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Sailing Calendar

It is still not the job of this or any future Newsletter to list all the MYA events as there were too many - and before you all say it in unison - it is the MYA website that is the best place to go for this information.

However.....

The main event of the year without doubt was going to be the **Ten Rater and Marblehead Worlds being held at West Kirby from 9 to 19 June 2020**. However, it is off for 2020 - along with everything else at present. It is most unfortunate both for all the MYA members planning to compete but also for all the overseas skippers who were booked to come to W Kirby and the organisers who devoted their time and efforts to making this a success. It is hoped that all are well and stay healthy in these difficult times. See page 5 for more details. Some good news for a change!



It is planned to issue a Newsletter about every two months or so to link to significant events etc - and although there is no Council meeting around that time, the fourth edition is scheduled for early/mid July. Sorry to bang on about this each time but any member is welcome to contribute an article or opinion or letter or (within Editorial reason!) anything they wish. Please do not leave it to the MYA Officers each time!

MYA Marketing strategy 2020

It was noted at the 2019 AGM in November that there are plans to try harder to promote the MYA and what it does. The first meeting of the small group of five charged with suggesting how we should proceed was on 6 February 2020 near Oxford - when face to face contact was still allowed.

Firstly, we agreed that the prime responsibility is to look after the current membership and we will use the membership numbers as a measure of performance over time. The current number of affiliated members when we met (6.2.20) was 1,657. For interest, out of this number, 1502 had email addresses and were subscribed. Every effort is being made to get the latter number closer to the former number!

Secondly, we have a job to do to recruit new members but heavy TV advertising is not currently planned! The best way to seek to enlarge the membership numbers is therefore being carefully considered.

If anyone wishes to contribute to this thought process please do so to the Editor or to any MYA Council member. Thank you.

Our Roving reporters x 2

This publication has engaged (at zero cost to everyone) the services of two seasoned roving reporters - namely Quentin & Nigel - as noted in the last edition.

They have been hard at work for a while now and were close (they said) to revealing something but the dreadful Corona Virus seems to have caused them to go to ground somewhere. It is hard to believe that they are in total isolation but, as all their usual haunts are shut, perhaps they are!

They claim to have discovered a few Clubs in the UK that don't actually make use of the official racing Rules (RRS) in their activities which seems pretty far-fetched! They also seem to believe that even more Clubs say they use RRS but struggle with the definitions of Port and the other one - even more implausible?!

What Clubs can do to help

Reference is made (left) to membership numbers. It is not until all renewals are completed each year that any sort of accurate number can be established for total membership. This seems to now be complete and the current (at 2.5.20) number on the MYA website database is 1,698 - of whom 1,519 are email subscribers. That is similar to the number in February for total members but shows a slightly lower percentage as email subscribers, which is a pity! If anyone has a bright idea about how to encourage email participation, it would be welcomed.

PS If Clubs are aware of any of their members not having access to email, it would be greatly appreciated if they could be provided with a copy of this Newsletter or perhaps one could be circulated to minimise printing?

View from the Bridge (Terry Rensch - Chairman)

What a change around from my last “View from the Bridge”. All aspects of life have changed dramatically and we are now wondering when, and if, we can get back to the lake and try out all the improvements and modifications to our boats that we have been making during this lockdown period. I am sure that many clubs are working out how they can get back sailing in a safe and practical way and I have heard rumours of fixed positions in the control area, gate starts and other ideas to maintain social distancing. Whatever solutions we may come up with I cannot see us being able to hold major events until the vast majority of our members are able to travel freely - so it will be up to clubs to restart activities as and when government guidelines and local conditions permit. Until then stay safe and enjoy the content of our latest newsletter.



An A Class at rest! Bill Green (see below) has some helpful words re that Class together with the 6m Class.

A and 6m Class Owner Groups (COG)

Time for a quick and snappy update from your friendly neighbourhood Class Captains. We have contacted all those in both classes who are listed on the MYA membership database as being owners of A's and 6's. From that data, almost certainly, we will have either sent you an email that's not relevant to you or we have missed folk out that would want to receive email from either of us. We are using one of the messaging apps that you can either unsubscribe from or you need to let either one of us know that you want to be included. So far very few have said no, so it looks like we have got most of it right. It is our intention to contact all of you to advise about forthcoming races, events and results and anything else that is relevant. We will be posting also on the MYA website and on various Facebook pages such as MYA Downwind, International A Class Radio and Vane Sailors and the UK Radio 6m Class.

