



2 Islands RYC – Sailing & Trophy Events

1. These notes are aimed at familiarising new members with Sailing Activities in general and, particular aspects of the various Trophy Events.
2. Casual sailing normally takes place on Wednesday afternoons, although there is no restriction on sailing on any other day. If there are fishermen set up adjacent to the launching platform, please politely point out we have the right to ask them to move, but do not get into any abusive arguments. If you have any such experience please report it to the Secretary (Jim Marsh).
3. Sundays are normally reserved for Club, or sometimes Open, Competitions. Non competing members may still sail but are required to do so in such a way as to avoid obstructing those who are racing. The best way is to stay well clear of the course being sailed for the competition.
4. With the advent of UHF Radio Control Sets, interference is less of a problem than it used to be but can still affect 40MHz, and to a lesser degree 27MHz, systems. On 40MHz you should have an allocated frequency but if you do find your boat behaving strangely it MAY be interference and you should check that no one else is using you allocated Xtal. With 27MHz being used much less than 40MHz there is even less chance that two people will be using the same frequency, but it can happen.
5. For racing, courses are usually set out in the Triangle & Sausage pattern with one full circuit comprising a race. An event, or Round, usually is a series of 9 or 18 races on the same day. A Trophy Event or Competition usually comprises a number of rounds run throughout a season. At the end of a Trophy Event or Competition the winner is presented with the Trophy at the following Annual Dinner or, at a later time when the winner visits the lake.
6. **Nelson & Conway competitions.** These are both restricted to IOM's and comprise 6 or 7 rounds of 9 races each, run during the summer season. They are separate Competitions & Trophies but, because of their similarity they are usually run on the same day, of late being alternated between which is run first to even out the boats sailed in each.
7. **TIRYC & Commodores Cup competitions.** Again these are restricted to IOM's and also comprise 6 or 7 rounds but of 18 races each, run during the summer season. They are separate Competitions & Trophies and because each is longer than the Nelson & Conway events, they are run on separate days.
8. **Top Skipper or 1 Meter Champion.** As the title says, the competition is restricted to IOM's and comprises a single day event of Match Racing, where every boat is sailed against every other boat. Pairs of boats are started at 2 minute intervals and each pair are awarded 1 point for a win and 0 points for the loser. For each race the competitors are matched to formulae that ensures they all compete against each other. Obviously with an odd number of competitors each boat eventually has a 'By'. As there can be only one winner, tied scores are resolved by a straight forward 'Sail off'.
9. **Laser Chasers.** Currently the only summer competition for Lasers comprises 6 or 7 rounds, each of 9 races. This was the first Club Event for Lasers.
10. **Jack Frost & Cold Finger competitions.** Two IOM events comprising 6 or 7 rounds of 9 races and, as the names suggest, both are sailed in the winter season.
11. **Laser Winter competition.** Another winter season straight forward 6 or 7 series of 9 race events for Lasers. As with the two IOM winter events, since they finish in April, after the Annual Dinner, the winners have to wait a full year to get their hands on the trophies.