

4) SD Officials reports for 2013

- a) **Chairman's report (attached) – actions arising**
- i) **Scoring** – David considered the SD “expert” and will help SD RO’s build their expertise by having an “understudy” at 2014 events. **Action :** David Smith
 - ii) **Weed** continues to be a SD challenge. Is there a strategy for 2014? Recommended that SD clubs share issues and success stories. Also, approach MYA for a UK-wide survey / study / recommendations / report. **Action :** Ian Dundas
- b) **District Councillor's report (attached) – actions arising**
- i) The report covers the forthcoming MYA AGM motions and officer nominations and consequent actions required of SD Clubs. Comments from meeting to be passed to MYA, **Action:** Ian Dundas
 - ii) Useful to have publicity material available at pond side to hand out to people interested in starting r/c sailing.. **Action :** All SD Cub Secretaries
- c) **Racing Secretary's report (attached) – actions arising**
- i) 2014 SD racing calendar to be placed on SD website. **Action :** John Owens
 - ii) Fastnet was not supported in 2013. Is there support for continuing in same or adapted format and if so, where would be it be hosted? **Action :** Pat Johnston
 - iii) SD IOM Travellers overall score: all race team members should receive points. **Action :** Pat Johnston
- d) **Senior Measurer's report (attached) – actions arising**
- i) No actions arising. It was noted that Pat Johnston is a Marblehead measurer.

5) Reports by Clubs for 2013 (attached) – actions arising

- a) No report from Greenock.

6) Draft racing programme for 2014 season

Scottish District Events - dates shaded in green

MYA Events - dates shaded in yellow

Date	Class	Event	Host Club	Location
January				
February				
29 March	IOM	SD Travellers 1	Levenhall	Levenhall
12-13 April	IOM	MYA Ranking and SD Championship	Greenock	Lochwinnoch
19 April	R6M	SD Championship	Paisley	Paisley
26 April	All Radio	SD Fastnet Race		
3 May	IOM	SD Travellers 2	Paisley	Paisley
17 May	IOM	Scotts of Greenock Open	Greenock	Greenock
31 May	IOM	SD Wooden Boats Champs	Brechin	Brechin
July	IOM	Possible Karachi Cup	?	Falkirk ?
23-25 Aug	IOM	National Champs		
13 Sept	IOM	SD Travellers 3	Buchanness	Buchanness
28 Sept	R Laser	SD District Champs / TT event for the UKRCLA	Ayr Bay	Irvine
18 Oct	RM	M Games Event	Ayr Bay	Irvine
25 Oct		MYA SD AGM		

7) Election of SD Officers for 2014

Officer	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
District Chairman	David Smith	Boyd Baird	Ralph Knowles
District Secretary/Publicity	John Owens	David Smith	Colin Deakin
District Racing Secretary	Pat Johnston	John Owens	Boyd Baird
District Senior Measurer	Ralph Knowles	Boyd Baird	Gordon Allison
District Councillor	Ian Dundas	John Owens	Boyd Baird

Officer	Nominee	Votes for
District Chairman	David Smith	Unanimous
District Secretary/Publicity	John Owens	Unanimous
District Racing Secretary	Pat Johnston	Unanimous
District Senior Measurer	Ralph Knowles	Unanimous
District Councillor	Ian Dundas	Unanimous

8) Any other competent business

a) SD Constitution

- i) Guidance was requested whether members preferred a consolidated version without footnotes explaining changes approved in SD AGM's. vs. a fully footnoted version explaining when each change was implemented. Following discussion, it was agreed that a consolidated version without footnotes as long as "2013 incorporating agreed amendments from 2004 – 2012 SD AGM minutes" was placed on each page. 2013 Constitution to be placed on SD website. **Action :** John Owens

b) "Karachi Cup"

- i) Draft proposal by David Smith is appended to these minutes.
- ii) The new event to be run within SD between Eastern and Western clubs was well received by Club representatives and should be organised at a neutral venue if possible. **Action :** Pat Johnston with support from Gordon Allison

2013 SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

During the year I visited and sailed in Competition at the principal venue of one of the two clubs in the District which I missed last year – the IOM Travellers at Aberdeen. I apologise to Rhu Radio Lasers for not managing even to visit them. I did manage to sail under Levenhall's race management at 'their' new venue of Forfar at the year's third IOM Travellers.

