

District Activities

This year has been a difficult year for all forms of model sailing. In common with the rest of the Districts, the Midland District has abandoned any form of competitive sailing for 2020 and decided that it was more important to retain and encourage sailing at club level. As a result of recent changes, we are now considering our options for 2021 and we are looking to restart competitive district sailing hopefully in the New Year if Covid restrictions will allow us. We have been advised that Lincoln are aiming to set up a training weekend in the new year for the DF65/95 fleets to help skippers new to radio sailing get the best out of their craft and racing. Incentives such as this are to be applauded.

District Affairs

The District team has updated the District Constitution to bring it in line with now accepted MYA Constitution. It has been offered to the other Districts as a template to use should they wish to. It will be offered to our members for ratification at the MD AGM. The 2020 AGM will be held virtually, and the supporting documentation and voting arrangements will be sent out in line with the timeline in the District Constitution.

Racing

There has been none in any of the classes sailed in the District. The District Championships cover the DF65, 36, IOM, 6m and A classes

Clubs

2 new clubs have been added to the District, White Friars in the south and Chelmarsh in the central area. Both are very welcome, bring the total of clubs in the District to 13. Whilst the club numbers are small the geographical area from Swindon in the south to Lincoln in the North is large. All the clubs are active to a greater or lesser extent. Our clubs have been asked to let us know what they are currently doing but this information will not be available until our AGM.

MYA Budgeted Allowance

£250 has been provisionally allocated to Lincoln to assist their plans to purchase a ride-on mower. A provisional allocation of £250 has been made to Watermead to assist with the purchase of a container, however this is currently on hold awaiting further information from Watermead. Bournville returned £390 to the MYA as they did not fully undertake the upgrade of measurement equipment and a further £250 has been provisionally allocated to Bournville towards the purchase of a sweeper to help clear the paths prior to sailing. However, as the lake is due to undergo major repair work this allocation may not be required until mid 2021 earliest. The District Committee is always open to requests from constituent clubs and clubs are encouraged to come forward.