NOVA ADEYEMI.

PILOT_017 · HALCYON AERO · MANCHESTER, UK

Nova Adeyemi is a British-Nigerian aerobatic display pilot from Manchester, in her second season with Halcyon Aero. She flies the Halcyon H3, paints the sky in cyan smoke, and has flown for more than a million spectators this year.



STORY

Nova saw her first air show at ten and has been looking up ever since. She flew gliders as a teenager, earned her private pilot's licence at eighteen, and found her calling on an aerobatics course soon after. Halcyon Aero signed her as a display pilot in 2025. In 2026 she is flying a 14-show tour across Europe and Africa, known for a calm, precise style and a signature finale, the Halcyon Knot.

QUICK FACTS

BORN	2004, Manchester, UK
FAMILY ROOTS	Lagos, Nigeria
TEAM	Halcyon Aero (since 2025)
DISPLAY NUMBER	017
AIRCRAFT	Halcyon H3 (see Hangar)
TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS	1,150
SIGNATURE FIGURE	The Halcyon Knot, a rolling loop that ends pointing at the crowd before pulling up into the sky

SEASONS

SEASON	DISPLAYS	DISPLAY-SEASON HOURS	COUNTRIES
2026 (11 of 14 flown)	11	214	7
2025 (debut)	9	168	3
Total	**20**	**382**	**7**

THREE QUESTIONS

WHY FLY?

“On the ground I think in steps. In the air I think in shapes. That switch still feels like magic.”

PRE-FLIGHT RITUAL?

“The full walk-around, every time, even if I flew the plane an hour ago.”

HARDEST FIGURE?

“The avalanche: a loop with a flick roll at the top. It takes one second, and you plan it for ten.”

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