

Report on the 2023 MYA Scottish District DF95 Championship held, Irvine, Saturday 1st April 2023

Report by Gordon Rae Photographs by Bill Lees

On a cold but dry day ten skippers competed in the 2023 MYA Scottish District DF95 Championship for the Ayr Bay Trophy hosted by Ayr Bay Radio Yacht Club. Racing began at 10:10 after the skippers briefing.

RO Gordon Rae ably assisted by Ian Marshall set a standard windward/leeward course. This was adjusted as required during the day to suit the varying 7 to 10 knot wind which was constantly shifting between NNE and ENE. Races were in back-to-back groups of three with a short break between each group to allow for boat adjustments or the odd restorative hot drink!

By lunchtime nine races had been completed by which time the eventual winner with five wins (Races 2, 3, 4 and 5, a blip in Race 6 before also winning Race 7) was already showing his class. During the morning, Bob Collins also scored a win as did Gordon Allison and Peter Carr had a couple of second places.

The racing concluded at 15:15 with sixteen races having been sailed.

Our adopted Scot, John Taylor, sailed consistently well all day. With a total of 19.4 points, he was the clear winner. He was declared the 2023 MYA Scottish District DF95 Champion and was presented with the Ayr Bay Trophy. After lunch Gordon Allison had finally woken up from his slow start in the morning to record a string of first and second places to eventually take second place overall with 30 points. Special mention is due to David Holyoak of Hollowell RSC visiting from south of the border. He made his own statement by winning both the first and last races and finishing third overall with 44 points. Meanwhile, there was a tight midfield tussle for 4th to 7th place with only 5 points separating Peter Carr, Bob Collins, David Belding and Bruce Davidson.

Thanks were extended to the race team including David Smith for scoring assisted by Bill Lees and the many club volunteers who turned up and contributed to the smooth running of the event.

#	Skipper	Sail #	Club	Uncorrected	Corrected	#
1	John Taylor	214	Fleetwood MY&PBC	35.4	19.4	1
2	Gordon Allison	62	Ayr Bay RYC	49.0	30.0	2
3	Dave Holyoak	480	Hollowell RSC	69.0	44.0	3
4	Peter Carr	42	Ayr Bay RYC	73.0	54.0	4
5	Bob Collins	84	Paisley MYC	78.0	56.0	5
6	David Belding	713	Ayr Bay RYC	79.0	56.0	6
7	Bruce Davidson	01	Ayr Bay RYC	87.0	59.0	7
8	Arthur Black	47	Paisley MYC	125.0	94.0	8
9	Nick Slane	901	Ayr Bay RYC	136.0	103.0	9
10	Bill Wylie	94	Ayr Bay RYC	169.0	136.0	10