



## Model Yachting Association

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### Report to MD for AGM 8th Nov 2014

#### Sailing Activities

Five summer series IOM events have been held with good attendance at the various venues. Wind conditions have, as usual, given ROs enormous challenges in setting courses and that has been a reminder of the efforts put in by race teams/committees on behalf of their clubs and the competitors.

A feedback facility has been added to the MD website although, so far, we have only two contributions. One point very well made has been that of encouraging ROs to step up for hosting additional events. Rules and race management training (planned for the winter season) will help in this area.

It is evident that the district races are hugely popular and are doing a lot to raise the standard and enjoyment of the sport.

A new Trophy event has been held at Lincoln; the Clive Hand Memorial Trophy as a tribute to Clive who passed away earlier in the year. This event (also having the status of the MDWS-1) was particularly well attended and served to raise money for the RNLI. Members of the district are pleased to see that Jenny has taken up the IOM challenge with 169 although we know this means serious extra competition at District events!

#### Development

New members are now receiving the new MYA 'welcome' publication by John Newton from the MYA. This is most welcome since it can be very difficult for newcomers to settle in to race participation and they often don't like to ask or be a nuisance to experienced skippers.

Rules training will be key and we aim for each club to have one or two nominated trainers as a result of the MYA training programs. As soon as calendars are shaped up we can book the dates in (Manor Park is proposed).

#### Items for raising at the AGM

Calendar 'cascade'. A clear process to set National, district and club dates so as to avoid too many clashes and concentrated event dates.

Prizes at District events - review relevance and potential for channelling fees to the host club funds.

Committee structure and getting more members involved to work together, share the load and help create development ideas.

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