At present the COG's are in a state of limbo. They are formally recognised by Council, a framework agreement has been accepted by both Council and the RA & 6m - **but they are not fully up and running until the updated MYA Constitution is accepted**. Until that has happened, we are cracking on.

We all know that the immediate future is uncertain, we know that the 6m Series will not now be happening and that a very serious chunk of the PRACC series for RAs is compromised. We will need to take a view on what to do when things start to get back to normal, whatever that may be. It is likely that we may abandon this year's series and if we are allowed, use the dates already agreed for an opportunity to get together. When things get clearer, we will let you know. The 6m National at Norwich is not until November 2020 so if all goes well that could well happen. In the meantime, we are planning ahead for 2021, so we are likely to ask all the clubs that were holding 6m & A events this year to replicate dates from 2020 for 2021 racing calendar. Again, we will be in touch with the club secretaries to confirm.

Right that's all the heavy stuff out the way, now for a bit of light relief. We introduced into both the RA and 6m Nationals and Series a Classic Class so that all those boats tucked away in lofts, sheds, garages gathering dust can have an opportunity to be sailed competitively. A couple of pix (one above and more on Pages 5 & 15) are attached of some of the boats that have been refurbed or in the process of being built so whilst we are at home, potentially looking for something to take us away from decorating or the garden here's a project or three. You can follow progress of some of these boats in Wooden R/C and Model Yachts Facebook page.

Please get in touch with either of us if you want to be added to the email list.

Bill Green

Mike Ewart

A Class CC

6m CC

2020 2021 Worlds at West Kirby - Update

Many of you will by now be aware of the postponement of the 2020 M & Ten Rater Worlds at West Kirby, although disappointing and frustrating for the competitors and organisers it became inevitable and a swift decision was required. The good working relationship between the event committee and West Kirby Sailing Club, along with a prompt response from the IRSA has allowed the organisers to aim for a re-scheduled event for June 2021, they will not be able to confirm the exact details until the future restrictions for Covid-19 are confirmed but this will hopefully give plenty of time to make the event even better than planned for 2020.

Graham Elliott reports that attendance for 2021 is already looking positive with many competitors confirming their intentions for the re scheduled event and further skippers contacting him to say they would be entering having potentially missed out in 2020. Great news alongside this is that the event supporters have also indicated that they wish to continue their support for 2021, all in all 2021 is looking like a great year.

Finally, the financial implications of the 2020 postponement are still being assessed, but the prompt work of the organisers and planning mean that any liabilities to the MYA will be low as most of the costs incurred to date were for race items and will be reused in 2021.

The race committee of Graham, Victoria, Darin and Peter along with Birkenhead RS & PC wish to thank all of those who put time in to preparing for 2020 along with those who had volunteered to help, and hope that they will be available in June 2021 along with anyone else who wishes to be involved.



COGs and what they mean - to all members

COGs means Class Owners Groups. They are designed to manage each Class on behalf of the members of that Class and of the MYA. So, the more detailed stuff is:

Q: COGs are really only for those who want to enter National and International events aren't they?

A: No - they are designed to enhance the enjoyment of sailing and racing for all owners

Q: Can any member propose a change in the Class rules?

A: Yes - via the COG Captain.

Q: What do I have to do to join a COG?

A: If you own the relevant boat and get it registered you are automatically entitled to be a member of the relevant COG. The Class Captain will help you to join.

Q: Where do I get the details of each COG?

A: Visit the MYA website, click on "Classes" then pick the Class in which you have an interest.

Q: Does every Class have a COG?

A: All MYA Classes and IRSA Classes do - affiliated Classes do not. **However they are not operative until the new MYA Constitution is agreed.**

hQ: What does it cost me to join/belong?

A: Nothing. It is a part of your membership of the the MYA.

Q: Where did this idea come from and why?

A: The principle is not new but the number of classes raced made it apparent that the MYA could not give each class equal time - so the COG principle was introduced to allow owners more say in their class and interests.

Q: Does the RYA run things this way too?

A: Yes. The RYA delegates certain powers to classes while providing a core resource that classes can access.

Q: Can I still enter a Class event if I am not a member of the relevant COG?

A: Yes

Q: Is there any valid reason why I should not join a COG?

