

FLEETWOOD MODEL YACHT & POWER BOAT CLUB

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VANE "M" MYA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2026 NOTICE OF RACE

1. VENUE DATE AND SCHEDULE

The 2026 Championship is to be held at Fleetwood Model Yacht Lake, Laidleys Walk, Fleetwood, FY7 7JL, on **Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th October 2026.**

Day 1 Saturday 17th October

8-30 Registration

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

10-00 Start of racing

Day 2 Sunday 18th October

09-15 Briefing

09-30 Start of racing

16-00 Prize Presentation

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority for the event is the Model Yachting Association (MYA) and the responsibility for the management of the event is delegated by the MYA to Fleetwood Model Yacht & Power Boat Club and then by the Club to the Race Organising Committee.

3. ENTRIES & ELIGIBILITY

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

Entries will be accepted up to 8-00 pm Saturday 3rd October 2026 as follows:

By email with a completed entry form as included with this NOR

By post sending a copy of the attached form.

The contact for entries is Peter Whiteside (see above)

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 £20-00 per yacht for adult skippers and

£10-00 for junior skippers who are those under the age of 18 years. This will be accepted at registration, cash only.

5. REGISTRATION & BRIEFING

Skippers' MYA status will be checked on the MYA Web Site, but they will be required to show their yacht Measurement Certificates and, if applicable, their Personal Sail Number Certificates.

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

Teams of Two yachts (TOTS) will be drawn at random during the Saturday briefing. If possible, a Classic or Vintage and a "Modern" (designed after 1980) in each pair.

6. RULES

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

- MYA Regulations for the Organisation of National Championships

- MYA Free Sailing Yacht Racing Rules (FSYRR)

- MYA Free Sailing Class Rules Supplement (FSCRS)

- RYA Charter

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

- This Notice of Race

7. PRIZES & TROPHIES

MYA Trophies

The "Marine Models International M Class National Championship Trophy" will be awarded to the overall winner of the event.

The "Model Maker Trophy" will be awarded to the highest placed skipper who has not previously won a Vane National Championship.

Northern District & Fleetwood MY&PBC Trophies

Teams of Two Yachts (TOTs - see item 5 above) There will be a prize for both skippers in the top team.

The Northern District Championship Cup will be awarded to the highest scoring skipper on the Saturday and the Clapham Cup to the highest scorer on the Sunday.

There will be an additional trophy awarded to the skipper of highest placed "Classic or Vintage" Vane Marblehead; i.e. a yacht designed prior to 1980. This has been introduced by request of some members of the "Vintage Model Yacht Group" and has encouraged more entries into the overall fleet.

All the above trophies are perpetual. Should any be won by an overseas resident, the perpetual trophy will remain in the UK.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- 7 to 15 entries 3 prizes

- 16 to 20 entries 4 prizes

8. MEASUREMENT

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

9. FINISHING TIME

The Race Officer will advise competitors of the proposed finishing time at the morning briefings.

10. 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 to continue must rest with the competitors.

11. BOAT STORAGE

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

12. OTHER INFORMATION

There is no charge for car parking at the lakeside car park or on the promenade, but please note that overnight stays in the car park are banned by Wyre Council. Wyre Council now insist that parking in the lakeside car park must only be in the designated parking spaces. This is being checked by Traffic Wardens, who are now issuing parking tickets to any offenders. Club Members and Competitors may park their cars in the "Members Only" area in front of the Clubhouse. This area extends to the tarmac area between the left hand side of the Clubhouse front and the lake. All on-road parking in Fleetwood is free, but there are time restrictions in parts of the town centre.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Clubhouse before and during racing, free of charge. There is the Log Cabin café close to the West end of the lake and a kiosk selling snacks situated close to the Clubhouse. The Clubhouse now has its' own flushing toilet.

There are plenty of restaurants in Fleetwood and some of the hotels and pubs serve food at lunchtime and evenings, but please note that the Mount Hotel is closed for building repairs following an extensive fire. It is hoped that competitors and their guests will wish to socialise after Saturday's racing, at one of these establishments.

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.

If you care about keeping this competition in the MYA's annual Sailing Programme, please give it your support so it can continue into the future.

Yours sincerely,
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