



Newsletter

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Hello

Welcome to your first newsletter of 2011.

We are almost at the end of our winter series with just the final Laser event to run. All three competitions were blighted by the ice in December but thankfully we have had no problems since.

I am delighted to welcome two new members Tim Davison who primarily sails a Laser and Neil Coleman who has just purchased a IOM. After the renewals of subs we have almost maintained our numbers. We now have 28 members with possibly one more to join. I thought you might be interested in my analysis of the members as follows

Very active members (out most Sundays)	9 (7 IOM + 2 Laser only)
Hopefully active members (not seen much of over the winter)	5
Wednesday only	1
Non active members (not seen at the lake)	11
Life members (inactive)	2

At best therefore we can see 14 boats on the water. Actually by MYA standards this is not so bad but obviously we could do with a number of more active members. Your Committee are giving some thought to a membership event. We have some thoughts but any ideas would be welcome

I am attaching the latest member list for your files

Results

The IOM winter series, both handicap and scratch, have been completed. The results are on the website and as you will see, Paddy Chambers has won both trophies. Paddy is a very competitive and consistent skipper and well deserves his success. Well done to Paddy. He is also leading the Laser event with one day to go. I can see him making a clean sweep of all three winter competitions!

New Race Programme

Some members are aware that I sail every Friday at another club, Three Rivers RYC at Rickmansworth. They have membership numbers in the mid thirties but regularly get 15 to 20 skippers sailing, every week without fail. Whilst they sail each Friday they run a number of different competitions using the same results. The results are calculated over a long period (in some cases the complete year) and reward the best overall skipper, the top sailor from both A fleet and B fleet and the most improved year on year. They also require a minimum number of results in order to be counted. This incentivises members to turn up to be in the overall competition.

The programme at Two Islands usually consists of a short series of races, usually only six, and if we miss one due to say ice or weather and members are absent for holiday reasons etc it does favour the regulars and therefore may turn some members off. At least that is the theory! This started me thinking and I therefore proposed a radical new approach to racing to the Committee which has been accepted.

The details are as follows: -

The racing programme is to last for a complete year. Start 3rd April 2011 – Finish 25th March 2012

This gives 49 Sundays excluding Christmas Day, New Years Day and AGM

We have 7 IOM pre set events - 4 x Watermead events, 1 x Mac Cup, 2 x Fun Days

This leaves 42 competition days. We plan to run a Laser scratch competition on the first Sunday of each month (usually) -12 in total

We then have 30 sailing days for IOM's

There is a requirement to establish an A Fleet and a B Fleet. This has been done based on the non handicap winter and summer events 2009/2010. Every individual race result has been recorded and then averaged. Of the 12 very active or hopefully active skippers (see above), the fleet splits as follows

A fleet	Ave Position	B fleet	Ave Position
Jack Hitchens	2.00	Mike Stevens	4.09
Paddy Chambers	2.64	Allen Pearce	5.33
Keith Coxon	2.80	Fred Finch	6.49
Paul Hunter	3.33	Vic Tatman	6.94
Geoff Saunders	3.71	Ian Foskett	7.00
John Clifton	4.00	Bob Lamb	7.50

The competitions will be as follows: –

IOM - All year 30 days

- 1) **TIRYC Cup** for A fleet – total of the 15 best positional scores in the year.
- 2) **Nelson Trophy** for B fleet - total of the 15 best positional scores in the year.
- 3) **Commodores Cup** - Awarded to the most improved skipper in relation to last years score average, i.e. Highest change in score averages wins

A minimum of 15 scores are required to qualify for these competitions. Discards and count back as usual. The more you sail the better your chance of improving your score, hopefully!

Summer/Autumn 17 days to 30th October

- 4) **Conway Trophy** - the best total of the positional scores gained in the summer/autumn season. Open to all skippers. In order to qualify for the competition a minimum of 8 entries must be completed and the **BEST OVERALL AVERAGE SCORE** wins. Results are shown in the order in which they are completed and **NOT** in date order. Additional entries over the minimum 8 could improve an average score!

Winter/Spring 13 days to 25th March

- 5) **Jack Frost Trophy** - the best total of the positional scores gained in the winter/spring season. Open to all skippers. In order to qualify for the competition a minimum of 6 entries must be completed and the **BEST OVERALL AVERAGE SCORE** wins. Results are shown in the order in which they are completed and **NOT** in date order. Additional entries over the minimum 8 could improve an average score!

Laser - Summer/Autumn – 6 days

- 6) **Laser Bowl** – non handicap with the best positions counting after two discards

Laser - Winter/Spring - 6 Days

- 7) **Cold Finger Cup** – non handicap with the best positions counting after two discards

Please find attached the new programme for the complete year. I hope you support the new programme and will feel able to participate in the competitions. All you really need to do is turn up and sail in order to win any of the 7 trophies on offer.

I will publish the ongoing results as they build up and keep the website up to date (holidays permitting)

I have found it a bit difficult to detail the new programme on paper so if you have any queries please call me or see me at the lake

I think that is all for now. Can I wish you a happy and fun sailing year with Two Islands RYC

Cheers

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