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MYA Yearbook 2026

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The President's Year - A few words from Derek



Looking back on the year's sailing events, in a rainy December, it seems a long way from sipping a G&T on our sunny Airbnb balcony in Croatia in March, with Mick & Jackie Chamberlain, and Peter & Judith Baldwin, at the IOM Europeans.

That got me thinking about what a fantastic, diverse, all-inclusive sport we have. With boats costing from as little as £150, (the price of admittance to some football grounds to watch 1 game) a df65 or an old but still competitive free sailing 36" yacht is very much within the reach of most people. Add to this the constant flow of interest from some ex-dinghy & keelboat "full sized" sailors, and our sport can only keep expanding.

The MYA organisation and its member clubs do great work to keep this expansion of the sport accelerating whether this is through something as simple as providing the "For Sale and Wanted Forum" to allow boats to change hands, helping clubs to organise themselves, welcoming new clubs into the fold, encouraging the development of new classes (DF's) or as we are at the present, organising a World Championship for 84 of the World's best IOM sailors to compete at Datchet in May.

Model yachting is a very great part of my life and, looking back at my sailing year, I've been lucky enough to have sailed across all levels and in almost all classes all over the country and abroad, including,

RM Worlds in France,

IOM Europeans in Croatia,

IOM Nationals at Lincoln,

RA Nationals at East Kent,

DF95 Nationals at East Kent,

DF65 Nationals at Lincoln.

F/S (free sailing) A Nationals week at Gosport.

F/S 36" Nationals at Fleetwood

F/S M Nationals at Fleetwood

DF TT weekends at WLYC Southport, Dartmoor, & Fleetwood,

IOM rankings at Scarborough, Datchet & Woodspring.

DF65 weekend at Greenock.

6m away day for Fleetwood members to Bournville.

IOM one-day events at Keighley, Lincoln & Birkenhead.

And at my own club, Fleetwood, I've been able to take part in or help with F/S A, M & 36" and R/C Lasers, DF65 & 95, IOMs and 6metres. We are very fortunate that we race all those classes, and we have a good crossover of members from F/S to R/C (remote control) and vice versa, so there are a few spare sailors to help at F/S events. I'm sure that this also happens at other clubs.

So, there you have it, our sport... something for everyone...

Whether it's a pastime for a few hours a month, or like me, 2nd only in importance to your family! It's a great sport to be a part of.

I look forward to maybe seeing you on the water in 2026.

Derek

The logo for ACERSAIL, featuring the word "ACERSAIL" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, centered within a thin red circular border.

ACERSAIL, the acronym for the MYA Radio Sailing League (**A**ffiliated **C**lubs **E**ncouraging **R**adio **S**ailing) was introduced as a replacement for the older MYA League. It aims to provide data as needed to understand participation, while also enabling individuals and clubs to compete in a league without the need to travel long distances to be included. This encourages skippers to participate in Open events, both at their own clubs and also at away events.

John Smith from the Gosport MYBC collates the information and presents an annual report, which is available for download **HERE**. We thank John for his continued support of the data collection. The league runs from the 1st of November to the end of October annually, allowing the prizes to be presented at the AGM alongside the MYA Syan and Chris Dicks awards.

Derek Priestley presented the annual MYA awards at the 2025 AGM

First award went to the Rudyard RSC for their continued growth and increased competitiveness, which gave them the 2025 Step Up Trophy as calculated by the excellent ACERSAIL results service run by John Smith of Gosport. The individual winner was once again Nigel Barrow, who narrowly pipped Paul Middleton right at the end. Derek then took delight

in presenting the club award to Olly Murray and Paul Middleton of the Fleetwood MY&PBC. Well done, Club Fleetwood.

Following these awards, Derek presented the annual awards for service to the sport, and once again, these were accompanied by a brief introduction. The Syan award for 2025 was presented to Judith and Peter Baldwin for their service to the sport at the Club, District, and National level. Peter and Judith are a formidable race team and an invaluable asset to the sport.

