

**MYA Scottish District**  
**2011 AGM – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011**  
**Minutes**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Scottish District of the Model Yachting Association, held at Royal Tay Yacht Club, Dundee, on Saturday 8th October 2011.

**Present :**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>
Gordon Neil ***	Ayr Bay
Ian Dundas ***	Aberdeen
John Owens	Aberdeen
Boyd Baird ***	Brechin
Dick McBride	Brechin
Mel Percival	Brechin
Colin Deakin ***	Buchanness
Ali Law	Buchanness
Richard Rowan ***	Greenock
Richard Ennos ***	Levenhall
David Smith ***	Paisley
*** = Club voting representative	

**1) Apologies**

- a) Iain Duncan (Rhu), Ralph Knowles (Brechin), Gordon Allison (Paisley), Steve Taylor (Aberdeen), Hugh Shields (Greenock), Pat Johnson (Greenock), Jimmy Roger (Brechin).

**2) Confirm Minutes of 2010 AGM**

- a) Proposed : Boyd Baird                      Seconded : Ian Dundas

**3) Matters arising from the Minutes**

- a) **Karachi Cup (Ali Law)** : Paisley are custodians. Requires 6 skippers to travel to Chelmsford during a time of challenging economic climate. Is there sufficient commitment?
- i) **Action** : David Smith to follow-up including contacting George Beacroft. It is thought to most pragmatic to sail the event in 2013.
- b) **Boat measurement (Ali Law)** : The procedures are already in the RRS. Check weighing of boats is at RO's discretion. At the start of an event, if boats fail measurement, then skipper has the opportunity to correct the issue before racing commences. If the issue is discovered during the event, then the Race Committee has a number of options open depending on the severity of the infringement. Key is that it is the skipper's responsibility to ensure their boat complies.
- i) **Action** : Attention will be paid by the RO at the 2012 Castle Semple IOM ranking event hosted by Aberdeen MYC.
- ii) **Action** : Senior Measurer to contact SD Club Secretaries/Measurers to remind them to ensure members boats comply. It is recommended that a note that spot checking may occur at the event will be included in the Notice of Race.

#### 4) Officials reports for 2011 :

- a) Chairman's report (appended)
- b) District Councillor's report (appended)
  - i) Matter arising : MYA proposal to raise subscription fees by £1 in 2012. This requires voting at club level to the MYA AGM. It is noted as a point of information. It is commented that weed and the expense of long distance travel are threats to the sailing calendar.
- c) Racing Secretary's report (appended)
- d) Senior Measurer's report (appended)
  - i) All reports were accepted as a matter of record.

#### 5) Reports by Clubs (appended) :

- a) Ayr Bay
- b) Aberdeen
- c) Brechin
- d) Buchanness
- e) Greenock
- f) Levenhall
- g) Paisley
- h) Rhu
- i) All reports were accepted as a matter of record.

#### 6) Draft racing programme for 2012 season (appended)

- a) 28<sup>th</sup> July 2012 IOM T2 & District Championship will be an open event for all MYA members but can be also scored as Scottish Championship only for SD skippers.
- b) **Action :** Request for SD Secretaries to reply in timely manner when contacted by the SD Racing Secretary.

#### 7) Proposed changes to SD Constitution :

Minor changes are proposed to the SD Constitution. These are designed to :

- Fully and clearly embed in the wording those changes approved at the 2005 AGM.
- Clarify and streamline the roles of the District Committee (DC)

The specific changes are:

##### 1) **Section 5.1 : District Senior Measurer becomes a full voting member of the DC**

- a) Current wording : The officers of the DC shall be the Chairman, Secretary/ Treasurer and Racing Secretary.
- b) New wording : ***The officers of the DC shall be the Chairman, Secretary/ Treasurer, Racing Secretary and District Senior Measurer.***

##### 2) **Section 5.3 : delete District Senior Measurer**

- a) Current wording : Any of the Officers may also act as District Councillor and District Senior Measurer.
- b) New wording : ***Any of the Officers may also act as District Councillor.***

