

**M.Y.A. VANE "A" CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP &
YACHTING MONTHLY CUP
NOTICE OF RACE**

**Hosted by
FLEETWOOD MODEL YACHT & POWER BOAT CLUB
SATURDAY 25th to FRIDAY 31st JULY 2026**

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Dear Vane "A" Class Enthusiasts,

1. EVENT SCHEDULE

The Fleetwood Club is proud to be once again hosting the MYA Vane "A" Class National Championship which will be for the 45th occasion since the opening of our lake in 1932.

- Saturday 25th July** 10-00 to 18-00 Registration & Practice
19-00 to 21-00 "Jacob's Join" meal in the Clubhouse,
where participants bring food to share amongst themselves.
Please bring your own drinks
TOTs Teams drawing at random
Clubs submit their Neptune Teams
- Sunday 26th July** 09-45 Competitors' Initial Briefing,
10-00 Racing starts, no heats to start after 16-30 each day
There will be a lunch break around 13-00 each day except
Tuesday
19-00 Carvery Meal at North Euston Hotel
- Monday 27th July** 09-15 Competitors' Briefing
09-30 Racing starts
- Tuesday 28th July** 09-15 Competitors' Briefing
No heat to start after 13-00
14-00 Afternoon off for this competition.
- Wednesday 29st July** "Yachting Monthly Cup"
09-45 Competitors' Briefing
10-00 Racing starts
19-00 Fish & Chips & Pimms Party plus Quiz to Celebrate
100 yrs of YM Cup. Free to Competitors, Officials & Guests.
Please bring your own drinks
- Thursday 30th July** Continuation of Vane "A" Nationals
09-15 Competitors' Briefing
09-30 Racing starts
- Friday 31st July** 09-15 Competitors' Briefing
09-30 Racing starts
No heat to start after 16-00
19-00 Free BBQ and Prize Presentation in the Clubhouse
Please bring your own drinks.

“Choppa” Yacht Junior Racing to fit in at a convenient time and weather conditions.

2. LOCATION

Fleetwood MY&PBC, Model Yacht Lake, Laidleys Walk, Fleetwood, FY7 7JL

3. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY

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

Enter by email to Peter Whiteside at peterwhiteside@talktalk.net.

Closing date for entries is Saturday 11th July 2026, but it would be helpful if those intending to race could advise the above at an earlier date.

4. ENTRY FEES

Event entry fees are £65-00 for Seniors and £20-00 for Juniors, the latter under the age of 18 years on Saturday 25th July 2026.

Payment by Bank Transfer direct to:

Fleetwood Model Yacht Club

Sort Code 40 12 13

Account No 82200562

OR

Pay in cash, either at the Vane “A” Weekend, 20th & 21st June 2026, or on 25th July, at Championship Registration.

Skippers entering the National Championship will automatically be entered in the YM Cup Competition, for no extra cost, unless they notify the Race Committee otherwise.

Competitors who wish only to sail in the YM Cup and not the National Championship will be allowed to join in, on payment of a £5-00 entry fee.

5. REGISTRATION

Registration will be held in the Clubhouse.

All skippers entering the Championship will be required to show their current Measurement Certificates and, if applicable, their Personal Sail Number Certificates. Skippers' MYA affiliated membership will be checked on the MYA database prior to the event. Any foreign entrants should ensure they hold adequate Public Liability Insurance cover comparable with the M.Y.A. provisions.

Boats may be check measured at any stage during the events. Competitors will be required to complete a Competitor's Emergency Contact form at registration.

All boats must be registered with, and display a sail number issued by the UK Class Registrar, or owners' personal sail number.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Racing will be governed by rules as defined in:

MYA National Championships & Competitors' Conduct Regulations

MYA Free Sailing Yacht Racing Rules (FSYRR)

MYA Free Sailing Class Rules Supplement (FSCRS)

(These can be downloaded from the MYA Knowledge Base Race Management.)

This Notice of Race

7. ENTRY LIST

Will be posted on the Event Notice Board in the Clubhouse.

8. BOAT STORAGE

Boat storage in the Clubhouse will be available to all competitors, at owners' risk, for the duration of the event, but please remove them by noon on Saturday 1st August, unless you are staying for the RA Nationals Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd August.

9. YACHTING MONTHLY CUP COMPETITION PROCEEDURE

The following format, as successfully used for the last few years at both Gosport and Fleetwood events will be again used:

9.1 The race is for “free sailing” “A” Class yachts which hold certification to the appropriate rule. The race is open to all ages of boats. Race entry shall be available to all MYA affiliated skippers and shall be by pre entry to the host club. Participation is free to all those taking part in the “A” Nationals 2026. Any others wishing to take part will be charged an entry fee of £5-00 per boat and shall enter in advance under the same notification as the “A” Nationals.

