

## MYA Scottish District AGM 2010

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Scottish District of the Model Yachting Association, held at Royal Tay Yacht Club, Dundee, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010

### Present

Richard Ennos (Chairman)	Levenhall
David Loomes (Secretary)	Paisley
Ralph Knowles	Brechin
Ali Law	Buchanness
Ian Dundas	Aberdeen
John Owens	Aberdeen
Gordon Neil	Ayr Bay
Boyd Baird	Brechin
Mel Percival	Brechin
Jimmy Rodger	Brechin
Dick McBride	Brechin
David Brown	Brechin
Brian Robertson	Buchanness
Fritz Olsen	Levenhall
Richard Rowan	Greenock

- 1 Apologies were received from Hugh Shields, Gordon Allison, Colin Deakin, Steve Taylor and Neil Jardine.
- 2 Minute of 2009 AGM. The minutes of the 2009 AGM were adopted without modification, proposed by Ali Law, 2nded by Ian Dundas.
- 3 Matters Arising. Ian Dundas asked if we could ask for nominations for committee positions when the notice of the AGM is sent out. This had been done informally this year, but it was agreed that in future this should be done so that everyone in the District has an equal chance of being nominated.
- 4 Chairman's Report. Richard Ennos presented a written report to the meeting. A copy of this is attached to these minutes.
- 5 District Councillor's Report. Ian Dundas presented the District Councillor's report. A written copy of the report is attached to these minutes.  
  
Ian highlighted the fact that the Scottish District has earned an excellent reputation within the MYA for running the larger events.
- 6 Treasurer's Report. Since the post of Treasurer no longer exists, there was no treasurer's report.
- 7 Racing Secretary's Report. Ali Law presented the Racing Secretary's report. This report is attached to the end of these minutes.

Richard Rowan brought up the subject of the number of travellers events and suggested that in future years the District Championship should be part of the Travellers' series. Ian Dundas pointed out that inter-club events in the north east of Scotland together with additional open events being staged by other clubs meant that the number of events available for competitive skippers was already larger than just the Travellers' series alone.

For 2011 there will be three traveller events with two counting towards the winner of the travellers. There will be a two day Scottish IOM championship at Castle Semple. The next AGM may look at altering the format for 2013.

- 8 Senior Measurer's Report. Ralph Knowles' written report is attached to the end of these minutes.

There was much discussion of the fact that several boats were underweight when checked prior to the start of the ranking race at Castle Semple. Since this has happened before, it was generally felt that the District should make provision for penalties to be imposed on individuals breaking the rules in this way in future. The favoured proposal was to amend the district SSIs to make it clear that in future we could perform check weighing at the end of each heat with any boat found underweight facing sanctions at the discretion of the race committee potentially including immediate disqualification. Ralph Knowles (Senior Measurer) and Ali Law (Racing Secretary) will review if any action is needed and the situation will be clarified.

- 9 Reports by the Clubs. These are included separately at the end of these minutes.

- 10 Election of District Councillor. Ian Dundas indicated that he was willing to continue in the post of District Councillor, and in the absence of any other nominees, he was duly elected. Proposed by Boy Baird, seconded Richard Rowan.

- 11 Election of Officers. The committee for 2011 will be :

- Chairman : Richard Ennos – proposed B Baird, seconded I Dundas.
- Secretary : John Owens – proposed R Ennos, seconded A Law
- Racing Secretary : Ali Law – proposed B Baird, seconded R Knowles
- Senior Measurer : Ralph Knowles – proposed A Law, seconded R Rowan
- Publicity Officer : The post of Publicity Officer was not renewed this year but John Owens agreed to take on part of this role together with the Secretary's position.

- 12 2011 Racing Programme. Ali Law presented a draft calendar for racing during the 2011 season and noted that it was dominated by the need to avoid times when water is full of weed. The calendar and its subsequent updates will be published via the Scottish District website.

- 13 Any Other Competent Business.

It was noted with sadness that the district had lost 3 long standing members during the last year. Sandy McLaren from Levenhall, Mike Barr and Gordon McFarlane, both from Paisley all passed away during the year.

David Loomes agreed to contact George Beacroft to discuss reviving the Karachi Cup this year.

Richard Rowan stated that he had brought his fleet of Micro Magics with him and would have them available at Stobsmuir pond after the AGM so all could try sailing them. He reported that he had used the Micro Magics at full size sailing clubs on the west coast to introduce their members to radio sailing.

