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Model Yachting Association

MYA Midland District Councillor report to the 2012 District AGM.

The past year has seen both MYA National Championships and Ranking races held in the district, as well as our normal program of district events.

This is not intended to be a race report but a couple of mentions need be made. The first was the IOM Ranking at Bartley Green on 3rd-4th March managed by the Bournville race team. The venue is excellent until the wind blows from the north which is exactly what happened along with a sleet storm.

This resulted in difficult conditions for both competitors and the race team. You cannot hope to run a top class event in those conditions so a huge vote of thanks to the Bournville crew who managed to keep things going and get a result.

The second was the MYA IOM Nationals at two islands, there had been a tremendous amount of planning and preparation gone into the event, a full experienced race team and a whole army of helpers. I do not have the exact numbers but it looked like three competitors per member of the race organisation made this even happen. You would have hoped by June the weather would have been reasonable but no it rained and then some. The result was difficult conditions all-round competitors and officials alike.

Thanks to the two islands club and district committee Rat's. Race reports etc were posted on to the MYA web site.

Last year I reported that Lincoln RYC would be downsizing to do just club racing events, well early this year Mick Chamberlain decided to take up the reins and assist the club to get more active again.

Mick regularly sails in the MDCS series and in March he asked if the Lincoln club could put on an open IOM to kick things off. I indicated that he should try to find a date and we would post it out to the MD clubs and web site. Since this initial approach the Lincoln club have offered their water for the MYA 2013 RM Nationals and we will support their commitment with help from the Rat's.

This brings me on to event attendance, some of the MD events have not reached the numbers we have enjoyed in the past, and it appears to be the cost and frequency of the events that is the main consideration and to a lesser extent the level of rule observance by the skippers. Over the past few years I and others have put an awful lot of our time and effort into improving the race management with development of the MD Rat's so you the host club will get support if your club takes on an event on behalf of the district.

It is now up to you the skippers to sail competitively within the rules so that everyone can enjoy the event win or lose.

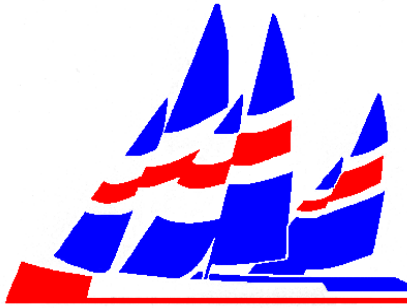
OK I will climb down from the soapbox.

Looking forward Graham Allen and Paul Stubbs have been co-ordinating the National dates for the district in 2013 and they have spoken to the nominated clubs to get their agreement. Around this Paul has constructed the MD IOM winter series and the MDCS IOM summer dates, along with the PRACC. From experience I can tell you this takes a lot of time and chasing up, so early feedback from the club secretaries makes things a whole lot easier. So if you want dates in the MYA year book please get in early, there is less chance of a clash.

Don't forget if your club changes officers either mid-season or at the club AGM, both the district secretary and councillor need to be informed. This way we can pass on the details and get the MYA web site contacts page updated.

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I have recently renewed all our district club details on the MYA Geomap database so all your club sailing waters will start to show up on the map. This will also include the club contacts.

Whilst mentioning the clubs and sailing waters I would like to welcome both Shustoke sailing club, and Abersoch Lasers to the list of district contacts.

If you have any questions please initially contact either the district secretary or councillor to see if we can help, or at least put you in contact with the correct person.

Thanks to Paul Stubbs for all the district administration that he has undertaken on your behalf during the year, and to Darin Ballington for updating the web site, as well as the 101 other things he does behind the scenes. He mentioned to me that we tend to mostly feature just IOM news on the MD web site, and whilst it does reflect on what is going on in the district it would be nice to feature other articles.

If you have something new and not IOM related on your club site please let Darin know and he will post a link from the MD site to your club site.

Finally thanks to the Rat's and race committees without you giving up your sailing so others can we would not have the events we do.

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