

**MYA Scottish District
2022 AGM – 26th November 2022
Royal Tay Yacht Club, Dundee**

Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Scottish District of the Model Yachting Association, held at Royal Tay Yacht Club, Dundee, on Saturday, 26th November 2022.

Present: *** Club voting representative

Name	Club
Steve Taylor ***	Aberdeen MYC
John Owens	Aberdeen MYC
Peter Carr ***	Ayr Bay RYC
Ali Law ***	Buchanness MYC
Alan McKechnie	Buchanness MYC
Ian Davidson ***	Greenock MY&PBC
Malcolm Durie ***	Kinghorn RSC
David Smith ***	Paisley MYC
Brian Summers ***	Tayside RSC
Bob Wilson	Tayside RSC
Boyd Baird	Tayside RSC
Ralph Knowles	Tayside RSC
Colin McGinnis	Tayside RSC
Grant Cuthbert	Tayside RSC

1. Apologies (all)

- Ian Dundas (Aberdeen), Cathy Reid (Buchanness) and Nick Covern (Levenhall).

2. One minute silence to remember absent friends (all)

- David Williams, John Dewar and Tom Milne

3. Confirm minutes of 2021 AGM ([click here](#)) (all)

- Proposed: Colin McGinnis Seconded: David Smith
- Vote: Unanimous

4. Matters arising from the 2021 minutes (all)

- **Action: Brian Summers** to liaise with Bill Lees and others to establish MYA SD DF65 and DF95 class captains.
 - DF95 Captain: Bill Lees DF65 Captain: Bill Odger
- **Action: Brian Summers** to update the MYA SD SSIs for 2022 reflecting modified format of SD IOM Travellers Series.
 - Done
- **Action: John Owens** to discuss the feasibility of a Zoom subscription account with the MYA DCO and MYA Treasurer.
 - Technical feasibility and financial reviews were undertaken with the relevant MYA Executive Officers.
 - It was found that there were technical limitations and the overall cost was very high. With the anticipated relaxation of Covid regulations, it was not deemed value for money given the proposed usage.
- **Action: John Owens** (as webmaster) to place all 2022 event results and reports on MYA SD website "Results and Reports" tab.
 - Done

- **Ongoing – All Clubs** should ideally be able to host a SD event including providing a suitable Race Team
- **Ongoing – All Clubs** to keep looking for new sailing venues
- **Action: Steve Taylor/John Owens** – forward on venue assessment template for Club Secretaries assess potential new locations.

5. Review of spending in 2022 (John Owens)

- Race event resources were purchased via the MYA IOM National Championship event budget for (late April/early May 2022) – no cost to Scottish District.
- These items are now Scottish District assets and include skipper tabard equipment (laminator and hole punch), magnetic heat management board and additional Hi-Viz vests.
- **Action: John Owens** – update Scottish District race equipment inventory

6. Reports by SD Committee Officials for 2022 (as read)

7. Reports by SD Clubs for 2022 (as read)

8. Draft 2023 Scottish District racing programme

Date	Event	Venue	Host Club	Status
25 th March	SD IOM Travellers 1	Paisley	Paisley MYC	Confirmed
1 st April	SD DF95 Scottish Championship	Ayr Bay	Ayr Bay RYC	Confirmed
22 nd April	SD IOM Scottish Championship	Kinghorn	Kinghorn RSC	<i>Provisional</i>
13 th May	SD IOM Travellers 2	Greenock	Greenock MY&PBC	Confirmed
10 th June	SD IOM Wooden Hull Championship	Peterhead	Buchanness MYC	Confirmed
12 th August	DF95 Open	Paisley	Paisley MYC	<i>Provisional</i>
16 th September	SD DF65 Scottish Championship	Greenock	Greenock MY&PBC	Confirmed
28 th October	SD IOM Travellers 3	Forfar	Tayside RSC	Confirmed

- Proposed: Tich Summers Seconded: John Owens
- Vote: Unanimous

- **Action: all clubs** – if hosting open events, please advise the SD Racing Secretary
- **Action: Tich Summers** – confirm 2023 DF95 and DF65 class captains

9. Election of Scottish District Committee officers for 2023

- **Nomination to re-elect 2022 SD Committee for 2023:**
 - Proposed: Boyd Baird Seconded: Ali Law
 - Vote: Unanimous

- **Nomination for District Secretary:**

- No nominations were received.
- **Action: Club Secretaries** – as a matter of urgency, please seek volunteers and contact John Owens. (Skills are conversant with email, MS Word and a good communicator. It would be advantageous to have a west coast representative on the committee.)

