams in Firefly and Feva dinghies for the Youth and Junior events respectively with a maximum of 48 teams accepted; 24 Youth and 24 Junior.

Some 288 youngsters contested the event at Farmoor last October with teams entered from clubs, class associations, schools and RYA National and Zone Squads as well as some private entries.

This year teams will be looking to topple double event Youth Champions West Kirby Youth and 2009 Junior Champions Anglian Express from their perch. Youth teams will have at the forefront of their minds securing the opportunity to represent GBR in Schull, Ireland, at the World Championships.

To enter the RYA Eric Twiname Youth Team Racing Championships 2010, youth entries must be under the age of 19 as of 31st December 2010 but to be eligible for selection onto the 2011 World Championships team, at least two helm and two crew-members must also be under the age of 19 as of 31st December 2011.

Junior team entries to the event must be under the age of 16 as of 31st December 2010.

Entries for the 2010 RYA Eric Twiname Youth and Junior Team Racing Championships close on Monday 20 September and entry will only be confirmed once payment has been received in full. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.