

Model Yachting Association

Scottish District Councillor Report to the July 2018 MYA Council Meeting

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District Councillor: John Owens (Aberdeen MYC)
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1. 2018 Sailing and Events Programme

Sailing events have been very well attended this year (perhaps something to do with the weather!). In addition, a general observation is that the standard of equipment preparation has been much improved resulting in less boats having to retire due to gear failure and more competitive fleets.

It is hoped that the MYA-SD Training Days of previous years have contributed to this step-change. The MYA part funded the costs of one such event and the benefits are now being realised. Thus, the financial contribution of the MYA is gratefully acknowledged.

Several clubs are facing challenges at present due to a number of different issues:

- i) Restricted access to active reservoirs despite presentation of club safety cases
- ii) Weed
- iii) Council maintenance works and lack of weed management.

2. MYA's interface and relationship with members

✓ **MYA funding for purchase of "walkie-talkie" radios** - Given the geography of some of our sailing locations, communication between shore and the boat laying marks can be challenging. The MYA-Scottish District therefore purchased four "walkie-talkie" radios and waterproof covers to address this issue. The money came from the MYA and the Scottish District is very grateful for this facility.

✓ **Personal Sail Numbers** - The difficulties experienced earlier in the year regarding sail numbers has been addressed.

✓ **New members welcome packs** - Terry kindly posted to me a number of these in Q2 which were well received by MYA-SD Club Secretaries.
NB Are these resources available via the MYA website as PDF files for rapid access/sharing/etc.?

Δ **2018 Yearbook** - We are now in Q3 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. The above point was repeatedly fed back to MYA Council throughout Q1 and Q2 2018. Many of the Scottish District members (and I suspect as per other MYA districts) are "social" sailors. A consequence is that members are challenging why they should continue to be members of the MYA? Thus, we need to address the effectiveness of the MYA's relationship with all of our members.