##### 3) **Section 6.2 – role of Secretary/Treasurer :** The SD currently has no assets (financial or tangible). However, should this change, then budgets will need to be agreed and reported back. The following additional wording is thus proposed :

- a) ***To agree a budget for District activities at the start of each year. To monitor the money being spent against the budget. To arrange***

**payments for expenditure agreed by the DC. To provide a statement of District income and expenditure at the Annual General Meeting.**

**4) Section 9.1 : Propose that timing of the SD AGM be moved from September to October to reflect the sailing calendar.**

- a) Current wording : The Annual General Meeting shall be held in September.
- b) New wording : ***The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October.***

**5) Section 11 : It is proposed above that the District Senior Measurer (DSM) shall have full DC voting rights. Thus, this section (stating DSM will not have a vote) needs updating.**

- a) Current Wording : The District Councillor and District Senior Measurer shall attend all meetings but shall not have a vote in that capacity.
- b) New wording : ***The District Councillor shall attend all meetings but shall not have a vote in that capacity.***

a) Section 6.2 to be reviewed with the MYA Treasurer. All other amendments were accepted.

i) **Vote :** Unanimous

**8) Election of Officers for 2012 :**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Chairman	David Smith	Gordon Allison	Robert Rooney
Secretary/Treas.	John Owens	Ali Law	Colin Deakin
Racing Secretary	Ali Law	John Owens	Ian Dundas
District Senior Measurer	Ralph Knowles	Ali Law	Colin Deakin
District Councillor	Ian Dundas	Ali Law	John Owens

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Votes for :</b>
Chairman	David Smith	Unopposed
Secretary/Treas.	John Owens	Unopposed
Racing Secretary	Ali Law	Unopposed
District Senior Measurer	Ralph Knowles	Unopposed
District Councillor	Ian Dundas	Unopposed

**9) MYA Scottish District website**

- a) It was noted as matter of record that Richard Rowan has committed much personal time and skill in maintaining the Scottish District website which is greatly appreciated by the Scottish District.
- b) SD website was deemed useful and necessary.
  - i) General feedback that MYA webpage does not provide easy access to the MYA district websites.
    - **Action :** Ian Dundas to approach MYA for this matter to be improved.
- c) What could/needs to be improved?
  - i) Issues discussed included only one person can update the website (this has potential consequences for "immediacy") - could more people do it?

Considerations for the future involve IT skill capability and commitment to regular updates. Two options considered viable – fix/update what we have or build a new website. The issue of cost is covered by the MYA.

- **Action :** It was agreed the SD would maintain the current website.
- **Action :** It was agreed that for a dynamic website :
  - (a) responsibility lies with all **SD RO's and Club Secretaries** to promptly provide event reports (including results and photos) to John Owens
  - (b) **John Owens** will act as Publicity Officer/Editor prior to submitting material to Richard Rowan for posting on the website.

## **10) Any Other Competent Business**

### **a) Promoting RC sailing :**

- i) Where are the young people? How can we attract new and young blood? Experience shows that targeting teenagers is unsuccessful. The new entrants tend to be middle aged.
- ii) Appreciation was noted of the immense personal commitment shown by Ali Law to recruiting new members and travelling throughout the SD to support the sport.
  - **Action :** Clubs to document and share their experience.
  - **Action :** DC Chairman to consider how we could recruit to SD RC sailing?
  - **Action :** Publicity through the SD website.

### **b) Boat classes in the SD :**

- i) Radio controlled classes include A Class, IOM, 6M, Marblehead, Laser and Micro Magics. Free sailing Fifies are also sailed.
- ii) It was clarified that no classes were "disqualified" from the activities of the SD.
  - **Action :** SD website to be refreshed with pictures and brief descriptions of all these classes.

