



MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Hi All,

Welcome to your first newsletter of 2018. In this newsletter you will find a copy of the proposed fixture list for the coming season which contains a mixture of our regular traditional events as well as one or two new events for this year.

We have already completed a couple of event with our New Years sail in which was actually held at the end of December and the Sir William Hillary RNLI static display. I have included one or two photographs of the RNLI display.

Don't forget that this is your club, so if you have any ideas of anything you would like including in the calendar then please shout up so that we can have a look and see what can be fitted in. The same applies for any articles you would like to see or submit for inclusion in the newsletter. Please e-mail me with any items you might have.

Regular club sailing will continue at Silverdale on Sunday mornings starting at 10am on days when we don't have another event scheduled. If the weather looks to be inclement then we will try to arrange some indoor activities in the cafe looking at items such as model electronics, the installation and setting up of radio gear, rigging a yacht and so on. Hopefully more members will turn out as the temperature starts to warm up.

You can always find information about the boat club on the website www.manxmodelboatclub.org.

Happy Sailing,

Jason Quayle

Membership Fees Are Now Due

A quick reminder that membership fees for 2018 are now overdue. I have attached a 2018 membership form which needs to be completed and posted to the club treasurer, Jason Fleming, at his new address. Please note that we require a signed copy of the membership form to confirm we can hold your details electronically.

2018 Fixture List

Sunday 15 th April 2018	Tug Towing Competition	To be held at Silverdale starting at 10am.
Sunday 29 th April 2018	Commodores Challenge Practice (Tethered models & Pop Pop boats)	To be held at Silverdale starting at 10am.
Sunday 6 th May 2018	Steering Competition	To be held at Silverdale starting at 2pm.
Sunday 13 th May 2018	Vintage Yachts at Fleetwood	For information only.
Sunday 20 th May 2018	Vintage Yachts "Borrow a boat and have a go" event.	To be held at Ramsey Mooragh starting at 2pm.
Saturday 9 th June 2018 (or Sunday 10 th June if wet)	"Big Night Out" event for the larger models in the club.	To be held at Onchan Park starting at 6:30pm.
Saturday 23 rd June 2018	Mannanan Regatta (Free Sailing, On the Water Competition & Commodores Challenge practice runs).	To be held all day at Silverdale starting at 10am.
Sunday 24 th June 2018	Mannanan Regatta (Free Sailing, Static Scale Competition, Commodores Challenge and Fun Events).	To be held all day at Silverdale starting at 10am.
Sunday 8 th July 2018	British Legion Static Display	Colby Football Club (details to be confirmed).
Saturday 28 th July 2018	Southern Agricultural Show Av-A-Go Boats	Great Meadow, Castletown from 10am.
Sunday 29 th July 2018	Southern Agricultural Show Av-A-Go Boats	Great Meadow, Castletown from 10am.
Sunday 5 th August 2018	Spithead Review (for Naval vessels).	To be held at Onchan Park starting at 6:30pm.
Saturday 25 th & Sunday 26 th August 2018	Haydock Model Boat Convention.	For information only.
Sunday 9 th September 2018	Vintage Yachts (full event)	To be held at Ramsey Mooragh starting at 2pm.

Saturday 22 nd September (or Sunday 23 rd if wet)	Onchan Commissioners Shield & Venetian Evening	To be held at Onchan Park starting at 6:30pm.
Saturday 20 th October 2018	Club attendance at the Blackpool Model Boat Show.	Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool.
Sunday 21 st October 2018	Club attendance at the Blackpool Model Boat Show.	Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool.
Thursday 29 th November 2018	Annual General Meeting.	To be held at the Archibald Knox in Onchan starting at 7:30pm.
Sailing will continue throughout the season at Silverdale Glen Lake on Sunday mornings starting at 10am through until midday.		

Blackpool Model Boat Show



You may have noticed on the fixture list that we have listed the Blackpool Model Boat Show on 20th & 21st October. A number of members attended this show last year to see what it was like and following feedback we have decided to make a club attendance this year and put on a display of our models.

Hopefully this show will appeal to club members as it is a much easier venue to get to from the island for a weekend with a quick trip to Heysham on the Steam Packet and short journey down the road to Blackpool.

We would like to put on a display similar to what we did at Warwick a few years ago, although perhaps on a slightly smaller scale as space may be a bit more limited. There will be a lot more details to sort out as the season progresses, so look out for any updates as they are issued.

RNLI Events

A number of members witnessed the final slipway launching of the Douglas Lifeboat the “Sir William Hillary” on Sunday 7th January before assisting with the model display in the afternoon. The Douglas lifeboat is being replaced with a temporary Mersey Class boat until the new Shannon Class boat arrives on station. For those who didn't see the event, I have a couple of photos of the launch and also the model display.



