

Model Yachting Association

Scottish District Councillor Report to the May 2019 MYA Council Meeting

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Scottish District Officers

District Councillor: John Owens (Aberdeen MYC)
District Secretary: Cathy Reid (Buchanness RYC)
District Racing Secretary: Brian Summers (Tayside RSC)
District Senior Measurer: Steve Taylor (Aberdeen MYC)

1. 2019 Sailing and Events Programme

Sailing events have continued during winter and spring. Besides normal club sailing, the MYA-SD season kicked-off on 9th March with MYA-SD IOM Travellers 1 hosted by Greenock MY&PBC.

This was followed by Levenhall RYC organising the 2019 IOMGBR Ranking Races 1 & 2 at Castle Semple near to Glasgow. Along with the usual Scottish hospitality, this proved a very well organised, well supported and successful event. Of note was the close liaison between the MYA Racing Officer, the IOM Class Captain and the organising committee.

As agreed at the 2018 AGM as an action for 2019, the MYA-SD District Committee organised a one-day training event which was held on 27th April hosted by Tayside RSC at Forfar Loch. Fourteen skippers benefitted from hands-on demonstrations, talks, boat-tuning clinic and sailing practicals. Feedback showed that skippers of all experience benefitted from the event.

2. MYA's interface and relationship with members

The 2019 MYA Handbook was successfully delivered on time. This was important given the issues associated with last year.

Support from the MYA DCO (Austin Guerrier) for organising the MYA-hosted Scottish District website is greatly appreciated. The WordPress website, along with the MYA "corporate branding" has proved attractive to our members and regular updates are being added by our new webmaster. Thanks are also due to Richard Rowan for hosting the previous Scottish District website version for many years.

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

In line with the 2018 MYA-SD AGM, and based on the experience of hill walking clubs, it was agreed that a new [Personal Medical Information](#) 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. This form was previously provided to MYA Council. It was also provided to IOMGBR Ranking Races 1 & 2 participants at Castle Semple.