## **Officials reports for 2011**

### **2011 SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM**

#### **REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

I would like to begin this report by welcoming our new Scottish District secretary, John Owens, who has taken up the challenge of organising the AGM. He has already been active in providing welcome new ideas for the running of the Scottish District and we look forward to his input in the future. This is not an easy time to be involved in the administration of radiosailing at the district level. The resources that we have for travelling to events are becoming more limited. At the same time one of our most important assets, our sailing waters, are under threat as a consequence of unprecedented weed growth in the summer months. These issues are not going to go away, and we need some serious collective thought within the district about the best ways to confront these problems to ensure that we can continue to provide a range of competitive events under weed free conditions throughout the year and at venues accessible to the majority in the Scottish District.

2011 marks the centenary of the MYA, and in the Scottish District there has been plenty of activity to show the strength of radio sailing north of the Border. In addition to the regular running of the Travellers series and the more informal Fastnet event and wooden hull championship, we have held a two day Scottish District championship at Castle Semple, and a special centenary event at Peterhead in the height of summer. Despite the difficult financial climate, the turnout to events has held up. More than this, the sporting atmosphere at District events has been excellent, with well- mannered sailing that leaves competitors happy wherever they may finish. This is a situation which has not happened by chance. It is the result of great effort and enthusiasm shown by our District racing secretary and by the various club members who forgo their sailing to take on the task of officiating at events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alistair Law and all of those who have helped, in whatever way, to provide us with the opportunity to enjoy radio sailing at these various events throughout the district in the last year.

One of the problems faced by the Scottish district is its geography, meaning that we can feel cut off from MYA activities taking place hundreds of miles to the south. We are fortunate therefore that we are kept very much in touch with MYA affairs by our District Councillor, Ian Dundas who has committed a lot of time to ensure that we are up to speed and involved in developments at the national MYA level. The impact of the problems that we face, reduced opportunities to travel, and cancellation of events due to weed growth, are high on the MYA agenda. I hope that clear strategies for mitigating these problems will be forthcoming from the MYA in the near future.

This is my last time in the chair at the Scottish District AGM. I have enjoyed the opportunity to help in some small way to facilitating the organisation of this wonderful sport of radiosailing which is both a passion and an obsession of mine. I will be returning to concentrate on supporting radiosailing at club level, something which must be healthy if competition at the District level is to thrive. In this respect I see the recruitment of new members to be our biggest challenge but also the one which can provide us with the greatest rewards.

Richard Ennos

## **2011 SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM**

### **REPORT FROM THE MYA SCOTTISH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Over the past year, due to the long distance from Aberdeen to Birmingham, I have not attended 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 January and June.

I have contributed towards MYA activities by participating in the Racing Regulations Review Group, have drafted a new MYA Protest Form for use at the IOM World Championships and drafted the procedures for the MYA Centenary Awards.

### **MYA CENTENARY YEAR**

2011 is the Centenary for the MYA, with several special events. These have been well reported on the MYA Website and in the Centenary edition of the Acquaint 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.
- Drafting Revised Rules and Best Practice Guidelines for Race Management
- 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 Birmingham on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 13h30 following the MYA Trade Show. So far no motions for the AGM have yet been published but will be posted shortly on the website and sent to Club Secretaries.

Clubs are reminded to send the details of their members for 2012 and the appropriate subscriptions to MYA Treasurer by the due date of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

### **2011 MYA SAILING PROGRAM**

Scottish Racing Secretary has been liaising with MYA Racing Secretary to produce the sailing program for 2012. Scottish District has proposed to host at Castle Semple a UK IOM Ranking event on 5/6<sup>th</sup> May and the Laser Championships on 22/23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

Ian Dundas

## **2011 Annual General Meeting**

**The meeting will be held at the Premier Inn  
Stratford Road, Hockley Heath, Solihull, West Midlands B94 6NX  
on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 10.00am**

No motions were received by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 from any Clubs, District Committees or Class Associations.

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### **Notice of Motion**

#### **Motion 1 by Council**

In accordance with Section 9.1 of the MYA Constitution, Council proposes an increase to £11.00 of the subscription for Affiliated Members.

Subscriptions for Junior and Overseas members are to remain at existing levels.