I supported the IOM Scottish District Championships held at Castle Semple Loch in May by leading the Scoring. I already have three bookings to score at events in 2014!

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

The profusion of weed across our sailing waters was again a problem this year. For once we had some summer weather during the summer; however many of us were deprived of summer sailing by the weed. By the same token we were deprived of the opportunity of presenting our sport to the public during the good summer weather and recruiting new members through that route.

Once again I can say I have enjoyed my year as Chairman; I am willing to continue in office for another year if the District in Committee is willing to have me.

David L. Smith
Scottish District Chairman

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REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

In 2013 MYA have held 3 Council Meetings in January, June and August and will hold their AGM on 23rd November. I have not been able to attend in person any of these Council Meetings which are held in Birmingham but have kept up to date with the issues on the agenda of each meeting and have submitted reports detailing activities within the Scottish District.

I volunteered to take part in a Working Group to review the Structure of the MYA Districts which will report its recommendations at the AGM. I also participated in the drafting of revisions to some of the MYA Policy Documentation in particular the update to the Standard Sailing Instructions to take account of the new ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2012-2016 and the redraft of the MYA Disciplinary Procedure.

The new MYA Chairman Keith Coxen visited the Scottish District during the 2013 Scottish District Championships held at Castle Semple.

MYA COUNCIL ACTIVITY IN 2013

A key activity for Council in 2013 has been the Project Groups set up by the new Chairman to determine the future direction of the MYA. These Groups include :

- Structure of the MYA Districts and relationship with Council
- Relationship and Regulations for Class Associations
- Website and Knowledge Base Development

Recommendations from these work groups will be presented to the membership at the forthcoming AGM.

The District workgroup has recommended new terms of reference for the post of District Councillor and the creation of a new post in Council entitled MYA Development Officer. The terms of reference of these are attached here. I will work with the Development Officer when appointed and hopefully this new role will develop MYA Training Seminars and Workshops which we will be able to implement in Scotland. For the revised role of District Councillor, I believe in our District that the duties are met by the activities of the existing District Councillor supported by the Scottish District Committee.

The Class Association workgroup recommends that a Class Captain is appointed for each Class that is recognised by MYA and each National Class Association has agreed regulations in place.

The Website and Knowledge Base workgroup have met and are in the process of determining the way forward.

Other activities under the control of MYA Council are :

- Publishing Racing Rules and Guidelines for MYA events.
- Drafting Guidance for properly dealing with Incidents that breach the rules.
- Liaison with International Bodies such as ISAF, IRSA, IOMICA
- Liaison with RYA
- Maintaining Technical Documentation relating to Class Measurement
- Negotiating appropriate Insurance Cover
- Development of MYA training workshops
- Publicity at Boat Shows and other exhibitions

- Publishing the Acquaint Magazine.
- Development of the MYA website, Members Area and Forum and drawing up a strategy to ensure these IT functions are sustainable.
- Managing the 2013 Racing Calendar, National Championships
- Preparing the 2014 Racing Calendar and Yearbook

MYA AGM

The MYA AGM will be held in Rowanheath Pavilion, Heath Road, Bourneville, Birmingham on Saturday 24th November at 13h30. There are a number of motions that require to be voted on by MYA Clubs at the AGM. They relate to updates to the MYA Constitution and a proposal for revised annual subscriptions. Full details of these motions have been sent to each Affiliated Club Secretary and each Club should ensure that they complete and return the forms in accordance with the procedure.

