



Nomination form for **THE SYAN AWARD**

In memory of Peter Maskell

Nominee: Hugh (Hughie) Shields

Nominated by: Greenock MY&PBC

Reasons for the nomination: Hugh (Hughie) Shields - it's all about the sailing!

A dedicated designer and builder of many model yachts, Hughie remains active to this day. A long-term member of the Greenock Model Yacht Club since 1948, he and his fellow sailing colleagues would regularly compete on the racing circuit, which then boasted some 52 clubs within Scotland. In the early 1950's he raced across the 'Brane Steering' classes such as the Marblehead, 6 Meter and 12 Meter yachts. Success came in 1952 when Hughie became the British and European 12 Meter Champion.

However, his long-term passion for the A-Class was about to commence, in 1957 he raced at Greenock, then in 1962 he travelled to Fleetwood to compete in his first British Vane A-Class Championship. Over the years, as the championship rotated venues between Fleetwood and Gosport, Hughie always made the journey south of the border, sometimes carrying his boat and equipment on the train.

In the period from 1962–2000, Hughie never missed the British Vane A-Class Championship, including the International Yachting Monthly Cup. Success finally came in 1978, when racing his self-built John Lewis design 'Laired Shield', Hughie won the Yachting Monthly Cup against a very competitive international fleet.

Throughout his sailing career, Hughie has travelled as far north as the Scottish Orkney Islands and as far south as Gosport. He has also been a key player, not only as a skipper but as an officer for his club, the Scottish Model Yachting Association (a predecessor of the MYA), the MYA (of whom he is a Vice President) and the MYA Scottish District.

Hughie has always given his time freely and enthusiastically putting his beautiful hand-built yachts on the water, as well as getting people to sail. This year, on his 75th anniversary as a member of the Greenock Model Yacht Club, we celebrate his long service to his club and to model yachting. He remains one of this sport's treasures.

Greenock Model Yacht and Power Boat Club Committee
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