

VMYG Sailing Programme 2018

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Sailing Days

This year's VMYG Sailing Programme sees last year's new venue Birkenhead hosting 3 meetings once again, following last year's successful venture and the popular North London Model Engineers toy boat Regatta also offering 3 meetings. Cleethorpes continue their end of the month meetings from March to October. We have firm proposals for 3 Events once again at Broomfield but these are still awaiting final conformation from the local club, as is Bournville's Sailing Day (contact, Ian Cooke 0121 7772519).

Our stalwart in terms of normal pondside attendance Clapham is offering 5 days once again, but there are clouds on the horizon, for the Local Council is proposing huge and unsustainable rent increases, which are nonetheless being resisted. However the best resistance is popular support so do please make a *special* effort to attend and demonstrate our contribution within the community and in support of the sport.

Racing Days

Our faithful host for vintage Free Sailing (vane) racing continues to be Hampton Court, where we have 4 meetings planned, the first 18/02/18 for Marbleheads. We also race VA, V6M and V10R during the Spring and Autumn when weeds present no problem. Note Vintage and Classic racing is highlighted in grey. Remember if starting out David Mathers our vintage Marblehead contact has produced 4 useful articles on learning Vane sailing and racing. Available on our web site.

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Other Racing Nationally by MYA Clubs

To encourage cross fertilisation we list Racing in both vintage/classic and modern forms and Gosport as usual is the biggest club for Vane Racing in the country with 29 meeting through the year for both VA and V36 classes. Come and give it a try at any of the clubs listed...introduction and help is at hand and Gosport for instance have a loan boat to borrow and try. Hampton Court is offering classic radio A boat racing using older vane or radio boats, converted.

Sadly Llandudno are not offering Free Sailing this year, but encouragingly Fleetwood have initiated a V36 series of 7 Events (many offering Trophies) during the year, in addition to the vintage and modern FS weekends they host each year. Hampton court offer 5 meetings radio Racing vintage A class (CRA). MYSA offers its own series of 6 radio sailing Events.

Finally a health check; every care is taken in preparing this co-ordinated National Programme but clubs can revise meetings and there are a few confirmations awaited. Check with the clubs locally or with the listed contacts.

Anyway do come along and sail and partake....we look forward to seeing you.

Full location information is available on our and the MYA's website and also as the attached addresses.

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