



MYA MIDLAND DISTRICT Councillor Report for 2017.

Since the last meeting, the district has stepped up to the plate and run Ranking Races as well as a few National Championships and open and district events.

Lincoln held the RM Ranking race weekend earlier in the year and had a very good turnout for the event. From all accounts, everyone went home happy after some hard racing in various wind speeds over the weekend.

They also ran a RG65 open event a few weeks later and then the IOM Summer series event, again both events were well supported and well run. For anyone who has not been to Lincoln, I would recommend the Bacon Butties as well.

Bournville have held both the Radio 36 and Vane 36 Nationals for the MYA, the radio nationals held in March, with a responsible size entry, this event was a day to test the race team and they came up trumps. Again, a well-run event all competitors had a great time.

The vane 36 nationals were held as part of the UK-USA challenge event that takes place every two years in the UK and the USA. Bournville held the first leg of the challenge with Gosport holding the second event. There was an entry of 21 originally, but due to illness and a broken mast stub, 19 competed with 8 from America. Again, the race team did a good job in trying conditions. What was also good to see was a few youngsters sailing with their Dads and Grandads. To keep this going, the event will need to be promoted as a Father/Son event and make it an event for the kids. To all who competed, thanks for making this a great event.

Bournville also carried out their own promotion by attending the Bournville Festival and having a stand there. They also held an open day for the public and from what I saw was success.

Manor Park held the RA nationals in July, again the wind gods did not play nicely for the Race team, but they did a great job keeping the racing moving in light conditions. The entry was a small but very competitive fleet and all enjoyed themselves. The evening meal supplied by Team Ballington was fantastic and all enjoyed their weekend.

Two Islands held the DF95 nationals, they did have wind all weekend and a very good entry for this event. Again, the race team did a great job as well. A special mention to Mike Clifton's dad who got presented with a 100 DF for his special birthday. Congratulations to the team at Two Islands for running another successful event.

We then turn our attention to the Bread and Butter of the District, the various series for each class. Each supported by a hard band of skippers and all had varying success, for the clubs that ran these events, a huge debt of gratitude to you all for giving up you time to hold these events, without you, the few couldn't sail and we would not have a series. I would hope that the numbers for 2017 – 2018 would remain the same or even increase, this needs the clubs to encourage the skippers to sail away and try a District event, we are a friendly lot really.

There is one special mention to Birmingham who organised and held the Midland District RA's at Powells Pool in Sutton. Thank you to the club for arranging and donating a Trophy for this event.

All dates for the winter of 2017 and 2018 season are now with the racing officer.

A big thanks for the people who have helped this you in the District, without them our events would not be as well organised.

Chris Harris