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Marblehead
Nationals
7-9 July
At Fleetwood
MY&PBC

Lake Garda

GBR Marblehead team travelled to Liminone sul Garda for the 17th marblehead world championships and a home team of 17 skippers including the defending champion Brad Gibson. Following measurement registration and practice all teams competing were invited to participate in a country parade in the main square of Limione. Each country followed a local child who proudly waved that country's flag that they were leading in the procession. Usual speeches were followed by plenty to eat and drink during the buffet which preceded the evening meal at the local restaurant. Skippers made new friends as well as catching up with old ones.



Results after 15 races and 2 discards crowned our Brad Gibson as world champion with Matteo Longhi from ITA was 2nd and Graham Bantock GBR was 3rd.

During the Marblehead World Championships GBR had 5 skippers in the top ten finishing 1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th & 8th, The Best Marblehead Class Country trophy was received by class captain Phil Holliday on behalf of GBR. A remarkable achievement by all the team

The Australian and New Zealand teams were very friendly especially in front of the bar offering anyone a beer or two. The race area was small compared to previous championships and the lakeside had plenty of rocks to keep the skippers concentrating. The launch areas were provided by a number of scaffold and plank structures at various positions along the shore. The scoring software as developed by Henry Drenth was used and displayed on a number of large flat screens.

Lake Garda has a particular wind pattern namely it would turn through 180 degrees every day at the same time more or less which happened to be midday. During the morning the winds were very light and only a couple of heats were sailed then change in wind direction, the racing would then stop waiting for the wind to stable. The PRO hand limited options as the 12 course buoys (6 at each end) was anchored to permanent buoys.





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Ten Rater
Nationals
10-11 July
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The Ten Rater world championships started on the Saturday directly following the marblehead championships again GBR were well represented with 8 skippers including the current world champion Graham Bantock. This event attracted 47 skippers from around the world for this 3 day event.

Again the wind did exactly how it performed for the marbleheads so progress was very similar however only 3 fleets were sailed compared to the 5 fleets for the marbleheads. on Monday it arrived the wind everyone was expecting for the marbleheads finally came in fact a little to much not for the boats but for launching and recovery. just a couple of hours then the racing started. So many skippers with large smile on their faces and could not wait to get racing.



Results after 15 races with 2 discards a new world champion was crowned and it was our own Brad Gibson with his own designed boat 'Trance' a fantastic achievement to secure his 3rd current world Championship. A team of 8 GBR skippers did us proud with 3 finishing in the top ten including 1st Brad Gibson, 2nd Graham Bantock and 9th David Potter.





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Nationals
11 March
Bournville
MYPBC

The MYA is the representation for the sport at all levels.

Most people ask who is the MYA? and what do they do? Good question for those that don't know heres the answer, The MYA is the UK Governing body for Radio & Free Sailing. It has a national and district racing structure. Provides registration, measurement and certification of boats. Offers technical advice, provides event rules and regulations. Has a dedicated national website. Provides club public liability insurance, publicity & promotion, a yearbook with a list of clubs and contacts. Via the website there is a knowledge base of information. Also included within the digital facilities there is a class dedicated for sale and wanted facility, web forum. The MYA offers training & workshops for all matters sailing also at the yearly AGM there is a trade show for the members.



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Dear Mr Cook

UK National Governing Body for Model Yachting

Model yachting (including radio-controlled sailboat racing) is an integral part of the sport of sailing. The international and national Racing Rules of Sailing expressly apply to radio-controlled sailboat racing, the international class association for radio-controlled sailboat racing is affiliated to the world governing body for sailing (World Sailing) and the UK class association for model yachting (the Model Yachting Association) is affiliated to the World Sailing UK Member National Authority (the RYA).

The RYA is recognised by UK Sport and Sport England as the National Governing Body for sailing. Since the sport of sailing includes model yachting, model yachting is accordingly recognised by UK Sport and Sport England under the RYA's remit.

For the purposes of HMRC's Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) scheme, according to HMRC:-
"Eligible sports are those on the list of recognised sports which is maintained by the National Sports Councils".

Sailing is included on the list of recognised sports maintained by each of the UK's four National Sports Councils and model yachting is an integral part of the sport of sailing. As such, model yachting is an "eligible sport" for CASC purposes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Gus Lewis
Director of External Affairs

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What did we do in 2016?

The association has 108 affiliated clubs, with 1678 club affiliated members. the racing calendar had 183 "open" racing days, 29 National & Ranking events at 22 different venues with 594 skippers competing. The MYA has 123 official measurers that issued 373 measured certificates, 185 new boats were certified.

The MYA website had 334,000 visits or hits, with 4,264 hits on one day - IOM National Results. 35 MYA competitors at the World and European Championships - 11 of which finished in the top ten!!

GBR skippers currently hold all International and European Titles.

Keep an look out for the new MYA popups and posters now being used at Nationals, Rankings and district events

Vane A Class Nationals Week
30 July 4 Aug
At Fleetwood
MY&PBC

match racing
spinnakers used
vane steering

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Free Sailing**

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- Vice Chairman: Phil Holliday
- Secretary to Council: Chris Cook
- Treasure/Membership Sec: David Rose
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- Technical Officer: Roger Stollery
- DCO & Webmaster: Austin Guerrier
- Personal Sail Numbers: Chris Harris

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- Northern District: John Tushingham
- Midland District: Chris Harris
- Eastern District: Geoff Appleton
- Met & Southern: Derek Barratt
- South Western: David Kent



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