A: No



A little bit more on COGs

Instead of “Country” please read COG! It would be very helpful if members log into the members area of the MYA website and update the 'Boats Owned' information in their profiles to help our COGs to properly identify all those members in their groups. An online database has just been set up for the class owners to use that is linked to the membership data.

Also, while logged in, there is an opportunity to check the data we have is correct. If members do update their information online they should also notify their own clubs directly. Thank you.

The Vintage Model Yacht Group

Like everyone else the Vintage Model Yacht Group is locked down, but we have been exploring at the back of our garages, in attics and under the stairs, and all sort of treasures are coming to light – a little yacht I had as a boy is getting a new coat of paint and I’m learning to make new sails ...



Here (left) are a couple of extraordinary **Balmain Bugs** – ex Sydney Harbour - photos sent to us from Australia by our correspondent Michael Bencsik who is restoring them – more in our Newsletter.

New VMYG members get a disk of back numbers of our Magazine – more than sixty issues which makes a good lockdown read - and a monthly newsletter until the present business is over! If you feel like joining us (£20 a year) give Geoffrey Turner a ring on 01353 741 182 or our Secretary, Mavis Paul will send you a form with all the details. Contact her at vmyg.secretary@btinternet.com

We are a cheerful bunch, usually found with varnish on our fingers and paint on our shoes, and our interests range from the smallest Star yacht to the great Ten Raters of the pre-war years. And if you do happen to have a treasure in the attic, please dig it out and let us know about it – we are always going to be interested, and we might be able to provide a little history.

For a copy of our April newsletter contact Charles at turningpole@gmail.com Web site: <http://www.vmyg.org.uk/>

MYA Council Chat

At these times any conversation has to start with “how are you, and hope you are safe” and this is no different for the council. We hope that all our friends, mates and competitors along with their families and friends are safe at this time. People will be dealing with the enforced isolating in different ways, and health is not just about our physical wellbeing but also our mental health, something that can be easy to forget, particularly without physical contact. A quick call or email can be very welcome at this time. For those who have the ability there are many social media formats that can help with communication, the MYA has a Facebook Page, and a Twitter feed for instance, there is also the MYA Downwind! Group on Facebook which has over 380 members now and is a great source of information on sailing from around the world. Why not try it out?

Speaking of trying things out, the council held its April meeting via an electronic forum and video meeting. The online meeting is not new, but for the council a video meeting was a new experience! Despite a few minutes of video without sound, scary shots of bald heads and watching the Vice Chair’s 3D printer going round and round, the meeting was a success and, although run this way through necessity, it showed the way forward and allowed 10 of the current 12 council members to contribute fully. We have heard that this form of get together is being taken up by clubs and groups throughout the membership via Zoom or Houseparty, both freely available apps that can be downloaded and used on PC, Tablet or Smartphone. Why not try it out within your club, its great way to keep in touch?

The council meeting minutes will be available in the MYA website member’s area: <https://mya-uk.org.uk/members-area/> however there were particular areas that will probably be of interest to all members.

Current position with regard to Covid-19

Unfortunately at this time (30 April 2020) the position is unchanged. Government guidance is still that we should not go out unless essential and that social gathering is not allowed. This leaves us with no choice but continue with the same advice given on 17 March 2020. The council did discuss some of the situations that could come when the advice changes, and although the Government’s views are not known, the MYA agreed the following basic position.

No MYA National Championships or Rankings will take place unless all of our members have the opportunity to enter. It may be that this can be amended if there are suitable safety precautions put in place, but the MYA will advise when appropriate. Once any further advice is given regarding easing of the social gathering restrictions there will be a minimum of 6 weeks before any MYA National Championships or Rankings will take place.

As with the 17 March notice, club and district sailing will be at the discretion of members at a local level but the MYA hope that this will be in line with Government advice.

2020 AGM

The council are currently reviewing the possible options regarding the AGM in November 2020. Despite this being a long way off, the council wishes to make an early decision on how this is to be undertaken in 2020 and discussions have started with Austin Guerrier about the options for an electronic meeting to allow every member the chance to participate. More details will follow as the council formulates a procedure that may be suitable.

Constitution Review

Phil Holliday and his review team have been working hard since January to consider the next steps on our wishes to update the constitution. The review team have presented their revisions to the council for final comment. It is hoped that these will be available for the members to view within a few weeks before an announcement is made on the timing of a vote on this revised constitution. Thanks were expressed to Phil and his team for taking on this difficult task.

