

MYA IOM Veterans Championship 2023

Hosted by Birkenhead RS & PC

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th April 2023

1 Event Schedule

Friday 14th April 2023

14:00 - 17:00 Registration and Lake Open for Practice

Saturday 15th April 2023

08:30 - 09:45 Registration and Practice

09:45 Race Officer's Briefing

10:00 Racing Starts

18:00 No heat to start after this time

Any heat in progress will be abandoned if no boat has finished before 18:30 hours.

Sunday 16th April 2023

08:30 - 09:15 Registration and Practice

09:15 Race Officer's Briefing

09:30 Racing Starts

15:30 No Race to start after this time

Any race in progress will be abandoned if no boat in 'A' heat has finished before 16:30 hours.

Prize giving as soon as possible after the last race is completed.

2 Venue

This event will take place at the Birkenhead Club Lake Gautby Road, Birkenhead CH41 7DR

3 Organising Authority

The organising authority for the event is the Model Yachting Association (MYA) and responsibility for the management of the event is delegated by the MYA to Birkenhead Radio Sailing & Power Club (BRSPC)

4 Rules

The event will be governed by the current version of the following rules:

- Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by the RRS Appendix E
- MYA Standard Sailing Instructions
- The RYA Racing Charter
- IOM Class Rules
- Heat Management System (HMS)

Before the event copies of the above may be found either in the Event Documents section of the MYA Knowledge Base see <https://www.mya-uk.org.uk/kbtopic/race-and-event-documents/> and for the Class Rules on the IOMICA Website - <https://www.iomclass.org/class-rules-2022/>

5 Entries & Eligibility

Entry is open to all MYA members and members of foreign clubs affiliated to a Delegated National Member of IRSA who will be 60 years or older on the 1st day of the event. **For Overseas entries, it will be a condition of entry that you are personally covered for Public Liability insurance to the value of £5m at the time of the event. You will need to indicate your acceptance of this requirement in a tick box at entry.**

Competitors will be notified of any necessary changes to sail numbers in the event of a clash. Sail number priority will be given to those skippers in their order of entry.

Entry for all competitors opens on the publication of this Notice of Race

Entries shall be made before the closing date for entries, 18:00hrs Tuesday 11th April 2023 as follows:

- Online, using the on-line entry system via the MYA website.

After the closing date late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority and may incur an additional late entry fee.

The contact point for entry enquiries is:

Peter Baldwin

Email: peter@hamnlace.co.uk

Mobile: 07779953407

6 Entry Fees

The entry fee will be £20.00 including coffee and teas on Saturday and Sunday. Payment will be taken (using debit or credit card) via the MYA online entry system which can be found at the point of entry on the Events page of the MYA website. The entry fee will be non-refundable unless the entry may be replaced from a waiting list and will also be subject to a small administration fee.

7 Parking

There is free parking on site in a car park for cars only and additional space on a grassed area. There is additionally "on street" parking for cars and all Motor Homes (which cannot be brought onto the club site due to their size and space constraints).

8 Lunch and Refreshments

A small selection of snacks will be on sale in the club house on both days.

9 Clubhouse facilities

There is a clubhouse close to the car park and sailing area. Toilets are available in the club house adjacent to the lake.

10 Registration

Registration will take place in the clubhouse as per the schedule in Section 1.

The following shall be presented to the Race Committee at the time requested during the event:

- All boats must be registered and display a sail number issued by the Class Registrar or their personal sail number.
- A valid Measurement Certificate in the name of the Owner.
- If applicable, the owner's valid personal sail number certificate
- Emergency Contact details if this has changed or was not supplied when an entry was made.

If any of the above documents are not available at the event, but a competitor claims that they exist, the competitor shall sign a declaration to that effect and send a copy of the missing document to the Race Committee within seven days of the end of the event.

11 Measurement

The Race Committee may direct that boats in the event shall be check measured. Random spot checks may be conducted throughout the duration of the event.

12 Frequencies

Permitted frequencies are 27 MHz, 40 MHz and 2.4 GHz

For frequency bands other than 2.4GHz, a minimum of five (5) frequencies shall be stated at the time of entry and be available at the event.

13 Lake-side and Launching

Launching is available directly from the concrete path around the edge of the lake. The lake is filled with fresh water which will hopefully be full at this time of the year. The club have had an issue with algae blooms for the last few years, although this normally starts later in the year. Competitors will be advised of any issues nearer to the event, but if algae is present in the water, boats and equipment should be thoroughly cleaned after the event.

14 Scoring and Racing System

Scoring will use HMS. HMS and the Racing System shall be as per Rules section above.

15 Protests

The Race Officer reserves the right to use observers drawn from the competitors. A protest committee will be appointed by the Race Committee to hear any protests arising from the event and may comprise competitors not involved in the incident.

16 Competitors with Disabilities

Competitors that require any form of help or special requirements should, prior to entry, get in touch with the club contact given in Section 5 to check if the club is able to help with the provision of any such special requirements. The onus is on the competitor to establish whether the available facilities are adequate before deciding to enter the event

17 Prizes and trophies

Prizes will be awarded with the quantity dependent upon the number of entries.

18 Accommodation.

There are several hotels from different chains (Travelodge, Premier Inn, Village Hotels, HI Express etc) within 5 miles of the club. There are also a number of suggestions on the Wirral information [website](#) or on the [BRS&PC website](#).

19 Additional Event Information

There will be limited catering provided on Friday afternoon during registration and practice.

Please note that there is only limited on site (overnight) storage available for boats over the competition weekend.

For any other queries, please contact the event organiser detailed in Section 5.

20 Risk Statement

- 20.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 20.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - e) The provision of a race management team, recovery boat and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser, does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of recovery boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any briefing held for the event.

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.