

Model Yachting Association

Scottish District Councillor Report to the April 2018 MYA Council Meeting

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1. Scottish District Officers

District Councillor: John Owens (Aberdeen MYC)
District Secretary: Cathy Reid (Buchanness RYC)
District Racing Secretary: Richard Ennos (Levenhall RYC)
District Senior Measurer: Steve Taylor (Aberdeen MYC)

2. 2018 Sailing and Events Programme

The 2018 Scottish District sailing and events programme started in early March as per the programme previously submitted for publication in the 2018 MYA Yearbook and ratified at the MYA-SD AGM in October 2017. In addition, plans are progressing to encourage Marblehead sailing with an informal open event organised by the Greenock club.

3. Scottish District constitution

Following discussion at the 2016 AGM, the Scottish District voted at the 2017 AGM to change the District Committee structure by combining the roles of Chairman and District Councillor. A consequence was that the Scottish District constitution needed to be revised to reflect both this change and its consequences. The revision has been completed, shared with Scottish District Club Secretaries and their club members. It is now active.

4. MYA's interface and relationship with members

It is acknowledged that we are volunteers giving up our spare time to the organisation and that a lot of time and effort is contributed behind the scenes. Nevertheless, consistent feedback from many members is that the MYA has failed to deliver in Q1 2018:

Δ **2018 Yearbook** – we are now in Q2 2018 and the yearbook has still not been delivered to many members despite having paid their annual subscriptions in a timely manner. Detailed feedback has been provided from January onwards. (That 2018 MYA Yearbooks were given to non-members at the Dinghy Show whilst non-members have not received theirs rubbed salt into an open wound.)

Δ **No MYA "welcome packs" for new members** – these do not seem to have been sent out. This is perceived as unwelcoming.

Δ **Personal Sail Numbers** – the lack of response/very slow response times, lost cheques, very long delays in receiving either new or renewed PSN certificates continues to be very frustrating for members and is unhelpful to race teams.

The above points were repeatedly fed back to MYA Council throughout Q1 2018. Many of our members (and I suspect as per other MYA districts) are "social" sailors. A consequence is that members are challenging why they should be members of the MYA? Thus, we need to address the effectiveness of the MYA's relationship with all of our members.