

**MYA Scottish District**  
**2012 AGM – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012**  
**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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012.

**Present :**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>
Gordon Neil ***	Ayr Bay
Bill Lees	Ay Bay
Ian Dundas ***	Aberdeen
John Owens	Aberdeen
Ralph Knowles ***	Brechin
Boyd Baird	Brechin
Dick McBride	Brechin
Mel Percival	Brechin
Brian Summers	Brechin
Ali Law ***	Buchanness
Brian Robertson	Buchanness
Pat Johnson ***	Greenock
Richard Ennos ***	Levenhall
Gordon Allison ***	Paisley
David Smith	Paisley
*** = Club voting representative	

**1) Apologies**

- a) Iain Duncan (Rhu), Colin Deakin (Buchanness), Steve Taylor (Aberdeen), Hugh Shields (Greenock), Richard Rowan (Greenock)

**2) Confirm Minutes of 2011 AGM**

- a) Proposed : Ian Dundas                      Seconded : Ralph Knowles

**3) Matters arising from the 2011 Minutes**

**a) Karachi Cup (David Smith) :**

- **Action :** David Smith will write a proposal and circulate to clubs. The IOM event would probably need to be Castle Semple as it is a neutral venue (club independent). An alternative could be Linlithgow Loch near Edinburgh.
- **Action :** David Smith will contact George Beacroft. It was suggested that it could be an open event with just the top six skippers counting.

**b) Boat measurement :**

- i) Castle Semple (Ian Dundas)
- Check weighing was applied at the IOM Ranking Race. The 4<sup>th</sup> boat in each race was spot checked and the operation was very successful.
- ii) Reminder to SD Club Secretaries/Measurers (Ralph Knowles).
- No further actions arising.

**c) Requirement for post of SD Treasurer? (John Owens)**

- MYA holds all funds and thus there is no need for a SD Treasurer in the SD constitution.
- d) Request MYA website has better link to SD website (Ian Dundas)**
- This is a somewhat complicated matter and not simply resolved.
- e) SD website maintenance / SD Publicity Officer (John Owens)**
- Thanks to SD Club Secs and RO's for sending through reports which are published as promptly as possible on the SD website.
  - SD scoresheet proving successful.
  - Club details have been updated as and when requested.
  - **Action:** Brechin to share their series scoresheet with Ayr.
- f) Promoting rc sailing in the SD :**
- i) Clubs to document and share their experience. (SD Secs)
  - ii) Consider how we could recruit to SD RC sailing? (David Smith)
  - iii) Publicity through the SD website. (John Owens)
    - (NB Also refer to attached 2012 SD club reports.)
    - Discussion over who is the target audience – Age group? Financial?
    - **Action :** Pat Johnston (Greenock) will put together a "road show" of materials. He will share it with other SD clubs.
    - **Action :** Recommended that district members should move from "model yachting" and to "radio sailing".
    - **Action :** Target local sailing clubs as highest probability of success
    - **Action :** Consider changing day/time so that working people can sail.
    - NB It is required that all SD clubs adopt the MYA Child Protection Policy. (See MYA Members area online knowledge base under "Association documents" – Policies). It is recommended that children must be accompanied at all times by their parents
- g) Boat classes in the SD : SD website to be refreshed with pictures and brief descriptions of all these classes. (John Owens)**
- **Action :** Up date class photos
  - **Action :** Update "Photos" page
  - **Action :** Get rid of old material.
  - **Action :** Make links to MYA event more easily

#### **4) Officials reports for 2012 and matters arising :**

- a) Chairman's report (attached)**
- i) The SD is suffering due to weeding. Some councils can be helpful. No known solution.
- b) District Councillor's report (attached)**
- i) Revision to SSI's will be issued by MYA based on RRS 2013-16 due to take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013.
  - ii) FYI, an MYA member (not in Scotland) has fallen out of standing due to a breach of rules which will be published in due course.
  - iii) MYA AGM due in November. No motions submitted to date and a number of positions will be open.
- c) Racing Secretary's report (attached)**
- i) Attendance slightly down on last year.
  - ii) Thanks were extended to all SD RO's.
    - The DC and attendees at the AGM fully supported the Racing Secretary's sentiments and thanks to the RO's.
  - iii) Starting advantages : should skippers be made to take their SA's? It might avoid some problems on the starting line.
  - iv) Race teams : need a minimum of 3 people and more is better. If the race team is ineffective, then it downgrades the quality of the event.
  - v) Race briefing (observations by Pat Johnston) : some points are worth highlighting to address the issues that some skippers are overly aggressive in their attitude (vocal and actions on the water), long distance

