



**MYA**  
Radio and Free Sailing in the UK

# TERMINOLOGY

**36" class** - an MYA national class for radio sailing; note that there is no R in the description, as the word 'restricted' was removed in 1994.

**6 Metre class** - an MYA national class for radio sailing; a scaled down version of the 1906 International Rule, which is still sailed at full size.

**A class** - an IRSA international class for radio sailing; again note that there is no R in the description. This is because 'radio' is the primary part of the sport and to differentiate the radio and free sailing classes, the latter are prefixed 'V'.

**ACERSAIL** - website where active competitor and club results of all MYA listed events in the Yearbook are constantly updated by the MYA s League Secretary to create the MYA Radio League.

**Appendix E** - part of World Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing specifically for radio racing.

**CC - Class Captain;** an MYA member responsible with others for the promotion of the class, contact with owners and coordinating venues for future years' events in the UK.

**COG – Class Owners Group**

**CR – Class Rule;** an ERS defined term.

**DNC – Did not compete;** did not launch.

**DNF- Did not finish.**

**DNS - Did not start;** launched, but did not start.

**DSQ – Disqualified.**

**DNM - Delegated National Member of IRSA;** the MYA is the DNM for the UK.

**DSM - District Senior Measurer;** each of the six MYA districts has a district senior measurer responsible for answering district member's queries about class rules and helping to train and accredit volunteer official measurers.

**ERS - Equipment Rules of Sailing;** equipment definitions, which are used in documents to avoid having to define them in each class rule. The ERS is issued by World Sailing (previously ISAF) every 4 years and is available via the MYA Knowledge Base.

**Event** - a gathering of competitors and officials for racing on one or more days.

**Fleet** - the total number of boats entered for racing and which race in an event.

**FSCRS - Free Sailing Class Rules Supplement;** MYA rules which modify class rules written for radio to make the class suitable for free sailing, also known as the vane racing.

**FSYRR - Free Sailing Yacht Racing Rules;** MYA racing rules for vane racing.

**GAMES – Guildford Administered Marblehead Events Series;** a series of open Marblehead events in the Met & Southern District.

**Heat** - a division of the total number of boats entered for racing described by letters A, B, C, D, or E. A race starts with the lowest heat e.g. E.

**HMS - Heat Management System;** an MYA generated equal opportunity racing system used where the number of competitors makes it necessary for the event to be sailed in heats because of visibility or course size problems. HMS can deal with any fleet of 12 or more and is necessary for any fleet larger than the maximum of 24 boats able to sail in one heat.

**HMS scoring system** -a fantastically good resource for race committees specifically generated to record scores for the HMS racing system, very easy to use both for multi-heat and single heat events and honed to perfection for radio sailors by Henry Farley.

**IOMICA – the International Class Association** for the International One Metre class.

**IRSA – the International Radio Sailing Association;** the world authority for radio sailing.

**NCA - National Class Association** - where there is an International Class Association, like IOMICA, the NCA is responsible for the class in each country. The MYA acts as the NCA for all international and national classes.

**NCR - National Championship Regulations;** the requirements of the organisers and the obligations of the competitors entering and taking part in national championships for all classes.

**NOR - Notice of Race.** Posted on websites and often sent out to all likely competitors in open, national or international events with details of venue, entry, rules, sailing times, prizes etc.

**M class – Marblehead Class;** an IRSA international class for radio sailing.

**MYA – Model Yachting Association;** an association of UK clubs; the governing body of radio and free sailing in the UK.

**MYA Council** - annually elected officers taking responsibility for governing the sport; it consists of **chairman, vice-chairman, secretary to Council, treasurer, racing officer, technical officer, international racing officer, digital communications officer** and **an elected councillor from each district.**

**MNA - Member National Authority** of World Sailing; the RYA is the UK MNA.

**OCS - On the Course Side;** over the line at the start.

**OM - Official Measurer;** a measurer of one or more international and national classes, with training in clubs overseen by the DSM and accredited by the MYA Technical Officer, on behalf of the RYA.

**PRACC - Poole Radio A Challenge Cup;** a series of events for the A Class.

**Race** - boats competing around a sailing course from the preparatory signal before the start until they finish. When sailed in more than one heat, a race is completed when the A heat is finished.

**Ranking event** - a designated event to encourage good competition and set up selection for international events.

**Ranking series** - a rolling series of ranking events for international classes; usually covering the last 12 months.

**RC - Race Committee;** the organising authority for an event.

**RER - Ranking Event Regulations;** these cover every aspect including terminology, event administration, ranking points, ties, etc.

**RET – Retired;** a competitor decision to stop racing.

**RO - Race Officer;** a member of the race committee in charge of a racing event.

**RT - Race Team;** the team under the chairmanship of the MYA racing officer that takes responsibility for events and MYA calendar for the future year.

**RRS - Racing Rules of Sailing;** issued by World Sailing after revision every four years, following the Olympic Games. These rules govern every aspect of sailing sport and include **Appendix E for radio racing.**

**RRT - Racing Regulations Team;** the team of experienced and knowledgeable members under the chairmanship of the MYA racing officer that takes responsibility for all rules and regulations in connection with all racing activities in the UK.

**RYA – Royal Yachting Association;** the governing body for the UK full size racing, cruising and much else nautical in this country. The RYA is the MNA for World Sailing.

**Sail ID (SID for short) - Identification Guidance;** issued by the MYA with diagrams and text dealing with the proper placement of sail numbers, national letters and class insignia and makes recommendations to help ensure the clarity essential for accurate boat recognition.

**SSI - Standard Sailing Instructions;** issued by the MYA to provide a uniform set of rules for national events, and which are used by most clubs.

**SYRPH - A System for Reducing Protest Hearings;** requires no particular knowledge or sailing experience to operate. Full documentation is available through the MYA web site.

**TT - Tech Team;** the team of DSMs under the chairmanship of the technical officer that take responsibility for technical matters in international and national class rules, measuring, measurer accreditation etc.

**Time Limit** - the time required for the first boat in a heat or race to finish; usually applied only at the end of an event to allow the RC to complete the scoring, prize giving, packing up etc within a reasonable time.

**Time Out Limit** - the time after the first boat in a heat finishes before ‘places on the water’ can be taken to minimise the time taken between heats.

**V36” class – Vane 36” class;** an MYA class using the 36” class rules written for radio, modified by the FSCRS to make them suitable for vane racing.

**VA class – Vane A Class;** an MYA class using the IRSA A class rules written for radio, modified by the FSCRS to make them suitable for vane racing.

**VM – Vane Marblehead Class;** the MYA class using the IRSA M class rules written for radio, modified by the FSCRS to make them suitable for vane racing.

**VMYG – The Vintage Model Yacht Group;** affiliated to the MYA and concerned with all things classic.

**VRT - Vane Racing Team;** the team under the chairmanship of the vane CC responsible for all matters vane racing.

**WS - World Sailing;** the world authority for all sailing sport.

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