2014 MYA RACING PROGRAMME

In 2014, the Scottish District is committed to running 2 IOM Ranking events at Castle Semple on 12th & 13th April. This will be run by Greenock Club with Pat Johnston as RO and assisted as required by other volunteers from Scottish Clubs. Ayr Bay is also committed to running a Marblehead GAMES event on 18th October.

Ian Dundas
Scottish District Councillor

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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. There is still no OM representing Ayr Bay and still look forward to nomination(s) from that club.

At a local Scottish District level there have been no contentious issues arising. One or two calls for minor clarifications on the construction rules have arisen with nothing needing referred to the TC. Everybody is towing the line which is very encouraging.

On an International level, I reported that there had been a prolonged issue regarding the measurement forms, their presentation and archiving. The MYA technical team, led by Roger Stollery, had been in dispute with the IOMICA concerning the make up and presentation of the IOM measurement forms. The committee had 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.

The mish-mash of a document resulted in the technical team going the way of only one document (MCF) being submitted to the registrar and the checklists being retained locally by the owner or OM. We have been doing this since the end of last year with no real problems.

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
Scottish District Senior Measurer

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REPORT FROM THE RACING SECRETARY

District Events and Winners 2013

Date	Class	Event	Host club	Entries	Winner
6 Apr	IOM	SD Travellers Series 1	Aberdeen	15	Ali Law
13 Apr	R6M	SD Championship	Paisley	7	Gordon Allison
11 May	IOM	SD Travellers Series 2	Paisley	19	Ian Dundas
11-12 May	IOM	SD District Championships	Paisley	20	Ian Dundas
15 Jun	IOM	SD Wooden Boats	Brechin	15	Ian Dundas
28 Sept	Laser	SD District Championships	Ayr Bay	10	Patrick Johnston
12 Oct	IOM	SD Travellers Series 3	Levenhall	12	Ali Law
19 Oct	M'head	SD RM Championships	Ayr Bay		

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

No UK IOM Ranking event in Scotland in 2013

No UK National event (Laser or IOM) in Scotland 2013

Patrick Johnston
Scottish District Racing Secretary

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REPORT FROM ABERDEEN MODEL YACHT CLUB

The club remains financially sound with membership in 2013 growing to 9 full members and 2 junior members all sailing IOM's. Several members are in the fortunate position of having wooden boats.

A highlight of the year was the purchase of an electric motor for our dinghy. This has proved an excellent investment making the moving of buoys (and retrieval of disobedient boats!) much quicker and easier. AMYC has a good and stable relationship with Scottish Water for the use of Inchgarth Reservoir and they kindly granted permission to deploy the electric motor system.

The bad weed problems experienced over past years continued but was of much reduced impact. The improvement this year is thought to be mainly due to the late onset of summer and 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. On informal club days, we continue to use starting advantages combined with the convention of not keeping scores or publishing results. This approach continues to successfully encourage the less experienced skippers, more experimentation with boat set-ups, better communication between skippers and less protest situations on the water. 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 6th April, AMYC hosted the SD IOM Travellers 1. There was a good turnout of fifteen skippers and seven SD radio sailing clubs were represented in the fleet. AMYC members travelled to SD events at Castle Semple, Forfar Loch and Buchanness.

As per previous years, for the year ahead, the Aberdeen club supports the proposed SD sailing programme and are looking forward to taking part in interclub events or to trial any other event format that members would wish to attend.

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REPORT FROM AYR BAY RADIO YACHT CLUB

Current membership is twenty one including one junior member and three skippers from other South West Scotland Clubs.

The RC Laser continues to dominate our fleet with new members from Paisley and Greenock now participating in this exciting one class racing. IOM numbers remain at fourteen of various, mostly older, designs. The Marblehead class has remained fairly dormant with no new boats taking to the water during 2013. Some skippers occasionally sail their RG65 and Micro Magic. Sailing skills are slowly improving and competition becoming more to the fore, with very close club racing as a result.

Weed in the pond this year has been a major problem with sailing being effectively abandoned at our venue for an extended period from June to August. We initially sailed at Castle Semple as an alternative for a few weeks but had to abandon this venue as it also became subject to weed problems. Thanks to the hospitality of the Greenock Clubs some of us were able to continue sailing at their, mainly, weed free venue.

