

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 seven affiliated clubs located at Peterhead, Aberdeen and Brechin in the North East, Musselburgh to the east of Edinburgh and Greenock, Paisley and Ayr to the west and south of Glasgow

MYA Clubs in Scotland

Club contact

Aberdeen MYC	Aberdeen is the second newest club in the Scottish District having been formed in late 2002. It's home base is Inchgarth Reservoir on the western outskirts of Aberdeen. The club sails International One Metres.	John Owens 33 Abbotshall Drive, Cults, Aberdeen, AB15 9JJ tel: 07530 153207 j.owens101@sky.com
Ayr Bay MYC	Ayr Bay is the District's newest club having been formed in 2005. The club sails RC Lasers, Marble-heads and International One Metres on a pond just next to the seaward end of the Magnum Centre in Irvine.	Gordon Neil 14 Rawson Crescent, Mauchline, Ayrshire, KT5 5AT tel: 01290 552744 / 07889 707696 gordien1@gmail.com
Brechin MBC	The Brechin club sails in the grounds of the Brechin Castle Garden Centre which is located just off the main A94 Dundee-Aberdeen road. The principal class sailed is the International One Metre.	Mel Percival 83 Dalhousie Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, DD5 2UD tel: 0138 277 9259 mel@dalhousie83.plus.com
Buchanness MYC Peterhead	Model yachts have been built and sailed in Peterhead since the middle of the 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 tel: 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 at a lake in the Leven Links Leisure Park next to Musselburgh Race Course.	Richard Ennos 5 Old Farm Place, Colinton, Edinburgh, EH13 0AZ tel: 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, International A Class and Seawinds at Murdieston Dam on the southern side of the town.	Hugh Shields 11 Johnston Street, Greenock, PA16 8AU tel: 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 which is just off Glasgow Road.	Gordon Allison 22 Lyell Grove, Stewartfield, East Kilbride, Glasgow, G74 4RE tel: 07734 862 295 gordonallison124@yahoo.co.uk

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is/who 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. RC yacht racing follows the same rules as full size and requires a number of the same skills in boat positioning and tuning as required in full size yachting.

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

There are 7 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, Paisley and Ayr to the west and south 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 account of - firstly, you should become a member of an MYA affiliated model yacht or boat club. Annual membership is in the range £15 to £20 - affiliation to the MYA through a MYA club is £10.00 which provides 3rd party liability insurance.

The second cost is the purchase and maintenance of a suitable yacht. Purchase costs vary from as low as £200 to up to £1800 for a state of the art professionally built International One Metre. A good radio transmitter is also necessary if not purchased with the boat - suitable transmitters cost about £50 for a good quality make. 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 a rc yacht, annual maintenance comprises mostly time but not a lot of money.

Which rc yacht classes are sailed in Scotland

There are 2 to 3 classes sailed. The most popular class is the International One Metre. This yacht is exactly one metre long, weighs around about 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 can only be made from alloy tube and the number of rigs is restricted to 3.

The other classes include the Radio 6 Metre which has a more traditional appearance and handling and the RC Laser which is a close scale replica of the full size Laser dinghy.

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