10. Motions raised by clubs

- None received

11. AOB

- **Status of Official Sail Measurers system**

- Attendees received clarification of the current status of RYA/MYA Memorandum of Understanding as currently understood by the District Senior Measurer (Steve Taylor) and Chair (John Owens). It was noted there were the potential consequences of the MYA AGM to be held on 26th November (today) in Birmingham.

- **SD DF65 Championship – sails**

- It was agreed that A+ rig is allowed for MYA Scottish District events as per the DF65 class rules.

The 2022 Scottish District AGM was closed with a vote of thanks to Boyd Baird for ensuring the venue was open, warm and refreshments were available.

2022 MYA SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM

REPORT FROM THE MYA SCOTTISH DISTRICT CHAIR

MYA Scottish District Committee

As we emerged from the main Covid restrictions, it has been a year with far more racing. Behind the scenes, the 2022 MYA SD Committee (Brian Summers, Steve Taylor, Cathy Reid and myself) continued to put in a lot of effort on behalf of the clubs and their members in Scotland and Northern Ireland. I would like to thank them for their time and support. They will describe some of their work in their reports but this barely recognises the hours they expended on activities in the Scottish District and further afield.

A word of special recognition is due to Cathy Reid who is standing down as MYA Scottish District Secretary after several years on the District Committee. Her contribution, particularly as a "non-sailor", has been noteworthy and we are extremely grateful for her service on behalf of the District Committee and the membership of the Scottish District.

Although the role of Scottish District Councillor remains unfilled on MYA Council, I maintain informal contact with MYA Executive Officers. This ensures that our views are represented.

MYA Scottish District website

In addition to my role as District Chair, I also maintain the Scottish District website with new material provided by the District Committee and race teams and ensure that relevant material is emailed to club secretaries for them to forward to their club members.

Highlights of the year

In looking back over 2022, my personal reflection is that the highlight of the year is the way in which Scottish District clubs and individuals worked together and contributed to a very successful sailing year.

An excellent example was the contribution of clubs and individuals from across the Scottish District organising and running the 2022 MYA IOM National Championship at Castle Semple in late April/early May. Planning began at least eighteen months in advance. Without the "virtual" team, this premier event in the MYA calendar could not have been run. Its success is testament to the competencies and cooperative mindset within the Scottish District. More of this later.

Throughout the year, there has been a very successful Scottish District sailing programme. This included the IOM Travellers Series and the introduction of the Scottish District DF65 and DF95 Championships. In addition, several "open" events were hosted by clubs which contributed to the number of times skippers could hone their skills and experience at different locations. The contribution of the host clubs and the race teams are gratefully acknowledged for their time, effort and quality of events.

2022 MYA IOM National Championship ([event website](#))

This premier event in the MYA calendar, a three-day competition, was run at Castle Semple. This is a "green" site given that there is not a resident MYA club located there. The support of the Castle Semple management team and Race Team members from outside the Scottish District is acknowledged.

Eighteen months of planning and preparation by numerous individuals from throughout the Scottish District is gratefully acknowledged. Prior to the event, kick plates were installed along edges of some parts of the control area to reduce the chance of participants

stepping into the water. Clubs and individuals had to transport all the relevant equipment to Castle Semple for the Friday opening of registration, measurement and practice racing. Material then had to be rigged down overnight, set up early the next morning and everything had to be completely removed on Monday afternoon. (The lowlight was when the PRO managed to sleep in on the Saturday morning!)

Despite the uncooperative weather, the feedback from several internationally experienced competitors was overwhelmingly positive including:

"... it went very smoothly and was a credit to the whole race team."

"... thanks for a great event. The tone of the event from the outset was one of measured control that always flows through the fleet. The race team dealt with their own difficulties brought on by the wind with patience getting the best possible solution near every time."

The MYA David Perkins Memorial Award was awarded to David Smith in recognition of his organisational contribution to the event over many months.

The MYA Scottish District Boussy Medallion was awarded to Andrea Roberts.

MYA SD affiliated members (as of November 2022)

MYA-SD Club	MYA affiliated members
Aberdeen	5
Ayr Bay	21
Buchanness	19
Carrickfergus	17
Greenock	13
Kinghorn	13
Levenhall	13
Mid Argyll	14
Paisley	14
Rhu	18
Tayside	18
Wick	15
Total:	180

Although the total is marginally down from last year (184 > 180), it shows that the Scottish District continues to have a strong membership. It is also recognised that there may also be club members who are not MYA members.

Keep healthy, keep well
John Owens

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REPORT FROM THE MYA SCOTTISH DISTRICT RACING SECRETARY

This year saw a return to a full race programme following previous two years of Covid restrictions. We returned to loading the beginning and end of the season leaving holiday months of July and August free which also attempts to avoid the worst of the weed which affects some venues.

