

## **GOSPORT MODEL YACHT & BOAT CLUB**

South Path, Cockle Pond, Gosport, PO12 1FA, Hampshire

### **VANE “M” TEAM RACING OPEN 2026 - NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1. VENUE DATE AND SCHEDULE**

The 2026 Vane “M” Team Racing Open is to be held at Gosport Model Yacht & Boat Club, South Path, Cockle Pond, Gosport, PO12 1FA, Hampshire, on **Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th March 2026.**

Day 1 Saturday 7th March

08:30 Registration

09:45 Briefing, The Race Officer will advise the proposed finishing time

10:00 Start of racing

16:30 - End of Racing (Sunset is 17:56)

Day 2 Sunday 8th March

09:15 Briefing

09:30 Start of racing

16:00 End of Racing

16:30 Prize Presentation

#### **2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The organising authority for the event is the Gosport Model Yacht & Boat Club and the responsibility for the management of the event is delegated by the Club to the Race Organising Committee.

#### **3. ENTRIES & ELIGIBILITY**

Entry is open to members of all MYA members and is also open to members of foreign clubs affiliated to a Delegated National Member of IRSA.

Entries will be accepted up to 8 pm Wednesday 4th March 2026 as follows by email with a completed entry form as included with this NOR.

Please use this online entry form to submit your entry.

<https://forms.gle/xkm5paQ71KBHwei78>

The contact for entries or queries is Wayne Stobbs.

Email: [waynestobbs@gmail.com](mailto:waynestobbs@gmail.com).

Phone: +44 7786 916 367

After the closing date late entries may be accepted, but may incur an additional late entry fee. UK skippers must be MYA members. However, the MYA will arrange for occasional mates to have temporary membership for the duration of the event. This is at no cost, but names must be registered by the closing date for entries. This is for insurance purposes.

4. **ENTRY FEE** The race entry fee will be £15.00 per yacht for adult skippers and £10.00 for junior skippers. This is to be paid in advance using the details below.. Entry to the event is only confirmed once the entry fee and entry form is received.

Entry Fee to be paid to:

Account Name: Gosport Model Yacht & Boat Club

Sort Code: 30-93-56

Account Number: 46461560

Please add a Reference of "VM" followed by your surname and initial, eg VMSmithF

#### 5. **REGISTRATION & BRIEFING**

Skippers' MYA status will be checked on the MYA Web Site.

Emergency contact details should be filled in on the entry form.

Teams of Two yachts will be drawn at random during the Saturday briefing.

If possible, a Vintage and a Classic or Modern design in each pair.

For the purpose of this event we define:

"Vintage" as the yachts designed from the inception of the "M" Class rule in the early 1930's, through to the late 1960's. During this period it was a class rule that the circumference of a 2" disc must fit between the hull and the garboard. Typical examples of these designs are "Witchcraft", "Foxtrot" and the many Stan Witty designs such as "Manta", etc.

"Classic" covers early fin and bulb designs, when the 2" garboard arrangement was discontinued, up to circa 1980, e.g. "Blood Axe", "Reflection", Bill Sykes "Sula", etc.

"Modern" are boats designed after 1980

#### 6. **RULES**

Racing will be governed by the current version of the following rules:

MYA Free Sailing Yacht Racing Rules (FSYRR)

MYA Free Sailing Class Rules Supplement (FSCRS)

(The above can be downloaded from the MYA Knowledge Base)

This Notice of Race

#### 7. **BOAT STORAGE**

Competitors' yachts and equipment can be stored in the Clubhouse overnight, at owners' risk. Please remove after completion of racing on Sunday.

## **8. TROPHIES & PRIZES**

### **TROPHIES**

The MYA Marblehead Team Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winning team. Trophies are perpetual. Should any be won by an overseas resident, the perpetual trophy will remain in the UK.

### **PRIZES**

There shall be 3 additional prizes on offer, these will be awarded to the highest placed Vintage, Classic and Modern marblehead respectively.

Additional Prizes may be awarded.

## **9. MEASUREMENT**

The Race Officer may direct that boats in the event shall be check measured. Random spot checks may be carried out throughout the duration of the event.

Vintage and Classic boats should be equipped in keeping with the class at the time of their design.

## **10. FINISHING TIME**

The Race Officer will advise competitors of any changes to the finishing times in this NOR at the morning briefings.

## **11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

All those entering or taking part in this event do so at their own risk and responsibility. The MYA, the organising authority, the host club and any other parties involved in the organisation of this event disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods both ashore or on the water as a consequence of entering or participating in the event covered by this Notice of Race. At all times the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves, plus the decision to participate or continue must rest with the competitors.

## **12. OTHER INFORMATION**

All boats shall have a draught of no more than 450mm (17 ¾ inches). This will ensure you can sail and retrim the full length of the banks.

There is a charge for car parking at the lakeside car park.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Clubhouse before and during racing, free of charge. The Lakeside Cafe and Bar above the club house should be open on both Saturday and Sunday from where you can pre-order sandwiches and drinks to be ready for any planned lunch break.

Anyone wishing to sail as a “mate” or join the team of race officials, for all or just part of the event, will be most welcome. Please contact Wayne Stobbs using the details in 3.