Members participated in the Tri Club IOM winter series for the South West of Scotland clubs which terminated in February. This year the series was sailed exclusively at Castle Semple, being more central for the three participating clubs. The series now incorporates the South West of Scotland IOM individual Championship.

We race RC Lasers on Sunday mornings and other classes on Tuesday afternoons. Members have attended the IOM TT Series and the Club was host for one of the UKRCLA TT events held at Irvine. We were pleased to host the Scottish District RC Laser Championship at our venue, the first of these events for some time.

Unfortunately, due to weed problems, we were unable to run our scheduled IOM Open event and pursuit race. We also had to cancel the Marblehead GAMES event as only two skippers turned up in what were exceptionally bad weather conditions with winds in excess of 43mph!

Forthcoming Events

Laser Winter "frostbite" series to commence soon.

The Marblehead SD Championship event scheduled for 19th October will be held later in the year at a date to be confirmed.

The Tri Club IOM winter "ice breaker" / SW Championship will continue at Castle Semple on a monthly basis as near to the first Saturday in each month, culminating in the final event in the Series in March.

Club AGM will be held on Sunday, 10th November.

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REPORT FROM BRECHIN CASTLE CENTRE MODEL BOAT CLUB

Attendance at Brechin pond has been slightly up over the year with an average of ten skippers attending during our winter season and eleven during the summer season. We lost sixteen sailing days during the winter due to ice and bad weather and six 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 Forfar Loch for a few weeks until we felt that we had overstayed our welcome.

Much work was done by members to drag and rake the weed, but we were very much affected by three varieties of bottom growing stem based weed continuing to grow over the summer and into the autumn. The change from Clarisan, now banned thanks to the EEC, to Pro-Crystal was not effective against stem type growth but algae seemed absent until recently. The question again arises, 'Where do we go from here - blue dye-stuffs starting in late March?'

The Sunday program for both the winter and summer, again, did not get off the ground. With the majority of the skippers coming from the Dundee area, twice up to Brechin per week put most off especially on cold winter mornings. The club cancelled the Fastnet event as there was little evidence of a viable attendance but we hosted the 'Wooden Hull' event at an alternate venue, Forfar Loch. This event was enjoyed by all who entered, with one entrant from Ulster. Results for the Wooden Hulls, 1st Ian Dundas (Aberdeen), 2nd Steve Taylor (Aberdeen), 3rd David Stewart (Brechin). All SD events were attended by representatives from the Brechin club.

Club Racing results for Winter and Summer Wednesday sailing are :

Winter : 1st Ralph Knowles 2nd Brian Summers 3rd David Williams

Summer : 1st Brian Summers 2nd Ralph Knowles 3rd Boyd Baird

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Report from Buchanness Radio Yacht Club.

The club membership this year stands at 15 for both Radio and Fifie. We have not gained any new members during the year but continue to fly the Union Jack, Scottish Salter, St George Cross and Lion Rampant on race days at the Club which does produce a lot of interest and we do get some bites.

The IOM's meet each Wednesday and Saturday with the Saturday events alternating between Aberdeen and Peterhead. This usually depends on Aberdeen's weed situation although we at Peterhead experienced more weed than normal this year but with some good effort we kept it down and it did not affect our sailing. The Fifie's meet on a Tuesday evening at the Den Dam which is a location more suited to their style of sailing.

The year started off with our traditional IOM Frost Bite event on the 2nd January which was a team racing event ... and it really was a frost bite! The wives warmed us up somewhat by providing hot food at lunch time.

To keep ourselves competitive we continued to run the monthly league event at Buchanness which when completed in December will have consisted of 12 races the positions of which will be totted up and a winner will be found from his top 6 places.