The Chris Dicks Award for design went to a designer that everyone involved with the sport will have heard of, and Derek introduced the winner by way of a speech intertwined with all his designs, which took quite a while. I think that everyone had guessed after the first sentence, but for those who were not there, it was Graham Bantock.

Well done to all our winners.

Click on the images below to scroll through the winners being presented with their awards.





Nigel Barrow collecting the ACERSAIL Individual League Winners Tankard



Olly, Paul (and Derek) collect the ACERSAIL League Club trophy



Peter & Judith Baldwin, winners of the Syan Trophy for 2025



Graham Bantock Receiving the Chris Dicks Award

Vice Chair - 2025, Where has it gone...



*It feels like only yesterday we were looking forward to spring and the first big events of the year. For me, that started with the **IOM Ranking in Scarborough back in March**—a first for the club, the venue, and the class. Scarborough was a blast (even the quirky hotel added to the fun!), and from there, the year became a whirlwind of sailing, travelling, working, and MYA activity—with a little family time squeezed in.*

And now, here we are, drafting this. Maybe it's my age, but 2025 seems to have flown by without a pause!

Council and Volunteers – The Backbone of Our Sport

*Your council continues to provide the framework that keeps radio and free sailing thriving. While much of this work happens behind the scenes, there are very few days when council members aren't working on something to benefit the membership. Some contributions are obvious—like posting event dates or arranging group insurance—while others have a longer-term impact. Without this dedication, the sport simply wouldn't be the same. We welcomed **Dave Morris** as South & West District Councillor, and his progress has been fantastic—long may it continue!*

A huge thank you to everyone on the council for your time and commitment.

*Equally important are the volunteers across the country who keep our clubs and districts running—maintaining lakes, setting courses, painting clubhouses, and updating race results. **Without you, we truly wouldn't have a sport.***

Special Thanks

Two members deserve special recognition as they step down from their roles:

- **Nick Cowern** – IOM Registrar
- **Bill Green** – 6M and A Class Registrar

Both have served for years, providing invaluable support to members. Thank you, Nick and Bill—we hope to see you lakeside soon!

Communication and Progress

Like many organisations, the MYA has struggled to tread the line between the old ways of communication and more modern digital methods for a number of years. 2025 has been the year that we have finally given in and accepted that online is the way forward. Some, maybe many of you, will not see this as progress, but unfortunately, in a modern world, a volunteer organisation can't attempt to provide paper copies of newsletters, yearbooks, calendars, and an integrated IT solution. The time required, alongside the costs, to duplicate items is prohibitive. With this in mind, the council has agreed that certification and registrations will be moved online and is actively working to make this possible. The IOM class registrar has been using an online record system for some time, and with Jim La Roche coming on board as IOM registrar, the whole process, including uploading of documents, is now available to MYA members via the website. Other classes will be brought into this process as time permits.

The MYA website is constantly updated and worth bookmarking as a favourite on your PC or device.

Click [HERE](#) to visit it.

(Tip: Social media is great for instantly reporting things, but it very quickly disappears. The MYA website archives all its news, so worth sending a copy of the website...)

Since COVID-19, the council has embraced online meetings, now supplemented with monthly catch-ups alongside formal sessions. These allow more frequent updates and greater participation and are available for members to attend if you have a question to raise or an interest in a topic. A request to Jen or me can facilitate this easily. (There are limits on numbers by the software, so attendance may be limited if required.)

Darin - Vice Chair



Racing Matters with Nigel Barrow

Racing has been close and exciting in all the classes this year. The IOM's were dominated by Brad Gibson, winning most of the key events. The perennial challenge of securing a competitive boat appears to be resolving itself. With the availability of Juan Egea's Alioth design a couple of years ago, followed by the release of Craig Richards' Proteus design, 3d printers are hard at work putting new hulls on the water. New glass epoxy designs are emerging, and soon we should see a one metre from none other than Joysway's. The boat is blow-moulded, and early versions look impressive, but there is no information on the release date yet. Of course, the Britpop, V12, Venti, and the VISS are still the boats of choice for top regattas, but for how long before a new dominant design emerges? Rob Walsh was narrowly beaten for the IOM European Championship held in Rogoznica, Croatia, with the final race pushing him to 3rd. Graham Elliott, in 6th, was our other representative in the Gold Fleet created by the SHRS scoring system, a system that many in the UK are still uncertain about.

