

## RSO VP Navigational Report for 2025

2025 was a poor season as far as navigational rallying is concerned.

In an attempt to improve entries and reduce the workload of the smaller number of organizers the schedule for 2025 was reduced to just four events. The idea was for those events to be "bigger and better" meaning they were supposed to present a greater challenge to competitors and at the same time provide them with a greater sense of accomplishment. The challenge was not to come from puzzles and tricks. This did not occur and the summer rallies were much the same as previous years.

Entries were down in 2025 over 2024 which in turn showed a decrease over 2023. Total entries for the 4 events was 21 compared to 48 for 2024 but that is also due to the lower number of events. However the average of 5.3 teams per event was also down from 10 in 2024.

Looking at averages only, the number of Expert teams per event at 4.8 actually increased in 2025 from 3.8 in 2024. But novice entries were down significantly being only 2 teams over all four events. The average of 0.5 compares to 2.3 in 2024.

As for individuals, there were 20 different people that competed in Expert compared to 28 in 2023. There were only 4 in Novice compared to 45 in 2024.

Of course there were many more people who helped as organizers and checkpoint crews.

There continues to be a core of Experts that compete on a regular basis but very few Novices continue to compete. They do an event or two and that's all.

No awards were presented in the Novice class as no one team did more than one event.

In conclusion 2025 was not a good year. We still need to find a way to attract and keep new teams.

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