On 17th August we hosted the Buchanness Open Championship with fish suppers provided by Ali Law at lunch time which was very welcome. Thanks Ali. The event started with 14 boats on the water in 2 fleets, but during the day disasters happened allowing us to come down to 1 fleet. The worst occasion was the sinking of Gordon Neil's TS2. Thus, Gordon went home minus 1 boat. The following Monday evening it was rescued by club members and duly returned to Gordon and I believe fully serviceable again. A new deck patch was required!

The Fifie meetings on a Tuesday evening continued to be successful, although this year it was a little disappointing to get only 8 or 9 races in. Being on the Den Dam, to be perfect for Fifies, the wind direction is important and for most time refused to go along with Fifie plans. It must be said they gained 1 member and continue with their building projects.

Buchanness looks forward another years sailing and appreciates the support of the Scottish District.

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REPORT FROM LEVENHALL RADIO YACHT CLUB

Club membership currently stands at 20 although this is expected to fall significantly in the next season. Average turnouts at the pond side have been around six in the period from December through to June, with a peak of nine skippers in March, but have been hit hard by the weed problems that have arisen since June.

The club competitions began well with a pre-season rules workshop that produced some heat and a little light. This was followed shortly by racing for the Marionville Trophy where it was clear that some work still needed to be done on the rules. In the early summer the pond was treated with dye at a high dosage but this did not prevent weed growth over virtually the whole of the pond by the end of June. This has since confined racing to a small and inadequate area close to the launching jetty. It is only due to the sterling efforts of Terry Connell that any club activity has continued over the summer period.

This year East Lothian Council have not invested in any weed clearance and the pond is likely to be out of action for radio sailing well into December. A detailed letter outlining the need for management of the pond, both in terms of weed clearance and maintenance of the pond liner has been sent to the council. Despite encouraging words from the council ranger, there has been no official response. This is despite the fact that the pond is heavily used by East Lothian Council for watersports education. Considerable efforts have been made to find an alternative water for club sailing and a recent visit to Kinghorn Loch was very promising, though this venue may be located too far away for some club members. Adequate sailing water is essential for the continuance of the club and a decision on a permanent change of venue will have to be made very shortly.

On a brighter note the club successfully organised the Travellers 3 event at Forfar Loch. Members continue to expand the range of IOMs sailed when water is available with the Kantun design being the latest to participate in club racing.

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REPORT FROM PAISLEY MODEL YACHT CLUB

Paisley membership stands at 14 members of which :

- 4 have dual membership with other clubs
- 10 members actively sail
- 3 members race regularly in Travellers events
- 5 members race in inter club events
- 13 members sail IOM's
- 7 members actively sail and race 6 meters
- All but 3 members are retired

2013 started off quietly, with only the regular skippers attending sailing days. The winter Southwest Tri-club IOM series failed to entice skippers to attend every event. This was due to various reasons.

The committee experienced great frustration in dealing with the council in the early months trying to prompt them to treat the pond for the anticipated weed.

In March we held our IOM open event and this was very well attended. So much so that we raced two fleets with entries from all Scottish clubs and also our friends from Ireland.

We hoped for a larger entry than in recent years for the Scottish District 6M Championships but we had four last minute call offs to leave a fleet of six. The event was won by Gordon Allison who, after being runner up in recent years, finally managed to end Robert Rooney's procession in the event.

A disturbing amount of time was taken in planning the SD IOM Championships at Castle Semple which Paisley hosted in May. This was a two day event and the club could not have achieved this without the race team who performed so well and made the event a success despite rotten weather. We received many congratulations from all the Scottish clubs.

Sadly, John Gilchrist passed away. John assisted greatly during the SD IOM Championships and our club will miss him dearly.

At the end of May, inevitably, weed took hold very quickly and all sailing stopped. Robert Rooney assisted the club in contacting the local councillor and attending meetings in order to prompt them into action. This worked well and resulted in us only being out of action for 5-6 weeks. The weed disappeared very quickly and allowed us to sail once again. We now have a close link with the local councillor and he stated he is committed to helping us. This is very good news for the coming year. It can be done!

