



## MYA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

### 1. General

- 1.1 A National Championship event may be arranged for each recognised class of yacht and for other reasons that Council may determine.
- 1.2 The award of National status to an event is subject to the host club/race committee complying with the following regulations.

### 2. Rules Governing the Event

The event shall be governed by these Regulations, the MYA Standard Sailing Instructions (SSIs) or the MYA Free Sailing Yacht Racing Rules (FSYRRs) and the Notice of Race (NOR).

### 3. Organisation

- 3.1 The organisation of the event shall be entrusted to a host club/race committee approved by MYA Council.
- 3.2 A club wishing to hold a National Championship event should apply to the MYA Racing Officer as early as possible in the preceding year, providing as much information as possible regarding the proposed venue and race committee for the event.
- 3.3 The dates and venues shall be decided by the MYA Racing Officer in consultation with Council.
- 3.4 The venue, dates, closing date and entry fee shall be published in the MYA Yearbook and this shall be taken as the default NOR for the event. Event details and any updated NOR (including any entry limitations agreed with MYA Council) may also be posted on the MYA website.

### 4. Event Entry

- 4.1 The entry of a boat for a National Championship event shall only be accepted from current members of MYA affiliated clubs, and who are members of the relevant national class association where one exists.
  - 4.1.1 With the agreement of the MYA, entry may be open to members of foreign clubs affiliated to a Delegated National Member of IRSA.
  - 4.1.2 Entries can only be accepted from skippers in good standing with their National Authorities.

- 4.1.3 Where a junior trophy is available, only competitors who are aged 18 or under on the 1st January in the year of the event shall be eligible.
- 4.1.4 Entry to Veterans Championships shall be open to those who are aged 60 or over on the first day of the event.
- 4.2 Entries may be made:-
- (a) Online, using the entry system via the MYA website.
  - (b) By e-mail to the address specified in the NOR attaching a completed event entry form.
  - (c) By post sending a copy of the form in the MYA Yearbook to the address in the NOR.
  - (d) By telephone at the discretion of the race committee and if permitted by the NOR.
- 4.2.1 Subject to any event limit stated in the NOR, entries will be accepted up to 21:00 on the evening of the closing date.
- 4.2.3 Regardless of entry method, payment for entries shall be sent to arrive in accordance with the NOR before the closing date.
- 4.2.4 If the entry fee has not been received at the closing date a competitor will be required, at the discretion of the host club/race committee, to pay a surcharge of not more than £5.
- 4.2.5 Entries made after the closing date will be accepted only at the discretion of the host club/race committee and may attract a surcharge as specified in 4.2.4 and 4.2.7.
- 4.2.6 Except in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the host club/race committee, once an entry has been received, the entry fee shall be paid whether the competitor competes or not (unless the entry was withdrawn four weeks before the start of the event).
- 4.2.7 It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that the entry information is correct. Where there are any irregularities in information, e.g. a changed or incorrect boat, frequency or boat sail number, the competitor will be required, at the discretion of the host club/race committee, to pay a surcharge of not more than £5.
- 4.2.8 Any surcharge shall be paid prior to competing in the event. Any grievances from competitors concerning the imposition of a surcharge at an event shall be notified to the MYA Racing Officer within fourteen days after the event and where deemed appropriate, the MYA Racing Officer may overturn surcharges and return the sum paid by the competitor.
- 4.3 The winning skipper for each perpetual trophy awarded at a National Championship will be asked to sign a Trophy Declaration Form. The MYA will refund reasonable costs of engraving. The holder of a trophy shall be responsible for returning the trophy (including the costs thereof) to the host club in good time for the next event and in similar condition as received. The holder shall also confirm to the MYA Racing Officer the arrangements made to return the trophy.

## **5. Competitors' Conduct**

- 5.1 A competitor who is unable to attend an event shall take all reasonable steps to give notice, by verbal message (confirmed by email or letter) to the host club/race committee, that he/she will not be participating in the event (see also 4.2.6).