**Chris Durant – Secretary to Council**

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#### **Notes**

- 1) Council has carefully considered its potential income and necessary expenditure during 2012 and has concluded that it is essential to recommend a modest increase of £1 per affiliated member. From present evidence available to Council (and to members themselves) it is clear that there will be in 2012 inevitable (and in some cases substantial) increases in most outgoings, particularly printing and insurance costs, and it is Council's duty to members to ensure that it sets subscription levels at the minimum it estimates is necessary to ensure a balanced budget.
- 2) As traders are scheduled to attend the Centenary Celebrations at Wyboston Lakes in October Council has concluded that it would be unfair to ask them to support two events within two months, so there will be no trade show at the AGM this year. However, subject to traders' willingness, Council intends to reinstate the practice in 2012.
- 3) Free tea and coffee will be available to attendees prior to the commencement of the meeting, and there is attached to the venue a Beefeater Grill which can supply both breakfast and lunch (attendees own cost) should participants wish to avail themselves of this facility. (see [www.beefeatergrill.co.uk/beefeater/restaurants/birmingham/the-barn/menus.html](http://www.beefeatergrill.co.uk/beefeater/restaurants/birmingham/the-barn/menus.html))

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### REPORT FROM THE RACING SECRETARY

The District Committee are responsible for seeing that the following MYA classes of yachts have a district championship.

RA class        Championship only  
R6M class      Championship only  
IOM class      Championship. The Traveller series has been added over the years  
Marblehead    New for 2012

IOM wooded built yachts this event has also been add to the remit of the district committee over the last few years being first introduced by the Brechin club and has proved very popular Fastnet. All classes with a handicap system which the district took responsibility for a number of years ago

### District Events & Winners 2011

Date	Host club	Event	Number of entries	Winner	Club
12/03/11	Paisley	IOM Traveller	11	I. Dundas	AMYC
09/04/11	Brechin	Fastnet	13	R. Ennos	LRYC
24/04/11	Paisley	R6M	5	R. Rooney	PMYC
30/04/11	Levenhall	IOM Championship	16	I. Dundas	AMYC
07/10/11	ABMYC	Marblehead Games	11	R. Stevens	TRI S
21/05/11	AMYC	IOM Traveller	12	A.R. Law	BRYC
12/06/11	Brechin	Wooden boats	14	A.R. Law	BRYC
20/08/11	Greenock	RA	7	A.R. Law	BRYC
01/10/11	Levenhall	IOM Traveller	11	I. Dundas	AMYC

Ian Dundas having won 2 out of 3 events is declared the IOM traveller winner

### Some statistics :

- Number of skippers entered this year in district events : 39 with all clubs represented
- Number of skippers entered for IOM Travellers : 26 With all clubs represented (this year's entry was marginally down on last year)
- Regatta with the best entry : Scottish district IOM Championship : 16 skippers
- Wooden boats : 14 skippers
- Fastnet : 13 skippers
- IOM Traveller 1 : 11 skippers
- Traveller 2 : 12 skippers
- RA : 7 skippers
- R6M : 5 skippers

It is noteworthy that the district championship (over two days) was the best attended regatta this year although slightly down on last year. This year's events have been well organised. The events have been well supported by the skippers with some travelling long distances, from Ayr Bay in the southwest to Peterhead in the northeast which at to-days fuel costs can make it quite expensive. In general the skippers have behaved extremely well on and off the water and we hope this trend continues. This year we have



seen a few new faces at the events both at district level and at open events and again we trust this trend also continues.

The Scottish District IOM Championship once again lived up to all expectations with a very well run event over the two days and a great social evening on the Saturday. Well done to Ian Dundas on a fine win.

