

**MYA Scottish District
2023 AGM – 11th November 2023
Royal Tay Yacht Club**

Minutes

Attendees: *** Club voting representative

Name	Club
Ian Dundas ***	Aberdeen MYC
John Owens	Aberdeen MYC
Bill Lees ***	Ayr Bay RYC
Alan Westlake ***	Greenock MY&PBC
Stuart Teasdale ***	Kinghorn RSC
David Smith ***	Paisley MYC
Brian Summers ***	Tayside RSC
Bob Wilson	Tayside RSC
Boyd Baird	Tayside RSC
Colin McGinnis	Tayside RSC
Grant Cuthbert	Tayside RSC
Ralph Knowles	Tayside RSC

1. Apologies (all).

- Steve Taylor and Desmond Howell.

2. Confirm minutes of 2022 AGM ([click here](#)) (all).

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

3. Matters arising from the 2022 minutes (all).

- Action: John Owens – update Scottish District race equipment inventory - done
- Ongoing – All Clubs to keep looking for new sailing venues.
- **Action:** John Owens – Send sailing location assessment template to SD Club Secretaries

4. Review of spending in 2023 (John Owens).

- Repair of the Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy and specialist engraving requiring the services of a skilled silversmith:
 - Repairs included reattaching one of the handles, remove minor dents, etc.
 - In keeping with the historical engraving style, hand engraving was required to (a) indicate its future use to be awarded to the overall MYA Scottish District IOM Champion and (b) names of previous IOM Champions were added.
- Total expenditure of £294.45 was fully recovered from the MYA.
- There was a vote of thanks to Colin McGinnis for facilitating the repairs and engraving.

**This being the Remembrance Day (11th November),
a one-minute silence was held at 11am.**

- The Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy was presented to Brian "Tich" Summers as the Overall 2023 MYA Scottish District IOM Champion
- **Action:** Tich to arrange for the Trophy to be appropriately engraved.

5. Reports by SD Committee Officials for 2023 (as read).

6. Reports by SD Clubs for 2023 (as read).

7. DRAFT 2024 season racing programme (Tich Summers).

- **Action:** all clubs – if hosting open events, to advise the SD Racing Secretary.
- **Action:** Tich Summers – confirm 2024 DF95 and DF65 District class captains.

2024 Scottish District Sailing Programme – **DRAFT**

Date	Event	Venue	Host Club	Status
23 rd March	IOM Wooden Hull Championship	Paisley	Paisley MYC	Confirmed
6 th April	DF95 Scottish Championship	Ayr Bay	Ayr Bay RYC	<i>Provisional</i>
18 th May	IOM Travellers 1	Forfar	Tayside RSC	Confirmed
8 th June	IOM Travellers 2	Kinghorn	Kinghorn RSC	Confirmed
17 th August	DF65 Scottish Championship	Peterhead	Buchanness MYC	Confirmed
14 th September	IOM Travellers 3	Greenock	Greenock MY&PBC	Confirmed
19 th October	IOM Scottish Championship	Forfar	Aberdeen MYC	Confirmed

Alan Westlake raised the point that Greenock DF65 skippers who are big boat sailors want to sail outside the summer months. Also, the idea was raised that DF65 and DF95 events could be held on consecutive days as several skippers sailed both classes.

Action: The consensus was that the relevant class captains and a host club agree dates whilst avoiding clashes with other events and then inform the MYA SD Racing Secretary so that the MYA SD Racing Calendar can be updated.

8. Election of 2024 MYA Scottish District Officers (Chair, Secretary, Racing Secretary, District Senior Measurer).

a. Secretary

- i. Nominated: David Smith
- ii. Proposed by: Tich Summers Seconded by: Ian Dundas
- iii. Vote: Elected - unanimous

b. Chair

- i. Nominated: John Owens
- ii. Proposed by: Colin McGinnis Seconded by: Boyd Baird
- iii. Vote: Elected - unanimous

c. Racing Secretary

- i. Nominated: Tich Summers
- ii. Proposed by: Grant Cuthbert Seconded by: Bill Lees
- iii. Vote: Elected - unanimous

d. District Senior Measurer

- i. Nominated: Steve Taylor
- ii. Proposed by: John Owens Seconded by: Ralph Knowles
- iii. Vote: Elected - unanimous

9. Motions raised by clubs (see attached).

a. Motion # 1 – Change timings of SD events with start one hour later than currently and end 30 minutes later than currently.

- i. Proposed by Tayside RSC (Tich Summers)
- ii. Seconded by Kinghorn RSC (Stuart Teasdale)
 - Discussion involved some pro's and con's. The conclusion was it was worth trying.
 - Vote: Accepted - unanimous
- iii. **Follow-up actions - 2024 MYA SD Racing Secretary to:**
 - Revise MYA SD SSI's.
 - Ensure revised MYA SD SSI's are published on MYA SD website.
 - Ensure all the NOR's for all formal 2024 MYA SD events comply with the revised SSI's.
 - Review experience of the new timings at the next AGM.

b. Motion # 2 – Revise wording regarding awarding of event trophies.

