

Max-immum efficiency

SAIL ace Max Nicholson has raced to the top prize after ten gruelling events in the Yorkshire and Humber-side Youth Traveller Series.

Against fierce competition, Ulley racer Max always finished in the top four and won the series with an event to spare.

The series was well attended with a number of sailors from Rotherham

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clubs highlighting that the town is still centre for family sailing.

Ulley's Commodore Mark Burkitt said: "Max joined us about four years ago and bought a small dinghy for £200 out of his own money.

"During those four years he has gone from being a complete novice to one of the best young sailors in Yorkshire and Humberside."

Max's prize is to hold the

Martin Pratt Memorial Shield for one year before returning it for the next series.

Max, however, is in good company because the shield has previously been held by a number of young sailors from Ulley. They include Olympic gold medallist Paul Goodison, the RYA's Youth Racing Manager Duncan Truswell and Mark Pinder, who won the very first Traveller Series and presented the shield to Max 25 years later.

Ulley continues to develop sailors to compete on the national and international stage and will welcome new members of all ages.

The club has successfully survived four years of disruption following the damage to the dam wall at the reservoir during the floods of 2007 and has now resumed full operations with an increasing membership and ambi-

tious plans for the future.

Max will represent the club in the Yorkshire team at the National Schools Sailing Association Regatta later this month along with around 15 other young hopefuls, before beginning his campaign to train for next year to defend his title.



● PROUD... Ulley's Max Nicholson