Finally from the April 2020 meeting

Council members are very aware that there could be no sailing until much later in 2020 and that many of the benefits offered to the members may not be available along with the plans for promotion and development outlined by the council. It was therefore agreed that the Treasurer would look at the budgets for 2020-21 to advise on the impact on MYA finances, its reserves and budget for 2021. It is the wish of council to offer a rebate to existing members for the 2021 membership year. More of this will follow.

Further Council news.....

The council relies on a constant supply of fresh volunteers to bring enthusiasm and ideas to the MYA. The roles within council do not require you to be a top skipper, or even a competitive skipper, just a passion for the sport and enthusiasm. Maybe the current situation has given you time to think about the sport, what you like, what you would change, or just what do the council do? Maybe now is the time to think what you could bring to the council - it may not be as an officer, it may be just in a support role, but if you fancy talking about helping the sport please contact Terry Rensch and have a chat. One role that will be up for grabs at the 2020 AGM is that of MYA Racing Officer. This is at the core of the MYA activities and would suit someone who is part of the racing scene and enjoys discussions and debate from members across the country. Terry or Darin will give you more information on the role if you are interested.

OBITUARIES

Mike Harris

It is with great sadness that the council heard of the passing of Mike during April, as a former longstanding council member and stalwart of the sport the council wish to pass on their condolences to Chris, his son and Kate his daughter. A few words on Mike's sailing history can be found on the link below:

<https://mya-uk.org.uk/obituary-of-mike-harris-1942-2020/>

Fred Shepherd

Another MYA and Guildford MYC stalwart died a few weeks ago and his full Obituary is shown on the MYA website too. Fred was a remarkable man and his talents were not limited to RC sailing! His full obituary is on

<https://mya-uk.org.uk/obituary-for-fred-shepherd-1931-2020/>

The Clubs page(s)

Clubs feature in every edition and as avid readers will know, the first and last club alphabetically was chosen to start things off last time. This time the two placed nicely in the middle alphabetically - being **Huntingdon RYC** (No 51) and **Keighley & District** (No 52) out of 103. So, starting with Huntingdon.....

Huntingdon Radio Yacht Club

<https://huntingdonryc.wordpress.com>

In the spring of 2012 a small group under the guidance of Graham Allen met in McDonalds at the junction of the A1 and the A14 for a chat about starting a new club in Huntingdon. Graham had done the difficult bit and found some water that fishermen didn't want and a farmer who wanted his lake used. In fact he was so pleased to see us he used his JCB to create an area for us to use for launching and recovery. Unfortunately the area was very muddy so he gave us an old gantry which he placed gently on the scaffolding framework we had constructed. That JCB was very useful!

The sailing that followed was enjoyed by our small group and we soon set about increasing the numbers. One of the new members turned up with a fibreglass rowing boat to help with positioning buoys and rescuing boats. It is still in use and very useful for clearing weed when needed.

One of our major advantages is the fact that we can drive cars to the lakeside and if the weather turns wet we can sail while sitting in the cars. In the spring of 2013 we were able to host the first of our 'big' events when we held the RG 65 Nationals. It is believed to be the first combined RG 65 and Dragon Force 65 ever held. Some of the top sailors from the U.K. and Europe took part and we welcomed the World Champion from Argentina - and one of our members won a Futaba radio! Spurred on by the success of the day we organised our first IOM open meeting in June 2014. This day was also a great success and we remember it by using photographs of the day as our website backing picture.

Unfortunately, every club has ups and downs and ours began in late 2014. We lost a few members through ill health, job changes, house moves etc. We began 2015 with just 2 members. Those two sailed almost every Wednesday afternoon for the next two years. We advertised our existence in the local model shop and one day in November 2016 a gentleman turned up with a toy boat with a sail on it. We happily encouraged him to give it a try and off it went. Unfortunately it didn't come back so the rescue boat was employed. Surprisingly our new member wasn't put off and after sailing our boats for a while he invested in an IOM of his own. Before long his conversations with members of his model flying club persuaded some of them to come and visit us. They soon became convinced that being able to take their model home in one piece instead of many was a distinct advantage. Friends soon joined them and the club grew steadily. Many of our new members had no experience of sailing and didn't know there were rules, so we didn't really use them. This, and the RYGGed start system encouraged them to sail and before long most were quite proficient. In 2017 some members took an interest in the Dragonflite 95 and the relatively low cost of an 'out of the box' model encouraged more friends to join us. We now had sixteen members in the club and needed more launching space so we decided to buy a pontoon.