- i. Proposed by Tayside RSC (Tich Summers)
- ii. Seconded by Kinghorn RSC (Stuart Teasdale)
 - Vote: Accepted - unanimous
- iii. **Follow-up actions - 2024 MYA SD Racing Secretary to:**
 - Revise the MYA SD SSI's and ensure it posted on the MYA SD website.
 - Ensure future SD NOR's are consistent with this change.
 - Maintain a record of who wins trophies and ensures their safe and timely return for the next event.

10. AOB.

a. Club reports – does anyone read them? (John Owens)

- i. There was overwhelming feedback that the club reports were read, considered interesting and informative enhancing a better understanding of club's activities.

b. AGM Voting – clubs or individual attendees (Boyd Baird)

- i. The point was raised as to why only the club representatives could vote at the MYA Scottish District AGM and not all attendees.

- ii. It was clarified that a club is comprised of individual members with each individual having one vote in their club meetings.
- iii. In contrast, the Scottish District is made up of individual clubs and hence each club has one vote.
- iv. Nevertheless, at the MYA SD AGM, all SD club members are invited and are welcome to express their personal opinions.
- c. Where is the best location to hold the Scottish District AGM?**
 - i. The point was raised regarding the possibility of a more central location for the AGM. Suggestions discussed included alternating east and west venues, a central venue, etc.
 - ii. For the time being, it was agreed that, given the new Royal Tay Yacht Club is free of charge, that it would remain the preferred venue for unless a practical alternative was suggested.
- d. A vote of thanks was given to Royal Tay Yacht Club for hosting the 2023 MYA Scottish District AGM.**

Motion # 1 – Change to timings for Scottish District events.

Sponsoring club

Tayside RSC

Name of proposer and position on club committee

Brian Summers - Captain

Name of seconder and position on club committee

Stuart Teasdale – Kinghorn RSC - Race Secretary

Date

21/10/23

Background/motivation/justification

Change to timings for SD events. Move start 1hr later and finish ½hr later.

Existing wording SSI 9.

9. The Race Officer (RO) briefing shall be held at **09:45hrs** and no race shall start within 15 mins of the start of the briefing. E.g., For a briefing held at **09:45hrs**, no race will start before **10:00hrs**. No race will start after **16:00hrs** and any race in progress after **16:30hrs** will be abandoned.

Proposed wording SSI 9.

9. The Race Officer (RO) briefing shall be held at **10:45hrs** and no race shall start within 15 mins of the start of the briefing. E.g., For a briefing held at **10:45hrs**, no race will start before **11:00hrs**. No race will start after **16:30hrs** and any race in progress after **17.00hrs** will be abandoned.

Follow-up actions if passed:

2024 MYA SD Racing Secretary to:

- 1) Revise MYA SD SSI's.
- 2) Ensure revised MYA SD SSI's are published on MYA SD website.
- 3) Ensure all the NOR's for all formal 2024 MYA SD events comply with the revised SSI's.

Motion # 2 – Award of Scottish District trophies

Sponsoring club

Tayside RSC

Name of proposer and position on club committee

Brian Summers - Captain

Name of seconder and position on club committee

Stuart Teasdale – Kinghorn RSC – Race secretary

Date

21/10/23

Background/motivation/justification

Currently, the winner of a Scottish District trophy must be registered through the MYA via a Scottish District club. E.g., If the winning skipper is registered with a non-Scottish District club, they are able to win an event but it is the highest placed Scottish District club skipper that receives the trophy.

It is proposed that this will change so that the winning skipper, regardless of the MYA club through which they are registered, can receive the trophy. To achieve this, it is proposed to change wording of first part of Scottish District standard Notice of Race Item 3

From present wording

Entry and Eligibility – Entry is open to MYA members of MYA Scottish District Clubs and to visiting members of other MYA Clubs. **Only members of MYA Scottish District Clubs are eligible to be presented with the overall winner's trophy.** All boats shall comply with the Class Rules. Competitors shall be required to undertake to sail in accordance with the [RYA Sailing Charter](#).

To proposed wording:

Entry and Eligibility – Entry is open to all members of MYA affiliated Clubs. All boats shall comply with the Class Rules. Competitors shall be required to undertake to sail in accordance with the [RYA Sailing Charter](#).

Please note that under the SD Sailing Instructions - 'Only skippers who are MYA members and affiliated via a MYA Scottish District club may be placed in the overall results for the IOM Championship series in any year.' It is not the intension to change this under the above proposal.

Follow-up actions if passed:

2024 MYA SD Racing Secretary to:

1. Revise the MYA SD SSI's and ensure it posted on the MYA SD website.
2. Ensure future SD NOR's are consistent with this change.
3. Maintain a record of who wins trophies and ensures their safe and timely return for the next event.

2023 MYA SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM

REPORT FROM THE MYA SCOTTISH DISTRICT CHAIR

MYA Scottish District Committee

Highlights this year include the organisation of lots of great racing at club and District level in the different classes sailed in the SD and welcoming three new clubs to the Scottish District, namely Largs MBC in Scotland with Strangford Lough MBC and North Downs MYC in Northern Ireland. The SD now has fifteen clubs (12 in Scotland and 3 in Northern Ireland) sailing IOM, DF95, DF65, RC Lasers, R6M and free sailing classes.