## **SCOTTISH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

This year the Scottish District of the MYA was delighted to welcome a seventh club to the district. Ayr Bay Model Yacht Club sails on the Irvine pond just behind the Magnum centre in Irvine. At present the Ayr Bay fleet is based chiefly around Radio Marbleheads and Lasers, though it is hoped that as a result of joining the district the merits of the One Metre Class will become appreciated. Members of the club made the lengthy journey up to Brechin to be welcomed into the district and take part in the Fastnet trophy in May. In August Ayr Bay hosted their first open event for One Metres, stepping in to provide sailing water when weed prevented the running of an open event planned for Paisley. Gordon Rae and his team organised a first class set of races in testing conditions, complementing the racing with some excellent hospitality and much appreciated refreshments. We look forward to seeing members from Ayr Bay at all our forthcoming Scottish District events, and note that an event at Ayr is already pencilled into the racing calendar for 2011.

A second highlight of the 2010 season in the Scottish District was the hosting of the IOM Scottish ranking race at Castle Semple over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April. With ranking points on offer for the forthcoming World Championships in 2011, the event attracted a very large entry of 52 skippers including a number of former world and national champions. It was extremely pleasing to see a healthy contingent of Scottish skippers participating in the event and taking advantage of the excellent sailing conditions at Castle Semple. Wind conditions were excellent on both days allowing long and testing courses to be set and resulting in wins for Brad Gibson and Robert Walsh on the Saturday and Sunday respectively. My job as race officer was made simple by the wonderful support provided by the district race team. Special thanks are due to David Smith who did a fantastic job with receiving entries, sending out briefings before the event, organising fleets, keeping and publishing the scores over the two days and generally ensuring that the competitors went home happy. I believe we have reinforced the view that the Scottish District can be relied upon to stage a first class event.

In addition to the ranking event, the Scottish District has also organised a varied programme of racing throughout the year, including the three venue Travellers series. The decision to schedule Travellers events outside the summer period has been vindicated. In a year that has been particularly affected by weed at many sailing venues there have been no problems with any of the Travellers events. I would like to take the opportunity of thanking our racing secretary Alistair Law for all his hard work both behind the scenes and in his capacity as race officer for two of the Travellers events, in ensuring the delivery of a first class programme of races.

In the coming year I am looking forward to a second running of the Scottish District championship event over two days at Castle Semple. This provides a wonderful opportunity for meeting and getting to know fellow skippers in Scotland. I also hope that it will be possible to run a further rules seminar and the MYA District Workshop event which, for reasons beyond our control, we were unable to host this year. Ian Dundas, as our Scottish District councillor, has been instrumental in getting us on the workshop circuit, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunity to learn from the elite in our sport. The more activities like this that we can organise, the better will be the level of expertise and the standard of competition in the district. Ultimately I hope that we can reach a position where we can put together a credible challenge to win back the Karachi cup, which for too long has been held by the English Districts of the MYA.

Before closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank our long serving District Secretary, David Loomes, for all the effort that he has put in, over more years that I know about, to ensure that the deliberations at these meetings are recorded, and the Scottish District moves forward. The District relies entirely on the efforts of volunteers, and we are very grateful to David for the time and effort he has given to ensuring that we have the opportunity to enjoy well organised and competitive radio sailing in Scotland.

Richard Ennos

## **REPORT TO 2010 AGM FROM MYA SCOTTISH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

In 2010, due to the long distance from Aberdeen to Birmingham, I have not been able to attend in person any of the MYA Council Meetings but have submitted Scottish District reports to each meeting and have actively participated in the two electronic council meetings held in February and June.

After completion of the MYA Handbook Rewrite that I led in 2009 I volunteered in 2010 to assist with the development of the MYA Knowledge Base set up by Richard Rowan and in addition I have recently joined a workgroup looking into updating and developing the MYA Race Management Rules and Race Officer Guidelines.

At the request of the Acquaint Editor I submitted a report on Scottish District activities that was published in the September edition of the magazine.