The Marblehead and 10 Rater classes are still strong, with some new boats launched over the year and more coming in 2026. Craig Richards led the Marblehead class again at the nationals. Darin Ballington and Chris Harris narrowly missed winning the M Worlds in France, but both stood on the podium at the end. Graham Bantock is still leading the field in the 10

Raters, in his own design, and was placed second at the Worlds and first at the Nationals. Graham also cleaned up in the A class and 6 Metre Nationals, also in his own design. There is activity for new builds in both Vane A and Radio A, in fact, there seems to be a surge in vane sailing, which is the purest form of the sport and possibly the hardest, which may be why we always see Chris Harris at the front of the fleet winning the Vane A and Vane 36" nationals. The Vane 36" Nationals, I understand, was a spectacle to behold with boats running downwind in up to 40 knots of wind. Only the fittest could keep up with them.

The popularity of the DF classes remains high, with 134 competitors entered in one or more of the TT events, and this class has encouraged many new competitors into the radio sailing sport. Nobody was able to topple John Tushingham in either the DF 65 or the DF 95 Nationals or the TT series, for that matter. Will he succeed at the Globals in South Africa in October 2026? That covers the top events, but the bulk of the MYA community is involved purely in club racing, and looking at the regular reports in Yachts and Yachting, we are blessed with strong memberships and the addition of several new clubs this year. The DF classes are a godsend to new members. Easy to buy, quick to deliver, and offers one design racing out of the box. Once fleets are established, the lure of the traditional classes is ever to expand a skipper's private fleet. The author has the privilege of racing at many clubs over the year and is pleased to report they are in rude health with ample volunteers willing to host visitors for open events and to talk about the strength of each club.

Racing through 2025 has been fun, competitive, exciting, and sometimes dramatic. We have a wonderful sport which must be nurtured and developed. The author hopes you had a great year's racing and looks forward to meeting up with many skippers in the new year.

Nigel Barrow -MYA Racing Officer



2025 MYA National Champions

Radio Sailing:

IOM – Brad Gibson – Birkenhead RS&PC

Marblehead – Craig Richards – Datchet Radio Sailing

10 Rater – Graham Bantock – Chelmsford RYC

A Class – Graham Bantock – Chelmsford RYC

6 Metre – Graham Bantock – Chelmsford RYC

36" – Olly Murray – Fleetwood MY&PBC

RG65 – Alan Bennett – Etherow Model Boat Club

DF65 – John Tushingham – Keighley & District MES

DF 95 – John Tushingham – Keighley & District MES

Vane:

A Class – Chris Harris – Windrush RYC / Graham Bantock – Chelmsford RYC

36" – Chris Harris – Windrush RYC

Marblehead – Lewis Wyeth – Gosport MYBC



Technical Talk - Graham Bantock

The early part of the year saw the much-needed rules revision for the 6 Metre class roll through the process of consultation with owners, carried out directly by sending those able to receive communications by email a ballot with the various options. This was delayed somewhat by an interpretation of the COG Framework to determine that owners had made a legitimate class rule change proposal. Although the owners' proposal was defeated, the other class rule changes received 80-98% support and came into effect on 1st October.

A move to all online registers for the adopted classes was approved by Council and will be implemented as Austin's time permits. Bill Green, registrar for the 6M and A Classes, and Nick Cowern, registrar for the IOM, will pass these roles on to Martin Dovey and Jim La Roche, respectively. Both Bill and Nick have served for a long time and deserve our grateful thanks for their contribution to the sport.

A proposal to Council that, if supported, would mean anyone associated with businesses related to the sport could not be members of the IOMICA executive was discussed. If supported by Council and proposed to the IOMICA General Assembly, naturally, it would be logical to employ the same approach within the MYA where it would affect Council's ability to administer the technical side of the sport considerably, so the proposal was not supported.