vision can be a difficult matter so honesty and integrity is required, sometimes observers don't call a contact or call a contact that did not occur, individual skipper have "two moans and shut-up", observers could indicate when they hail what they saw (port vs. starboard, etc), consider allowing touching marks at club events (not SD level),

vi) Race briefing (observations by Tich Summers) : for SD events, they should be set at larger venues to allow more separation when fleet arrives at weather mark. Also, two day events work well.

- **Action :** Need volunteers for race teams, skippers briefing required to include reference to good on-the-water behaviour, inexperienced RO's should take advantage of the experience of others, use arbitration system to avoid protests where beneficial,

**d) Senior Measurer's report (attached)**

- i) No contentious issues in SD.
- ii) MYA reviewing new IOM measurement form system. Individual members will be asked to vote.
- iii) SD Marblehead measurers are currently Ali Law and Colin Brown.

**5) Reports by Clubs for 2012 and matters arising :**

- a) Aberdeen (attached)
- b) Ayr Bay (attached) – portacabin stolen, Ulster link successful.
- c) Brechin (attached)
- d) Buchanness (attached)
- e) Greenock
- f) Levenhall (attached) - weed
- g) Paisley (attached) – weed, break-ins,
- h) Rhu Radio Lasers (attached)

**6) Draft MYA SD racing programme for 2013 season**

Scottish District events – dates shaded in blue

MYA events – dates shaded in yellow

Month	Date	Event	Location	Time	Notes
<b>Jan</b>	<b>5</b>				
	<b>11</b>				
	<b>18</b>				
	<b>25</b>				
<b>Feb</b>	<b>2</b>				
	<b>9</b>				
	<b>16</b>				
	<b>23</b>				
<b>Mar</b>	<b>2/3</b>	IOM Ranking Event	Woodspring	9:45	Open event
	<b>9</b>				
	<b>16</b>				
	<b>23</b>				
	<b>30</b>				
<b>April</b>	<b>6</b>	IOM SD T1	Aberdeen	9:45	Open event
	<b>13</b>	R6M SD championship	Paisley	9:45	Open event
	<b>20</b>				
	<b>27</b>	Fastnet	Brechin	9:45	Open event
	<b>27/28</b>	IOM Ranking Event	Coal Fort	9:45	Open event
<b>May</b>	<b>4</b>				

	<b>11/12</b>	IOM SD championship & T2	C. Semple	9:45	Open event
	<b>18</b>				
	<b>25</b>				
<b>June</b>	<b>1</b>				
	<b>8</b>				
	<b>15</b>	IOM SD Wooden Boats	Brechin	9:45	Open event
	<b>22/23</b>	IOM Ranking Event	Birkenhead	9:45	Open event
	<b>29</b>				
<b>July</b>	<b>6</b>				
	<b>13</b>				
	<b>20</b>				
	<b>27</b>				
<b>Aug</b>	<b>3</b>				
	<b>10</b>				
	<b>17</b>				
	<b>24/25/26</b>	IOM Nationals	Fleetwood	9:45	Open event
	<b>31</b>				
<b>Sept</b>	<b>7</b>				
	<b>15</b>	RM Games event	Ayr Bay	9:45	Open event
	<b>21</b>				
	<b>28</b>	Laser SD Championship	Ayr Bay	9:45	Open event
	<b>28</b>	IOM Worlds	Israel		
<b>Oct</b>	<b>5</b>				
	<b>12</b>	IOM SD T3	Levenhall	9:45	Open event
	<b>19</b>	Marblehead SD Championship	Ayr Bay	9:45	Open event
	<b>26</b>	MYA SD AGM	tbc	10:00	
<b>Nov</b>	<b>2</b>				
	<b>9</b>				
	<b>16</b>				
	<b>23</b>				
	<b>30</b>				
<b>Dec</b>	<b>7</b>				
	<b>14</b>				
	<b>21</b>				
	<b>28</b>				

## 7) Election of Officers for 2013 :

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
District Chairman	David Smith	Ali Law	Boyd Baird
District Secretary/Publicity	John Owens	Ralph Knowles	Ali Law
District Racing Secretary	Pat Johnston	Ralph Knowles	Gordon Neil
District Senior Measurer	Ralph Knowles	Boyd Baird	Ian Dundas
District Councillor	Ian Dundas	David Smith	Boyd Baird

