

MYA – Northern Division

News and Events - Early March

I thought I was having a bad time stripping antifouling paint off a boat in Spain till I returned to the UK to be met by “The Beast from the East”. Still, at least on this side of the Pennines the snow has melted at low levels, ice is largely gone off the lakes and today the sun shone. I guess those clubs at high altitude may still be suffering, hopefully not for long.

So time to get out sailing. Obviously the first port of call is your local club, but for those that like travelling, the following events are coming soon:

I note that the Final race in IOM 2017/18 Winter Series at Birkenhead is taking place this Saturday 10/3/2018. A chance to sail against many of the best in the country

Check out the excellent report on the last race sailed there (Series #6 held 24/02/18):

<http://birkenheadrspc.co.uk/>

Sunday 18th March 2018, Scarborough Model Yacht Club is holding the:

Trafalgar Trophy for IOMs at Wykeham Aquapark http://www.scarboroughmyc.uk/010_NOR180318.pdf

If you are intending to take part, particularly if you want food, could you please enter by this Saturday, they have limited kitchen facilities and need to get things organised beforehand. It is of course always helpful to the host club to get your entries in early.

Dragon Force 65 and Laser and Laser even at West Lancs Yacht Club, Southport 18th March 2018

<https://mya-uk.co.uk/event/nd-west-lancs-yc-winter-series-6/>

<http://www.wlyc.org.uk/>

Not exactly in our region, but the first IOM ranking events are coming up 24th & 25th March at Lincoln Radio Sailing Club, and it is only a short trip away for many from the Northern District:

<https://mya-uk.co.uk/event/md-iom-ranking-1-2/>

The entry list for IOM Nationals at Fleetwood near the end of August makes interesting reading, 82 boats entered. Wow:

<https://fleetwoodmypbc.org.uk/2017/12/29/iom-national-championships-2018/>

Please remember to send me any details of events or occurrences that you feel would benefit from a bit of promotion in the region. Particularly I would like to know about happenings in classes other than the IOMs and Dragon. Like the article below, thought its still IOMs:

Hot off the press from Derek Priestly is the following article, thanks Derek:

BRITS ABROAD!

IOM sailors from ND clubs are joining others for some "fun in the sun" next week.

The annual Malta IOM Open takes place from Thurs 15th to Sun 18th Mar at the Mehliha Bay Hotel in sunny Meliha bay, with racing taking place in the sea right outside the hotel.

Out to defend his title (won last year) will be John Tushingam aided and abetted by his wife Liz, with John Sharman (Keighley) and Garry Benson & Derek Priestley (Fleetwood) all from the ND plus Mick Chamberlain, Dave Burke, Jen Hand, and Mick Cooper from Lincoln. Also, John Cleave, and Chris Durrant from the south. Add some Maltese, Germans, Norwegians, Swedes, Dutch, Italians, a Dane & a Hungarian and we have quite a mix.

The racing is always good, but the partying is even better, as we all gather in the bar after racing ends around 4.30pm daily, for the post racing "de-brief". As more & more people join, the group gets bigger & nosier until eventually it's time to retire to shower & change for dinner, when we meet up again & go to eat.

Then, guess what? well some go back to the bar but some go down stairs to the show lounge to watch the cabaret & some of us even go dancing!!

Hard work but someone has to do it!

All in a day's racing.

More info at www.mmba.moonfruit.com

Sounds fantastic fun, and very relaxed. Too late to apply for this year, but it's on my "bucket list".