Behind the scenes, the 2023 MYA SD Committee (Brian Summers, Steve Taylor 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 expended on activities in the Scottish District and further afield.

No Scottish District Secretary in 2023

Disappointingly, nobody volunteered for this post. Thus, I also undertook the role of Secretary. In addition, I maintain the Scottish District website with new material provided by the District Committee and race teams as and when requested as well as ensuring that relevant material is emailed to club secretaries for them to forward to their club members. Although the role of Scottish District Councillor remains unfilled on MYA Council, I maintain informal contact with MYA officers. This ensures that our views are represented. This situation is not tenable for 2024 and a volunteer, preferably from the west coast and a non-IOM skipper, is desirable.

MYA SD affiliated members (as of October 2023)

MYA SD Club	MYA affiliated members
Aberdeen	4
Ayr	21
Buchanness	20
Carrickfergus	14
Greenock	13
Kinghorn	15
Largs	12
Levenhall	16
Mid Argyll	11
North Down	37
Paisley	16
Rhu	18
Strangford Lough	6
Tayside	18
Wick	16
Total:	237

The total is a significant increase from last year with the joining of the three new clubs. 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.

John Owens, 2023 MYA Scottish District Chair, acting Secretary and webmaster!

2022 MYA SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM

REPORT FROM THE MYA SCOTTISH DISTRICT RACING SECRETARY

2023 saw a full programme of events across the Scottish District with three IOM Travellers events, the IOM Championship, the Wooden Hulled IOM Championship, the DF95 Scottish Championship and the DF65 Scottish Championship.

These events were scheduled to avoid the National events for the classes we sail and geared towards the beginning and end of the season to avoid the peak summer holidays and the weed which affects some clubs.

Twenty-four skippers took part in the yearlong IOM series with a range of craft from the home design and built to the latest offerings from the professional manufacturers resulting in close fought highly competitive racing.

Ten skippers took part in the 2023 MYA Scottish District IOM Wooden Hulled Championship which was introduced some year ago to encourage home-building of IOM class yachts; ten competed for the DF95 Championship in its second year and seven in the DF65 Championship.

We had no national events to host this year having run the MYA IOM National Championship in 2022 at Castle Semple.

Scottish District skippers again travelled south to national events.

2023 MYA Scottish District Trophy Winners 2023

IOM Championship – IOM SD Championship Trophy – Tich Summers

IOM Wooden Hulled Championship – Wooden Hull IOM Trophy – Steve Taylor

IOM Series Champion – The Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy – Tich Summers

DF95 Championship – Ayr Bay Cup – John Taylor

DF65 Championship – John Taylor

Tich Summers, 2023 MYA Scottish District Racing Secretary

2023 Scottish District Results

IOM Travellers 1

Position	Skipper	No.	Design	Club
1	Richard Rowan	85	Cheinz	Greenock MY&PBC
2	Richard Ennos	84	Rhyme	Levenhall RYC
3	John Taylor	18	Sushi 2022	Fleetwood MY&PBC
4	Gordon Allison	62	Alioth	Ayr Bay RYC
5	Dave Stewart	30	Corbie I	Tayside RSC
6	Bruce Davidson	43	Ska	Ayr bay RYC
7	Bob Colins	175	Kite	Paisley MYC
8	Ian Davidson	39	Corbie 5	Greenock MY&PBC
9	Arthur Black	185	Cheinz	Paisley MYC
10	David Bell	78	Kite	Paisley MYC

IOM Travellers 2

Position	Skipper	No.	Design	Club
1	Ian Dundas	38	Corbie 6	Aberdeen MYC
2	Steve Taylor	43	Venti	Aberdeen MYC
3	Tich Summers	07	Buzz 3	Tayside RSC
4	Richard Ennos	84	Rhyme	Levenhall RYC
5	Robert Rooney	71	Topico	Paisley MYC
6	Richard Rowan	85	Cheinz	Greenock MY&PBC
7	Gordon Allison	62	Alioth	Ayr Bay RYC
8	Dave Stewart	30	Corbie I	Tayside RSC
9	Ian Davidson	39	Vision	Greenock MY&PBC
10	Alan Westlake	21	Corbie 5	Greenock MY&PBC
11	Alan McKechnie	59	Vision	Buchanness MYC

IOM Travellers 3

Position	Skipper	No.	Design	Club
1	Steve Taylor	43	Venti	Aberdeen MYC
2	Tich Summers	07	Buzz 3	Tayside RSC
3	Stuart Teasdale	54	BritPop	Kinghorn RSC
4	Richard Rowan	85	Cheinz	Greenock MY&PBC
5	Gordon Allison	62	Alioth	Ayr Bay RYC
6	Ian Dundas	38	Fat Boy	Aberdeen MYC
7	Malcolm Worsley	86	Buzz 2	Tayside RSC
8	Colin McGinnis	45	Buzz 3	Tayside RSC
9	Simon Thomson	01	Corbie 5	Greenock MY&PBC
10	Richard Ennos	84	Rhyme	Levenhall RSC
11	Bob Wilson	88	Buzz 3	Tayside RSC
12	David Smith	89	Corbie 4	Paisley MYC

