

How does Club Vane Scoring Work?

In case of doubt there is a need to differentiate between 'Racing Points' (the way in which a Free sailing event is scored according to the Free Sailing Yacht Racing Rules [FSYRR]) and Club Championship Points [CCP] (which are points allocated to all competitors in Club Free Sailing events).

The Club Racing Calendar for Free Sailing is split into 2 separate series of events for each class in addition to which there will be at least one Independent Trophy Event per season in each class. Independent trophy events do not count towards either of the two series (Frostbite and Main) but do count towards the Overall Combined Free Sailing Classes Club Championship.

Each event, except for the Mick Thomas Trophy Vane 36 event (for which separate scoring applies, details of which can be supplied by the Class Captain) will be scored for 'Racing Points' in accordance with FSYRR and these will determine the final order of positions for each event. Those positions then determine the allocation of CCP (see below – How are CCP actually calculated)

How are CCP actually calculated?

In simple terms, the skipper of a boat, in each class, will be awarded one more CCP than the number of competitor boats he/she beats in each event, except that when there are less than 10 boats entered the winner shall receive 10 points and each successive place will receive 1 point less than the next highest place.

However, there is a slight complication that arises from the requirement that 'Joint Skippers' need to be catered for and mates need to be considered. Thus if 'P' is the number of CCP awarded from the results of an event counting towards the various series or championships, the actual allocation is as follows:

| Type of Skipper/Mate | Points allocated |
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| Sole Skipper with no mate(s) | P |
| Sole Skipper with One or Two Mates | P |
| Sole Mate to a Sole skipper | 0.5 x P |
| Joint Mates to a Sole skipper | 0.25 x P each |
| Joint Skippers with no mate(s) | 0.75 x P each |
| Joint Skippers with One Mate or Two mates | 0.5 x P each joint skipper |
| Sole Mate to Joint skippers | 0.5 x P |
| Joint Mates to Joint skippers | 0.25 x P each |

CCP are then totalled for each competitor and a final order established, published and upon which is based the award of the various trophies at the Club AGM.

Frostbite Series

This 'mini' series is intended to embrace for each class, the individual competitors' CCP taking **the first three events within the season that are able to be completed**. There was a difference of opinion between the A Class and 36 Class Captains such that the A Class had a cut off date by which time the Frostbite series should be completed, even if less than 3 events were actually raced, whereas the 36 Class Captain did not want to have such a cut off date employed.

In practice this has meant that Vane 36 Frostbite series comprised events 1,3 & 4 (2 having been lost to the drain down of the lake required for council maintenance work). Vane A's intend to use events 2 & 4 (1 having been lost to drain down for council maintenance and 3 having been lost to icy conditions surrounding the lake in the exceptionally cold spell of weather)

The winner of the Frostbite Series in each class will be the individual with the highest number of CCP from the specified events.

Main Series

With the exception of Frostbite Series events and any Individual Trophy events, all other events within each class will count towards the Main Series Club Championship. This includes events such as District or National Championships raced at Gosport, from which, results order will be extracted to be used for calculation of CCP. Rather than have a specific number of discarded CCP scores, and in order to achieve consistency across ALL club racing, the number of events that each individual may count towards the Main Series will be their BEST X number of scores where X is equal to 65% of the number of events that take place within that series. The 65% figure calculated is rounded up to the nearest whole number.

Individual Trophy events

For each class, one event is scheduled with a reserve date allocated in case the first opportunity is lost. Should the first opportunity be raced then the reserve date will be allocated to be part of the Main series.

Overall Combined Class Free Sailing Club Championship

ALL CCP from events raced during the season will be combined to arrive at a winner on the basis of the highest number of points scored.

Additionally, as has been the case for several years, the individual not acting as a skipper but only as a mate scoring the highest number of CCP will be awarded the Mate's Plate for the overall season.