The MYA Scottish District IOM Travellers Series was changed to include the Scottish District IOM Championship giving a four-event series with the competitors best three results to count to their overall score. The scoring system was also changed to simplify the calculation of places. A total of 24 skippers took part in the Scottish District IOM events.

For the first time we introduced MYA Scottish District DF95 and DF65 Championships, recognising that these classes have gained popularity with some Scottish District clubs. Twelve skippers took part in the DF95 Championship and nine in the DF65 Championship. It is hoped that the members who sail these classes will become more involved in MYA Scottish District activities in future years.

The Scottish District hosted the MYA National IOM Championship with our Chair, John Owens, as Principal Race Officer assisted by members from various Scottish clubs.

Members from the Scottish clubs again competed further afield, acquitting themselves well and Ian Dundas was a member of the GBR team who travelled to the IOM World Championship in Croatia.

Summary of 2022 MYA Scottish District Champions

2022 IOM Travellers Series (Overall)	Tich Summers
. Tich was presented with the Sir Thomas Lipton Cup (see below photo)	
2022 IOM Championship	Tich Summers
2022 Wooden Hull IOM Champion	Tich Summers
2022 DF95 Champion	Chris Nichols
2022 DF95 Champion	Chris Nichols

Tich Summers



MYA Scottish District Chair John Owens (left) presents the Sir Thomas Lipton Cup to Tich Summers (right).

MYA Scottish District Results 2022

IOM Travellers 1 – Ayr Bay RYC

Position	Skipper	Sail No.	Design	Club
1	Ian Dundas	38	Fat Boy	Aberdeen MYC
2	Robert Rooney	71	Topiko	Paisley MYC
3	Tich Summers	07	Buzz 3	Tayside RSC
4	Richard Rowan	85	Cheinz	Greenock MY&PBC
5	Malcolm Worsley	86	Buzz 2	Tayside RSC
6	Patrick Johnston	44	Pikanto	Greenock MY&PBC
7	John Owens	33	Corbie 1	Aberdeen MYC
8	Stewart Campbell	50	Kantun 2	Kinghorn RSC
9	Gordon Allison	62	Venti	Ayr Bay RYC
10	Colin McGinnis	45	Buzz 3	Tayside RSC
11	Ian Davidson	39	Corbie 5	Greenock MY&PBC
12	Dave Stewart	30	Corbie I	Tayside RSC
13	Nick Slane	150	Lintel	Ayr Bay RYC
14	Arthur Black	185	Cheinz	Paisley MYC

IOM Travellers 2 – Buchanness MYC

Position	Skipper	Sail No.	Design	Club
1	Tich Summers	07	Buzz 3	Tayside RSC
2	Bill Odger	37	V9	Buchanness MYC
3	Stewart Campbell	50	Kantun 2	Kinghorn RSC
4	John Owens	33	Corbie 1	Aberdeen MYC
5	David Smith	89	Zig Zag	Paisley MYC
6	Alan McKechnie	59	Vision	Buchanness MYC
7	Malcolm Davies	168	Vision	Buchanness MYC
8	Dave Stewart	30	Corbie 1	Tayside RSC

IOM Travellers 3 – Kinghorn RSC

Position	Skipper	Sail No.	Design	Club
1	Brian Summers	07	Buzz III	Tayside RSC
2	Richard Rowan	85	Cheinz	Greenock MY&PBC
3	Stewart Campbell	50	Kantun 2	Kinghorn RSC
4	Colin McGinnis	45	Buzz III	Tayside RSC
5	Ian Dundas	88	Odyssey	Aberdeen MYC
6	Sandy Mackay	58	Britpop	Kinghorn RSC
7	David Northridge	120	Lintel MMX	Levenhall RSC
8	David Stewart	30	Corbie 1	Tayside RSC
9	Bob Wilson	188	Buzz I	Tayside RSC
10	David Redpath	65	Lintel	Kinghorn RSC
11	Gerry Goodfellow	17	MX	Kinghorn RSC
12	David Smith	89	Zig-Zag	Paisley MYC

Scottish District IOM Championship – at Forfar Loch hosted by Aberdeen MYC

Position	Skipper	Sail No.	Design	Club
1	Tich Summers	07	BritPop	Tayside RSC
2	Richard Ennos	84	Rhyme	Levenhall RSC
3	Colin McGinnis	45	Buzz 3	Tayside RSC
4	Malcolm Worsley	86	Buzz 2	Tayside RSC
5	Dave Stewart	30	Corbie I	Tayside RSC
6	Stuart Teasdale	54	BritPop	Kinghorn RSC
7	Sandy MacKay	58	BritPop	Kinghorn RSC
8	Bob Wilson	88	Buzz I	Tayside RSC
9	Alan McKechnie	59	Vision	Buchanness MYC