2023 Scottish District IOM Championship

Position	Skipper	No.	Design	Club
1	Tich Summers	07	Buzz 3	Tayside RSC
2	Richard Rowan	85	Cheinz	Greenock MY&PBC
3	David Northridge	88	Vickers 10	Levenhall RSC
4	Ian Dundas	38	Corbie 6	Aberdeen MYC
5	Colin McGinnis	45	Buzz 3	Tayside RSC
6	Ian Davidson	39	Vision	Greenock MY&PBC
7	Dave Stewart	30	Corbie I	Tayside RSC
8	David Smith	89	Corbie 4	Paisley MYC
9	John Taylor	28	Rubix	Fleetwood MY&PBC
10	Gordon Allison	62	Alioth	Ayr Bay RYC
11	Gordon Rae	36	Alioth	Ayr bay RYC
12	Alan McKechnie	59	Vision	Buchanness MYC

2023 Scottish District IOM Championship Series – overall

Position	Skipper	No.	Design	Club
1	Tich Summers	07	Buzz III	Tayside RSC
2	Richard Rowan	85	Cheinz	Greenock MY&PBC
3	Ian Dundas	38	Corbie 6 / Fat Boy	Aberdeen MYC
4	Richard Ennos	84	Rhyme	Levenhall RSC
5	Gordon Allison	62	Alioth	Ayr Bay
6	David Stewart	30	Corbie 1	Tayside RSC
7	Ian Davidson	39	Vision	Greenock MY&PBC
8	Steve Taylor	43	Venti	Aberdeen MYC
9	David Smith	89	Corbie 4	Paisley MYC
10	John Taylor	28	Sushi / Rubix	Fleetwood MY&PBC
11	Colin McGinnis	45	Buzz IIIC	Tayside RSC
12	Alan McKechnie	59	Vision	Buchanness MYC
13	Stuart Teasdale	54	BritPop	Kinghorn RSC
14	David Northridge	88	V10	Levenhall RSC
15	Robert Rooney	71	Topico	Paisley MYC
16	Brue Davidson	43	Ska	Ayr Bay
17	Malcom Worley	86	Buzz II	Tayside RSC
18	Bob Colins	175	Kite	Paisley MYC
19	Simon Thomson	01	Corby 5	Greenock MY&PBC
20	Arthur Black	47	Cheinz	Paisley MYC
21	Alan Westlake	21	Corbie 5	Greenock MY&PBC
22	David Bell	78	Kite	Paisley MYC
23	Bob Wilson	63	Buzz III	Tayside RSC
24	Gordon Rea	36	Alioth	Ayr Bay

2023 Scottish District Wooden Hulled IOM Championship

Position	Skipper	No.	Design	Club
1	Steve Taylor	43	Corbie 5	Aberdeen MYC
2	Ian Dundas	38	Corbie 6	Aberdeen MYC
3	Tich Summers	07	Buzz 3	Tayside RSC
4	Richard Rowan	85	Alternative	Greenock MY&PBC
5	Richard Ennos	84	Rhyme	Levenhall RSC
6	Roger Errington	05	SR 5c	Kinghorn RSC
7	John Owens	33	Corbie 1	Aberdeen MYC
8	Brian Reid	68	Corbie 5	Buchanness RYC
9	Dave Stewart	30	Corbie I	Tayside RSC
10	David Smith	89	Corbie 4	Paisley MYC
11	Alan McKechnie	59	Corbie 1	Buchanness MYC

2023 Scottish District DF95 Championship

Position	Skipper	No.	Design	Club
1	John Taylor	214	DF95	Fleetwood MY&PBC
2	Gordon Allison	62	DF95	Ayr Bay RYC
3	Dave Holyoak	480	DF95	Hollowwell RSC
4	Peter Carr	42	DF95	Ayr Bay RYC
5	Bob Collins	84	DF95	Paisley MYC
6	David Belding	713	DF95	Ayr Bay RYC
7	Brue Davidson	01	DF95	Ayr Bay RYC
8	Arthur Black	47	DF95	Paisley MYC
9	Nick Slane	901	DF95	Ayr Bay RYC
10	Bill Wylie	94	DF95	Ayr Bay RYC

2023 Scottish District DF65 Championship

Position	Skipper	No.	Design	Club
1	John Taylor	28	DF65	Fleetwood MY&PBC
2	Simon Thomson	264	DF65	Greenock MY&PBC
3	Robert Rooney	71	DF65	Paisley MYC
4	Ian Davidson	00	DF65	Greenock MY&PBC
5	Bob Collins	17	DF65	Paisley NYC
6	Alan McKechnie	59	DF65	Buchanness MYC
7	Bob Hughes	29	DF65	Greenock MY&PBC

2023 SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM

REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT SENIOR MEASURER

As there were no willing contenders to take on my role at the 2022 AGM I have continued in the role during 2023.

