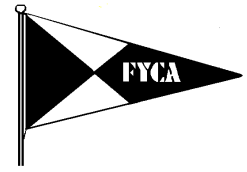


Forth Yacht Clubs Association



- **KEEPING IN TOUCH:**
 - FYCA Internet web site publicises events, results, cruising information, links to club web sites, berthing information, weather forecasts, tide tables, etc.
 - FYCA regularly updates & circulates Sailing Secretaries list to member clubs
 - FYCA Executive meets bi-monthly & runs Spring & Autumn general meetings
- **SETTING THE RACING CALENDAR:**
 - FYCA promotes open racing events & consensus on calendar format
 - FYCA publishes Leith weekend tidal data to clubs ~16 months ahead of season
 - FYCA coordinates Open Events calendar & distributes it to clubs
- **ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION:**
 - FYCA tracks & awards the Forth yacht and dinghy championships
 - FYCA tracks & awards the Forth Inshore Group (FIG) series for Div-1 & Div-2 yachts
 - FYCA encourages less experienced crews with 'Restricted Sail' option for 2015
 - FYCA supports the Disability Sailing Trust at Lochore Meadows
- **FAIR YACHT HANDICAPS:**
 - FYCA defines the policy of the Yacht Handicap Committee
 - FYCA analyses performances, sets yacht handicaps & publishes them on web site
 - FYCA Yacht Performance Database has ~35,000 performances over 1996-2014
- **EQUIPMENT & DATA:**
 - FYCA maintains a set of race marks & ground tackle for major events
 - FYCA sponsored Club Mark-layer course in May 2015
 - FYCA is developing event management & race planning guidance for clubs
 - FYCA licenses & purchases UKHO annual Leith tide tables for club distribution
 - FYCA is cooperating with IMRAY to provide data for new east coast pilot book
- **SAFETY STANDARDS:**
 - FYCA publishes Yacht Construction and Equipment Standards for racing
 - FYCA Safety Committee reviews regulations and exemption requests
- **EAST COAST SAILING FESTIVAL:**
 - FYCA participates on the ECSF Steering Group
 - FYCA co-ordinates ECSF on Firth of Forth every second year
 - FYCA promotes feeder races to ECSF on Tay and in NE England
- **REPRESENTATION:**
 - FYCA represents member clubs interests with Forth Ports, Forth Estuary Forum, RYA (Scotland), Inland Waterways, local councils, Scottish Government, etc.