The development of an MYA version of the RYA's Sail Measurement Course is ongoing and, after approval by the RYA, should be rolled out next year.

Graham Bantock, MYA Technical Officer



District Views

Click [HERE](#) to visit the district websites



Northern District sailors have had a very competitive year and are top of the list on MYA Acersail once again!

The MYA Acersail (club League) lists the Northern District as the number 1 district for racing participation and traveling out of all Districts within the MYA. Although we're not the largest district numerically (either by clubs or members), we've beaten all the other Districts to be at the top, with Fleetwood, Birkenhead, and Keighley clubs all finishing in the top 10 clubs, from the 84 that appear on the list. In addition, 6 sailors from the District figure in the top 10

from the total of 493 who posted scores. The Chairman and Committee wish to congratulate everyone who helped us achieve this result, travelling far and wide around the country.

We've welcomed more new clubs joining us this year, and we're already seeing their members at our Open events.

Keighley has undertaken a great initiative, running sailing training courses, leading to several new and keen members.

The Free sailing (vane) 36r National championship was held at Fleetwood for only the 2nd time since its inception in 1932. The entry list was peppered with National and World Champions, and they were rewarded with a fantastic weekend's racing with some amazing spinnaker runs in the 30 knots of westerly wind straight down the lake.

The District is once again holding an IOM Winter Series with a total of 5 events at different clubs around the District. By the year-end at the Twixmas event, two events will have been run, with three more slated for the New Year.

We have 440 Members and 10 Juniors in the District based at 29 Clubs. Two New Clubs have joined us this year in the form of West Kirby SC and Dovestone SC, both currently just racing DF95's.

District Chairman Derek Priestley

District Secretary Paul Rudkin

District Councillor Peter Baldwin

District Racing Officer Roger Crates

Technical & Measurement Damian Ackroyd

You may contact the District Councillor via the Contact Us page on the MYA website, selecting the Northern District Councillor or the President if you wish to contact the District Chairman. Other positions are not directly contactable via the Contacts page. Please do this via the District Councillor in the first instance.

Peter Baldwin - ND Councillor



The MYA Midland District has seventeen clubs with venues from Leek to the Cotswolds. These range from the traditional model yacht clubs with city park venues to full-sized sailing clubs with a radio sailing section based on reservoirs.

The district clubs cater for all MYA classes from the largest to the smallest, whether you home make, build from commercial parts, or assemble from a kit, there will be plenty of experience you can draw on in our district. We even have a measurement team that can help you ensure that your yacht complies with the class rule.

The most popular classes we race are the IOM, DF95, and 6M, all of which have dedicated followers who participate in their own district racing series during the year. Most of the larger events and Opens are hosted over the weekends, which does not mean there is no mid-week sailing. There is a very active club scene at most venues, which provide year round competitive racing opportunities, a great way to gain experience and good friendship.

There is a full list of the Midland District clubs on the MYA website. Click Membership, Midland District, and from the list on the right-hand side select Midland District Clubs, choose a club close to you, check the sailing venue, see what classes they sail, check out their website link, and make contact with the club secretary. I am sure that you will be made welcome.

Bill Green - MD Councillor



The M&S District is the largest of the MYA Districts, covering an area from the Kent Coast, south of the Thames, and extending as far as Hampshire. It comprises 32 clubs and over 650 members, constituting nearly a third of the MYA. District clubs sail on a wide variety of waters, including seaside lakes, reservoirs, natural lakes and ponds, including ponds in the grounds of royal palaces.

All classes of boats are well catered for, and there has been recent growth with the adoption of the DF classes of boats. The District runs a championship series for IOMs, the Games Marbleheads series, a weekday DF95 series, and a 10Rater championship. The District clubs also host a number of National Championships.

In 2026, Datchet Radio Sailing is hosting the IOM World Championships.