### **SUMMARY OF CURRENT MYA COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

- Preparing the 2011 Racing Calendar, National Championships and Yearbook
- Liaising with Sailing Authorities (IRSA, RYA) and Class Associations (IOMICA)
- Preparing Centenary Year events for 2011.
- Hosting the IOM World Championships at West Kirby
- Drafting Revised Rules and Best Practice Guidelines for Race Management
- Reviewing the Personal Sail Number system.
- Development of MYA training workshops
- Publicity at Boat Shows and other exhibitions
- Publishing the Acquaint Magazine and E newsletter.
- Development of the MYA website, Members Area and Forum and maintenance of Club and Member databases.

### **MYA AGM**

The MYA AGM will be held in Dickens Heath Primary School, Birmingham on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 13h30 following the MYA Trade Show.

The only motions are those proposed by Council to update the Constitution.

Details have been issued to Club Secretaries and are posted on the Website.

There are no proposals to change the level of member subscriptions for 2011.

Clubs are reminded to send the details of their members for 2011 and the appropriate subscriptions by the due date of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 with a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### **2011 MYA SAILING PROGRAM**

Scottish Racing Secretary has been liaising with MYA Racing Secretary to produce a compatible program of sailing for 2011.

**Ian Dundas**

## **RACING SECRETARY'S REPORT 2010**

Probably the most important event this year has been the addition to the district of Ayr Bay MYC. They have an excellent sailing water just behind the Magnum centre in Irvin, they have access to toilet facilities in the centre which makes this venue very attractive for hosting regattas.

We should recognise the efforts this year of all the people who have given up their time to organise and run events within the district, we the committee are very grateful for your efforts, and we would like to thank all the skippers who have entered these events, without you giving of your time these events would be worthless to say the least. A very good all round effort.

### **New events**

The sailing calendar is still growing with new open events being added. This year saw two new IOM events hosted by Greenock and Paisley and because of weed the Paisley event was held at Ayr Bay who showed us that they could rise to the occasion and did a magnificent job. (plenty of wind)

### **IOM Travellers**

This year three IOM traveller events were held: Buchanness (Peterhead, sailed at Aberdeen), Greenock and Brechin with 36 skippers taking part both sailing or in the race teams.

Greenock	9 races completed (18 heats)
Buchanness	15 races completed
Brechin	15 races completed

All events were sailed in a sportsmanship manner indeed one of the best years yet (the open events were similar). The winner this year is **Richard Rowan**.

### **Wooden Built IOM's Championship**

The wooden boat championship was the brain child of the Brechin club and has been a very worthwhile event to enter and should not be missed you can either build yourself a boat or try and borrow one for this is a very enjoyable and hotly contested event. This year event was sailed in light winds and sunny conditions. After 12 races Ian Dundas sailed his own design (Barracuda) into first place.

### **Fastnet (endurance race)**

This event was brought into the district many years ago by the then Drumpellier club and championed by Ewen Boyle. With the demise of this club the event was dropped by the district until Brechin came in and their location (restaurant) was ideal to host the race.

It is open to all classes of yachts and a yacht handicap system is in operation based on the age, class and the age of the skipper. The yachts race around a course over a period of 30 minutes and laps are counted and after all the handicaps are worked in a winner is found. This year Richard Ennos won with a R6M

### **Skipper involvement**

There were in total 58 skippers involved in the years events up till now with the RA event still to be sailed. Not counting the ranking races. I think this is quite impressive for the size of district.

### **Ranking Races**

In April this year the district had the responsibility to organise and run two single day's national ranking races at Castle Semple. The race team was headed up by Richard Ennos and as in years gone past we again excelled in the organisation and running of the events. We had a very well attended social evening organised for the Saturday evening. We also saw more Scottish skippers entering than previous years. The entry was an impressive 52 skippers all hungry for points to qualify for next year's worlds.

### **Rules seminar**

Boyd and I organised a rules seminar here in Royal Tay open to all dinghy and radio sailors. I think we had a total of twenty skippers divided evenly between the disciplines. Terrence Brownrigg (RYA International Judge) was the instructor and with the help of the overhead managed to present a very interesting lecture on the racing rules of sailing. Those who missed this presentation really missed out, but you can have another chance because we are now starting to organise another rules seminar for next year.

### **Workshop**

Because of circumstance and the lack of available instructors we were unable to hold this event, but this coming year it is hoped to cover this maybe in a more modest way.

### **Scottish District SSIs**

There were a few changes to the instructions this year, mainly house keeping, the most significant was the decision made to change the advantage to apply only in single fleet events, this seemed to work alright and if everyone is happy with them we will continue. This year I think most skippers declined the offer and sailed off scratch.

