



# Newsletter - 1409

## **Hello**

Hello from your new Secretary with his first newsletter. As often happens with a new boy he has new ideas (sorry Jim). After each race day either I or Paul will publish by e mail the results for the day and post them onto the club web site. So my idea is to produce a newsletter with more text and less results tables as these can be seen at the click of the mouse. My intention is to publish a newsletter after each completed round of the various competitions to give a bit of a running commentary on results to date, any news or updates from the Club or MYA and maybe even bits of gossip! Let's see how it goes.

## **Results**

We have now completed Round 2 for each of the winter competitions. The good news is that we have different leaders for each event with no one person dominating the racing. Jack is leading the IOM Jack Frost, Chris is top in the Classic IOM handicap, Paul is ahead in the Laser Coldfinger scratch trophy and Paddy leads the Laser Bowl handicap. My perspective is that the standards at Two Islands are improving and that the handicap series are helping with this. Well done to all so far, much to play for.

## **Race Programme**

Paul as your new Racing Secretary is full of enthusiasm and working on a new varied programme for the summer. When at the lake he is heard saying "what about this and what about that" yesterdays idea was a 'Round the Island Race' more to come I'm sure, but right up Paddy's street!

Your Committee have agreed with the MYA to host a One Metre national ranking event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July next year. This two day event will attract the top skippers from all over the country with World, European and UK Champions in attendance. We should expect at least 40 skippers. The event will be run with the help of the Midland District Race Assistance Team, affectionately known as RATS. But we will be the hosts so we will be looking for help before and on the weekend. When you get your new Calendars and Diaries for Christmas please make a note for this event.

We are also looking to host a one day Laser Traveller's Trophy event, probably in September. This is still being worked on. As you can see Two Islands is raising its profile!

## **Two Island's Influence**

For those unaware, Two Islands has three members who are now involved in the sport at the highest level. I think most of you know that I have taken on the job of Publicity Officer on the MYA national Council. At the recent AGM Graham Allen has been elected as the National Race Officer on the Council as well as doing the Midland District Secretaries job. Finally our very own Mike Clifton is Chairman of the International Sailing Federation - Radio Sailing Division with committee members all over the world. No other club has such a representation, we should at least be first to know what is going on!

## **Secret Santa**

For those that have been at the lake recently you will have noticed the absence of one regular attendee. Fred with his silver grey beard and padded stomach recently applied to be a Santa and of course was accepted, a natural I hear you say! Actually Fred is currently full of cold probably caught from one of the little treasures

## **AGM**

Since Jim's last newsletter we have of course had the AGM and seen your new Secretary make his first mistake of many. I hope that you are all now clear on the new subs and that they are payable by 31<sup>st</sup> December. This is particularly important this year as we must have an up to date members list by then to send to the MYA with addresses and e mail details. This will allow them to send you three Acquaint Magazines over the year to your door and an

e newsletter every two months direct to your e mail address. Please get your cheques off the Bob Lamb asap

### **MYA**

I hope that you have all received your new Handbook which should prove very useful. I would urge you to spend time on the sections on Boat Trimming, Sail Trimming and balancing a yacht correctly. This will add to your enjoyment. There is a one day seminar which covers these points and others to be held at Manor Park in February next year. I attended a similar event as did Jeff Ford this year and I recommend it. I will give more detail nearer the time. The new Year Book has gone to print and should be available to send to you by the end of the year.

I have also recently circulated the flyer about the Boat Show. This is a chance to visit the Boat Show free of charge and do your bit to help recruit new members to the sport. Please see what you can do. I will be there most days.

### **Buoy Placement**

Just a note to from me to thank those members who repositioned our buoys last week. It is much appreciated

### **And finally...**

We will be sailing on next Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> the following Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> January. I hope the festivities and family allow you to get a breath of fresh air on those dates. Meanwhile I wish you a very **Happy Christmas and New Year from me and your Committee**

Keith Coxon  
Secretary  
14<sup>th</sup> December 2009

PS Saw this on Google and it amused me. K

