

FLEETWOOD MODEL YACHT & POWER BOAT CLUB

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Dear Vane "M" Class Enthusiast;

VANE "M" MYA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 NOTICE OF RACE

The 2017 Championship is scheduled to be held at Fleetwood Model Yacht Lake, Laidleys Walk, Fleetwood, FY7 7JL, in conjunction with the "Commodore's Cup" Vane "M" weekend, on **Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th October 2017**. This is in line with a request made by certain skippers last year, to return the event to the last weekend of October, to be once again consistent with half term holidays for schools.

Entries will be accepted up to 8-00 pm Saturday 14th October 2017. The race entry fee will be £15-00 per yacht. The Race Officer's Briefing will be at 09-45 am on the Saturday followed by commencement of racing at 10-00 am. 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.

Racing will be governed by rules as defined in:

- MYA Regulations for the organisation of National Championships
- MYA Regulations for race entry and competitors' conduct at National Championships
- MYA Free Sailing Yacht Racing Rules
- MYA Free Sailing Class Rules Supplement

(These can be downloaded from the MYA Knowledge Base)

In addition to the "Marine Models International M Class National Championship Trophy" for the overall winner, the "Model Maker Trophy" will be awarded to the highest placed skipper who has not previously won a vane National Championship. Teams of Two Yachts (TOTs) will be drawn at random before the start of the competition and there will be a prize for both skippers in the top team. Fleetwood Club trophies will also be awarded. 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. The Commodore's Cup will also be awarded to the overall winner for the two days of racing. This year there will be an additional trophy awarded to the 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". It is hoped the extra trophy will encourage more entries into the overall fleet, as in the last few years we have struggled to achieve the minimum requirement of 7 entries from at least 3 different clubs.

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 the Wyre Council. All on-road parking in Fleetwood is free, but there are time restrictions in parts of the town centre. Competitors' yachts and equipment can be stored in the Clubhouse overnight, at owners' risk. Tea and coffee will be available in the Clubhouse before and during racing. There is a café close to the West end of the lake and a kiosk selling snacks situated close to the Clubhouse.

There is a toilet cubicle in the Clubhouse and public pay toilets (20p charge) are located at the cemetery on Beach Road, close to the West end of the lake.

There are plenty of restaurants in Fleetwood and some of the hotels and pubs serve food at lunchtime and evenings. It is hoped that competitors and their guests will wish to socialise after Saturday's racing, at one of these establishments. A list of accommodation and places of interest in the close vicinity is attached.

If you wish to enter please print off a copy of the attached entry form and return to myself with the entry fee, by the above closing date. Please make cheques payable to Fleetwood Model Yacht & Power Boat Club. 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. A recent reinterpretation of MYA ruling has now decreed that only skippers need to be affiliated members of the MYA and mates affiliation is optional.

Last year we had to cancel the event due to weed growth in the lake. This year, however, we have been weed-free in the lake so far, probably due to the environmentally safe dye supplied by Wyre Council and added to the lake after water top-ups.

If you care about keeping this competition in the MYA's annual Sailing Programme, please give it your support; as in the last few years it has become an "endangered species".

Yours sincerely,

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