### **R6M District Championship**

I cannot remember seeing a report on this event but I believe it was sailed but have no idea who won.

### **Scottish District scene**

This year I have made a point in sailing in each of the clubs in the Scottish district and am happy to report that radio sailing is in a good footing.

One major worry for the far north east clubs is the apparent lack of interest in the local communities in radio yacht sailing and trying to turn that around will be a major issue this coming year.

**Ali Law**

## **SENIOR MEASURERS REPORT**

Many thanks for the participation and work, usually unseen, by the voluntary official measurers attached to most clubs in Scotland. I have yet to recruit a measurer from our most recent addition to our ranks, Air Bay Model Yacht Club. Once their 'settling in' has been accomplished and with new recognised classes being established then I look forward to possibly two of their members being proposed, taking into account their initial fleet of refurbished Marbleheads and hopefully an increasing fleet of IOM's. Not that I am biased!

There is still no finite decision as to the measurement forms being returned to owners.

I was at the National Ranking Races at Castle Semple in late spring, and took the opportunity with the assistance of Boyd Baird, to 'weigh in' all the competitors before they launched their yachts. This was a good exercise which caught out a few severe errors, both very underweight and also one grossly overweight. We may have to think about severe penalties at future events if yachts are presented so far out of specification. I wonder if these yachts are being regularly sailed at home clubs in underweight condition.

Nationally, there have been a few questions referred to the international Tech Committee, Batten Pockets, measurement points in close proximity to these pockets or respective positions of glued on battens, Cover patches round the ends of battens. leach tabling etc.etc Many rather pedantic threads cluttering up email inboxes discussing the semantics of statements made or written about what many would regard as trivia.

There has been one subject brought up by our chairman following his visit to Irvine where his attention was brought to a pair of winglets on an IOM rudder. The question of their legality was put to me, and I was unable to give a clear answer as there is nothing in the rules which mentions such. The only reference to width of appendages refers to the max width of the fin which is to stop very full fillets along the fin to hull juncture. To cut a long story short I requested comments from the MYA tec team via Henry Farley, as Roger Stollery (MYA IOM Tech Rep).was on holiday. I got a non committal answer from Henry and none later from Roger. I have since seen a piece where Graham Bantock has asked for a ruling from IOMICA Technical People, and have stepped back from this, as it is now at a higher level. I hope this does not drag on as long as many other requests for rulings.

**Ralph Knowles**

## **REPORTS FROM THE CLUBS**

### **GREENOCK**

In the past year, Greenock hosted the IOM Travellers' series in March with an excellent turnout of 24 boats.

The club also held two open meetings, Scots of Greenock in May enjoying a good entry, and an additional event in September providing a good day's sailing for visitors from all over Scotland.

The RA Scottish District Championship event scheduled for August was postponed until November because a no. of new boats were not ready in time. It is hoped that next year could see as many as 6 boats being sailed in the RA class at the club.

The Seawind class is just about to start sailing again for the winter months, and this year it is hoped that IOMs will be able to sail through the winter as well.

Next season, the club intends to run a number of IOM events and also some RA events. We anticipate assisting Paisley with the running of the West Coast round of the Travellers Series. The club currently has 60 members, 14 of those being affiliated to the MYA as sailing members.

### **REPORT FROM LEVENHALL RADIO YACHT CLUB**

Current sailing membership stands at 28, with regular turnouts of 8-10 members at the pond on Saturdays. The quality of the fleet is uniformly high, dominated by Lintels and Italicos with a sprinkling of TS2s and a variety of wooden hulled IOM's. The club was active at the beginning of the season in supplying the backbone of the race team for the Scottish District Ranking event. Since that time we have successfully completed our scheduled club competitions, with Will Davies coming back from a long layoff to win the club championship with ease. During the year we have scheduled a number of Saturdays as rules days, during which we take time out at the break to go over some fundamental racing rules using a set of models produced by Nick Cowern. This has certainly made everything clear at the time, though sadly it has proved more difficult to ensure that the increased knowledge of the rules translates to better sailing on the water. However all agree that it has been a very useful exercise and should continue.