This has been an important year as our current measurers have to align with the new MYA direction (attend RYA sail measurers course plus a Q&A on specific yacht measurement).

I am pleased to say that this first element has just been completed and we have successfully put six of our current and three future candidates through the RYA Sail Measurement course.

We still have gaps in our coverage as we were unable to get a NI candidate to join. Gordon Allison has volunteered to be a measurer on the west coast but was unable to attend due to work commitments. Gordon has built many a boat so it should not take him long to get up to speed once he has got the RYA course under his belt. It is important to note that the West Coast is still low on the measuring count as is NI and it would be good to get one or two more measurers if possible. if anybody is interested, please give me a call.

There will be other course opportunities and I will endeavour to update them on when and where. This only leaves what is believed will be a Q&A sheet on specific class measurement that presumably can be done remotely and then hopefully that will be us back to normal.

Thanks go to Royal Tay Yacht Club who provided the excellent facilities and Gail Joyce of Scottish RYA for arranging/scheduling the course with Southampton.

I would also like to thank two measuring stalwarts namely Hughie Shields and Ali Law. Both have decided it is time to hang up their pencils and rulers and pass on their measuring tanks! These guys are one of the reasons why the Scottish District standards of measurement and event inspection are so good. I remember attending an IOM Nationals a few years ago south of the border where one guy, well up in the MYA hierarchy was drilling lead out of his fin to get it to weight stated, "*We never used to do this malarky till you guys started it!*" Well done guys you have done your bit!

Finally, as mentioned last year, I have served in this position since 2015. Also, the Scottish District Committee officers are NE centric – whether this is being part of a club with no water or not, I don't know! Anyhow, are there any willing takers?

Wishing you all great sailing this winter and into 2024.

Steve Taylor, 2023 MYA Scottish District Senior Measurer

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REPORT FROM ABERDEEN MODEL YACHT CLUB

In 2023 Aberdeen Model Yacht Club membership dipped down to 4. The club remains without its own sailing venue, so club members continue to sail at the neighbouring clubs of Buchanness and Tayside.

Club member John Owens holds the post of Scottish District Chair and also acts as Secretary as well as webmaster for the Scottish District website. Steve Taylor holds the post of Scottish District Senior Measurer and over the year he has been active to ensure boat and sail measurement remains at a high standard across all clubs in the Scottish District and complies with MYA requirements.

In addition to local club sailing, three members have actively taken part in Scottish District events and took part in the 2023 UK IOM National Championship which was held at Fleetwood.

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

Ian Dundas

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REPORT FROM AYR BAY RADIO YACHT CLUB

We were again this year using two locations to sail, namely Beach Park Pond until early May and then Castle Semple where we sailed until early July when weed stopped the sailing earlier than last year. We will return to Irvine early November and hopefully have a good winter series with a large turnout out of club members.

We sailed at Barshaw Park in Paisley with the assistance of Paisley club members who welcomed our club to sail on their pond and joined us on the Tuesday DF95 racing and we were all invited to sail on a Saturday in their DF95 weekly race.

We hosted the MYA Scottish District DF95 Championship with 12 entries which was won by John Taylor from the Greenock club and Gordon Allison Ayr Bay was second. We donated a trophy for this DF95 event to be run annually in memory of Jim Reid.

At the request of Largs Model Boat Club, we hosted a race event at Castle Semple in the R6M class. We now have a good relationship with this club which we hope to grow in the future.

I have initiated a revival on the Tri Series racing with DF95 class yachts between Ayr Bay and Paisley and Greenock on a trial basis. To date we have only raced at Paisley but due to various circumstances Greenock and Ayr Bay have yet to host the event. However, it should be completed by the end of this year. If successful, we will discuss as a group and hope to hold the series again next year on a regular basis which will benefit all three clubs.

The Winter RC-Laser Series for the Julie Hull Cup was sailed at Irvine and was won by David Belding. The DF95 Winter Series was won by Peter Carr.

Bill Lees

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REPORT FROM BUCHANNESS MYC

MYA membership is 20. Classes sailed are IOM, DF65 and DF95.

Fifies – Unfortunately, no sailing of Fifies was done this year. A decision on the future of what should happen will be discussed at the AGM.

DF65 – We had regular weekly sailing either on Wednesday or Thursday afternoon meeting with much the same attendance.

IOMs – We sail these yachts on Saturdays with between six and twelve yachts (on a very good day). The club successfully ran the 2023 MYA Scottish District Wooden Hull IOM Championship which was very well attended.

DF95s – At the moment we have two DF 95s.

Scale models – Something that we would still like to "get off the ground".

Brian Crawford

2023 MYA SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM

REPORT FROM CARRICKFERGUS MODEL BOAT CLUB

Again, another slow start to the season, but with persuasion we managed to raise 5-6 boats on a Saturday in the harbour. Total membership had reduced to 14 after the AGM due to health issues. We improved up to 16 during the early part of the year and provided old boats to encourage interest. We have recently gained another further four members. This has increased our club days sailing to a steady 8-9 skippers and enhanced the quality of sailing and competition as well. This has encouraged three new Alioth IOMs to be purchased.