9.2 Race organisation will be as follows:

9.2.1 The main fleet will be sub divided into 4 small fleets.

9.2.2 Size of the small fleets will be at the discretion of the Race Officer (R.O.) and each fleet will reflect a representative sample of the whole entry. Past performance in the last “A” Nationals and other pertinent events will be used to select fleet members. Each small fleet will be of similar size.

9.2.3 Each competitor in a small fleet shall race against each other in turn. Racing for each pair will be for 2 beats, competitors from each racing pair will start once from each starting station, the first choice being decided by the spin of a coin. The winner of a beat scores 3 points and the loser nil. Should both members of a racing pair each win a beat, deciding runs will not be taken at this stage.

9.2.4 When all fleets have completed a full round, the 2 highest scoring yachts of each fleet shall progress to the Knock Out round. Where ties in scores exist, count back shall be used and if equal on count back, a sail-off down wind shall be employed.

9.2.5 The selected 8 yachts shall start the Knock Out phase, which shall be sailed for on the basis of 2 beats and a deciding run, if required.

9.2.6 The winner of the Knock Out phase shall be the winner of the Y.M. Cup.

9.2.7 The Y.M. Cup shall be retained by the winner in accordance with M.Y.A. trophy conditions.

9.2.8 M.Y.A. Free Sailing Rules shall apply.

10. TROPHIES AND PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

Scrutton Cup	Winner of National Championship + prizes
Johnny’s Cup	Winner of most beats in National Championship
Wing & Wing Cup	Winner of most runs in National Championship
Neptune Trophy	Nominated team of three (usually a club team) in N.C.
T.O.T. (glass + rum)	Randomly selected team of three in N.C.
Little Portugal Cup	Awarded to highest scoring skipper who has not previously won the Scrutton Cup.
Dennis Lippett Cup	Awarded to the junior who has made the biggest contribution to the event
4-Candle Trophy	Winner of the junior “Choppa” yacht race.
Yachting Monthly Cup	Awarded to winner of Knock Out competition

All the above trophies are perpetual.

Should any be won by an overseas resident, the trophy will remain in the UK.

Prizes will be awarded as follows for Skipper & Mate:

7 to 15 entries	3 prizes
16 to 20 entries	4 prizes
21 to 25 entries	5 prizes

11.PARKING

There is no charge for car parking at the lakeside car park, and we have requested Wyre Council that this car park is for Competitors, Officials & Guests only, I.e. closed to the public. Please note that overnight stays in the car park are banned by

Wyre Council. There is also a free car park at the West end of the lake, near the Log Cabin Cafe. Parking is allowed on Laidleys Walk overlooking the lakes. Access is required to the Clubhouse at all times, by the Emergency Services.

12. TOILET FACILITIES

There is a flushed toilet for use by male, female and disabled in the Clubhouse. Also, the former Gents' Toilet building at the promenade entrance to the car park, has been refurbished and recommissioned for male, female and disabled. There are other public toilets (40p charge) situated at the Cemetery on Beach Road, close to the West end of the Model Yachting Lake.

13. ACCOMMODATION

There are several hotels and B & B's in the area, also camp sites for caravans and motor homes. Please see booking.com or www.visitwyre.co.uk for accommodation information.

14. REFRESHMENTS

We are unable to offer a canteen service, so hot and cold drinks, bread and butter for making toast, and cakes are all available for free in the canteen. Just help yourselves but please clean up afterwards. Please make your own lunch arrangements.

15. COMPETITORS WITH DISABILITY

Competitors requiring any form of help or special requirements should, prior to entry, contact the organiser to check if the Club is able to help with provision of any such special requirements. The onus is on the competitor to establish whether the available facilities are adequate before deciding to enter the event.

16. ANY FURTHER QUERIES

**Please contact Peter Whiteside, contact details above,
or Derek Priestley, email: yottyderek@tiscali.co.uk, Mob: 07770 641125**

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

All those entering or taking part in this event do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Model Yachting Association, the organising authority, the Fleetwood Model Yacht & Power Boat Club and any other parties involved in the organisation of this event, disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever 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 competitor.

18. EXTRA HELP

Anyone wishing to sail as a "Mate" or join the team of Race Officials to help with starting, scoring or bank umpire duties at this regatta, would be most welcome, even if for just the odd half day.

We hope you will be able to attend the above event and look forward to your company.

Yours Sincerely,

Peter L Whiteside