

MYA Scottish District 2015 RC Laser Championship

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Finally, we had suitable conditions to allow the above event to take place at Irvine Beach Park Pond, home venue for Ayr Bay Radio Yacht Club, who were acting as host for the event.

And what a perfect day it was. Very sunny, but cold, with wind strength varying throughout the day.

Thirteen skippers attended and had a marvellous day sailing these unique, one design, boats.

With a commencement of racing at 1000hrs and finishing at 1500hrs, fourteen races were completed.

Initially, very light winds from the North East promised a long, slow day. But after the first single fleet race, the wind backed to the North West requiring a relocation to the other side of the pond. For the rest of the day, all racing took place from this side of the pond.

Heat racing was instigated at race three as the wind picked up. A new experience for the scorer and for many of the competitors.

From race three onwards the wind strength varied demanding rapid and necessary continual sail changes between A, B and C rig. Wrong sail choice, bad result!

Some really excellent sailing skills were demonstrated, with Ayr Bay's Ken Hathaway taking the trophy by one point from Patrick Johnston, only two points separating him from the two equally third placed skippers, Robert Rooney and Keith Hull.

VERY tight results!

Well done to all who participated