It was previously reported that we were contacting a southern Irish club in Virginia at Ranmor Watersports Club in County Cavan. However, two months ago we were informed that they had changed to DF65. An IOM club still exists in Cork but no contact has yet been made. One member in Virginia stays in contact and competes in our annual regatta.

We held our annual Regatta in August again but had a poor turnout. Keith Bell from the Ranmor club won the event for the second year. We appreciate his effort and encourage all competitors. A meal was provided in the sailing club after the event and completed the night's entertainment.

A strong club of DF65 boats originated in Bangor across the lough and have now registered with the MYA. Carrickfergus Model Boat Club AGM is to be organised for mid-November in the Sailing Club at 7pm.

Roy Younger

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REPORT FROM GREENOCK MY&PBC

During this year the club has seen a slight increase in yachting members sailing across the classes. The class member statistics are as follows:

IOM – 15 Skippers
DF95 – 13 Skippers
DF 65 – 16 Skippers
Scale – 10 Skippers
(Total Club Members - 33)

Open Events at Greenock

MYA Scottish District Travellers (IOM) Series

This regatta was held in the month of May, with 11 skippers attending from across the Scottish District. Despite the light winds 12 races were completed with Ian Dundas winning overall. Greenock was represented by 3 skippers, Richard Rowan finished in 6th place, Ian Davidson and Alan Westlake finishing 9th and 10th respectively.

MYA Scottish District DF65 Championship

Due to problems with the reservoir at Greenock, the regatta was held at Barshaw Park, Paisley. Greenock provided the race team led by Richard Rowan. Although there was a small turn out of only 7 skippers, there was some close competition with 16 races completed on the day. In the end, John Taylor was the winner but Greenock was represented by 2nd place Simon Thomson, 4th place Ian Davidson and Bob Hughes in 7th place.

UK (DF65) Championship at Keighley

John Taylor and I travelled to Keighley for the UK DF65 Championship. This was a three-day event which saw skippers compete from across the country. Despite the weather conditions which were sometimes very bleak John achieved 2nd place while I was 21st but the experience gained by myself has been very worthwhile.

Club Racing

Throughout this year the only organised club racing has come from the DF65 fleet. On average approximately eight or more skippers will attend on a Sunday morning and complete 10 races. These events alternate between Paisley and Greenock. The IOM and DF95s sections meet on Sundays and Tuesdays respectively for non- competitive sailing.

The Inter Club Tri-Series

The first race was held at Paisley on 17th June and the second race is due to be held on 28th October at Greenock. The third race is still to be confirmed at Ayr Bay.

2023 MYA Scottish District IOM Championship at Forfar

Congratulations to Richard Rowan representing Greenock who came 2nd missing out by only one point after a very closely fought competition.

Resignation

After a number of years in position and a lot of thought, I have decided to put forward my resignation. I will support the next Race Secretary as required and continue to represent the club during sailing events across the UK.

Ian Davidson

2023 MYA SCOTTISH DISTRICT AGM

REPORT FROM KINGHORN RADIO SAILING CLUB

This year Kinghorn RSC has been extremely active including hosting the MYA Scottish District IOM Championship event.

The club at present has fifteen members and always welcomes interested members of the public. To help, we have had club business cards printed and use them at all events to give contact information to the public or prospective and new members.

At present we race IOM class yachts on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons between 12 midday and 3pm all year round and we have around 12 skippers sailing on a regular basis.

On 13th May a few members of the club took part in the Craigenfalt Trust 'come and try day'. On that day we enjoyed sharing our boats and experience with members of the public.

Unfortunately, this summer we had a problem with weed growth in Kinghorn Loch but managed to clear the launch areas with the help of our members using a home-made weed cutter. We used additional small marker buoys to define the course limits as the weeds at the loch edge were just below the surface. This enabled us to continue sailing throughout the summer.

On 22nd April the club hosted the 2023 MYA Scottish District IOM Championship. We managed seventeen races on the day in variable wind conditions. The competitors raced a range of IOM designs (Alioth, Buzz III, Buzz 3C, Corbie 1, Corbie 4 Corbie 6, Rubix, Vickers 11 and Vision). The fleet consisted of a mixture of home built wooden, 3D printed and fiberglass hulls. We had competitors from around Scotland representing seven clubs including Aberdeen, Ayr Bay, Buchanness, Greenock, Levenhall, Paisley and Tayside. Thanks to all the club members who assisted with the organisation and running of this successful event. Congratulations to Brian Summers for winning, Richard Rowan who was second and David Northridge who was third.

Malcolm Durie

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REPORT FROM LARGS MODEL BOAT CLUB

Largs MBC is a mixed model club and this year our growing fleet of R6M members registered for the first time in May and now have a total of twelve MYA members with a fleet of fifteen R6M model yachts and growing.