Peter Wilkins - M&S District Councillor



MYA Scottish District Committee

The Scottish District (SD) comprises fifteen clubs (11 in Scotland, 3 in Northern Ireland), over 230 MYA members, and numerous classes (IOM, DF95, DF65, RC Lasers, R6M, and free sailing). We promote SD activities and the sport via the MYA SD website with high-quality event reports, results, and photos. These are also shared internationally via Yachts and Yachting, Sail-World.com, etc. The efforts of all SD volunteer committee members, club officials, race team members, and measurers are acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

A special vote of thanks must be given to the retiring MYA Scottish District Senior Measurer (Steve Taylor). Steve has served in this role for 10 years. During this time, he has helped guide the Scottish District to apply very high standards amongst the IOM fleet and has also significantly influenced IOM measurement standards at a UK-wide level. Furthermore, he has provided excellent service to the MYA SD Committee to the benefit of all our members. Well done, Steve, and thank you.

MYA Scottish District affiliated members (as of October 2025)

The MYA membership of 230 is an increase of 11 from last year, demonstrating that the Scottish District continues to flourish. (NB It is recognised that there may also be club members who are not MYA members.) In addition, there has been good support from the membership for the various SD racing events organised throughout the year.

2025 MYA SD Expenditure

During 2025, two requests have been submitted and approved by the MYA Treasurer to cover costs incurred by the MYA Scottish District. We are very grateful to Ralph Knowles for his work associated with the refurbishment of the MYA SD Wooden Hull IOM Championship trophy

John Owens -Scottish District Chairman.



Having taken up the challenge of this vital post, I was quite relieved to know that the existing Clubs were most welcoming to the idea of my taking the chance to do so, so that we could

together get the district re-motivated as soon as possible with better inter-Club contact. The recent advent of two clubs, one in Somerset and the other in West Cornwall, has been a revelation for all concerned. Their numbers are growing with new and established sailors on both counts. We have also gained 2-3 Welsh Clubs into the bargain for the District after a lapse of a few years. To expand further, some of the guys from Woodspring and Durleigh mentioned to me that the previous SWD IOM District Series was being brought back as a viable entity. Well, with some good response from ALL of the Sailing Secretaries from our District Clubs, we have an ongoing event that starts on the 22nd of February at Poole. The entries look promising with more to enter, one hopes. Any one class at a time and other District class racing, say DF65/95 could emerge shortly if wanted by you, the helms. It is surely a matter of fitting in new events alongside already ongoing dates. The biggest danger is widening too far in events that can lead to overdoing it. That is not what we are about, of course. Traveling more and with longer journeys nowadays has been a recent issue that will not help matters. But we soldier on within our individual scopes and demands from the sport we love. Hopefully, this summer I shall no doubt make a vacation to West and South Wales with a DF95 to meet the guys over there and to join in with their events. I had sent a message to all SWD clubs as to where the District trophies were. I had no idea where they were situated, but to my great relief, both have been recovered from various locations. Thank you guys for the welcome replies I received. Until next time, have a good racing season ahead from me, and I hope to see the majority of you at various events down here in the District ..

Dave Morris SWD Rep



Another successful year for the Eastern District, with all clubs reporting an increase in the number of sailors taking part in Club events. The Eastern District Series events were well attended in the DF 95, 6M, IOM, and DF65. All events were well run by the respective Club Committees which shows that there is an interest to see how events are run. Four of the District clubs took advantage of the MYA Grants to help improve the running of events and safety at these Events

Unfortunately, there is still an attitude of apathy at some of the clubs, and it was shown at the ED AGM where only two clubs were represented. Plans are now at hand to try and improve the situation and bring Clubs together online.

The district is finding it very difficult to find a Racing Secretary, despite some very experienced sailors in the district. This problem could well cost the district the various Series events, which would be a great shame. Only time will tell if we can get over the problem.

The 6M National Championship was held at Norwich over the weekend of 17th & 18th May, and was won by Graham Bantock with a local sailor, John Hanton coming in second position. We see this as an indication of how well the standard of sailing has increased in our region. The Eastern District 6M Series was a great success, with 16 skippers entering the event. John Hanton was the winner with Lester Gilbert as runner up.

