



MYA MD Chairman's report to AGM.

First the sad news with the passing of Dave Alston, a member at many of the clubs in the Midlands District. Things are a bit quieter now with his passing and I am sure he will be missed although we might not admit it.

Laurie Brown winning the MD IOM Summer series (Congratulations Laurie). Many more to come, I hope.

The inconvenience of not having a convenience at Leicestershire has now been sorted out so hopefully normal service can be resumed there.

The Winter series is now under way from today so there is another title up for grabs there.

Manor Park will also have hosted the final 2 IOM ranking events of 2019.

The first MD r6M series has been held which has attracted quite a number of skippers to races at Bournville and Two Islands. The final race being held on 6th October at Bournville. I personally have enjoyed the racing and by the time of the AGM will have raced my new Romanza in the last series race. Popularity in the class seems to be on the up as well as not only do we have a decent size fleet in the Midlands but so do the Northern District with good number of boats being sailed at a couple of events at Fleetwood where my old Rococco now has a new home. There is also innovation in the class with the first 3d printed boat being produced.

Bournville hosted the Tri Services regatta over the weekend of 21st 22nd September, this event will be back on home waters (Gosport) next year. Although not the largest of fleets good sporting sailing was enjoyed by all.

My thanks go to Colin for putting together the 2020 racing calendar and to Club secretaries for working with Colin to get things together.

Gordon gets a big thank you for his sterling work keeping us all in order, getting racing results sorted and his work on the district web site.

Thanks to Bill who continues to represent the district at council meetings.

It has been an easy first year in office for me, I would like to thank Gordon, Bill and Colin and Mike for making this an easy role to fulfil.

Happy Christmas and enjoy the forthcoming years sailing.

Stephen Hodgkinson.