

## 2018 Scottish District IOM Wooden Hull Championship

Kinghorn Loch, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Report by Sandy Mackay (RO)

Kinghorn Radio Sailing Club were again pleased to host the Scottish International One Metre (IOM) wooden Hull championship.

Skippers from eight Scottish radio sailing clubs gathered with their hand-crafted (IOM) wooden yachts to race for the championship quail. The weather was kind, the day started with the sun shining on the loch and the prevailing West wind (with maybe a bit of South from time to time) nominally 9mph and gusting to 15mph providing good drive for the yachts sailing with number 1 rigs.

The race team set the preferred windward-leeward course with a spreader mark at the windward end and a gate at the leeward end of the course. Only minor adjustments were made to the course throughout the day which provided a fair test for the competing skippers. A total of seventeen races were sailed. In the morning session from 10.00 until 13.00 sailing was more or less continuous with only nominal two minute intervals between each race. With no maintenance stops, although we lost the Kinghorn skipper with a winch failure, no re-starts (amazingly no start line recalls) races ticked over at a fast pace. Following a fifty minute lunch break and with the weather holding up well, the racing was slightly more leisurely, the 200metre walk along the control area for each race taking it's toll on competitors and the race team alike.

The quality of skippers in the fleet and the competitiveness is seen in the score-sheet, with six different skippers claiming first places, and the top skippers sharing thirteen of the seventeen races.

Alan Court, computed and verified the results for Marilyn Edwards of The Craigencaft Rural Community Trust to present the Championship Quail to winner Steve Taylor (Aberdeen) ahead of Club mate Ian Dundas, followed closely by third place Richard Rowan from the Greenock club. The popular Corbie design yacht taking first and second with a Rubix in third spot.

Racing on the day while being intensely competitive was disciplined with competing skippers communicating courteously with each other to avoid collisions, and protests, making the race teams job quite a pleasure .

My sincere thanks to the skippers, and the race team for a successful event.

Race Team: Sandy Mackay, Allan Court, David Marrs, Robert Brown, Hutch Grant and John Sadler.

Pos'n	Skipper	Club	Score
1	Stephen Taylor	Aberdeen	30
2	Ian Dundas	Aberdeen	41
3	Richard Rowan	Greenock	56
4	Robert Rooney	Paisley	63
5	Gordon Allison	Ayr	65
6	Brain Summers	Tayside	66
7	Ali Law	Buchanness	67
8	John Owens	Abredeen	83
9	Richard Ennos	Levenhall	84
10	Ian Davidson	Greenock	112
11	Dave Smith	Paisley	147
12	Stuart Teasdale	Kinghorn	158