MYA Scottish District IOM Championship - Overall

Position	Skipper	No.	Design	Club
1	Tich Summers	07	Buzz 3	Tayside RSC
2	Ian Dundas	38	Fat Boy	Aberdeen MYC
3	Stewart Campbell	50	Kantun 2	Kinghorn RSC
4	John Owens	33	Corbie	Aberdeen MYC
5	Colin McGinnis	45	Buzz Illc	Tayside RSC
6	David Stewart	30	Corbie 1	Tayside RSC
7	David Smith	89	Zig Zag	Paisley MYC
8	Richard Rowan	85	Cheinz Alternative	Greenock MY&PBC
9	Malcom Worsley	86	Buzz II	Tayside RSC
10	Sandy Mackay	58	BritPop	Kinghorn RSC
11	Alan McKechnie	59	Vision	Buchanness MYC
12	Bob Wilson	188	Buzz I	Tayside RSC
13	Richard Enos	84	Rhyme	Levenhall RSC
14	Bill Odger	37	V9	Buchanness MYC
15	Robert Rooney	71	Topiko	Paisley MYC
16	Stuart Teasdale	54	BritPop	Kinghorn RSC
17	Patrick Johnston	44	Pikanto	Greenock MY&PBC
18	David Northridge	120	Lintel MMX	Levenhall RSC
19	Malcolm Davies	168	Vision	Buchanness MYC
20	Gordon Allison	62	Venti	Ayr Bay RYC
21	David Redpath	65	Lintel	Kinghorn RSC
22	Gerry Goodfellow	17	MX	Kinghorn RSC
23	Ian Davidson	39	Corbie V	Greenock MY&PBC
24	Nick Slane	150	Lintel	Ayr Bay RYC
25	Arthur Black	185	Cheinz	Paisley MYC

MYA Scottish District Wooden Hulled IOM Championship – Tayside RSC

Position	Skipper	Sail No.	Design	Club
1	Tich Summers	07	Buzz 3	Tayside RSC
2	Ian Dundas	38	Fat Boy	Aberdeen MYC
3	Ali Law	37	Corbie 5	Buchanness MYC
4	Malcolm Worsley	107	Buzz 3	Tayside RSC
5	Richard Rowan	85	Corbie 4	Greenock MY&PBC
6	John Owens	33	Corbie 1	Aberdeen MYC
7	Roger Errington	5	SR 5c	Kinghorn RSC
8	Dave Stewart	30	Corbie 1	Tayside RSC
9	Gordon Alison	62	Tergo	Ayr Bay RYC
10	Sandy MacKay	58	BritPop	Kinghorn RSC
11	Bob Wilson	88	Buzz I	Tayside RSC
12	David Smith	89	Zig Zag	Paisley MYC

Scottish District DF95 Championship – Greenock PB&MYC

Position	Skipper	Sail No.	Design	Club
1	Chris Nichols		DF95	Levenhall RYC
2	Ali Law		DF95	Buchanness MYC
3	Gordon Allison		DF95	Ayr Bay RYC
4	Robert Rooney		DF95	Paisley MYC
5	Ian Davidson		DF95	Greenock MY&PBC
6	Gorgon Rae		DF95	Ayr Bay RYC
7	Robert Brown		DF95	Kinghorn RSC
8	David Smith		DF95	Ayr Bay RYC
9	Arthur Black		DF95	Paisley MYC
10	Alan McKechnie		DF95	Buchanness MYC
11	Stewart Campbell		DF95	Greenock MY&PBC
12	Bill Lees		DF95	Ayr Bay RYC

Scottish District DF65 Championship – Kinghorn RSC

Position	Skipper	Sail No.	Design	Club
1	Chris Nichols	83	DF65	Levenhall RYC
2	Bill Odger	37	DF65	Buchanness MYC
3	Ian Marshall	02	DF65	Greenock MY&PBC
4	Simon Thomson	264	DF65	Greenock MY&PBC
5	Stewart Campbell	50	DF65	Kinghorn RSC
6	Neil Tannahill	99	DF65	Greenock MY&PBC
7	David Stewart	68	DF65	Tayside RSC
8	David Smith	89	DF65	Paisley MYC
9	Alan McKechnie	59	DF65	Buchanness MYC

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REPORT FROM THE MYA SCOTTISH DISTRICT SENIOR MEASURER

In March this year the MYA TO (Technical Officer) directly asked measurers if any wished to stand down, From the Scottish District our following measurers elected to do so:

Robert Rooney
Boyd Baird
Nick Cower
Patrick Johnston

I wish to thank all of them for their sterling work over the years and I think all of you have benefitted from their help and advice on measuring issues and getting new boats on the water that meet the class rules and thus promoting fair sailing. A very big "Thank You" to you all!