We asked for donations and raised enough to launch the pontoon in November that year. More members came along and by the summer of 2019 we had reached nineteen. It is very pleasing that after almost two years with just two members we now have an active and viable club with some excellent sailors who compete at District level and have their eyes on National competitions. We are delighted to have been awarded the ‘Step Up Trophy’ at the MYA AGM in 2020.

Below are a few pix of the club facilities and activities.



.....and now to **Keighley**.

Keighley - A personal view by John Tushingham

If you happen to be up there sailing on a sunny summer's day there's nowhere in the country quite like it. 20 acres of open water, 248m above sea level and hardly a tree in sight to disturb the wind as it rolls over Ilkley Moor from our favoured westerly direction. On the other hand, in the depths of winter that same westerly is eye-wateringly cold and there's no shelter to be had from the control area on top of the banking. But summer or winter the sailing is usually superb and the welcome as warm as it gets – in my opinion!

The club was formed in 2003 as a sailing division of the Keighley and District Model Engineering Society (KDMES) who rent the lake from Yorkshire Water. Weecher Reservoir was originally built to feed smaller drinking water reservoirs above the town of Baildon. These are no longer in use but Weecher, and it's two near neighbours Reva and Graincliffe continue to supply drinking water to the local area. It has had a past recreational use as a windsurfing centre, but radio sailing is now the only activity allowed.

Liz and I joined the club in 2004, we were new to RC sailing and had just bought a couple of RC Lasers and looking for somewhere to sail. An old friend of ours from dinghy sailing days took us up there and even though they didn't sail Lasers, they made us most welcome. We'd had a look at other local clubs but this was definitely the place to be and quickly got our old dinghy friends involved and a very enjoyable Thursday evening RC Laser fleet was formed. "Just one more race" was the usual call as darkness rapidly descended – happy days! Inevitably those shiny IOMs grabbed my attention and it wasn't long before our personal fleet began to grow, and grow, and grow, and continues to do so even now.

Apart from our Thursday evening racing the club's racing calendar was based solely on the IOM class, a situation that didn't change until 2019 when the DragonFlite 95 was adopted to attract new members to the club. The RC Laser fleet is no more and our racing is now split throughout the year between the IOM and DF95. Alternate classes are sailed every Sunday from 11am. On Wednesdays IOMs are sailed from 2-5pm and then DF95s take over for an evening series starting at 6.30pm. In addition to these club series races we also have five, one day, special trophy events spread throughout the year.

So, what about the facilities at Weecher? Small but perfectly formed just about sums it up. We have a reasonably sized car park, with careful panning we can accommodate enough cars to hold an event of 50 - 60 boats maximum. The clubhouse is a converted shipping container, might not look much but it's a bit of a Tardis inside. If I was writing a property detail sheet it would read; Open plan lounge area with wood burning stove and panoramic view over the lake, fitted kitchen with serving area, small entrance hall with coat hanging and wash hand basin leading to toilet. OK, like all property details it's factual, in reality it's all there but possibly not at the scale you might imagine, but it works for us and that wood burner is most welcome in the depths of winter and the kitchen is always open for hot drinks and snacks. Unfortunately we don't have the volunteer staff presently to provide lunches for normal club sailing days although we do push the boat out for our open meetings when Liz and her crew keep everyone very well fed and watered. Hot pie & peas seems to have become our signature dish, better known in these parts as Pork Pie & Yorkshire Caviar! A marquee can quickly be put up for events if the weather looks a little damp.

A concrete garage is home to a rescue boat and all our various race paraphernalia. We have two permanent landing jetties adjacent to our usual control area backed up by a couple of small jetties that we can position elsewhere should we have to race from any of the other banks. The control area at Weecher is well above the water level situated on top of the reservoir banking, the view of the racecourse is uninterrupted and on a clear day the view out over the city of Leeds and out towards the east is immense. From the control area, access to the launching jetty is down the 19° slope of the stone banking, a permanent metal handrail is there to make it easier and plans are afoot to construct wooden steps once the Corona lockdown is lifted. If you like your wildlife there's plenty on offer, keep your eyes open and you could easily see a Merlin or Short Eared and Little Owls.