A special mention and thanks from the district must go to the Race Officers and teams who gave of their time so that skippers could enjoy quality racing, not in any order :

- John Mason : R6M
- Boyd Baird : Wooden boats
- Hughie Shields : RA
- Ralph Knowles : Fastnet
- Richard Ennos : IOM District Championship
- Robert Rooney : IOM Traveller 1
- Ian Dundas : IOM Traveller 2
- Richard Ennos : IOM Traveller 3

Alistair R. Law, District Racing Secretary

## **2011 SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM**

### **REPORT FROM THE SENIOR MEASURER**

Many thanks for the participation and work, usually unseen, by the voluntary official measurers attached to most clubs in Scotland. As last year, I have yet to recruit a measurer from our most recent addition to our ranks, Ayr Bay Model Yacht Club. They are still 'settling in' and I look forward to possibly two of their members being proposed, taking into account their initial fleet of refurbished Marbleheads and their increasing fleet of IOM's & RC Lasers. I have had communication with Gordon Neil regarding design and build and wish him luck with his projects. Fortunately RC Laser's don't need a measurer!

There have been no contentious issues with regard to measurement in our District and I wish to remind Club Measurers that I still hold the District standard check weights which are available on a lend and return basis to any club.

In 2012 our District is hosting the Scottish leg of the National Ranking circuit, again at Castle Semple, where I will hopefully be arranging some form of weight checking and 'with cause' scrutinising of entries. This has still to be fully talked over and I may be looking for volunteer help to get the process streamlined.

Nationally, there have been more questions referred to the International Technical 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 and leach tabling etc. are still being talked about. The subject brought up by our chairman following his visit to Irvine last year where his attention was brought to a pair of winglets on an IOM rudder continued to get column inches and eventually, after a 'yes they are - no they are not' series of decisions, they are definitely NOT allowed.

This ends the report from the Senior Measurer Scottish District MYA

Ralph Knowles

## **Reports by Clubs**

### **2011 SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM**

#### **REPORT FROM ABERDEEN MODEL YACHT CLUB**

Membership in 2011 stands at 10 with 9 full and 1 junior member. The club remains financially sound and has a stable relationship with Scottish Water for the use of Inchgarth Reservoir. Three members have participated in Scottish Travellers and UK IOM Ranking events.

As has become the custom, Aberdeen runs a combined programme with Buchanness sailing at either Aberdeen or Peterhead on Saturday throughout the year and on Wednesday afternoons at Buchanness during the summer. This approach creates larger fleets for club racing. At club events we also retained the convention not to keep scores or publish results. The intent is to encourage the less experienced skippers, more experimentation with boat set-ups, better communication between skippers and less protest situations on the water. This seems to work without detracting from the standard of racing.

On 21<sup>st</sup> May, AMYC hosted the Scottish IOM Traveller 2. Twelve skippers represented six Scottish clubs. Ali Law was the worthy winner with Steve Taylor from Aberdeen in second place just one point behind.

Weed has again seriously restricted sailing at Inchgarth reservoir from August onwards and the severe winter conditions left Inchgarth iced over for several weeks. During these restrictions Buchanness was clear and able to run events.

Looking forward to next year's sailing programme Aberdeen Club has volunteered to run the UK Ranking event at Castle Semple with Race Team assistance from other Scottish Clubs.

With the difficulties that come from loss of sailing due to weed and ice, the Aberdeen Members will continue in 2012 to sail at Peterhead and will support the Buchanness' proposal to hold an annual Race series.

The future of the North East Clubs Winter Series will be reviewed at the end of this year and its continuation will depend on the interest shown to hold the series in the three locations of Aberdeen, Buchanness and Brechin.

John Owens and Ian Dundas

## **2011 SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM**

### **REPORT FROM AYR BAY MODEL YACHT CLUB**

The Club continues to flourish. Currently we have an MYA membership of fifteen skippers along with one junior member, all with their own boats. Attendance at our sailing venue at The Beach Park Pond in Irvine is good and usually involves about eight skippers over the summer period. Throughout the winter sailing we averages over twelve skippers as big boat owners keeping their skills up when full size boats are laid up.

The big freeze affecting our venue early in the year was circumvented by continuing our sailing at Troon Marina, a salt water location. Our pond has been lucky to have avoided the dreaded weed over most of the season, with floating weed affecting our sailing only for a period of about three weeks in early September.

