

Radio and Free Sailing in Scotland

The Model Yachting Association

The Model Yachting Association (MYA) is dedicated to encouraging and promoting model yachting in all its branches including radio controlled and free sailing. Its membership comprises affiliated clubs from all over Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The MYA represents the UK in the International Radio Sailing Association (IRSA), an affiliated member of World Sailing.

MYA Scottish District

The Scottish District (SD) of the MYA is responsible for radio and free sailing in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

All eleven clubs within the district are active with various classes sailed. Sailing ranges from gentle mid-week racing with friends through to National Championships with skippers from around the world attending.

Whatever takes your fancy, there will be a branch of radio or free sailing for you. Most clubs have club boats that are available for prospective members to try. Pre-owned boats are occasionally available for purchase.

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Popular Yacht Classes

International One Metre

The International One Metre (IOM) has become the most popular class in the UK since its inception in the late 1980s. Radio controlled, at most clubs it is now the class that creates the largest fleets with up to 30 boats at district level and a maximum entry at most international events.

DF65/95

The DragonForce DF65 and DragonFlite DF95 are low cost (£200/£300 ready to sail with radio) "one design" classes aimed at the newcomer to the sport of radio sailing.

Supplied by a single manufacturer, the one design element creates two classes where the skipper's abilities can shine through. The boats are also popular with IOM and Marblehead skippers.

RC Laser

The RC Laser is a scale version of the famous "one design" Laser; the most popular sailing class in the world.

The R/C Laser, however, doesn't require a trailer, life jackets or hours of set-up time before it can be on the water and sailing. The R/C Laser was designed to be up and sailing out of the box in under 7 minutes. All you need is 2 feet of water, a desire to sail and most importantly, some wind!

Marblehead

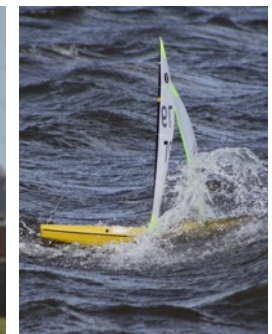
The Marblehead class (M) is probably the most exciting to sail, with its minimal rule structure and modern construction techniques. A modern M will usually be made of carbon fibre and kevlar with full carbon rigs. The class can be regarded as the "Formula One" of Radio Sailing.

Originally a free sailing class, it is now mostly sailed under radio control.



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... a sport for all ages



MYA & Scottish District websites

There are over 100 clubs affiliated to the MYA and contacting one for help and advice could not be easier.

To find out more, contact the nearest club shown in the Club Directory, visit the Scottish District (SD) website or the MYA Facebook channel that can be accessed via the main MYA website.

SD Website:

<https://www.mya-uk.org.uk/districts/scottish/>

MYA Website:

<https://www.mya-uk.org.uk>

Radio or Free Sailing

One of the great attractions of Radio or Free Sailing is that we don't sail on our own. Until the late 1960s there was no choice; it was Free Sailing or nothing. Now, the predominant discipline in the UK is Radio Sailing.

The easiest way for the observer to differentiate between the two disciplines is that the Radio Sailors will have a remote control transmitter in their hands and will be sailing around a course whereas the Free Sailors will be sailing straight line courses in match racing.

Both forms of the sport require their own set of skills, with many of the most successful radio skippers having cut their teeth on Free Sailing where trimming the boat to sail in a balanced way is a fundamental skill.

Within the Scottish District Buchanness RYC is unique in free sailing Fifie yachts which are based on the once widespread East Coast Fifie fishing boats.



Scottish District Club Directory

Club	Location	Classes Sailed	Contact
Aberdeen Model Yacht Club	t.b.a.	IOM	John Owens 01224 861838 (H) 07530 153207 (M)
Ayr Bay Radio Yacht Club	Beachpark Pond, Harbourside Irvine, Ayrshire KA12 8PP	IOM, RC Laser and Marblehead	Bill Lees 01292 478492 (H) 07769 667301 (M)
Buchanness Radio Yacht Club	Forehill Reservoir, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire AB42 3JY	IOM, DF65, and Fifie	Cathy Reid 01224 494293 (H)
Carrickfergus Model Boat Club	Carrickfergus Harbour Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim BT38 8BE	IOM and M	Roy Younger 02828 270901 (H) 07885 267266 (M)
Greenock Model Yacht & Power Boat Club	Murdieston Dam, Murdieston Street, Greenock, Inverclyde, PA19 9AE	IOM, R6M, A Class and Seawinds	Ian Davidson 0141 561 7894 (H) 07952 912301 (M)
Kinghorn Radio Sailing Club	Kinghorn Loch, Kinghorn, Fife, KY3 9YG	IOM	Sandy Mackay 01592 652088 (H)
Levenhall Radio Yacht Club	Levenhall Links Leisure Park, Musselburgh, East Lothian	IOM and DF65	Richard Ennos 0131 441 2864 (H)
Mid Argyll Radio Sailing Club	Loch a Bharain, Nr. Lochgilphead, Argyll, PA31 8UE	RC Laser and DF95	Lorna Rushton 01880 820 217 (H) 07544 708 612 (M)
Paisley Model Yacht Club	Barshaw Park, off Balgair Drive, Paisley, Renfrewshire, PA1 3JT	IOM, R6M and RC Laser	David Smith 0141 639 1705 (H)
Rhu Radio Lasers	Rhu Marina, Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire, G84 8LH	RC Laser	Iain Duncan 01436 673111(H) 07810 415467 (M)
Tayside Radio Sailing Club	Forfar Loch, Forfar, Angus, DD8 3LU	IOM	Brian Summers, 01382 524543 (H) 07808 583767 (M)