5.2 Should a gross infringement of these regulations, the racing rules of sailing or the appropriate class rules be proved against a competitor, such persons may have membership of the MYA withdrawn for a period that Council decides.

## **6. Responsibilities of the Principal Race Officer**

6.1 The Principal Race Officer (PRO) shall:-

- (a) not compete in the event;
- (b) lead and manage the race committee;
- (c) ensure compliance with the rules;
- (d) delegate duties to event officials who will be responsible to the PRO;
- (e) conduct skippers' briefings in accordance with the MYA SSIs or FSYRRs;
- (f) appoint committees to deal with protest and redress hearings or delegate this task to other members of the race committee as required;
- (g) obtain a signed trophy custody declaration from all trophy winners;
- (h) as soon as possible and not later than 4 weeks after the event, provide a report to the MYA Racing Officer including a detailed final score sheet and decisions on any protests held during the event;
- (i) ensure that an event report suitable for publication on the MYA website or in the MYA or yachting press is prepared and distributed shortly after the event.

## **7. Finance & Prizes**

7.1 The event shall be financed from the entry fees which may be augmented by any other monies specifically collected by the host club/race committee for the occasion. The MYA shall receive a levy of £1.50 per boat per day. The exception to this rule is the vane A National Championship which shall be considered a 4 day event for the purposes of calculating the levy.

7.2 The host club may retain 50% of all surcharges collected.

7.3 Accounts of all monies collected and spent shall be maintained. Any profit from the event shall be sent to the MYA. Any loss from the event shall be borne by the host club. These accounts plus the race levy and any profit shall be sent to the MYA Treasurer within four weeks of the completion of the event. Copies of the accounts shall also be sent to the MYA Racing Officer. These accounts need not include catering and social events if they are outside of monies raised by the entry fee.

7.4 From the income the host club shall provide prizes in accordance with the following minimum scale:-

7 to 15 entries 3 prizes	16 to 20 entries 4 prizes
21 to 25 entries 5 prizes	26 to 30 entries 6 prizes

and thereafter, one prize for every 1 to 10 additional entries.

7.5 Entry fees shall be spent responsibly, providing prizes of sufficient value and appropriateness relative to the size of the event and the number of competitors entered. The entry fee may also be used to justifiably improve the event running facilities of the host club to help improve the quality of venues for future events.

## **8. Change of Venue and Cancellation**

- 8.1 Should it be impossible to hold a National Championship where originally scheduled, and there are other ranking events for the class in the same calendar year, the event shall be cancelled. However, a change of venue may be permitted provided the MYA Racing Officer is satisfied that:-
- (a) the alternative venue is suitable and
  - (b) the date remains unchanged and
  - (c) the impact on competitors accommodation is reasonable and
  - (d) the change of venue can be published on the MYA website at least 4 weeks prior to the event and
  - (e) each competitor whose entry has been accepted can be informed.
- 8.2 If the National Championship is the only ranking event for the class in a calendar year, then the date of the event may also be changed to a later date provided that conditions 8.1(a), (c), (d) and (e) are met. Where the date of the event is to be changed as well as the venue 8.1(d) applies to the original event date as published in the MYA Yearbook.
- 8.3 Any information errors in the MYA Yearbook or website concerning the dates of National Championships shall be notified to the membership by the end of January in that calendar year, in which case 8.1 and 8.2 will not apply to affected events by way of correcting the mistake.
- 8.4 A Championship attracting an entry fewer than seven skippers from at least two MYA affiliated clubs shall be cancelled. Should this occur the host club/race committee will inform the MYA Racing Officer and those competitors who have had their entries accepted by any form of communication including but not limited to letter, email or verbal instruction. Official Notice of Event Cancellation may also be posted on the MYA website.

## **9. Measurement Protest**

- 9.1 The MYA will refund any reasonable costs incurred by the Race Committee in bringing a protest under measurement rule (RRS 64.3d) or an appeal by the Race Committee of a decision of a jury.