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Votes for :</b>
District Chairman	David Smith	Unanimous
District Secretary/Publicity	John Owens	Unanimous
District Racing Secretary	Pat Johnson	Unanimous
District Senior Measurer	Ralph Knowles	Unanimous
District Councillor	Ian Dundas	Unanimous

## 8) Any Other Competent Business

- a) Special thanks were extended to Ali Law in recognition of his 15 years service on the DC and for his services to radio controlled sailing in Scotland which is very much appreciated.
- b) Thanks were expressed to Richard Rowan for his continued services in supporting the SD website.
  - i) **Action :** John Owens will approach Richard Rowan re. reimbursement of his expenses in hosting the SD website.
- c) Are there implications for Scottish independence on the MYA SD?
  - i) **Action :** David Smith and Pat Johnston to form a working party.
- d) Gordon Neil asked who has the right to substantially change a report submitted for publication on SD website?
  - i) John Owens responded that, as SD Publicity Officer he has the right to edit but if there were substantive changes, he would verify with the author.
- e) On emails, when should "To" and "Bcc" be used?
  - i) John Owens responded that in this day and age of identity theft, it is recommended best practice to use Bcc when sending to distribution lists. This has the objective of maintaining privacy and reducing the chance of identity theft. Club Secretaries were advised to consider this for their club business.
- f) Brechin CCMBC and Royal Tay Yacht Club were thanked for hosting the 2012 MYA SD AGM.

## **Officials reports for 2012**

### **2012 SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM**

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

During the year I visited and sailed in Competition at the principal venue of each of the six clubs in the District which held District Events – Ayr Bay, Greenock, Paisley, Levenhall, Brechin and Peterhead. I regret that I failed to sail at or even visit the remaining two clubs - Aberdeen and Rhu -which did not hold District Events this year. I promised Iain Duncan at Rhu that I would visit in the autumn but that proved impossible. I intend to visit Aberdeen in 2013 when they host an IOM Travellers Event.

I supported two Events held at Castle Semple Loch – the IOM Ranking Races in May and the UK RC Laser National Championships in September – by leading the scoring.

It is my impression that the events I attended were well run and while the competition was often intense it was always friendly.

The two disappointments of the year have been the extent of weed disrupting sailing and the continued 'greying' of the membership of the District's Clubs. I have been thinking about how we might attract younger participants to our sport without coming to any firm conclusions. However I am sure that clubs that lose the greater part of their summer sailing season to weed are going to find it even more difficult to recruit younger members.

Writing this ahead of the AGM I can say I have enjoyed my year as Chairman; I am willing to continue in office for at least another year if the District in Committee is willing to have me.

David L. Smith

## **2012 SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM**

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

In 2012 I have not been able to attend in person any of the MYA council meetings held in Birmingham. I was able however to participate in an electronic council meeting in July and have submitted reports from the Scottish District to the other Council meetings in January, April and September.

I volunteered to help MYA Racing Officer with revisions to the MYA National Championship and Ranking Race Regulations as well as the MYA recommended practice for Notice of Race. These documents were approved and are available in the Members Area / Knowledge Base.

### **MYA COUNCIL ACTIVITY**

After the huge workload undertaken by MYA Council in 2011 with the Centenary Year and hosting the IOM Worlds, the current activities being dealt with by MYA council are;

- Adapting the MYA Racing documentation to align with the recently published 2012 – 2016 RRS. This will mainly affect the SSI's.
- Dealing with the breach of MYA Rules and drafting Guidance for properly dealing with Incidents that breach the rules.
- Negotiating appropriate Insurance Cover
- Drafting Best Practice Guidelines for Disability Policy.
- Development of MYA training workshops
- Publicity at Boat Shows and other exhibitions
- Publishing the Acquaint Magazine, Centenary Booklet and DVD.
- Development of the MYA website, Members Area and Forum and drawing up a strategy to ensure these IT functions are sustainable.
- Preparing the 2013 Racing Calendar, National Championships and Yearbook

### **MYA AGM**

The MYA AGM will be held in Rowanheath Pavilion, Heath Road, Bourneville, Birmingham on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November. There are no motions for the MYA AGM but there will be voting on new Council posts that will become vacant such as Chairman and Vice Chairman. Full details are available in the members area or have been sent to Club Secretaries.

