



Notice of Race
MYA Vane 36 National Championships 2024
Birkenhead Radio Sailing and Power Club (BRS&PC)
Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st March 2024

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1. Event Schedule

30/3/2024	08:30 - 9:40	Registration
	9:45	Briefing
	10:00 (approx)	Racing Starts straight after briefing
	17:00	No heat to start after this time
31/3/24	9:30	Racing Starts
	16:00	Prize-giving

The event will incorporate the "Pugwash Trophy" and teams of two should be entered at Registration.

2. Venue

This event will take place at Birkenhead Club and Lake, Gautby Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7DR and the What3words address is [///sugar.books.drops](https://www.what3words.com/sugar.books.drops). Search for Birkenhead Radio Sailing and Power Club on Google Maps for full directions.

3. Organising Authority

The organising authority for the event is Birkenhead Radio Sailing & Power Club

4. Rules

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

- The current version of the Free Sailing Yacht Racing Rules (FSYRR) and the Free Sailing Class Rules Supplement together with the Free Sailing SI changes effective 8th July 2023 all available from the MYA Knowledge Base [here](#)
- The RYA Racing Charter

5. Entries & Eligibility

Entry is open to all MYA affiliated members and is also open to members of foreign clubs affiliated to a Delegated National Member of IRSA. Competitors will be notified of any necessary changes to sail numbers in the event of a clash.

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

Entries shall be made before **the closing date for entries, 23:59hrs Thursday 28th March 2024** by using the on-line entry system on the Birkenhead website (see the Upcoming Events)

Each member of a Team (Skipper & Mate) to complete the form (which is linked on the Event page) and either send these to the contact name below before the event (preferred) or submit at Registration.

Please note that all entries to this event must be covered by Public Liability Insurance Cover to the minimum value of £5million and must acknowledge this at entry. All current MYA members will automatically be covered to the required level.

The contact point for any questions is:

Contact Name Martin Roberts **Email:** martin@housemartinsails.co.uk Tel: 0151 609 1339

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

All entries will be posted on the Birkenhead Event Page as they are received. Sail number clashes and changes will be separately communicated to the relevant entries and may not be shown on the page.

6. Entry Fees

The entry fee for the event will be £15 and payable at Registration. The entry fee includes free tea or coffee

7. Parking

There is free parking on site and on the street for cars, but due to the narrow gate width and limited car spacing within the club compound, we would ask that any skippers with motor homes park outside of the club gates on Gautby Road. It may also be necessary for some cars to park on Gautby Road if there are a large number of entries or if the grassed areas are soft through rain. For any questions on this and relevant security issues please contact us.

8. Refreshments

In addition to the free tea and coffee, a small selection of snacks will be on sale in the clubhouse.

9. Toilet facilities

Toilets are available in the club house adjacent to the lake.

10. Registration

Registration will take place 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 with, and display part of a sail number issued by the Class Registrar or use their personal sail number.
- 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. Lake side and Launching

Launching is available directly from the concrete path surrounding the lake.

12. 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.

13. Prizes and trophies

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

14. 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.

15. Risk Statement:

15.1 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"

15.2 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 methods and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of recovery facility 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.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the organisation of this event, please reach out to the contact detailed in section 5 above.