

## MYA, MIDLAND DISTRICT AGM REPORT 2006.

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Firstly, I need to apologise to the district as I have not been able to represent them in the way that I do normally this year due to a long period of illness. This has also been reflected in the fact that I have not been able to visit the district clubs when we have been running the Midland District Champion Skipper and Club series for IOM's. However, I would like to thank those who kept in contact and put in the extra effort to ensure that the events the district was running on behalf of the MYA were able to be completed.

Having read the race reports I note that the number of skippers for each event appears to be down when compared with past reports, are we having too many events? or is the cost of travelling having some bearing on the levels of attendance. Perhaps the district club secretaries can find out what the club skipper want so we can better cater for them, they are after all the majority of each clubs' activities.

This leads me on to the venues, I know that this year we have been having problems with at least two venues in so much as one has suffered a large drop in water level, and a second is suffering with an increase in the weed spread. Hopefully the winter will do some thing regarding the weed, but obviously this will re-occur next year possibly restricting the period over the summer when the host club can stage events. As for Burton on Trent's loss of water this is more serious as it has stopped them using the venue for sailing anything more that scale type boats. I know that plans are in place to move the sailing section of the club to a new venue, but currently this is being negotiated and we will only get to sail on the venue as a big fleet later on in the winter as part of the winter IOM winter club challenge. Thanks for your work in finding a new venue Pete, as we certainly need a second lake that is big enough to sail Marbleheads.

How are the other venues going? As I have not had any feedback for Lincoln, Gwynedd, Oxford or Wickstead Park during the year, are you all OK.

Now to the results of the Midland District Champion Skipper & Club series 2006. The top individual skipper is Don Charlesworth, congratulations Don. After many years of trying, he won this year by being the most consistent and turning up to the most events.

The club shield was won by Leicester RYC again because they got a team out to most of the events ensuring they scored good points in each round.

Overall, I am pleased to see that this series still attracts a reasonable level of support amongst the district skippers, but with a little more effort from the club sailor we could improve thing even more thus helping the Watermead and Two Island clubs

achieve a better level of entry for there race. They are after all putting the event on for your benefit.

I also need to remind host clubs that is incumbent on them to provide an OOD who does not sail in the event; this does not mean that you will not get any support far from it. If you need help on the day all you need to do is ask one of the experienced skippers from the district for help to sort out any problem that may arise. Together we can ensure that we provide a good event to a consistent standard, whilst helping the host club gain experience in running an open event.

The winners Trophy for the MDCS series will be presented at the District AGM.

I know there is a winter challenge series for IOM's being held at Leicester RYC, Market Bosworth RYC and Burton on Trent (possible change of venue) during the period before next season so if you want some competitive sailing and a bit of friendly banter why not come along, it is open to all.

Tony Edwards will be publishing the dates with his report on the AGM.

I hope to see some of you sailing during the winter.

Regards  
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