

Scottish District Councillor Report to the January 2020 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. 2020 Sailing and Events Programme

During the recent winter months, club sailing has occurred throughout Scotland and Northern Ireland as conditions allow. There has been a mixture of wind conditions varying between complete drifting to "blowing the chains off"!

The 2020 MYA Scottish District sailing calendar was ratified at the October 2019 AGM and communicated to the MYA Racing Officer for inclusion in the 2020 MYA Racing Calendar for printing in the 2020 MYA Yearbook and for online publication.

2. MYA's interface and relationship with skippers

As a District Councillor, the "online" MYA council meetings are appreciated as matters are dealt with without the requirement for very time-consuming and expensive travel.

The MYA-hosted website, along with the MYA "corporate branding" has proved attractive to MYA-SD members and regular updates are added by our webmaster (David Ross, Buchanness).

The regular issue of email communication regarding MYA news and events continues to be useful. Members have mentioned to me the appearance of the electronic newsletter which is taken as a positive step. Its future editions are eagerly anticipated along with delivery of the 2020 MYA Yearbook.

Communication by MYA Council members is very important and should not be underestimated: What is our vision? What steps are we taking? When will it happen? Skippers appreciate understanding what is happening and why.

3. MYA Annual Fees

Feedback from some clubs is that timing can be a bit tight at the end of the year (with Christmas and New Year) between MYA notice of dues payment to clubs and the end of the membership year. This timing issue can be exasperated where clubs (and MYA Districts) AGM's as well as the MYA AGM are in Q4 of the year and club treasurers, year-end accounts, etc. might be transitioning. Often, there is not an issue but it can cause a bit of a scramble!