

Radio Controlled Yacht Racing in Scotland



The Model Yachting Association

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The MYA Scottish District looks after radio controlled yacht racing in Scotland through 6 affiliated clubs located at Peterhead, Aberdeen and Brechin in the North East, Musselburgh to the east of Edinburgh and Greenock and Paisley to the west of Glasgow.

MYA Clubs in Scotland

Club contact

Aberdeen MYC	Aberdeen is the newest club in the Scottish District having been formed in late 2002. Its home base is Inchgarth Reservoir to the west of Aberdeen. The club sails International One Metres on Saturday in a combined programme with the Buchanness Club.	John Owens 6 Langdykes Way, Cove, Aberdeen, AB12 3HG 01224 894337 j.owens101@sky.com
Brechin Castle Centre MBC	The Brechin club sails on Wednesday afternoon and Sunday in the grounds of the Brechin Castle Garden Centre located just off the main A94 Dundee-Aberdeen road. The principal class sailed is the International One Metre but there is also a keen classic yacht section.	Mel Percival 83 Dalhousie Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, DD5 2UD 0138 277 9259 mel@dalhousie83.plus.com
Buchanness RYC Peterhead	Model yachts have been built and sailed in Peterhead since the middle of last century. The present club was formed in 1984 and races International One Metres at a reservoir on the A950 directly west of Peterhead.	Colin Deakin 17 Morrison Place, Cruden Bay, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, AB42 3HZ 01779 813398 deakin693@btinternet.com
Levenhall RYC Musselburgh	Levenhall was one of the first clubs in Scotland to affiliate to the MYA in 1994. The club sails International One Metres every Saturday afternoon at a lake in the Leven Links Leisure Park next to Musselburgh Race Course.	Richard Ennos 5 Old Farm Place, Colinton, Edinburgh, EH13 0AZ 0131 441 2864 rennos@ed.ac.uk
Greenock MY&PBC	Greenock along with Paisley shares the distinction of being one of the oldest model yacht clubs in the UK. Currently the club sails International One Metres, Radio 6 Metres and Seawinds at Murdieston Dam on the southern side of the town.	Hugh Shields 11 Johnston Street, Greenock, PA16 8AU 01475 802808 hugh.shields@clyde-mail.co.uk
Paisley MYC	The Paisley club was 100 years old in 1996. Today the club sails International One Metres and Radio 6 Metres at Barshaw Park just off Glasgow Road.	Gordon Allison 22 Lyell Grove, Stewartfield, East Kilbride, Glasgow, G74 4RE 01355 245345 gordonallison124@yahoo.co.uk
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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Model Yachting Association?

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What is Radio Controlled Yacht Racing?

Radio controlled yachts are scale versions of full sized yachts. They are controlled from the shore via two or more radio channels and race around a set course. RC yacht racing follows the same racing rules as full size and requires similar skills in boat positioning, tactics and tuning, albeit that everything is smaller and things happen more quickly in radio sailing.

Where can you take part in Radio Controlled Yacht Racing in Scotland?

There are 6 MYA affiliated yacht clubs in Scotland. These are located at Peterhead, Aberdeen and Brechin in the North East, Musselburgh to the east of Edinburgh and Greenock and Paisley to the west of Glasgow. For contact details go to **www.mya-uk.org.uk/scotland**

If you are keen to try R/C yachting do not hesitate to go down to the lake or reservoir on a club day to see the boats at first hand and to meet the members - you will be made very welcome.

Radio controlled yachting is also carried out in non-affiliated clubs and groups, eg there are RC Lasers sailing at Helensburgh and Tarbet on the West Coast and North Berwick on the East Coast.

How much does it cost to take part?

There are two types of cost to take into account - firstly, you should become a member of an MYA affiliated model yacht club. Annual club membership is in the range £15 to £25 including a £6 affiliation to the MYA which provides 3rd party liability insurance.

The second cost is the purchase and maintenance of a suitable yacht. Purchase costs can vary from as low as £300 for an older second hand boat up to £1800 for a state of the art professionally built radio yacht. A good radio transmitter is also necessary if not purchased with the boat - suitable transmitters cost about £60. Competitive second hand International One Metres can be purchased for less than £1000. Beginners should consider buying an older boat as a way of trying out the sport - learning to steer rc boats is a skill that usually comes fairly quickly, but making them go quickly around the race course can take upwards of a year or so.

Once you have acquired an R/C yacht, annual maintenance comprises mostly time but not a lot of money.

What R/C yacht classes are sailed in Scotland?

There are currently 3 main classes sailed. The most popular class is the International One Metre. This yacht is exactly one metre long, weighs 4kg, has a mast height of 1675mm and is sailed all over the world. Boats can be built in wood or glass-fibre, masts and booms are made from alloy tube and the number of rigs is restricted to 3. The other 2 main classes are the Radio 6 Metre which is larger with a more traditional appearance and the RC Laser which is a close scale replica of the full size Laser dinghy.

International One Meter and Radio 6 Meter can be home built from plans for those interested in applying their modelling skills. Lasers are supplied as a comprehensive kit. Other smaller R/C yachts such as Micro Magic and Footy are available in kit form and are becoming popular as a starter boat.

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