I also see Douglas Thornton has come off the current listing - an issue which I am currently pursuing.

In the latter stages of 2021, I and the others in the IOMGBR team resigned due to intransigence of the MYA to devolve acceptable operational issues within the COG agreement thus making it pointless to continue. At the time of writing last year's epistle this decision had not been made.

Currently the MYA TO does not recognise the District Senior Measurers and as such there is no technical committee. Any dialogue to discuss rule changes, measuring protocol and training is promulgated without this important discussion and verification.

I am aware that during the early part of the year RYA convened a meeting with the MYA Chairman to discuss and agree measurement responsibility and protocol for Model Yachting in the UK. This resulted in the recent updated communication ([click here](#)) from the RYA in late August giving the MYA that responsibility and asking for a suitable sail measuring course that they could endorse.

Due to the above it is still not clear to me the form measurement training will take place and in particular specific sail measurement training and the medium that will be used. I have supplied the MYA TO with some of the material I had been working on in 2021 as I thought it might help, but little of any substance has been returned. To me the only thing that is clear as Measurers is we have an extended stay till December 2023 and will await to see what the coming year brings!

Finally, I have served in this position since 2015 and with a number of other things going on in my life feel it is time for a fresh head to take on this role and would be pleased to pass on the baton if there are any willing takers?

Steve Taylor

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REPORT FROM ABERDEEN MODEL YACHT CLUB

In 2022 Aberdeen Club membership remained stable at 5.

The club continues without its own sailing venue, so club members continue to regularly sail at the neighbouring clubs of Buchanness and Tayside.

John Owens holds the post of Scottish District Chair and Steve Taylor holds the post of Scottish District Senior Measurer.

In addition to local club sailing, three members have actively taken part in or been involved in the organization of Scottish District events including the 2022 MYA IOM National Championship which was held at Castle Semple with John Owens acting as PRO assisted by a Race Team from the Scottish District.

The club continues to promote the building and development of wooden IOM's.

Ian Dundas

NB Ian is too modest to mention that he was a member of the team representing GBR at the IOM World Championship in Croatia. Well done Ian! – JO

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REPORT FROM AYR BAY RADIO YACHT CLUB

As normal, this year we used two locations to sail due to weed at Beach Park Pond, Irvine where we sailed until early May, then Castle Semple until Mid-August and returning to Irvine on Sunday 6th November

We have 24 club members and most sail on a regular basis. We now have a club RC Laser and club DF95 so are hoping to attract new members. The MYA signage has proved to be very useful in advertising the sport.

We hosted the Scottish District IOM Travellers 1 event which was very successful and fully appreciated by the Scottish District Committee and competing skippers.

ABRYC now has 14 club members who sail DF95's which we sail every Tuesday afternoon.

The Winter Laser series every Sunday was sailed at Irvine and then we ran a spring series also at Irvine and then a summer series at Castle Semple with 8 - 10 skippers racing regularly in the events.

The re generation programme planned for Irvine harbour does not affect the sailing at the pond but we are following up with the council to improve the pond area as part of the re generation programme. The council have upgraded the walkway around the pond and added more seating which will increase our audience when are sailing.

We have at least 6 members who sail IOM's and plan next year to race in the Scottish District. Events.

Our newly elected Committee is as follows

Commodore	Peter Carr
Race Officers	David Belding assisted by Bill Wylie
Secretary	Bill Lees

Looking ahead to 2023 we have requested to the Scottish District to host the 2023 Scottish District DF95 Championship at Irvine on Saturday 1st April. This event will be reported in the local press as we are driving forward with the club and are now approaching local Councillor's and local press to advertise the sport

Bill Lees

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REPORT FROM BUCHANNESS RADIO YACHT CLUB

Membership is standing around 20. Classes sailed - IOM, DF65, DF95, Fifies

Fifies

Because of factors beyond our control, Fifies have had a very poor year as they are very dependent on wind direction and a minimum of four skippers to be safe.

DF65

We have a regular monthly competition with an average of 8 yachts taking part with a weekly Thursday afternoon meeting with much the same attendance. The 65 gives good, even competition at a low cost. Two of our members went to the first Scottish District Championship and Bill Odger gave a tremendous effort to come second. Alan had a credible regatta.