Lester Gilbert is proving to be a big asset to the Region as he is now training up new 6M measurers.

The DFD95 class ED Series events proved to be very popular and were held at Norwich, Huntingdon, Alton, The Broads and Coal House Fort to support 31 skippers. Buzz Coleman was the winner with Glen Meekcoms runner up and the young Ben Wallace in 3rd place. A special well done to Ben, we will be watching your rise to stardom with interest.

The one disappointment was the ED DF65 Championship which was held at Coal House Fort and was attended by only 7 skippers.

Eastern District IOM Team Event

The first of these events took place at Norwich SC on 27th April, six clubs attended with teams of 3 skippers each. The first 6 individual places were shared by the skippers from Huntingdon and Chelmsford.

The result went down to the wire, with 2 Chelmsford skippers coming 1st and 2nd giving them victory by 1 point. We look forward to 2026 and hope that the few problems we have will be resolved.

Vinnie Zammit

Eastern District Councillor



Help for the Clubs and Skippers

*There is a wealth of knowledge within the MYA membership, and over the years, much of this has been recorded. This can be found in the **MYA Knowledge Base (kb)**, which can be viewed [HERE](#).*

Make sure you search the Acquaint Back Issues whilst in the kb where there are lots of interesting downloadable articles.

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2026 Events



The full calendar of events for 2026 can be found on the MYA Website [HERE](#)

For 2026 onwards, all National Championships for classes with a ranking system will be competing for 200 points. The MYA National Championship and Ranking Regulations will be updated to include this change

The following dates are confirmed for the MYA National Championships

Radio Sailing:

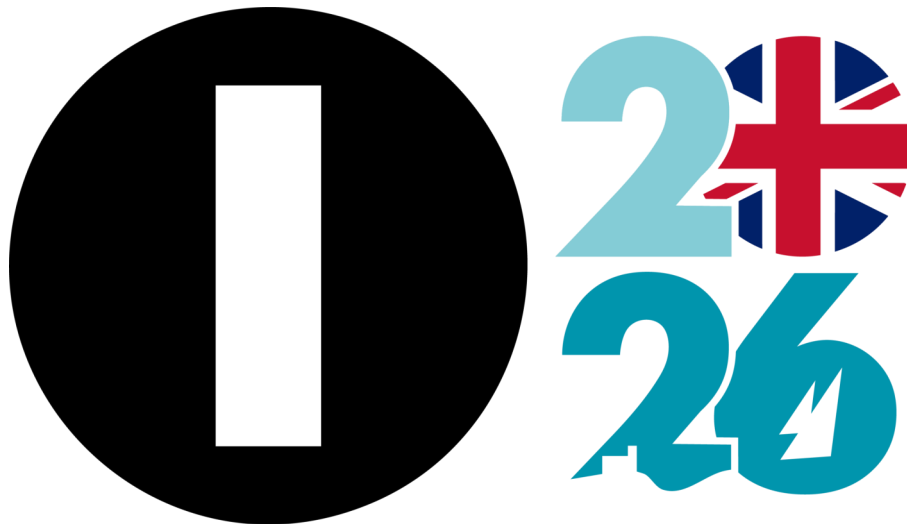
- **IOM - 3rd to 6th April 2026 @ Datchet Radio Sailing**
- **Marblehead - 25th to 27th September 2026 @ Fleetwood MY&PBC**
- **A Class - 1st to 2nd August 2026 @ Fleetwood MY&PBC**
- **10 Rater - 19th to 20th September 2026 @ Datchet Radio Sailing**
- **6 Metre - 6th to 7th June 2026 @ Bournville RS&MBC**
- **36" - 1st November 2026 @ Bournville RS&MBC**
- **DF 65 - 6th to 7th June 2026 @ East Kent RSC**
- **DF 95 - 22nd to 23rd August 2026 @ Lincoln RSC**
- **RG65 - 20th to 21st June 2026 @ East Kent RSC**

Vane:

