

2019 “8 DAYS OF A’s” JULY 28TH TO AUGUST 4TH

**PART 1: M.Y.A. VANE “A” CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP &
YACHTING MONTHLY CUP
NOTICE OF RACE**

**Hosted by
FLEETWOOD MODEL YACHT & POWER BOAT CLUB
SUNDAY 28th JULY to FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST 2019**

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Dear Vane “A” Class Enthusiasts,

The Fleetwood Club is proud to be once again hosting the MYA Vane “A” Class National Championship which will be for the 42nd occasion since the opening of our lake in 1932.

Entry to the Vane “A” Class Championship will be open until the official closing date of 13th July. Please send your entry on the modified MYA National Championship entry form attached, or using the on-line MYA entry facility, if preferred. However, in either case, the entry fee of £50-00 per yacht must be paid by the above closing date. 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.

Please send to:

Peter L. Whiteside Contact details as above

Cheques should be made payable to Fleetwood Model Yacht & Power Boat Club.
(NB This must be written in full)

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 checked measured at any stage during the events. Competitors will be required to complete a Competitor’s Emergency Contact form at registration.

Racing will be governed by rules as defined in:

MYA Regulations for the Organisation of National Championships

MYA Regulations for Race Entry & Competitors Conduct National Championships

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

Outline Programme

Saturday 27th July – Vane “A” Class National Championship Practice Day, Registration and Yacht Measurement.

The Boathouse will be open from 10-00 am to 6-00 pm. 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 end of racing on Friday 4th August. However, those who are staying on for the MYA “RA” National Championship and PRACC 6 on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th August may continue to store their Vane “A”s in the Clubhouse until the end of the “RA” event.

Sunday 28th July - There will be a Competitors’ Initial Briefing by our Race Officer, Derek Priestley, at 9-45 am in the Clubhouse. The draw for “TOTS” Teams will take place and Club representatives shall inform the Race Officials of their Neptune Trophy Teams. A decision on whether or not to divide the “A” Class entry into two fleets, to allow competitors some time off from sailing, will be made by the Race Committee and will depend on the total entry for the race. The outcome of this decision will be advised at the briefing.

Racing for the MYA Vane “A” Class National Championship will commence after 10-00 am this day. All the fleet will be required to attend. Each day there will be a break for lunch around 1-00 pm and it is hoped to finish racing around 5-00 pm.

Monday 29th July – Continuation of Vane “A” Nationals

Briefing 9-15 am, Racing at 9-30 am.

Tuesday 30th July – Continuation of Vane “A” Nationals.

Briefing 9-15 am, Racing at 9-30 am.

On the Tuesday evening after sailing there will be a Social Gathering in the Clubhouse, with a Fish & Chips Supper provided free to competitors, officials, and their families. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. During this gathering the Junior Competitors’ “Choppa” yacht race for the 4-Candle Trophy will be held, weather permitting. The evening will be rounded off with a quiz.

Wednesday 31st July – Yachting Monthly Cup competition (all day). It is assumed that all skippers sailing in the National Championship will be taking part in the YM Cup. If any skipper does not wish to take part he must notify the Race Committee at the initial Sunday briefing.

Briefing 9-15 am, Racing will commence at 9-30 am to the following format, as successfully used for the last few years at both Gosport and Fleetwood events:

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 2019. 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.

2. Race organisation will be as follows:

- a) In part I) the main fleet will be sub divided into 4 small fleets and members of each small fleet will race against each other in turn. The 2 highest scoring yachts from each small fleet will then go through to part II), the Knock Out competition.
- b) 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.

c) 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.

d) The 2 highest scoring yachts of each fleet in part I) shall progress to part II), the Knock Out round. Where ties in scores exist, count back shall be used and if equal on count back, a sail-off shall be employed.

e) 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.

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

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

h) All disputes shall be resolved by reference to the R.O. and / or Protest Committee drawn from the fleet.

i) M.Y.A. Free Sailing Rules shall apply.

Thursday 1st August (am) – Continuation of Vane “A” Nationals.

Briefing 9-15 am, Racing 10-00 am

Friday 4th August – Final day of Vane “A” Nationals.

Briefing 9-15 am, Racing 9-30 am. All the fleet will sail throughout the day and no heat will start after 3-00 pm to allow time for resails, any sail-offs required for the prize positions, and for final calculation of results.

Friday evening – Regatta Dinner and Prize Giving will be held at “THE VENUE”, North Promenade, Thornton-Cleveleys, FY5 1LW , arriving 7-00pm for 7-30pm dining.

The Dinner is open to competitors and officials of the Vane “A” Nationals, and any “RA” Nationals competitors and officials arriving early, their families, friends and regatta visitors, even if they have not been involved in the racing, and all FMY&PBC members.

Details of ticket price and menu will be advised at a later date.

Other Evenings

For evenings when no specific events have been arranged, those wishing to socialise after racing tend to find the Mount Hotel on the Esplanade a good venue for meeting up, for good quality food and drinks at reasonable prices.

Trophies and Prizes To Be Awarded

Vane “A”

Scrutton Cup	Winner of National Championship + prizes depending on entry
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 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

Other Information

1. There is no charge for car parking at the lakeside but will visitors please park outside of the “Members Only” area in front of the Clubhouse. Once all the parking

bays are full, there is a car park at the West end of the lake, just beyond the paddling pool. Roadside parking, which is free of charge, is allowed on Laidleys Walk overlooking the lakes. Access is required to the Clubhouse at all times, by the Emergency Services. **Please note that Wyre Council does not permit overnight stays in the car park.**

2. There will be toilet facilities at the Clubhouse. The nearest public toilets (20p charge) are situated at the Cemetery on Beach Road, close to the West end of the Model Yachting Lake.

3. Please bring your club flags so that they can be hoisted on the flagpoles.

4. We require volunteers to help with starting, scoring and bank umpire duties at the Vane "A" Regatta, so any help would be appreciated, even if only for the odd half day.

5. The canteen will be open serving sandwiches, fruit pies and hot & cold drinks during racing.

6. 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 host 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.

7. Clubhouse Post Code FY7 7JL

If anyone has any question or query please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Derek Priestley (01253 779764). We hope you will be able to attend the above event and look forward to your company.

Yours sincerely,

Peter L. Whiteside

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