

Model Yachting Association

Scottish District Councillor Report to the January 2019 MYA Council Meeting

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Scottish District Officers

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1. 2019 Sailing and Events Programme

Sailing events have continued during the autumn and winter. The dreaded weed has now begun to recede although it was still an issue in late autumn at some locations preventing specific events.

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.
- iv) The challenge of attracting new members against a background of i) – iii).

The MYA-SD held the AGM in early November 2018 and the MYA AGM decision regarding fees was communicated along with the justification for The Acquaint being no longer published. MYA Council information on this point and the move to rapid delivery of information via iContact, numerous MYA website updates and other social media was very useful in this discussion.

2. MYA's interface and relationship with members

The use of MYA funds available for use by the MYA Scottish District is gratefully acknowledged. These include:

- Four walkie-talkie radios and waterproof covers (~£110) to facilitate race management team communication. They are simple to use and have already proven their value. The radios are kept by the MYA-SD Racing Secretary and are available for all MYA-SD sailing events such as SD Travellers, SD Championships and UK Ranking Races hosted by the MYA Scottish District.
- MYA-SD IOM Championship trophy (~£100). This prestigious Scottish District trophy was heavily tarnished and in need of re-plating. In addition, space was limited for adding names of future winners. The trophy has now been fully renovated.

At the MYA Scottish District AGM, the difficulties experienced by Scottish District skippers early in 2018 were discussed regarding the Yearbook, lack of new member packs and PSN's which were not unique to our area. It was explained that all Council members are volunteers and commit substantial time behind the scenes. Furthermore, much Council time and effort was expended to ensure that these matters were addressed throughout 2018 and in future times.

Timely and good communication has been evident between MYA Council, District Councillor and Scottish District skippers. This is appreciated. Examples include the 2019 Racing Calendar and planning for UK IOM Ranking Races 1 & 2.

3. H1 2019 MYA Scottish District activities

With the Scottish District calendar now agreed, planning for key events are well advanced. Of note is the close liaison between the MYA Racing Officer, the IOM Class Captain and the organising committee of the UK IOM Ranking Race 1 & 2 to be held at Castle Semple. In addition, support from the MYA DCO for organising a MYA-hosted Scottish District website is greatly appreciated.

4. HSE: "Your health is your responsibility".

At the 2018 MYA-Scottish District AGM, the principle was unanimously accepted that whilst medical information is confidential "Your health is your responsibility". In line with this, and based on the experience of hill walking clubs, it was agreed that the form would be provided to all MYA-SD Club members with the intent that individual skippers:

- i) would complete it with their personal medical information
- ii) keep it in their personal sailing tool boxes in a waterproof zip-lock plastic bag for quick access by first responders/Emergency Services in the event that something serious should occur whilst at a club or Scottish District event.

It was emphasised that whilst all skippers are strongly recommended to do this, it is NOT a condition of sailing imposed by the MYA-SD Committee.

See attached form.