Our first venture away from our own pond was to Fleetwood in April when we were invited to join in a R6M open event. We entered five yachts and enjoyed some great racing which turned out to be a great success and with the largest fleet of R6Ms seen at Fleetwood. Thanks to the excellent team there for their support.

Bren Bocker our club president took part in the UK Nationals and faired well in a large fleet in his first Nationals and didn't come last!

Our highlight this year was a superbly organised event in June at Castle Semple, set up and organised by Bill Lees of the Ayr Bay RYC and his team. Ten of our members raced their R6Ms and had a thoroughly enjoyable day on open water.

We hope to expand our R6M activities and with help hopefully from others, we'd like to organise an open event to be run at Castle Semple sometime next summer, possibly June.

David Cook

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REPORT FROM LEVENHALL RADIO YACHT CLUB

Membership:

Currently stands at 15 full members - with one new member joining recently. Membership has therefore grown a little in the last 18 months.

Officers:

Position	Name
Commodore	Christopher Nichols
Secretary	Christopher Nichols
Treasurer	Charles Morton
Racing	Lyndsay Odie
Safety	Nick Cowern
Quartermaster	John Wyllie

Classes sailed

IOM, DF65, DF95 (travelling only)

Sailing days

IOMs – Saturdays at Levenhall from 1200 in summer and 1100 in winter.

DF65s – Sundays at RFYC (Granton) as tides allow during winter months.

Once again the 2023 summer season was a disappointment with the pond rapidly filling up with weed and preventing sailing from April until October. As a result, open events and club racing were cancelled.

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) appointed a contractor to cut and remove the weed on two occasions. However, excess floating weed and rapid regrowth in the summer meant the first cut was of little practical use. The most recent cut has been successful and we have restarted activities.

The roadway has also been improved (slightly) so is navigable with care by family saloon cars without damage.

An ELC draft regeneration plan for the park was offered for consultation during the course of the year. We took the opportunity to make a comprehensive response highlighting the amenity potential of the pond should it be maintained to a reasonable standard. Most of the draft plan covered birdwatching, ecological issues and access for disabled so we hope to have made a difference through a coordinated response.

Turnout is typically 5-7 IOMs on Saturdays during the winter. Several members have also successfully negotiated private access to Whiteadder Reservoir and race IOMs midweek. DF65 racing takes place during winter months on Sundays at Granton harbour according to tides with 6-8 skippers typically taking part - great fun dodging between the moorings.

A lively WhatsApp group keeps members abreast of sailing activities, new launches and construction/maintenance tips.

Chris Nichols

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REPORT FROM MID ARGYLL RADIO SAILING

We have had a number of successful public showcase events this year to raise our profile in the local area. We have welcomed two new members and continued to enjoy sailing our boats in our beautiful little loch by the Crinan Canal.

Our first public event at the end of May 2023, was as part of the shore side activities at the Scottish Series in Tarbert Harbour. We set up a couple of marks in the water near the marquee and with a rescue boat to hand, people visiting the event were able to have a go at sailing a laser or DF95. A couple of youngsters from Tarbert Loch Fyne Yacht Club had practised controlling RC Lasers and demonstrated their racing skills round the marks with other members and the public. Great fun was had by all.

The next event was at the Ardrishaig Gala. Unfortunately, on the day it was very windy and wet to begin with so we weren't able to sail the RC boats as planned but instead displayed them in the village hall. However, the day brightened up and lots of people attended the event.

Finally, we put on a display of model RC boats at the Model Show in Ardrishaig which was well attended and raised a considerable sum, well over £1000 for local charities.

This winter we will be sailing in part of the Crinan Canal, as the Scottish Canals winter works programme will again lower the levels of water in Loch a Bharain.

Lorna Rushton

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REPORT FROM NORTH DOWN MODEL YACHT CLUB

This is the first annual report from NDMYC, the club having formed in December 2022. On forming, the members drafted a constitution, agreed it, and appointed a Commodore, Treasurer, and Secretary. We also affiliated the club to the MYA.

Since that start, membership has grown and now stands at 35 paid up members. As the club's "year" is set from December to December, it will soon be time to call for subscription renewal for 2024 and it is expected that some members may not renew. Nevertheless, membership numbers remain strong and new members are still coming forward.

The club made an early decision to start as a one class club with the DF65 class using standard rig. That has been successful and has allowed easy access to the club and the sport for new members. It is for decision at the December 2023 AGM if "B" rigs should be allowed given the number of sailing days lost this last Autumn due to excessive wind.

Racing has taken place at three venues over the year:

1. Millisle Lagoon: this is a tidal lagoon with good access, adequate depth and open aspect. However, at high tide the hard standing is covered ruling out racing. While the lagoon is filling on a rising tide though it makes for interesting racing in the eddy current. Some development of the lagoon is proposed and the Treasurer and Secretary attended a public meeting on the proposals. It appears they will enhance the venue and the NDMYC suggestions on improved access to the actual water level through the railings were well received.
2. Conlig Reservoir: access to this was negotiated early in the year through the numerous controlling bodies. It is a good location with easy launching. Unfortunately, towards the end of the summer weed growth around the perimeter precluded any sailing.
3. Groomsport Harbour: This venue is occasionally used at high tide when Millisle is out.

