

MYA Scottish District
2015 AGM – 24th October, 2015
Actions arising – status June, 2016

1) Matters arising from the 2015 SD AGM

a. SD publicity :

- i. Useful to have publicity material available at pond side to hand out to people interested in starting r/c sailing. Much more publicity material now available within SD from MYA including flags and banners. **Action: All SD Club Secretaries**

RR : Need to establish what material is available and then methods of obtaining same. This "knowledge" then to be advised to Clubs. RR holds stock of the 2015 versions of "Fully Charged Racing" and "Looking for your next challenge in Sailing"

DLS : The Scottish District Banner and the two MYA Free-Standing Flags are in the possession of the District Chairman. The Flags normally use water-filled bases for support but can also be secured to existing structure using cable ties which are kept in the carrying bag.

JO : SD IOM Travellers RO's have been very prompt in providing event reports, scoresheets and photos. This has allowed prompt and prominent publicity via Yachts & Yachting, SD, MYA and Caledonia Sailing websites.

b. "Karachi Cup" :

- i. The event to be run between Eastern and Western SD clubs to be organised at a neutral venue if possible.

➤ George Beacroft contacted for return of trophy for future use – progress?

➤ 2016 is SD 25th Anniversary – a "Karachi Cup" opportunity? **Action: David Smith and Richard Ennos**

DLS : The Karachi Cup has been returned by George Beacroft and is in the possession of the District Chairman. An East v West Team Event is proposed for Barshaw Park, Paisley on 24th September 2016, close to the 20th Anniversary of the original Scotland v England Event. A proposal setting out the format of the event (basically fleet racing where the positions of the leading X boats from each side of the country will be aggregated. X will depend on the total number of boats entered.)

- ii. Email communication and prevention of identity theft advice :

➤ Emails are addressed to sender and use "BCC" for distribution lists and in opening lines of email, identify to whom email is being sent (club, committee, etc.) **Action: All SD District Committee & SD Club Secretaries**

➤ Remind everyone of best practice to use BCC (protect privacy and first level security). **Action: All SD Committee and Club Secretaries.**

c. Safety in the SD :

- i. If possible, First Aider to be nominated for every event. **Action: All SD Club Secretaries and Race Officers.**

- ii. The embedding of the individual club safety case and role of the Responsible Person should be refreshed and kept live. **Action: All SD Club Secretaries**
- iii. Example safety case to be sent out to SD Committee & SD Club Secs. **Action: John Owens**
JO : Safety case material sent to SD Club Secretaries. Also, it has been available via the SD website since February 2014.

2) Club Measurers administration

- a. **Some club measurer personnel updates to be included. Action : SD Senior Measurer.**
ST : confirmed Nick Covern of Levenhall (he was in the wrong district of MYA's database) and Sam Penney of Carrickfergus IOM measurer in Northern Ireland. All details placed in Senior Measurer's database.
- b. **Drumpellier** seems to have potential as a future sailing location. It is proposed to trial this location. **Action : Richard Ennos**
RE : Drumpellier have been approached for a date for a trial sail but have not replied. I will be contacting them again shortly.

3) Any other competent business

- a) **Proposal for a new SD website to be created** - estimated cost is £50 funded from the budget allocated by the MYA to the Scottish District.
 - i. Unanimous support to convert current SD website to modern system with hope to include functionality for Club Secs to update their club info and news. **Action: Richard Rowan (Project Manager) to purchase web hosting and SD domain name (budget assigned by MYA), report to SD Committee and develop SD mock-up site.**
RR : work not yet started due to ongoing heavy business related workload.
- b) **Improving the visibility of radio controlled yacht racing in Scotland and Northern Ireland** and recruitment of new participants into the sport.
 - **Action : SD Committee and SD Club Secretaries**
 - i. Recommendation: Most new sailors are attracted by clubs, not at MYA or SD Committee level.
 - ii. Recommendation: Flags and banners displayed in prominent places attracts walk-in interest.
DLS : Paisley MYC have purchased a banner 3 metres by 0.9 metres (same size as District Banner) and display it when events are in progress. Cost was £72 plus VAT
 - iii. Recommendation: Sail where there is visibility to the public.
 - iv. Recommendation: Publicise in Yachts & Yachting, Sail Caledonia, Sailing Life and local press, etc.
 - v. Cost: Dragon Force 65 and RC Laser are low cost entry boats vs. IOM's, Marbleheads and 6M's.
 - vi. Recommendation: Promote the technical aspect of what we do.
 - vii. Recommendation: Emphasise the social side, workshops and non-intense sailing days.
RE: Levenhall RYC have built a fleet of Dragon Force 65s and will be using these at the Big Nature Festival on 21st May to attract new members
- c) **A review of the search for suitable venues at which to hold major UK National and Ranking events.**
 - i. Helix Centre (proven not suitable due to cost and access), Strathclyde Loch (challenges to fit in sailing events due to other users), Loch Lomond

(some access issues), Rowardennan (car parking issues) and Drumpellier have been visited.

- ii. Use a scoresheet with specific criteria to evaluate sites. **Action: Steve Taylor to share scoring template with SD Club Secretaries.**
RR : Reviewed the first issue and made comments back to Steve.
 - iii. Action: SD Club Secretaries to return sheets to Steve Taylor.
ST : completed the evaluation sheet, scored Aberdeen, Buchanness, Tayside, Castle Semple & Datchet (yardstick). Will send spreadsheet to other SD Club Secretaries for completion.
 - iv. A review of the disruption caused by aquatic weed growth at so many of the Scottish clubs this summer and what might be done about it. **Action : Richard Ennos to send to SD Club Secretaries guidance for report on weed in different sailing locations. Action: SD Club Secretaries to provide reports to Richard Ennos.**
RE : Circular sent out for information on weed problems to club secretaries. Reports received from Aberdeen, Buchanness, Paisley, Greenock, Tay, Levenhall, Ayr Bay, Kinghorn, Brechin. Information will be summarised within the next month.
DLS : Despite promises of effective treatment by the local authority in autumn 2015 , weed has now disrupted racing at Paisley MYC and two events have been called off.
- d) **A review of the incorporation of the Northern Irish clubs into the SD.**
Action: Richard Rowan to visit NI clubs to develop relationships, support and encouragement.
RR : A meeting of the NI Clubs was held and the minutes have been circulated and published on the SD web pages.
- e) **2016 workshop. Action : Richard Ennos & Ian Dundas to plan workshop located in centre of Scotland.**
RE: Workshop was run with 14 participants and presentations from Richard Rowan and Alistair Law, and coaching from Ian Dundas and Steve Taylor on 23rd April. There was very positive feedback and a request for further workshops by those taking part.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

RE: In conjunction with the IOM class captain (was Vinnie Zammit, now Rob Walsh), a date has been set for a Scottish District IOM National Ranking event to be held at Castle Semple on 1st and 2nd April 2017. A booking for those dates has been made with Castle Semple.

Levenhall RYC with help from other members in the District ran the Scottish District Championships at Castle Semple on 9th April. There were 14 participants and a full report and results were posted on the MYA, Scottish District and on Yachting Press websites.