The type of boats being sailed varies with the r.c. Laser being the most popular. Most of our members are very much beginners to the sport. We feel that this robust and easily rigged boat is an ideal craft to introduce new members to the demands of r.c sailing. We have a growing fleet of IOMs with ten regularly being sailed. This class of boat is recognised as being the boat to aspire to. We sail Marbleheads, having nine in our fleet. The Micro Magic features occasionally and on rare occasions the Footy with one of each being held by Club members. These Classes are unlikely to be developed further within our Club.

The Club has been happy to act as host to several Events throughout the year :

- GAMES Event for Marbleheads (Administered by Guildford MYC)
- IOM Open. (Two events held)
- Laser Travellers Trophy (UKRCLA Event)
- Our scheduled IOM / Marblehead pursuit race has been cancelled due to weed problems)

The Club has been represented at SD events throughout the year including Buchanness, Aberdeen, Brechin, Levenhall, Greenock, Paisley and at the Castle Semple IOM District Championship.

We are confident that our members will continue to grow in numbers and in experience, and will actively contribute to the fostering of the Sport within the Scottish District of the MYA.

Gordon Neil

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### **REPORT FROM BRECHIN CASTLE CENTRE MODEL BOAT CLUB**

Attendance has increased over last years numbers with an average of nine or ten on Wednesdays and five or six on Sundays. We still have a good core of interest with a couple of new sailors. With Wednesday numbers being very healthy, a number of days possibly needing more than one heat. Fifteen IOM's in our small pond is very crowded. This is something to think about for next year. Sailing membership this year has peaked again at 22 members.

We managed to keep the weed at bay until July when there was an infestation of 'Duckweed'. Even with early installation of barley bales and after a treatment with some new style of herbicide this appeared as a floating mass that wandered around the pond with every wind change. Fortunately a NE gale swept most of it over the weir and the rest slowly died.

We nearly had a full summer Wednesdays programme, only weathered off twice. Our Sunday programme tailed off as is reported below. Eleven weeks of winter ice did not help.

This summer we hosted two 'District' events - the Fastnet and the Scottish Wooden IOM's. These were very well attended and results were reported soon after the events. As seen on the previous years event there was a very good mix of classes at the Fastnet which was very welcome. Next summer we will again be hosting the Fastnet and the Scottish District Wooden IOM's at Brechin.

Due to the distance to Brechin and the fact that all of the Sunday sailors come from Dundee, we have been trying to sail more locally at the weekend. Our fallback venue at Stobsmuir was a great disappointment. We had access to the lower pond in the autumn but the weed quickly put it out of commission. The upper pond was attacked by the local council with digger and trailer and all looked promising, then the big freeze set in, and the plant was removed, not to return, We tried the lower pond after the thaw hoping that the weed would have been killed off, only to find the opposite was the case. Fortunately the upper pond had been refilled and we sailed there with a very restricted water area until the dreaded weed came back with a vengeance. So, we decamped to Clatto Reservoir at the very top of the town and had some interesting racing for quite a few weeks. Then, yes, the weed grew. We may be back to Brechin very soon.

Ralph Knowles

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### **REPORT FROM BUCHANNESS MODEL YACHT CLUB**

On the radio controlled side of the club activity has been brisk and lively.

We hosted the NE/SW invitation challenge event only to lose the trophy to the SW. In addition we hosted the Buchanness MYA Centenary summer event which brought together 14 skippers and their boats from around Scotland. The winning skipper was Steve Taylor.

We organized and participated in a good few shows this year. We displayed at the veteran car show on Fraserburgh and at several events including the Peterhead lifeboat station open day and the Peterhead Harbour Day. Best of all was the Peterhead Scottish week where we displayed at the Lido and in the evening gave demonstration racing off the beach. Interest was created at all events but nothing really in recruitment. However we have been able to gain 3 new members during the year by word of mouth.

Sailing reports and photographs were despatched to the local news papers which did appear on their sport pages.

