

Scottish District review April to Sept 2016

Racing

Apart from the usual club racing three notable events have taken place and one just about to:

1. 9th April IOM SD Championships held at Castle Semple with 14 entrants.
2. 7th May IOM Travellers 2 held at Tayside Radio Sailing Club that attracted some 16 competitors.
3. 11th June IOM Wooden Boat Championships held this year at Kinghorn Model Yacht Club, this seasoned event attracted some 14 home build IOM's to the starting line and resulted in some excellent close racing, a slightly lower key event to travellers where competitors / builders enjoy camaraderie of racing their craft. Kinghorn put on an excellent event in terms of Racing, catering, the weather also played a part being dry with an ideal easterly.
4. Final Travellers 3 will take place at Buchanness on the 10th September.

All reports to the above events placed in Yachts and Yachting and local sailing websites.

Training

A racing seminar was held at Greenock on 23rd April with lectures on Rules and Race preparation with the afternoon put aside to practical tuning, set-up and starting. Well attended with 20 plus skippers from both the West Coast and North East.

Clubs

Membership seems to be stable Buchanness has had success in attracting new members with Dragon force sailing and we are seeing some of these new members moving on to IOM's.

Weed is problematic across the board, at time of writing Paisley and Greenock (partial) have weed, Ayr Bay is managing and Levenhall has been professionally cut. The North East Clubs seem OK, Tayside has less infestation this year and Aberdeen, Buchanness and Kinghorn are weed free in their sailing area.

Not much happening in N. Ireland this year and the Ulster Championships for IOMs will not be contended.

Development

Work has been completed on a facilities ranking tool and the grading of our facilities placed on the District website.

A budget sheet has been prepared for our next AGM, no capital project costs have been used by the district in 2016 so far.

The District website was an item to be enhanced and budgeted for but due to work and time restraints this project has not started.

At the time of writing the racing Secretary is orchestrating the traveller's programme (3 meeting event Levenhall, Kinghorn and Paisley) A training Day (Aberdeen), and District Ranking event (Castle Semple) for 2017.

Steve Taylor – Sub for RR – Council Meeting 17th Sept 2016.