### **2013 MYA PROGRAM**

In 2013 the Scottish District are not committed to running any Ranking events.

Ian Dundas, Scottish District Councillor

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### REPORT FROM THE RACING SECRETARY

The Scottish District committee are responsible for the following MYA yacht class championships :

**RA class :** Championship only - not sailed.

**R6M class :** Championship only.

**IOM class :** Championship and a Traveller series has been added over the years.

**Marblehead :** New for 2012.

**IOM Wooden Built Yachts :** This event has also been added 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 SD took responsibility for a number of years ago.

**Lasers :** will have a District Championship starting next year.

#### District Events & Winners 2012

Date	Host club	Event	Entries	Winner	Club
07/04/12	Levenhall	IOM Traveller 1	14	A.R. Law	BRYC
28/04/12	Brechin	Fastnet	9	I. Dundas	AMYC
16/09/12	Paisley	R6M	6	R. Rooney	PMYC
28/07/12	Buchanness	IOM Championship + T2	11	I. Dundas	AMYC
26/05/12	ABMYC	Marblehead Games	10	H. McAdoo	GMYC
17/10/12	ABMYC	IOM Traveller 3	17	A.R. Law	BRYC
09/06/12	Brechin	Wooden boats	13	A.R. Law	BRYC
27/10/12	ABMYC	RM Championship	5	R. Rooney	PMYC

**Ali Law, having won 2 out of 3 of the IOM travellers, is declared the Scottish District Travellers winner**

Skippers entered this year in SD events : 30 (last year 39) with 7 clubs represented.

Skippers entered for the IOM Travellers : 28 (last year 26) with 7 clubs represented.

This year's entry was marginally down on last year as was the year before. The regatta with the best entry was T3 with 17 skippers.

This year the Scottish District hosted a National IOM ranking event over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> May. There were 42 skippers entered. Aberdeen MYC was responsible for the organisation under the leadership of RO Ian Dundas and the usual high standards were attained. In addition, Ayr Bay hosted the Laser Nationals with an entry of 23 skippers under the leadership of RO Patrick Johnston which was also run to the highest standards.

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 today's fuel costs can be very expensive. In general the skippers have behaved 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. 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, the RO's were :

Terry Allison                      R6M  
David Williams                    Wooden Boats  
Ralph Knowles                    Fastnet



Richard Ennos	Traveller 1
Alistair R Law	IOM District Championship + Traveller 2
Gordon Neil	Traveller 3
Bill Lees	RM
Patrick Johnston	Laser Nationals.

It is quite expensive to travel and if overnight accommodation is required it adds up to quite a bill running into three figures. Therefore, it is imperative that clubs give value for money and foster sailing at its highest level. Thus, District events should be conducted to the highest level of organisation. Consequently, for next year it is recommended that race teams controlling SD events have a minimum of 3 race team members and preferably more. From personal experience, with a fleet of eleven on the water I just managed with a race team of four. Remember, the District Committee is always on hand to offer help both in word and in practice by joining the team on the bank.

Alistair R. Law

## **2012 SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM**

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

Many thanks to the Club OM's for the unseen work they have done to keep our sport on a level playing field. We now have another OM recruited from Paisley, Terry Allison, and wish him 'all the best' in this role. There is still no OM representing Ayr Bay and I look forward to nomination(s) from that club.

At a local Scottish District level there have been no contentious issues arising. Everybody is towing the line which is very encouraging. On a National level, there has been an issue with an MYA member concerning false certification being offered up at various vane sailing events. This issue escalated to a point that the said member has been 'banned' for a period of six months from any District and upwards MYA event. Yes, big brother is watching, this time maybe a bit belatedly.

On an International level, there has been a prolonged issue regarding the measurement forms, their presentation and archiving. The MYA Technical team, led by Roger Stollery, has been in dispute with the IOMICA concerning the make up and presentation of the IOM measurement forms. The committee has put in many hours trying to get the wording right in their eyes and presented the updated documents to IOMICA for presentation to the World Council for acceptance and ratification. The proposed forms would not be sent in total to the class registrars, instead there would only be a Measurement Control Form signed and sealed by the OM archived by the Registrar and the tick off sheets would be retained locally.

