

MYA – Northern Division

News and Events – Mid-March

Scarborough MYC IOM Event:

The Trafalgar Trophy, Open meeting scheduled for Sunday the 18th March
was *postponed* due to the early bad weather forecasts, a move that proved to be the right one.

And now for something completely different. From the feedback I am getting, it seems that club sailing in the Northern District is very much alive and well.

I am hoping to get articles (eventually to go on the website) about our ND clubs written by club members.

Currently I have 2 such articles, and below is the first of these from John Goodyear from ROFWAC, based at Batley, West Yorks:

We are effectively the sailing arm of the Kirklees Model Boat Club (KMBC) and share the water at Wilton Park, Batley. We have over 20 active Skippers sailing in three classes. These are the RG65, our own 31" class and a class specifically for JIF's which is an RG65 design. We hold formal races in all three classes every Wednesday afternoon commencing at 1:00pm. We run what has proven to be a very effective handicap system in the main 31" class and have some lovely cut glass trophies for all three classes which are competed for against a "winter" and "summer" series of races. Racing is very light-hearted, and we have chosen to completely overlook any form of rules, much to the consternation of visiting Skippers who believe this to be heresy. Strangely, many seem to subsequently join us! A few of us do travel to other clubs to race and some have even had the nerve to enter the RG65 Nat's where we didn't trouble the judges when it came to determining who had won anything. We are unable to routinely sail IOM's mainly because the lake is very shallow and when it drops only a few inches this class tends to dredge rather than sail.

I have to tell you that the shape and size of our lake effectively prevents us from holding any form of "proper" regatta; there isn't enough room to lay out any form of course which would be accepted by the MYA or any other sensible organisation for that matter. We thus dodge round strategically placed buoys and even start races downwind. Weird, but fun.

If ever you might wish to come along and race with us, then you would be made very welcome so please do consider it. It will take a bit of getting used to, but I'm sure you will enjoy yourself.

Please feel free to access our web site at www.rofwac2.weebly.com to learn a little more about us.

One final thing: you can get me on 07989117562 most times and days if you feel like a chat."

John Goodyear.

Thanks John