Racing secretary’s report: what a year.

I would like to thank you all for making 2014 a really good year for our Club racing.

The format changed slightly for 2014 with single boat fleet races taking place, IOM’s, Micro Magic and Footy’s were joined by the RG65 class which was adopted after their performance was demonstrated in the mixed fleet last year. This new class competed for the new John Meredith trophy instigated in memory of John who took to the class and encouraged its adoption.

The buoys have been in regular use and have stood up well to the stresses that they have been subjected to which is good. The briefings have been going well with everyone on the same page.(most of the time)

The racing has been hotly contested but in a very friendly and fair way and the overall standard has risen.

A big thank you must go to the fleet captains Mike Stevenson and Mark Litherland and all the people who have assisted in running this year’s events, it’s great that we get volunteers and this is helping to make the racing go smoothly.

We need a volunteer for the role of RG65 fleet captain so if anyone would like to volunteer for the job please let me know , it’s not too hard a job.

Special thanks must go to Mike Stevenson who has done a sterling job with the results, having done all the number crunching and quickly posting the overall results of all fleets on the website. I am very grateful for his hard work it has lightened my load a great deal.

I think that the format with each class having its own day is working well.

All our classes had their full schedule of races with very good turnouts.

The RG65 class saw the largest number of competitors overall with 24, IOM’S 22, Footy’s 14 and Micro Magic’s 13

Trophies will be awarded for these four classes.

BMYC has been represented at MYA open events with Robin Webb, Ian Cooke, Adam Foley, Sid Sims, Liz Robinson and John Burgoine taking part in one or more classes. Well done to them.

As was done this year the 2015 series race dates for all classes will be decided and the calendar will be published by the end of January. Everyone will receive a paper copy if they want one, there will be one posted on the Club notice board and it will also be on the Club website.

It was the intention to have an all day race along the lines of an open event for a Club Championship. I have identified one date (possibly for IOM’s) that I need to check with SSC and will try and find dates for other classes so that we can have a series championship and also an on the day champion for each class. If you feel that you would want support this please let me know and we can arrange it.

I suggested last year that we would organise a series of sessions on race training/understanding of the rules of sailing, this didn’t happen but we will organise something along these lines early in the new year. This can take the form of on the water practice and in the club house analysis of what we need to do to be better racers (but with the emphasis on fun). We could probably do this on Saturday afternoons. Let me know later if you would like to take part.

So on to the Winners............

Footy 1st Graham Tite, 2nd Roger Unitt, 3rd Mark Litherland.

Micro Magic 1st Adam Foley, 2nd Graham Saunders, 3rd Mike Stevenson.

IOM 1st Robin Webb, 2nd Clive Hartland, 3rd Roger Unitt.

RG65 1st Clive Hartland, 2nd Mark Litherland, 3rd Robin Webb.

Well done all. It would be very much appreciated by the committee if all the trophy winners would attend the SSC prize giving on (date to be confirmed) so that we can take part and formally present our awards.

Thank you.