Summer sailing at Levenhall has been sadly overshadowed by the death of Sandy McLaren at the pond side on 5<sup>th</sup> June, shortly after he arrived to set up his yacht for racing. It was fortunate that the club had been through a safety audit, conducted by Robert Brown earlier in the year, so that it was possible to summon emergency first aid and ambulance assistance for Sandy as soon as it was realised that he was unwell. However it was to no avail. Sandy is very sorely missed at the club. He was the most generous of men with his time and expertise, always willing to help new and more experienced members alike if they had any equipment problems, often foregoing his own sailing to assist others. He was also a very fine builder of highly competitive yachts, many now owned by other members of the club, which continue to win races. Sandy always had a new yacht on the stocks, or was trying out new equipment in his existing yachts, and was a mine of information on all things technical. He was also a very

fine and competitive sailor, and once clear of the fleet would often beat us by a wide margin. Sandy, we really miss you.

As at most other radio sailing clubs, weed has been a very serious problem over the summer period this year, restricting the courses that can be set and turning many races into a lottery. However possible solutions to the problems, set out in the Acquaint magazine, have been forwarded to the council, and we hope that some effective weed treatment can be applied next year for the benefit of all users of the pond at Levenhall. Looking to the future it is clear that age is taking its toll on the membership and on the numbers racing each weekend. Recruitment of new members is likely to be a priority for us over the next few years.

Richard Ennos

## **BRECHIN**

Attendance has followed last years numbers, with an average of eight or nine on Wednesdays and five or six on Sundays. We still have a good core of interest with a couple of new sailors. Sailing membership this year has peaked at 22 members.

We have managed to keep the weed at bay with early installation of Barley Bales and using the last of our stock of legal treatment, before we must think again on our expenditure, with ever more expensive 'new' and 'legal' treatments. We were bedevilled with lack of water for a couple of months due to the very dry spring and the failure of the top up pump. This did not stop sailing, but we had to resort to 'welly launches' as the pier had insufficient water close by.

We nearly had a full summer Wednesday's programme, only weathered off twice. Our Sunday program was a bit hit or miss again, with other sailing events on Saturdays and some late announced public events being run by the garden centre affecting attendance.

This summer we hosted three 'District' events, the Fastnet, The Scottish Wooden IOM's and lastly the Travellers#3. The first two were very well attended and for the travellers, ten boats hit the starting line. As seen on the previous year's event there was a very good mix of classes at the Fastnet with a good representation from Irvine which was very welcome. This coming summer we will not be hosting a travellers, as Levenhall are on the schedule, but the Fastnet and the Wooden IOM's will be at Brechin.

Our fallback venue at Stobsmuir has, at last, been filled to a sailable depth after someone 'accidentally' drained it down and then there was peculiar 'blue algae' scare with notices advising not to use the pond being prominently displayed. This did nothing to push on the refilling of the pond. Our club members resident in Dundee took it upon themselves in the absence of any action by the district council, to clean up the pond whilst the water was low and came away with a good few hundredweight of 'items' some of which were downright insanitary if not dangerous. A further sweep of the pond was done much more recently with only a small pick up required.

## **BUCHANNESS RYC**

The club membership this year stands at 19 both radio sailors and Fifie. The Fifie section gained one new member who had built a 3ft fifie and joined up. One of the Fifie sailors has bought a second hand IOM and is now enjoying another discipline in the world of sailing.

The radio sailors meet every Wednesday and Saturday. Saturday events alternate between Peterhead and Aberdeen depending on the weed situation at Aberdeen.

The Buchanness year started off with a great frost bite event on the 2nd January which took the format of team racing and went very well.

Buchanness also took part in the three NE Travellers winter series at the beginning of the year which is a very good series and worthwhile entering. For some reason the Buchanness water never freezes and does not have an infestation of weed in the summer giving great sailing all year round. It does however, have extremely high winds and can be rather cold.

Buchanness hosted the second of the Scottish district travellers, using the Aberdeen club's water at Inchgarth reservoir as they had, because of weed, used PD for the 2009 event. There were 13 skippers who went to the start line for what turned out to be quite an arduous event, sailed in warm weather with very fluky winds making course setting difficult.

Buchanness provided the race team for traveller three at Brechin this helped to bring a new face into the world of race organising and running.

During the local Peterhead Scottish week the club set up an open day and invited, by way of the Scottish week programme book, any interested people to come and see our yachts on display and have a go. This has helped to promote the club at a community level.

