



Newsletter - 1510

Hello

It was 14th December when I last sent out a newsletter. In that, I promised to try sending a newsletter after each round of results. Then the weather hit! We lost Round 3 of the Jack Frost, Classic and Laser Bowl to the ice and snow. Only one Round 3 event was sailed which was the Laser Cold Finger

Round 4 was more successful with all events taking place. Then last Sunday the ice struck again cancelling the Laser Cold Finger Round 5. So we have spent more time indoors than at the lake with not a lot to report

Results

We are now just sailing for Round 5. As reported in the previous newsletter we have different leaders for each event with no one person dominating the racing. Jack is leading the IOM Jack Frost and looks fairly well in the lead, Chris is top in the Classic IOM handicap, Keith is ahead in the Laser Coldfinger scratch trophy and Paddy leads the Laser Bowl handicap. The cold weather has clearly had an effect on some of our regulars not being able to brave the conditions. It is to be hoped that we are getting through the cold conditions and that we will soon start to see spring like conditions

Committee Meeting

Your Committee met on the 1st February. After the introduction of the new subs we now have 29 members including 2 Life Members. The 27 remaining skippers are all 'active' either on Sundays or Wednesdays which is good for the club. Having replenished the club funds the meeting carefully considered what expenditure was needed for this year and a Budget has been established. It is our intention to carry forward a surplus at year end of some £200. Some time was spent on the IOM Ranking Event that Two Islands are holding this July. A fuller description of the event and our responsibilities is detailed later in the newsletter. Given our membership standing at 27 active skippers we are looking to plan a recruitment day later in the year. This project is work in progress with more to report in the next Newsletter

Race Programme

Paul has nearly finalised his programme which I would expect to be published in the next week or so. Fun days will remain in the calendar

IOM Ranking Event 5th and 6th July 2010

This is a very high profile event in the Model Yachting year and as such I am asking for your commitment and support for this two day event. Many of you will be unaware that the IOM World Championships will be held in the UK in 2011. These are held at venues around the world, the last being Barbados. The UK venue will drive most of the UK top skippers to attend the ranking events as this produces the 'pecking order' for skippers to be accepted. We should therefore expect 40 plus top skippers to attend. We will use the lake area in front of the hotel for the sailing. We will have an external Race Officer and the MYA will help with other officials and support. However we will be there to run the logistics of the day and provide a suitable venue in all respects. The Parks Trust has agreed to this as have the Angling Club who will vacate the water in the area where we will sail. Paul, Graham and I will form the basis of the organising group but we will need your help. Please put this date in your diary and I will be e mailing all members asking for an opt in for support in the near future. Above all for anyone interested in radio sailing it will be a most enjoyable experience watching how the top skippers do it

Fred's Latest News

The last newsletter reported on Fred taking on the role of Santa. As it happened Fred was not so well over the festive period and so spent little time with the little treasures. But there is no holding our Fred. Fred Finch has become Lord Frederick Finch. Fred has become a Lord of an Estate in Scotland. He has the rights to fish for salmon in the local loch and has his own Coat of Arms. Please ensure that you address Fred, sorry Lord Frederick correctly when meeting him at the lake. I assume Mah Lord will do but a curtesy will be unnecessary. We are working on getting him a Crown from Toys R Us!

Members List

I have now updated the list with complete details for address and e mail. These have been sent to the MYA for them to use with the new e newsletter and the Association magazine Acquaint. The latest list is attached

MYA

I have copies of the new MYA Year Book which I bring to the lake for distribution. Because of the low turnouts not many members have yet had their copy. I am reluctant to post the copies as it is quite a heavy document and will cost a lot in postage. Hopefully the better weather will allow me to improve distribution. I will give a number of copies to Mike Stevens for him to distribute to the Wednesday sailors.

We had a good turnout from Two Islands at the MYA seminar at the beginning of February. Chris and Jeff were first time attendees with Mike Clifton, Graham Allen and Keith also attending. You will be receiving a new e newsletter in the next few days and a report on the seminar and the Boat Show will be attached. The RYA dinghy show is next weekend 6th and 7th March. I will be there and I hope to see some other Two Islands members to say hello

Buoy Placement

Just a note from me to thank those members who on two occasions have repositioned the buoys. The ice keeps taking the buoys for a ride and it is a chore to have to keep fetching them back.

Here's looking forward to Springtime

Keith Coxon
Secretary
27th February 2010