IOM

We sail these yachts on Saturdays with a monthly competition as, and when, we can fit it in again. There can be between six and twelve yachts (on a very good day).

The club ran the Scottish District IOM Traveler 2 with eight entrants. As usual BRYC gave good challenging courses with Brian Summers winning with local member Bill Odger second.

We also ran an open event for wooden IOMs and GRP hulls which worked very well. After fifteen races Brian Summers won the woody prize with Stuart Teasdale the GRP and Richard Ennos the furthest travelled skipper.

DF95

There are now two members with DF95s. They went to the first DF95 Scottish District Championship at Greenock with both skippers only having about an hour practice with their new yachts, Ali Law was 2nd and Alan McKechnie was 10th which despite the figures was a good show. It is likely that more DF95s will appear in BRYC as they have done in other Scottish District clubs.

Scottish District

The club was represented at the 2022 MYA IOM National Championship at Castle Semple this year with Bill Odger, Alan McKechnie and Ian Dundas competing. John Owens was Principal Race Officer while Malcolm Davies and Brian Crawford fulfilled the mark setting and rescue boat duties.

Scale models.

The club was previously known as Buchanness Model Yacht and Powerboat Club but in 1984, the club changed to its present name of Buchanness Radio Yacht Club to reflect the fact we sailed radio Marbleheads. Recently, interest has been shown from people who want to sail scale models. When a good day looks likely we will initially be at the marina and Alexander Lemon will help get this underway

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REPORT FROM CARRICKFERGUS MODEL BOAT CLUB

A slow start to the season, but with a bit of persuasion from the Commadore and Secretary we have now a steady 6-7 members sailing regularly in the Harbour on Saturdays. Total membership stands at 17 with a possible 4 members may not return because of health issues.

During the month of April we had a visit from Vangelis Simonides of Radio Sailing Ireland. They are trying to establish radio sailing in Ireland again after a long layoff although a club has been operating in Cork over this time. He invited us to a National Championship at Ramor Watersports Club near Virginia, Co Cavan. Four MYA members from Carrickfergus made the trip and established contact for the future. A healthy start to radio sailing in Ireland and possible venue for our members to travel to and compete.

We held our annual regatta in August in conjunction with Carrickfergus Sailing Club on Friday prior to the main event on the Saturday with nine members sailing and one visitor from Radio Sailing Ireland.

It has been recently discovered that there is a strong DF65 fleet in Bangor Marina, Co. Down, although it is not associated with the MYA to our knowledge.

Roy Younger

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REPORT FROM GREENOCK MODEL YACHT & POWER BOAT CLUB

The club now has 35 members with 28 members in the model yacht section and 7 in the scale model section.

This has been a much more successful year than last year. The pond has not been too badly affected by weed so we have not lost many days sailing. Inverclyde District Council installed barley rope in some areas of the pond and hopefully this will help in the future.

Members are sailing IOMs on a Sunday afternoon and the average turnout is about 5 skippers. However, DF95s on a Tuesday afternoon seem to be more popular now with up to 8 or 9 members sailing.

Our DF65 section is proving popular this year sailing on a Sunday morning in the shorter days and Thursday evenings in the summer. These rounds attempt to complete 10 races with the final overall result feeding into a quarterly series. The results have been very close with a different winner in each series. The average numbers of each of the rounds is 8 boats with the most being 15. There is a loan boat for anyone to have a go.

The club hosted the 2022 MYA Scottish District DF95 Championship on 14th May 2022. There was a good turnout with 12 skippers, some coming from as far away as Peterhead. The weather could not have been better and the wind was 10 knots. The competition was won by Chris Nichols of Levenhall RYC and a good day was had by all. A special thanks to Richard Rowan for being the Race Officer and the rest of the race team.

We are hoping to hold competitions for DF95s and 65s over a weekend next year as well as hosting the Scotts of Greenock trophy for IOMs.

Ian C Davidson

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REPORT FROM KINGHORN RADIO SAILING CLUB

The Kinghorn Club has been active throughout the year and have hosted two MYA Scottish District events and taken part in a joint event at Levenhall.

The club has 13 full members along with 3 associate members and we have welcomed visiting skippers from other clubs on several occasions. We carry out club sailing on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons between 12 midday and 3pm all year round and we typically have six sailing on a Wednesday and up to ten on a Saturday.

On the 26th February we took part in an interclub event with Levenhall RSC in memory of Tom Milne a long-term member of both clubs who passed away in October 2021. Kinghorn won the first event and are due to host a return event with Levenhall for the Quaich at Kinghorn.

On the 7th May a few members the club took part in the Craigenalt Trust 'come and try day'. We had a number of boats taking part and members of the public trying them under instruction from members.