This got up the noses of Lawrie Niesh, the IOMICA measurement man and also Barry Fox, the chairman, who seem to think that MYA are trying to muscle in on their territory. To cut a long story as short as possible, they have been accused of not presenting the complete document as prepared by MYA Technical Team to the World Council. This is at odds with the IOMICA rules. There seems to be a truce declared to allow at least something to go forward. But we may be left with a bit of a mish-mash of part IOMICA and part MYA documentation.

Can I again point out that I have in my custody the two sets of crown stamped weights and two electronic scales (my property) which are available on loan to any OM as required.

Ralph Knowles

## **Reports by Clubs for 2012**

### **2012 SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM**

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

Membership in 2012 stands at 7 full members with the prospect of 2 new adult and 1 junior member joining for 2013. New members have been initially attracted by seeing the SD web pages or seeing us sail at Inchgarth reservoir. Their continued participation has been maintained by the availability of spare boats that existing members have been willing to share and even subsequently selling to them.

The club remains financially sound and has a stable relationship with Scottish Water for the use of Inchgarth Reservoir.

The particularly bad weed problems that were experienced last year have continued again this year but of much reduced impact. The improvement is mainly due to the heavy ice cover that naturally cleared a lot of the weed in early spring and the fact that the water levels have been maintained at a much higher level throughout the year.

As has become the custom, Aberdeen runs a combined programme with Buchanness Club sailing at either Aberdeen or Peterhead on Saturday throughout the year. This approach creates larger fleets for club racing. Outside the Monthly League events, we also retained the convention not to keep scores or publish results and to use a starting advantage. 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 approach seems to work. On occasion the club has run team racing rather than the normal fleet racing format. This also seems to work and helps improve the overall enjoyment of participants.

On 5/6th May, Aberdeen MYC hosted the UK IOM Ranking Race weekend at Castle Semple. The Aberdeen club members were assisted by volunteers from other Scottish clubs. A large fleet of 42 boats took part with good racing throughout the various heats. Most competitors attended a social event in the Bowfield Hotel on the Saturday evening.

AMYC members travelled to SD events at Levenhall and Buchanness and took part in the NE/SW annual challenge at Woodspring where the NE clubs won back the Quaich Trophy.

The NE Clubs Winter series fell away this year due to difficulties travelling in the severe winter weather. This series has been replaced in part by the Buchanness Monthly League which is popular for the Aberdeen-based skippers.

For the year ahead, the Aberdeen club supports the currently proposed sailing programme, are looking forward to participating in interclub events and trialling any other event format that members would wish to attend.

Ian Dundas

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

Current membership is nineteen including one junior member. The RC Laser continues to dominate our fleet but IOM numbers are creeping up with a fleet of 14 IOMs of various designs regularly sailing. The Marblehead class has remained fairly dormant with no new boats taking to the water. Some skippers occasionally sail their RG65, Micro Magic, Footy and 6M boats. Sailing skills are definitely improving and competition is becoming more apparent with very close racing as a result.

Weed in the pond this year has been, thankfully, of minor concern compared to most other sailing venues. With a supposedly hard winter forecast, we have been assured of the use of an area in Troon Marina for our sailing in the event of finding ourselves frozen up. Very well done to our Chairman and Ward Graham for their very successful negotiations with Irvine Regeneration resulting in the Council making available for our use a more than suitable secure cabin for use as a club house. It was unfortunate, to say the least, that this facility only survived in location for ten days before being PINCHED!

A very active year in association with the MYA. Members have participated in IOM Open events in Paisley, Greenock and at our home venue. We have also been represented in the IOM Travellers Trophy series racing at Levenhall, Peterhead and in the final event of the series held at our venue in Irvine. Members also competed in the two day IOM National Ranking Event at Castle Semple with some of the very best UK skippers demonstrating their sailing prowess.

The Marblehead GAMES 4 (Guildford Administered Marblehead Event Series) was hosted by ourselves once again this year with our older boats being "shown the way". An innovative event this year was a pursuit race with Lasers, IOMs and Marbleheads racing together. It proved to be very successful and most enjoyable for all competing skippers. This type of event may well become our "signature" event in years to come.

The Club acted as host for, and participated in, the Scottish District Marblehead Championship Event on 27<sup>th</sup> October. The Tri-Club IOM Winter "Icebreaker" series proved to be very well received by all and will continue commencing on 10<sup>th</sup> November at Greenock. This is a good series of races between Paisley, Greenock and ourselves with any number of members from each Club participating but only the results of the best three skippers in each Club counting towards the final scoring in the series. So, no matter your skills, you can race against the better skippers without your score necessarily affecting the Clubs overall results.

