

Scottish District Councillor Report to the January 2021 MYA Council Meeting

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Scottish District Officers

District Chairman: 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

- a. The only event run during the year was the [2020 MYA Scottish District IOM Wooden Hull Championship](#).
- b. Clubs have taken individual decisions based on government legislation, MYA guidance and the circumstances prevailing at their local venue.

2. 2021 Sailing and Events Programme

- a. Due to the evolving Covid-19 situation, it has been decided that there remains too much uncertainty to proceed with planning a 2021 MYA SD racing calendar.
- b. The MYA SD has committed to run the UK IOM Ranking Races 1 and 2 in early April 2021 at Castle Semple. Organisation is underway hoping for a positive situation. However, the event will only proceed if the Covid-19 situation permits. Watch this space!

3. MYA boat measurement / certification policy

Across the MYA Scottish District (which includes Scotland and Northern Ireland), there continues to be widespread disquiet regarding the new policy requiring RYA certified measurers for the IOM class. There is a real danger of losing many club measurers. The points raised by clubs, measurers and skippers can be summarised as follows:

- △ **The current measurement proposal is:**
 - Not considered fit-for-purpose.
 - Not aligned with the key aim of promoting and expanding the IOM class.
- △ **Need for meetings and discussion to gain alignment on the IOM.**
 - This should be a high priority for MYA Council along with the IOMGBR Class Captain to look deeply into the ramifications for what is a simple class to measure (as opposed to the more complicated classes).
 - The MYA SD DSM (who is also the IOM COG Technical Officer) has volunteered to help develop a workshop-based approach to IOM measurement that would enhance what we have now.
 - It is recommended that the future system should be:
 - Simple
 - Applied
 - Managed locally
 - Not need sail measurement training from a 3rd party.
- △ **The MYA should ultimately be seeking to emplace a system whereby delegation of measurement / certification authority from the RYA can be achieved.**