In August the club set up a display in the fish market as part of the harbour open day again this helped promote the club and we did have some interest but as yet none of these efforts have produced boats on the water. We have now been in contact with the local sailing club and there seems to be interest in organising a regatta in the marina after their dinghy sailing some Sunday afternoon, date to be decided.

Again this year we have shared along with our Aberdeen friends some excellent sailing both in the winter and the summer months and are now looking forward to this year's late winter series.

The Fifies are a very old class of yacht being modelled off the sailing herring drifters of the middle to late 1800s which fished out of the Scottish east coast mainly and were prolific. These graceful boats were very efficient and very fast especially in a breeze and could easily out run a steam drifter. The model yachts have been built and raced in Peterhead since these early days, a club was formed around and before 1900. The model Fifie is a joy to build, sail and watch.

Presently we race the yacht in heats of two ensuring that each yacht races each other and hence a winner is found. They have no radio gear, no rudder and are steered by setting up the

sails and the secret is a “pooch full of jibs”. The Fifie section meet every Tuesday evening. Sailing takes place if the wind is in the correct direction otherwise we meet in the boat house shed for news.

We have enjoyed some very good sailing at the beginning and end of the summer but the middle section was poor because of the wind staying in the northwest. It is hoped to try and do something on Saturdays over the winter but this does bring problems of cold as you are standing in the water turning the yachts.

## **ABERDEEN**

Membership currently stands at 12 with 8 full and 4 junior members. The club is financially sound and has a stable relationship with Scottish Water for the use of the Inchgarth Reservoir.

Three members have participated in Scottish Travellers and UK IOM Ranking events.

As in previous years, Aberdeen Club has joined up with Buchanness Club to run a combined sailing programme with sailing on Wednesday afternoons at Buchanness during the summer and on Saturday at either Aberdeen or Peterhead throughout the year. This approach created larger fleets for club racing and has optimised race officer duties. Team Races have been organised from time to time which have proven to be popular with the participating skippers. At many club events this year it was decided not to keep scores or publish results which seems to have encouraged better communication between skippers and less protest situations on the water.

Weed has again restricted sailing at Inchgarth reservoir in late summer and the severe winter conditions in January left Inchgarth iced over for several weeks. During these restrictions Buchanness was clear and able to run events.

We look forward to the coming North East Clubs Winter Series and invite any Scottish Club sailor to come and join us. All will be very welcome. (See the sailing calendar published on website for dates and details)

## **PAISLEY MODEL YACHT CLUB**

Paisley has 18 members who actively sail IOMs. Of these, seven members actively sail 6 Meters. As in recent years, attendance on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons remained, by and large, very good until the inevitable weed infestation at the end of June.

We have been in communication with the local council on numerous occasions to try and solve this on going problem and they committed to treat the pond during 2010 with environmentally friendly chemicals which proved ineffective. We plan to step up our efforts to have the pond drained, cleaned and treated for 2011 but this may prove fruitless due to local government cutbacks. Our sailing calendar will be compiled with the anticipation of weed in 2011.

We did manage to stage the Scottish District 6M Championships but due to some confusion on the date there were only 5 entries. Race officer Drew Taylor did an excellent job and at the end John Taylor took 1<sup>st</sup> place by a single point from Robert Rooney and Gordon Allison.

Both our IOM and 6M club championships have been curtailed due to weed although we plan to reschedule them as soon as we can set sail on our pond.

We would also like to thank Ayr Bay Model Yacht Club for staging our IOM open event in September which proved to be a great success. Our thanks also go to Greenock for accommodating us during the summer.

Our website has been doing well and we have had many visits from potential new members.

We have encouraged our less experienced skippers to participate in the Travellers Events in 2010 and will do so again in 2011.

Sadly, our club also lost our eldest member during 2010. Gordon McFarlane passed away in April and his presence will be missed greatly - a true gentleman.

## **AYR BAY MODEL YACHT CLUB**

Ayr Bat model yacht club currently has 13 members, 8 of whom are affiliated to the MYA. In general the club is pleased with the progress they have made and are grateful for the help they have received from Paisley model yacht club, particularly Robert Rooney and John Matheson

The club is looking forward to the coming year, when they will again be sailing on Tuesday afternoons and Sunday mornings. The club is also looking into hosting an event for radio Lasers.