On the 22nd June 2022 a few members remained on after the Wednesday racing to let Fife Disabled Carers on their open day sample radio control sailing.

There was minor weed growth in Kinghorn Loch this summer but managed to work around the problem by members clearing launching areas. There was no need to use weed markers this year as the weeds at the loch edge did not grow as thickly.

Two new members joined the club this summer. The club also purchased a second-hand IOM (a Lintel) for use on open days and by new members. In the late summer, following discussion with members, we decided to purchase a rescue boat that was lighter to handle. With the help of one of our members we were able to source a second-hand BiC Sportyak 245. This has a catamaran hull and is much more stable and lighter to launch and recover. The old inflatable dinghy was subsequently repaired and sold locally as was the old fiberglass dinghy.

On the 10th September the club hosted the first MYA Scottish District DF65 Championship which attracted nine skippers from all over Scotland. We managed 14 races in a day of variable wind speeds and directions. Thanks to all the club members who assisted with organisation and running of the event.

On 15th October the club hosted the MYA Scottish District Travellers 3. We had very consistent wind conditions on the day with skippers starting on top end of A rigs and then moving to their B rigs after Race 3. The course remained unchanged throughout the day and 18 races were sailed. Thanks to all the club members who assisted with organisation and running of the event.

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REPORT FROM LEVENHALL RADIO YACHT CLUB

Once again, the 2021/22 season has been a disappointment with the pond rapidly filling up with weed, preventing sailing from April until late October.

Sadly, we must record the death of two members John Dewar and club stalwart Tom Milne.

A joint racing event with members of Kinghorn RSC was held in February in memory of Tom who was a member of both clubs. The clubs were delighted to have Tom's family along for the event and to present the cup.

The condition of the pond and lack of facilities is cause for concern and we are constantly requesting improvements to the pond. East Lothian Council (ELC) have arranged (as in previous years) the appointment of a contractor to cut and remove the weed. Three attempts were made this year leaving damage to the liner and cut weed floating on the top. Also, low water spoilt any attempt to sail until October. As with many other local authorities, ELC have a limited budget with no monies available for any work at the pond. We are constantly searching for alternative/additional sailing water without so far, any suitable venues having been identified.

Occasional DF65 racing was organised on Sunday mornings at Granton harbour with 6-8 skippers taking part - great fun dodging between the moorings.

Membership is fluctuating – fourteen full members (MYA) with only 4-6 actively sailing IOM's. In addition, we have about five DF65's who we could expect to see during the winter. Two of the original DF65 sailors have converted to IOM. We are also fortunate to have two new IOM skippers joining this season.

With no sign of improvements to the site in general and the constant low water, lack of suitable resources will once again prevent the Club holding any open events

Nick Cower

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REPORT FROM MID ARGYLL RADIO SAILING CLUB

We have enjoyed many good days of sailing in the sunshine this year but also a number of wet days with either too much or too little wind!

We were very lucky with the weather during the Scottish Series Regatta in Tarbert in June 2022. As part of the shoreside activities we were asked to arrange an open session for radio sailing. Club members brought along their boats and encouraged onlookers to have a go. There was plenty of willing participants and others just enjoyed watching. The seaweed was an occasional hazard but the rescue rowing boat soon released any boats that became stuck. It was a very enjoyable afternoon in lovely sunshine with a steady breeze.

Our usual sailing venue on Loch a Bharain, beside the Crinan Canal remains as beautiful as ever and even if the wind dies away it is a lovely place to be. We have been practising race starts to develop our skills and the variable winds we have keep us all on our toes!

Our membership has remained steady but it would be good to have more members and increase the number who sail regularly.

The Crinan Canal is again being drained for the winter for maintenance so our season had to be stopped early in October. Hopefully, we will be able to start again early in the spring in 2023.

Lorna Rushton

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REPORT FROM PAISLEY MODEL YACHT CLUB

After 5 years and many meetings/emails etc. the removal of the sludge from the Pond in Barshaw Park started on 31st March 2022. Several thousand tonnes of sludge were removed by two tracked diggers and two tracked dumpers over the next month. An additional launching platform we had requested was installed near the mid-point of the east bank.

The Pond could not be refilled with mains water, so we had to wait till the beginning of September before natural rainfall gave sufficient water to float our yachts. The pond is now around 30 cm deeper since the sludge was removed. Ironically, during the warm summer months with low water levels some weed reappeared (pond weed not the dreaded Canadian pond weed). The Council treated the Pond with dye and Hydra Lake Clear in August followed by regular treatments of dye and Symbio until the end of October.