A major highlight was that we acquired (through John Gildea's oil contacts in Salamis) a 10 x 8 foot container. Blasting and painting was done free of charge by Davidson's painters, the ground was prepared to position it and after going through some stringent health and safety rules we placed it on site (Steve Taylor organized a transport firm to shift it again free of charge). All this for a couple of bottles of whiskey, what an asset it has turned out to be!

The car park has also been improved with the supply of chuckies (supplied and delivered free of charge by Banff and Buchan landscape services) and hard graft by club members. Hard graft also kept the pond free of weed.

IOM sailing continued throughout the year on Saturdays with visits to Aberdeen as and when the weed allowed and the Aberdeen lads religiously supported the Peterhead events. Sailing continued in mid week on a Wednesday or Thursday to work in with Bill Reid's shifts.

This year the Fife scene was dominated by the lack of good wind direction which limited the number of Tuesday evenings that we could sail to eight. The season begins with the clock going forward and lasts until October. This year we had seven regular skippers attending which included one new recruit, Arthur Geddes. He is no stranger to the Den Dam having sailed in the late fifties and early sixties with three and four foot yachts before joining the coastguard service and being posted away.

New yachts are still being built and it is our hope that these will find their way into the club along with their owners. Alex James is the chief building supervisor but due to ill health is now unable to get down to the Dam.

Colin Deakin & Ali Law

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**REPORT FROM GREENOCK RADIO YACHT CLUB**

Report not received ... any volunteers? !!!!

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

Current membership stands at 28 with an average turnout of 7-8 members at the pond on Saturdays. Our IOM fleet is dominated by Lintels with smaller numbers of Widgets, Italiko's, Pikanto's, Kites, assorted wooden own designs and an Isis to add some variety.

Sailing this year has been very badly hit at either end of the season. Ice persisted on the pond until late February, preventing any activity over the depths of the winter. More recently very aggressive weed growth has choked almost the entire pond from mid-June onwards. This has led to the cancellation of the Alex Chalmers trophy event in August, and even in September, despite a day of weed cutting from a contractor hired by East Lothian council, only about a quarter of the pond is accessible for sailing. In the light of these problems we will be seeking either more proactive treatment of the weed by the council or an alternative summer venue to ensure that the club remains viable in the summer months.

Despite these difficulties we have run four of the five scheduled events in the club calendar. We are very grateful to Terry Connell for picking up the duties of Racing Secretary. His enthusiasm to sail has kept the club going through the worst of the weed in the summer. At the District level, the club contributed a race officer to the successful Scottish District championship at Castle Semple and members have taken to the road to compete in the Traveller's series, the wooden boat championships, the Fastnet Trophy and the centenary celebration event at Peterhead.

Richard Ennos



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### **REPORT FROM PAISLEY MODEL YACHT CLUB**

Paisley Club membership has sustained at 18 members. Of these members, 7 actively sail 6 meters and all sail IOM.

Plans were made at our club AGM in November 2010 to tackle the weed problems we have suffered in recent years. Early discussions and meetings were organised with the local council to come up with a solution to treat the weed in anticipation. We were assured that the treatment would take place in order for us to sail during the summer months. Our committee undertook all the tasks we proposed at the AGM, but the council did not live up to their commitments!

Efforts were made after weed infestation took hold to 'cut' the weed and eventually be chemically treated in August. However, this did have a favourable effect and within three weeks, the weed started to dissolve and we were able to resume sailing with 6 meters. Two weeks later, into September, we were sailing IOMs. This meant we were sailing a lot sooner this year, compared to 2010 when the weed naturally disappeared in November.

In March we hosted the first Travellers event. There was much concern the night before as Glasgow was subjected to heavy snowfalls. Although our pond was ice free, travel to Paisley was the major issue. However, skippers from Aberdeen to Ayrshire made the trek and we did have a good days sailing and a good turnout. Congratulations to Ian Dundas who won the event and a thanks to the volunteers from Paisley who helped out. It just goes to show how keen we all are about model yachting!