And what of the membership? Well, we're not a big club, around thirty members in the sailing section, but we have a wealth of talent both on and off the water. Yacht design, sailmaking and professional boat building are amongst our membership skills, so technical discussion in the clubhouse is lively and not just confined to 'so and so's' latest health scare. Norman Rowley and Leo Marygold take great care of the club's facilities (better known to us as the 'Facilities Management Team'), I organise the sailing calendar and David Lowe keeps a tight watch on the finances.

Championships, ranking events and open meetings are a regular annual feature at the club. We've held Nationals for Marblehead, DF95, DF65, RG65, RC Laser and Micro Magic. We're a regular feature on the DF and RG Travellers Series as well as a Northern District venue for IOM opens. This year we were due to host the RG65 and R10R Nationals and the Northern District IOM Championship as well as our usual DF TT weekend. The club has also participated in the district's inter-club Jubilee Trophy since it's inception.

For me it's just the perfect venue to enjoy radio sailing, great water, nice people, good conversation. If you like it windy you're usually in luck, if you just want a big lunch you'll have to bring it with you, if you want the best sailing water - look no further!

If you'd like to join us contact our club Secretary Liz Tushingam, either by email liztushingam@gmail.com or phone 01943 817877, or contact me directly at john@graphitecreative.co.uk or 01943 817877. A few pix below. John Tushingam



Winter 2013 - Just a little blockage at the main gate (left).
IOMs enjoying a good blow in January 2019 (above).



Keighley - the container clubhouse (Top left). The DF TT weekend October 2017 (Top right).

R10Rs get away from the line in perfect racing conditions August 2019 (Above)

Spot the Buoy Competition - RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show 2020

Wow, what a response! This idea suggested by Keith Coxon, who had run a similar competition when promotions officer, was included in our 2020 RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show stand as an attempt to get visitors to stop and chat at the MYA stand. With over 500 entries and two days of constant chat and questions it has to be said that it was great success. With the number of entries there were inevitably a great range of answers, some of them considered and others a guess, although the person who put their cross in the fisherman's tent was clearly hoping for a miracle.

The image was carefully selected as the buoy was not in an obvious position, but despite this the winner was only 2.38mm from the centre of the buoy. The winner was announced previously on the MYA website as Oscar Dempsey and Oscar sent us a short video to thank us, which is on the MYA website.

For those members who have a sailing background, Oscar's Dad is Nick Dempsey of Olympic Windsurfing fame and his Mum is Sarah Ayton of Olympic Yngling fame - a sailing family. Maybe Mum and Dad will get a go as some time Oscar?

The image for the competition can be found at:

<https://mya-uk.org.uk/2020-dinghy-show-spot-the-buoy-winner/>

The **2021 Dinghy Show** is moving to Farnborough and the MYA will be there and most probably with a new Spot the Buoy Competition.



A message from Dragon Force Racing (Tim Long)

Hello folks and hope you are all well. It's been a little while since we communicated any significant news - because there has been very little tell you. However today we have some news!

The forthcoming **DF65 Globals**, scheduled for September 2020 in Sweden has been postponed for a year and will hopefully take place in September 2021, giving you a chance to further hone your DF65 skills! A genuinely tough decision to have to make but in the current crisis a very well thought out one that still sees the championship take place.

In other events news, the UK TT series is still on hold with all upcoming events still cancelled. We would hope to have a clearer picture of how our season might recover and enable us to hold some events later in the year. In reality it is unlikely that these will be TT events, more like popup events around the country. We are working on it and will let you guys know as soon as we have some sort of plan to move forward. The Lake Garda event has been cancelled too. If you had entered you'll have had an email from the organisers I'm sure. It is unlikely that this event will be rescheduled for later in the year, but you never know.

There isn't really any other news, but I've been in touch with our registrar Wayne who has given me the following interesting info about registrations for both classes. So far we have **1650 registered DF65 yachts in the UK** and these are spread over 33 clubs. This year has so far seen 73 new boats registered with the Association. The **DF95 now has 791 registered boats in the UK** spread over 29 clubs. So far this year has seen 59 new registrations. The Gosport club has very strong fleets of both classes and there are 253 owners who have both a DF65 and a DF95 registered.

So even in these very odd times the two classes are still continuing to grow at a healthy pace. When we are able to sail once again it will be great to welcome these new skippers to the fleet.



If anyone knows where this final pic (left) was taken, a small prize awaits.

The RC boat shown is one of only four of that class in the UK/ World! The owners of these four boats are not eligible for any prize however small!

All answers to the Editor please - whose decision on the winner (if any) and the prize, is final. Thank you.