We wrote a submission for the Council's "You Decide" campaign in Nov 2021 and submitted a request for funds (£50K) to refurbish the Pond's embankments in advance of the its centenary in 2024. This campaign does not seem to have progressed to a conclusion and it is unlikely the Pond will receive any more funding due to a significant black hole appearing in the Council's budget. So we are fortunate that we got the bottom cleaned just before the financial crisis hit.

The Council suggested we hold a 'Re-Opening of the Pond' event. We decided this should be an Open event for the DF95 class and this was planned for 25th September but due to residual floating weed this had to be reset to 8th October. Unfortunately, following torrential rain on 6th October, the Pond overflowed, completely submerging the pathways and piers, and the event had to be further delayed till 22nd October. The weather conditions on 22nd were not kind to us but the event was enjoyed by all who attended. Hopefully with the detritus removed the weed will not reappear and we can have summer month sailing next year.

We received a request from the Renfrewshire Valuation Board for details of our section of the clubhouse to determine whether it should be included on the Valuation Roll and subject to Non-Domestic Rates. The legislation exempting buildings in Parks from rateable valuation changes in 2023 and we await any financial implications this may have for us.

Several members of the Club sailed with the Ayr Bay Club at Irvine Beach Park in April & May and at Castle Semple Loch in mostly shirt-sleeve weather during June & July - until the arrival of weed at each venue. Members also participated in District events at venues from Irvine to Peterhead.

David L. Smith

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REPORT FROM RHU RADIO LASERS

Rhu Radio Lasers membership stands at seventeen paid-up members. An average turn-out rarely exceeds six who race on Thursdays at 1pm over the winter months. We usually retire to Cafe Rhu at the Marina after racing to give our opinions on current affairs and for our annual Christmas Lunch in December.

Iain Duncan

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REPORT FROM TAYSIDE RADIO SAILING CLUB

Another year of Tayside Radio Sailing Club at Forfar Loch affiliated to Forfar Sailing Club. Membership remains steady in the mid-twenties most of whom are from the Dundee area but others from further afield.

It was great to get back to a full season of club sailing after two years of Covid restrictions with 19 members taking part in this year's club championship held over 31 races every Wednesday which is our most popular day. Saturdays proved less popular again this season with some members engaged in other activities at weekends.

We sail exclusively IOMs, mostly home build in wood but some in GRP. We also have a few professionally constructed boats to give a good mix. Home building adds another aspect to our sport and does not seem to come with any competitive disadvantage for club racing.

Quite a few of our members travelled to compete in Scottish IOM events, in national competitions and one member to the IOM World Championship in Croatia.

We hosted a highly successful Scottish District IOM Wooden Hulled Championship in April with Boyd Baird as Principal Race Officer ably assisted by other club members.

After a few years of very little weed it came back this year and badly affected the launching jetties. Floating weed was also quite bad, caused, we think by swans feeding at the west end of the loch and letting go most of what they pulled up. As in previous years when we have experienced weed, we moved our sailing area to the deeper water behind the clubhouse at the north side of the peninsula. This allowed us to continue sailing all summer, albeit with still some floating weed when the breeze was from the south west.

Tich Summers

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REPORT FROM WICK MODEL YACHT CLUB

Glad to have seen the back of the 2021 season for a number of reasons, the members of Wick Model Yacht Club sprang into action a little earlier than usual determined to make the most of the 2022 sailing season.

With the anticipation of a season of good competitive sailing in front of us (and an additional touch of insanity after 2 years of restrictions and uncertainty) the fleet took to the water at the beginning of February and braved the cooler temperatures and fresh conditions to get the season underway. It soon became clear that the previous years weed growth in the loch had not fully dispersed over the winter months and this added an additional hazard for the fleet to navigate. Undeterred the fleet fought their way through, and some very close and exciting racing was observed.

Although the weed did begin to disperse as the weeks passed it never totally disappeared as would usually be expected leaving several navigational hazards scattered throughout the loch which had the potential to (and did on occasion) change the finishing line up, so race tactics played an important part in proceedings (sometimes more successfully than others).

In summary, the 2022 season proved to be a successful one with a good size fleet competing routinely on a weekly basis until the inevitable weed growth became impossible to navigate in mid-June bringing the season to an end.

True to tradition, the final day of racing concluded with a presentation of silverware, a BBQ and one or two light refreshments bringing a successful season to a pleasurable end once again.

The intention is to attempt to begin the 2023 season in late-January (weather permitting) to extend our sailing season by a few weeks with sailing taking place on Saturday afternoons. It would be great to see some like-minded visitors and there is always room for additional sailors and boats so please feel free to pay us a visit if anyone is ever in the area.

Graham Robertson