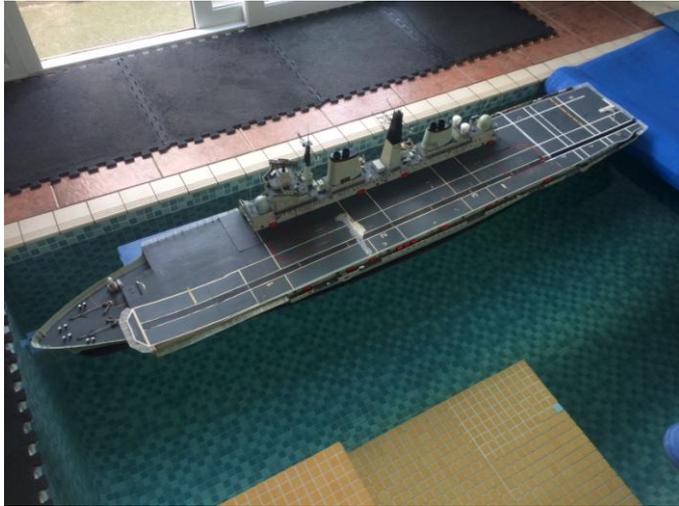
Big Night Out

This is a new event for this year which is proposed to be held on the Saturday or Sunday evening after TT week at Onchan park (depending on weather conditions). The event is to celebrate the return to service of HMS Illustrious which is currently being renovated by Mike Kelly.

The model was originally built by member Keith Jewell but was then donated to the club when Keith & Shareen moved off the island in the early 2000's. Unfortunately due to its size the model has rarely been seen on the water and has sat in storage for many years until Mike offered to clean it up and get it running again.

The event is intended to be a run out for all the 'Big' models within the club which despite being awkward to transport and store look extremely impressive once they are launched on

the water. We think that there must be at least 10 or 15 big models between members and with a compliment of smaller tugs and tenders should look really impressive if we can get them all going together. Let's hope that the summer weather cooperates and this turns out to be a really good event.



A couple of photographs from Mike showing HMS Illustrious during ballasting tests.

Commodores Challenge 2018

This year Bob Bagshaw has issued a challenge to build small tethered hydroplanes which can be run in the small boating pool which we used for the Pop Pop boats last year. Following some revisions to the previously published rules, Bob is now proposing 3 separate classes;

1. Standard – up to 380 size brushed motor and maximum 6 volt batteries (4 x 1.5 volt AA or AAA batteries, or 5 x 1.2 volt NiMH pack).
2. Hooligan – any size of brushed motor and increase in voltage to 9.6 volts using AA, AAA or NiMH batteries.
3. Super Hooligan – anything goes – freedom to choose motors & batteries!

All models need to be built from cheap components found in your scrap box and be a maximum of 12 inches (300mm) in length and 5 inches (125mm) beam.

Models should have an attachment point fore and aft and have a bridle fitted with a small ring which can be used to clip it to the tether. The tether will be attached to a central pivot point which will be suspended above the pool on a timber batten.

Full details of the rules are attached with this newsletter.

If you are interested, I have posted a small video on You Tube of my first attempts. Click on the link to view it. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwxvl-2rKic>

We intend to run the Commodores Challenge as part of the Mannanan Regatta (see below), but will also run a couple of practice events on Sunday mornings at Silverdale.

Last years Pop Pop boats will also be back again this year for Mannanan so dust off those candles and start sniffing the meths again!

We have listed one practice event in the calendar on Sunday 29th April, but we are likely to hold a few more on Sunday mornings. Details will be e-mailed to members in advance.

Mannanan Regatta 2018

Mannanan has undergone a revamp for this year starting with the change of name to the Mannanan Regatta which is intended to encourage a more friendly easy going event with more time allocated to free sailing and fun events whilst still retaining a couple of competitions.

The draft format for this years event is as follows;

Saturday 23rd June – Free sailing on the lake in the morning followed by the ‘On the Water’ competition in the afternoon. The ‘On the Water’ competition will be run as a mass participation event with everybody sailing at the same time and the judging taking place over the space of an allocated hour. Any model sailing during the hour may be judged as part of the competition. If you have more than one model then spend 20 minutes sailing one model and then change to another model.

At the same time we will have the small pool set up on the side of the lake for practice runs of the Commodores Challenge to include both the tethered models and Pop Pop boats.

Sunday 24th June – Free sailing on the lake in the morning whilst the Static Scale competition is judged on the side of the lake.

At the same time we will have the small pool set up again for more practice runs of the Commodores Challenge. The actual Commodores Challenge will take place in the afternoon.

The final event of the weekend will be the usual fun floats competition.



Image from last years Commodores Challenge Pop Pop boats