ABMYC was honoured to be asked to act as host for the UKRCLA Laser Nationals this year. We were very pleased to accept the challenge and opted to stage the event at Castle Semple due to the fantastic facilities immediately on hand and the good sailing water it provides. This was a two day event held over the weekend 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> September in a beautiful weather window between periods of VERY bad weather. Lucky or what!

The event was deemed to be a great success, due in no small part to having Pat Johnston of Greenock MYC acting as Race Officer and David Smith of Paisley MYC performing his usual exemplary services as Scorer. The assistance and enthusiasm of Muirshiels Country Park officials and staff also was much appreciated.

Forthcoming events include Laser Winter "frostbite" series starting on 28<sup>th</sup> October & Tri-Club IOM "icebreaker" series starting on 10<sup>th</sup> November at Greenock. Another busy year within the SD of the MYA is forecast with the list of events currently being produced.

Gordon Neil

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

Attendance at Brechin pond has been stable over the year with an average of over nine skippers attending during our winter season and over eight during the summer season.

We lost seven sailing days during the winter due to ice and bad weather and three during the summer due to rain and weed. The weed infestation on our club pond is not fully reflected in the summer lost days as we decamped to Monikie reservoir for a few weeks until it also became untenable for sailing. Much work was done by members to 'skim off' the surface floating weed and we must thank the Club's scale and fast electric members for such a large labour contribution. The change from "Clarisan" (now banned thanks to the EEC) to "Pro-Crystal" has not been very effective. The question is where do we go from here?

The Sunday programme for both the winter and summer did not get off the ground. With the majority of the skippers coming from the Dundee area, twice up to Brechin per week put-off most especially on cold winter mornings. Attendance was very patchy from the beginning and there were few, if any, scores recorded. Other sailing events and 'big boat' commitments also contributed to the summer Sunday downturn.

The club hosted the Fastnet event, where there was a good attendance, and we also hosted the 'Wooden Hull' event at our alternate venue, Monikie Reservoir. Both of these events were enjoyed by all who entered. Results were :

#### Fastnet :

1<sup>st</sup> Ian Dundas  
2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Ennos  
3<sup>rd</sup> Boyd Baird

#### Wooden Hulls :

1<sup>st</sup> Ali Law  
2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Ennos  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tich Summers.

All SD events were attended by representatives from the Brechin club and we were represented at the National IOM Championship event at Milton Keynes. Club representatives also contributed to the running of, and competed in, the National IOM Ranking event at Castle Semple in late spring.

Ralph Knowles

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### **REPORT FROM BUCHANNESS RADIO YACHT CLUB**

The club membership this year stands at 18 members affiliated to the MYA both radio and Fifie. This accounts for sailing and non-sailing members but does not count associate members. Two new members have purchased yachts and are active in the club. A previous member from back in the eighties is on the verge of re-joining having bought a Widget and we hope to see him on the water next month.

BRYC has done a lot of hard work publicising model yacht sailing in various ways and at different local shows but we have found that flying a few flags (Saltire, Union Flag, the St Georges Cross and the lion rampant) brings in the public. We gained a new member by this method, another came in through making contact via the club website and a third by persistent friendship.

We started the year in fine style with our annual Frostbite Regatta which takes the form of team racing and of course there is hot soup and sausage rolls delivered at lunch break (definitely not to be missed!).

IOM's meet each Wednesday evening in the summer months and on the afternoon during winter. IOM's race most Saturday's and alternates between Aberdeen and Peterhead mostly dependant on where we can get the biggest turnout. Attendance varies. Buchanness also run a monthly IOM league event with twelve being sailed and six to count towards the winner.

In July, Buchanness hosted the IOM District Championship and T2. BMYC thanks all the skippers who set the time aside to support the event. We enjoyed doing it for you.

The Fifies are very healthy with a record turnout on one Tuesday evening when 8 boats were raced. Another new member is on the horizon. Fifies are sailed in the Den Dam where they have been sailed since the eighteen hundreds and we see no reason to change venue. We continue to build these fine craft which keeps many a member sane during the dark evenings and the joy of seeing them sailing is indescribable especially when you win.

Buchanness looks forward to another year's sailing and appreciates the support of the Scottish District.

