

**Model Yachting Association
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MD. Councillor Report.

This year has seen a couple of changes in District personnel, firstly Tony Edwards has managed to finally find a replacement for the district secretary's job after many years of sterling work. This does not mean he has no longer any influence as he is now the new MYA vice chairman. His position has been taken by Graham Allen who as you will no doubt have seen by the input to the web site and the district mailings you get has taken to the job like a duck to water.

The district web site keeps growing with regular contributions from Laurie Brown, Darin Ballington and Graham Allen, making it well worth a visit. There are District race reports, great photos, and a running result sheet for both the individual and club scores in the IOM MDCS series.

Thanks for the continuing support, guys, and we got a big pat on the back from the MYA council for creating the district site in line with the National identity.

If you have any relevant District stuff that you think would be of interest, i.e. your club event or something you wish to publicise then just send it to Laurie and after it has been checked for content he will upload it for you.

Thanks, must also go to all OOD's who gave up their sailing to officiate at club and District held national events. The IOM Ranking race at Watermead on the Sunday initially had a tie break in the final score, and whilst there is a procedure for this, one of the boats had been awarded redress earlier in the day which made it more difficult to separate their scores. After some consultation we now have a modification to the MYA scoring system which sorts this out. We learnt a lot from this very rare incident and now know how to deal with it. The modified scoring program can be downloaded from the MYA web site.

As far as I am aware apart from a couple of minor incidents all the district racing went ahead as planned.

The turn out by Midland skippers for the IOM MDCS held up well and an extra friendly event was included off calendar because of the August break.

Bournville MY&PBC need to be thanked for hosting the rules seminar on 9th February, which was attended by the MYA Chairman, MYA Vice Chairman and the District Councillor. The member feedback was positive, and we have planned a follow up event at Manor Park sailing club in February 2009.

Bournville was also host to the Presidents Day, where anyone with a kit boat could come and learn about trim, boat preparation, sailing tactics etc. The day closed with a presentation on what the MYA does.

Looking forward to 2009, Lincoln have offered to host the RM National championships and the district officers will be available to help them make this a successful event.

If you have an RM now is the time and chance for you to race the best in your own District.

Only this week I have received a phone call from a scale sailing group near Banbury who currently sail a wide range of kit yachts for information about the MYA, the Footy class and would we like to come down to a meeting to give them a teach in session on trim and race craft. We have provisionally made an appointment to visit them in late January 2009.

Now they want to compete on an even level with each other they are considering building a fleet of Footies. Another venue for the Midlands maybe?

Anyway, enough ramble let's get down to this seasons IOM MDCS series results. In first place from Leicester RYC is Don Charlesworth, congratulations Don two seasons in a row.

The club shield also goes to Leicester RYC, once again well done.

Want to know where you came then visit the district web site where there is a full result sheet.

Keep the wind in your sails and I hope to see you all over the IOM winter series. Dates will be posted and sent to the district club secretaries.

Regards
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