For various reasons, Sunday racing is not attracting the numbers it once did. On the other hand, Wednesday afternoons are attracting a very good turnout of 6 – 10 skippers with some of those being from the other Southwest clubs. A possible Wednesday "event" may be on the cards!

We attracted 2 new members during 2013 and we are committed to attracting more. Paisley are also anticipating decent club representation in the forthcoming Southwest Tri-Club series 2013-2014.

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REPORT FROM RHU RADIO LASERS

Rhu Radio Lasers continue race all year round on Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm and from 1pm to 3pm during the winter months. Current membership is 14 and average turnouts are 5. Racing takes place in Rhu Marina. It is hoped that some weekend racing can be organised over the winter months.

Visitors are always welcome but must observe our local rule to wear a lifejacket.

Draft Proposal for a new 'Karachi Cup' competition to be run within the Scottish District as an Eastern Clubs v Western Clubs team event – The Scottish District Area Championship.

Eastern Clubs defined as :- Buchanness; Aberdeen; Brechin; Levenhall
 Western Clubs defined as:- Ayr Bay; Greenock; Paisley; Rhu

Objectives :

- To revive the traditions of the Karachi Cup in an updated format.
- To promote better Racing within the District
- To promote Team Spirit within the District

Format :

- An Open IOM event for Scottish Skippers at (preferably) a central and neutral venue. Individual races to be scored in the usual way.
- At the end of the event, the places obtained by the leading 6 skippers from the East and the West to be totalled and the lower total wins the Championship and the Karachi Cup.

Examples based on results in last three Scottish District IOM Champs

2013 : 18 Scottish skippers

East		West	
Skipper	Place	Skipper	Place
Dundas	1	Rowan	6
Taylor	2	Davidson	7
Owens	3	Johnston	8
Summers	4	Shields	12
Ennos	5	Neil	15
Knowles	9	Winton	18
Total	24 (Winner)		66

2012 : 11 Scottish Skippers

East		West	
Skipper	Place	Skipper	Place
Dundas	1	Johnston	7
Taylor	2	Allison	8
Ennos	3	Neil	9
Brown	4	Smith	11
Total	10 (Winner)		35

2011 : 16 Skippers

East		West	
Skipper	Place	Skipper	Place
Dundas	1	Allison	5
Law	2	Johnston	6
Taylor	3	Neil	9
McGinnis	4	Rooney	10
Stewart	7	Shields	11
Total	17 (Winner)		41

Comments :

- In the NE Scotland – SW England series it appears that all skippers contribute to the score although some may sail under a 'flag of convenience' to balance up the numbers.
- In the South West Scotland Triangular Series the top three skippers from each club count.

For the competition to be sensible we need to count a minimum of 4 skippers from East and 4 from West to represent (but need not be representatives of) each club in the area.

Let us say roughly two-thirds of skippers at an event to count if 16 or fewer skippers compete:-

16 or 15 or 14 skippers – Count 10 i.e.5 from East and 5 from West
13 or 12 or 11 skippers – Count 8 i.e.4 from East and 4 from West.)

If sufficient skippers from across the District Clubs entered then an award could be made to the Club gaining lowest placing points from its top 3 skippers. (Comment:- Sufficient probably means 5 or more clubs each entering 3 or more skippers.)

It would be desirable for the Race Team to be drawn reasonably evenly from both East & West clubs to avoid adversely handicapping either area.

It is recognised that the West clubs start with a handicap in that only 3 of them sail IOM while all of the East clubs sail them.

Skippers will be deemed to sail for the club through which they are affiliated to the MYA. Visiting skippers from clubs outside the District will be welcome to sail in the event but their places will be ignored in compiling the East/West points total. (Comment:- Visiting skippers could be invited to form a 'club team' of Wanderers if 3 or more entered. I hesitate to suggest visitors form an 'area team' if 6 or more entered because we could risk losing the Karachi Cup south of the border again!)

David L. Smith,
Chairman, Scottish District MYA
26th October 2013