- **A Class - "Vane Week" 25th to 31st July 2026 @ Fleetwood MY&PBC**

- 36" - 2nd to 5th May 2026 @ Gosport MBYC
- Marblehead - 17th to 18th October 2026 @ Fleetwood MY&PBC

2026 IOM World Championships



IOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DATCHET WATER UK 2026

17th May to 23rd May 2026 - Datchet Water Sailing Club

The "**BIG ONE**" for the IOM radio sailing community in the UK is the **2026 IOM World Championships** to be held at the Datchet Radio Sailing venue, just outside of London. This will see 84 of the most competitive IOM skippers from 28 countries compete for the title of World Champion. The MYA is supporting this event and providing the race team with its vast experience in quality race management. Although the entry process is complete and places already booked, in fact, the event has received over 130 entry forms; any MYA member is welcome to attend during the week-long sailing to watch the very best racing. There is plenty of space to park, and the clubhouse will be available if the weather is unpleasant.

The MYA website will have updates, but for the very latest news, please visit the event website: www.iomworlds2026.com and the radio sailing socials.

Build-up has already started with some fantastic articles on www.yachtsandyachting.com, but the racing takes place from the 17th to the 23rd of May 2026.



50 Marbleheads for 50 Years



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50 MARBLEHEADS FOR FLEETWOOD'S 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY.

RM National Championship Sept Fri 25th 1300 to Sun 27th 1400

Pre Notice Of Race

It's 50 years this year since Fleetwood MYC first hosted the MYA Radio Marblehead Championship. So, we're planning a BIG celebration of Marbleheads and we would like to get 50 boats, one for each year, taking part, to truly celebrate 50 years of Radio Marbleheads

To encourage this we're planning races within a race, offering prizes for several groups of designs within the Marblehead class. The design dates are approximate as are the examples of designs. E&OE. !

Early vintage, designed up to 1976 (Aquaplane, Teacher's Pet, Klug Ghibli, Electra, Genie, Overture, Seahorse Mk 1&2, Squiblet, Ashanti, various vane f/S designs. i.e. Bloodaxe) We have a Klug & Mk 2 Seahorse being refurbished to offer for loan for the event.

Later vintage, designed up to 1980 (Mk 3 Seahorse, Trapper, Osprey, Pickaxe, Maverick, Sea Urchin, 247, etc) We have a Mk 3 seahorse for loan.

Early Classic designed up to 1986 (Anja, Boogie, Bee, Cedar Club, Rajah, Heartbeat, Sea Scamp, No Secret, Deception, Kisutch, Magik etc.) We have a Sea Scamp to offer for loan.

Later classic designed up to 1992 (Aixtra, Berlingo, Crazy Tube, Hush Hush, Enigma, Havoc, Kiwi Concept, Skalpel, Whisper, Paradox, SWAG, Roar Edge, Remix etc.)

Early Modern designed up to 2000 (Astra, Rock, Crazy Tube, Cumulus, Slick, Rad, Strad, Starkers, etc)

Modern designed up to 2026, (Starkers 3 Quark, Grunge, Indie, F 3,4,5,6 series, Freak Wave, Dreadnought, Prime Number, Astrix, Pixel, etc)

There must be absolutely loads of Marbleheads gathering dust in lofts & garages all around the country and abroad. If you have one, why not get it out and get it ready and come and race with us and give the old girl an outing. Or, if you can't take part yourself make your boat available for someone else to use and help us get to our target of 50 Marbleheads.

RYA

RACING CHARTER

Lakeside behaviour is important to our association as it not only impacts our members but also gives a poor impression of our sport to those members of the public who may be nearby or watching the racing.

The MYA has adopted the **RYA Racing Charter** and supports its use and implementation. If you have any questions about the charter, please contact the MYA Race Officer.

RYA Racing Charter

Applies equally to everyone involved in sailboat racing

Principles

Fair Racing

Competitors agree to race fairly; organisers and officials agree to provide fair racing; support persons agree to encourage fair racing and uphold the principles of this Charter.