The Scottish 6M District Championships took place in April before the weed appeared. Only 6 Paisley members took part which was disappointing, as no entries from other clubs were submitted. Robert Rooney took 1<sup>st</sup> place in what were fantastic sailing conditions on the day.

Our club website is doing well and we have had many enquiries from potential new members and we also use the website for up to date information and news within our club. We plan to sail on Sunday mornings / afternoons and Wednesday afternoons throughout the winter season. Weather permitting!

A special thank you to both Ayr Bay and Greenock for their hospitality and invitations to sail during the summer.

Gordon Allison

## **2011 SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM**

### **REPORT FROM RHU RADIO LASERS**

A small group of RC Laser owners have been racing at Rhu Marina since 2003, mainly members or ex members of Helensburgh Sailing Club. The group of 13 formalised the club and joined the MYA in December 2010.

We have informal racing every Thursday afternoon throughout the year starting at 2pm with the last start at 4pm. Average turnouts are about 6 members.

The recent addition of a café at the Marina provides a meeting place if racing is cancelled due to lack of wind or excessive weed.

Iain Duncan

## Draft racing programme for 2012 season

### DRAFT 2012 SAILING PROGRAMME

#### MYA Scottish District - 2012 Sailing Calendar

Please note :

- District are responsible for dates that are shaded in **blue**
- MYA dates are in **yellow**.
- Club events are in **white**.

Please note that I have added in that Scottish District championships are restricted to Scottish District skippers only hence the Traveller 2 is restricted, this can be changed if you wish.

Month	Day	Event	Location	Start Time	Notes
	2	Frostbite	Buchanness	10am	Open event / Monday
	7				
	14	IOM NE Clubs winter early	Buchanness	10am	Open event
	21				
	28				
Feb					
	4				
	11				
	18	IOM NE Clubs winter early	Aberdeen	10am	Open event
	26	Icebreaker R6M	Paisley	10am	
Mar					
	3	Laser	Ayr Bay MYC	10am	Open event
	10	IOM NE Clubs winter early	Brechin	10am	Open event
	17				
	24	IOM	Paisley	10am	Open event
	31				
April					
	7	IOM T1	Levenhall	9:45am	Open event
	14				
	21	R6M Scottish District Championship	Paisley	9:45am	Scottish district skippers
	28	Fastnet All	Brechin	10am	Open event
May					
	5/6	IOM National Ranking Races	Castle Semple	9:45am	Run by Aberdeen MYC
	12				
	19	Scotts of Greenock IOM	Greenock	10am	Open event
	26	Marblehead	Ayr Bay MYC	10am	Open event
Jun					

	2/3/4	IOM MYA Nationals		9:15am	Open event
	9	IOM Wooden boats	Brechin	10am	Open event
	16	IOM	Greenock	10am	Open event
	23				
	30	IOM	Ayr Bay	10am	Open event
July					
	7				
	14	Laser	Ayr Bay MYC	10am	Open event
	21				
	28	IOM T2 and District championship	Buchanness	9:45am	Scottish District skippers
Aug					
	4				
	11	Pursuit Race IOM/Laser/ M,Heads	Ayr Bay MYC	10am	Open event
	18				
	25	RA Scottish district Championship	Greenock	9:45am	Scottish District Skippers
Sep					
	1				
	8				
	15				
	22/23	Laser National Championship	Ayr Bay MYC	10AM	At Castle Semple
	29				
Oct					
	6/7	NE/SW Invitation challenge IOM	Woodspring	9.45am	Invitation only
	6	R6M Windemere Plaque	Paisley	10am	Open event
	13	IOM T3	Ayr Bay MYC	9.45am	Open Event
	20	District AGM		10am	Only a suggestion
	27	IOM NE Clubs winter late	Brechin	10am	Open event
	27	Scottish District Marblehead Championship	Ayr Bay MYC	9:45am	Scottish District Skippers
Nov					
	17	IOM NE Clubs winter late	Aberdeen	10am	Open event
Dec					
	8	IOM NE Clubs winter late	Buchanness	10am	Open event