



Model Yachting Association

Scottish District Training Day Report

14 Scottish skippers enjoyed a training day at Forfar Loch on Saturday the 27th April. The forecast was for rain in the first half of the morning clearing as the day progressed with a moderate easterly breeze which is exactly what transpired so we started in the clubhouse.

Tich Summers gave advice about mast rake and demonstrated a simple method of calculating rake and checking it at pond side prior to sailing each day.

Steve Taylor then spoke about keeping your boat in class and basic measurement.

We then discussed different starting strategies and took to the water to try them out with half a dozen practice starts and a short race course.

Lunch break followed during which Steve gave advice about initial set up and John Owens demonstrated C rig settings.

We took to the water again, team racing with a difference, pairing up the most experienced skippers with the least, encouraging them to sail together with communication being the watch word. We finished the day with a few free races with all boats taking part giving a rare opportunity to sail in a fairly large fleet.

It was particularly encouraging to see some very new members having only taken up our sport in the past couple of months. Obviously the newer you are to radio sailing the more there is to learn but even the most experienced sailors took something away from the day.

Thanks to all who attended, those who contributed and to Forfar Sailing Club for opening up their main clubroom for us making for an ideal venue.