The club organised three series of races over the year sub divided into a Friday series and a Sunday series and saw turnouts generally strong with rarely less than 12 boats on the water making for some good racing.

Contact has been made with other clubs in Ireland and we look forward to closer ties and some inter club racing at some time.

Desmond Howell

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REPORT FROM PAISLEY MODEL YACHT CLUB

For the first time in many years the members of Paisley Model Yacht Club have been able to keep sailing at their home water during the summer months. This was entirely due to the fact that Renfrewshire Council drained the pond in Barshaw Park last year (2022) and removed the silt that had built up on the bottom of the pond. We lost six months sailing at our home water last year but made up for that completely this year and we look forward to many more years of uninterrupted sailing. We were also able to offer sailing to the members of two other West of Scotland Clubs – Ayr Bay & Greenock – when their sailing waters were unavailable.

We have held weekly club sailing in IOM's on Wednesdays with 5 to 8 boats turning out and in DF95's on Saturdays with 8 to 12 boats on the water.

We held a successful Scottish District IOM Travellers event on Saturday 25th March attended by 10 skippers and supported Ayr Bay's hosting of the Scottish District DF95 Championship at Irvine in April and Greenock's hosting of the second Scottish District Travellers event at Greenock in May.

On Saturday 17th June we held a DF95 event with 14 skippers in support of the Barshaw Gala Day, the first time in many years that we have been able to do so. We did this to show our thanks to Renfrewshire Council for cleaning the pond last year. This was the first event in a Tri-Club Series that was meant to visit Ayr Bay and Greenock in the course of the summer but problems with their sailing waters and the weather have meant that the second event in the series will not take place until Saturday 28th October and the third will be some time in November.

On Saturday 12th August we held an Open DF95 event attended by 9 skippers and on Saturday 16th September we facilitated our friends from Greenock running the Scottish District DF65 Championship which attracted 7 skippers. None of these summer events could have been held in previous years.

We are grateful to all who came and sailed with us during the year whether for club sailing or formal events, with particular thanks to those who served on the Race Teams for the events.

Although we lost one long-standing member who passed away in May we gained five new members during the year, bringing our affiliated membership up to sixteen, and hope they will become regular attenders.

David Smith

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REPORT FROM RHU RADIO LASERS

NO REPORT RECEIVED

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REPORT FROM STRANGFORD LOUGH MODEL BOAT CLUB

NO REPORT RECEIVED

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REPORT FROM TAYSIDE RADIO SAILING CLUB

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

Nineteen members took part in our very competitive IOM club championship on Wednesday afternoons throughout the summer and eleven took part in the wooden hull championship where results are extracted from the first Wednesday of each month. The wooden hull series is designed to encourage members to sail their home-built IOMs, a tradition which is still alive and well at our club. Saturday sailing proved much less popular with most being cancelled when members pursued their other activities.

Members again supported the Scottish District IOM events. Tayside hosted the last of these at Forfar Loch on Saturday the 14th October in bright autumn sunshine and a very fresh WNW breeze.

The weed was not too bad this summer but we were again required to relocate to the deeper waters to the north of clubhouse for a short period at the height of summer. This move allowed us to carry on racing throughout the summer months without a break.

Tich Summers

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REPORT FROM WICK MODEL YACHT CLUB

Looking forward to a good sailing season the members of Wick Model Yacht club took the decision to move the start of the sailing season forward to the end of January. So, on the 28th of January racing commenced at 1200hrs (earlier than normal) to ensure the days planned activities were completed before the light diminished.

With the weather holding out reasonably well the decision to bring the season start date in by a month was proved to be a good one and an additional 4 weeks of racing was enjoyed by the fleet.

As the season developed the racing was competitive with all boats and crews enjoying success and disappointment in equal measure but spirits remained high, and the racing was closely contested with some extremely tight finishes. With several races witnessing boats crossing the finish line literally with in one or two seconds of each (which is pretty unusual for our style of racing) it kept crews on their toes and focused on the job in hand as any delay or mistake had the potential to be costly.

As usual, our annual Mayday weekend proved to be popular with a series of 4 races on both the Saturday and Sunday testing the fitness levels of everyone, especially for some of us older and less agile competitors, but a good selection of edible and liquid refreshments got us through the day with a very sociable evening for all the members and families being held on the Saturday night.

Racing then reverted to the normal format the following weekend and continued into June at which point the inevitable weed growth in the loch began to hamper the boats, which when coupled up with light winds forced an end to the years racing in mid-June.

The clubs end of season meal and trophy presentation was hosted by the Smiddy Inn in Thrumster where we remained into the wee small hours reminiscing about the years events and discussing options for the following season, although there are bits of those discussions which are a little hazy in my mind which possibly due to the whisky (but we won't worry about that!!).

Hopefully, the weather in early 2024 will be kind to us and we will once again get an early start to what should be another great sailing season.

Graham Robertson