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 27 with an average turnout of 6-7 members at the pond on Saturdays. We have been fortunate to recruit 3 new club members this year who have already bought yachts and been heavily involved in club racing. At the AGM Nick Cowern took over from Robert Brown as club commodore and has helped to guide the club through a difficult year.

The IOM fleet at Levenhall continues to be dominated by Lintels with the latest MMX version owned by Nick Cowern showing a fine turn of speed. The arrival of the first BritPOP! is eagerly anticipated. Sailing was good over the winter with little disruption by cold weather. The Scottish Travellers 1 event was held at Levenhall on 7<sup>th</sup> April and won by Ali Law. In the spring and early summer three club events were successfully held. However, aggressive weed growth returned in late June and proved to be the worst ever suffered at Levenhall. The problems extended into late October despite cutting and partial clearance of the weed by the council.

As a consequence of these and other problems involving the access road, alternative sailing venues have been explored. The reservoir at Whiteadder was visited and proved to be a fine venue for radio sailing but unfortunately the travelling involved is too great for most members. Following negotiations with Historic Scotland a trial sail was also arranged at Linlithgow Loch at the beginning of September. While generally satisfactory the trial revealed a number of shortcomings. We have spoken with the Lowport centre who are happy to allow us to use one of their boats for laying marks and rescuing yachts. When these and other necessary arrangements are in place we hope to make use of Linlithgow Loch on a regular basis next summer when sailing at Levenhall is ruled out due to weed.

Richard Ennos



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

Paisley club membership stands at 17 members. Of these members, 4 having dual membership with other clubs. All members sail IOM's and actively sail. Six members regularly race in Travellers events. Twelve members race in inter club events. Seven members actively sail and race R6M's.

At the 2011 PMYC AGM, there was anticipation that in 2012 there would be long overdue action taken to tackle the summer weed problem. In April things looked promising at the pond as usually by that time the weed had taken over. However, weed infestation started to show by the mid-May and eventually curtailed sailing by the end of the month. This seemed to be later than in previous years, so in reality, we gained an extra month of sailing. The council had reassured us that they were treating it and we would not get weed in 2012. Everyone in the club was very frustrated and there is now apathy towards the council so much so, that some members feel that they may give up radio sailing.

A chance meeting with some council officials and one of our long standing members in August prompted them into action and, after some very direct dialogue, the weed disappeared within a week! Sailing resumed and we gained another month of sailing compared to previous years. However, unfortunately 2012 proved to be a very bad year for us. Firstly, were subject to a burglary in which we lost yachts, trophies and other items that cannot be replaced. Secondly, we lost our club hut due to severe weather in which the roof blew off. Lastly, there was another burglary when money from our electricity meter was stolen. Fortunately, that was all. It could have been a lot worse!

The club has recently attended an initiative involving the council and other clubs which use the park to discuss our individual needs club and how matters can be improved. Our needs are obvious : weed.

In our open event held in March we gained what will hopefully prove to be a long lasting association and friendship with members of East Down Yacht Club in Killeagh, Northern Ireland. Two members came over for the event and enjoyed the experience very much. They left with a load of IOM's and an invitation for us to enjoy their hospitality at their club in September. The invitation was accepted and members from all the south west clubs travelled over to participate in the inaugural Ulster National IOM Championships. A wonderful weekend was had and fantastic hospitality was shown. Congratulations to Pat Johnston who won. We will be back.

There was a terrific interest in the inaugural South West Clubs Icebreaker Series. It was enjoyed by all the skippers who took part and hopefully next year's series will be just as good, if not better.

Two Paisley members entered the 2012 IOM National Championships. Both commented on the high standard of organisation and sailing.

There was optimism that the 2012 Scottish R6M District Championship entry would be in double figures for the first time in many years. This event had to be rescheduled to later in the year due to weed but it still turned out to be a great event. Congratulations to Robert Rooney who retained the crown.

Thanks to Ayr Bay who accommodated us during the summer when we were weeded-up.

Gordon Allison

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

Rhu Radio Lasers has thirteen members. Racing is held every Thursday afternoon starting at 1pm during the winter months and 2pm during the rest of the year.

On average, we see starts of 6 Lasers in the recently extended and refurbished Marina. Visitors are always welcome but must observe our local rule to wear a lifejacket. It is hoped that some weekend racing can be organised over the winter months.

Iain Duncan