Fair Resolution

Disputes will be addressed in a timely and proper manner by those responsible; parties involved will use established tools for achieving a fair resolution.



Respect

Foul, abusive, aggressive and discriminatory language or behaviour, or a lack of respect for others and their property, will not be tolerated.



Accountability

Those who take unfair advantage of sailing's self-policing nature, or behave inappropriately, can expect action to be taken against them.



Why?

Ensures sailboat racing is **fair, welcoming and inclusive to all**



Provides a framework for **all-round enjoyment**



Encourages **life long** sailboat racing

In Practice

What YOU should expect

- Racing that is inclusive, fair, enjoyable and safe.
- Facilities, organisation and race management of acceptable standards and appropriate to the event.
- Opportunities to give feedback.
- Prompt resolution of any disputes.



What is expected of YOU

- Courtesy and respect to other competitors, officials and other water users, both afloat and ashore.
- Compliance with rules; taking a penalty when required by the rules.
- Use of provided tools to resolve any disputes.

The RYA encourages the use of the following tools...

for the resolution of Racing Disputes:

Post-Race Penalty Advisory Meetings Protest Hearings Arbitration

for Unacceptable Behaviour:

Rule 2 Protest Rule 69 Hearing



For further information, visit www.rya.org.uk/racingrules

Click [HERE](#) to download a version for your club.



MYA

Radio and Free Sailing in the UK

Your MYA - The Future

Member Engagement – A Changing Landscape

We often hear concerns about member apathy toward council activities. AGM returns suggest our work isn't always seen as exciting reading—but that's okay. It reflects a shift in emphasis. Members still value the MYA, but as radio sailing matures and social media thrives, the council's role is evolving. We're moving backstage—supporting rather than directing.

That said, **we need fresh volunteers** to keep the MYA relevant. Several roles are open, and we'd especially love someone to help with **publicity**—sharing our sport with a wider audience and reporting on major events. This doesn't have to be a council role, so if you're interested, please step forward!

Your Contacts for 2026

- MYA Vice Chair - Darin Ballington
- MYA Secretary - Jen Hand
- MYA Racing Officer - Nigel Barrow
- MYA Technical Officer - Graham Bantock
- MYA International Officer - James Hadden
- MYA Digital Communication Officer - Austin Guerrier
- MYA Treasurer - David Rose
- MYA President - Derek Priestley
- MYA Trustee - Vic Bellerson
- MYA Trustee - Mike Kemp
- MYA District Councillor - North - Peter Baldwin
- Northern District Website [HERE](#)
- MYA District Councillor - Midlands - Bill Green
- Midland District Website [HERE](#)
- MYA District Councillor - Met & Southern - Peter Wilkins
- Met & Southern District Website [HERE](#)
- MYA District Councillor - South & West - Dave Morris
- South & West District Website [HERE](#)

- MYA District Councillor - Eastern - Vinnie Zammit
- Eastern District Website [HERE](#)
- MYA Scottish District
- Scottish District Website [HERE](#)
- MYA Class Registrars

To contact any of the above, please click on the link [HERE](#)

Situations Vacant!

The council is also looking for volunteers to help expand the sport, these don't always need to be in a council capacity, and anyone who is interested in getting involved a little more should contact any council member via the contact sheet on the website.

Roles currently looking for volunteers:

Immediately -

- Chair of the MYA
- Publicity

From the 2026 AGM

- Digital Communications Officer
- Membership Secretary

Please contact us if you wish to enquire about any of the above.

Thanks

The MYA relies on volunteers who provide the backbone of the sport, for which we give our thanks.

Your MYA Council also has several volunteers who are "backstage" and rarely seen, and this is the time to thank them.

In no particular order:

- Jen Hand - Our rock and the person who keeps us all in line
- Austin Guerrier - Our technical wizard who has quietly transformed the website and introduced many of the IT elements that we now rely on.
- David and Mark Rose - The father and Son team who keep control of the pennies.

- Vic Bellerson and Mike Kemp - The trustees who offer advice and perspective.

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