



MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Hello, welcome to another year at the Manx Model Boat Club and, to all new members, a chance to see what we have planned for the coming year.

We are producing a Code of Conduct and a Safety Policy with basic rules.

Firstly though, a reminder that subs are due and a membership form is required each year just to confirm contact details and that we comply with good old GDPR rules. This will be the last NL you receive if Jason Fleming does not hear from you.

Frostbite Sunday – January 2 2023.

Several hardy members turned out for the first official meet of the year at Silverdale on a very cold frosty Monday morning. A few flasks were in evidence and I seem to remember Jason Q having a few mince pies on offer.



As can be seen, there was a good frost on the exposed wood work and the image has that blue tinge associated with low temperatures. At least there was no ice on the water. A few boats were sailed and Jason Quayle had his next amphibious offering on view, a DUKW built onto a commercial chassis, and now adapted to having motorised wheels and a separate motor for the propeller, a boat fixed to a vehicle chassis.



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Views showing work so far and the tight curves of the “bow” section, front bumper! Also, for those newbies, note the pink aerial protector used just above the frequency flag 875, compulsory on any radio sets with long aerials, notably 40 and 27 MHz sets. Yes some of these sets are still used by members.

Brian Marsh had his new build along, the hover craft unit he had purchased at Blackpool Show. I only managed to catch a small portion of it when taking JQ’s images, as it was in hiding, and only made a brief outing on the hard standing flying across the tarmac towards the benches.



It’s that yellow bit top left!

More to follow.

So an interesting first viewing of these two unusual Projects and a few more snaps later on.

Anyone else have a new build to share, I’ve noted Brian King with a new tug and Brian Swinden with a very clean Puffer coaster. Also Lewis Long is progressing his and Sam’s build.



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2023 events calendar.

Date	Event	Location	time
March 24	Set up Friday afternoon		
25	Static display at Ramsey	Old Courthouse, Ramsey	10 to 4
26	Take down Sunday morning		
April 2	#		
9	# <i>Easter Sunday</i>		
16	#		
23	Vintage Yachts hw 1400	Mooragh Park	14.00
30	#		
May 7	Steering Comp	Silverdale	10.00
14	#		
21	# <i>Fleetwood Vintage Yachts</i>	Fleetwood	
28	Onchan free sailing evening	Onchan Park	18.30
29	<i>TT starts</i>		
June 10	<i>TT ends</i>		
11	Big Night OUT	Onchan Park	18.30
17	Mannanan 2023 OTW & Free etc	Silverdale	
18	Mannanan 2023 Scale & Fun etc	Silverdale	
24/25	<i>Parish Walk w/e</i>		
July 2	#		
9	Vintage Yachts hw 1648	Mooragh	14.00
16	Onchan free sailing evening	Onchan Park	18.30
23	Tug Towing	Silverdale	10.00
29/30	<i>Southern Show</i>		
30	#		
August 6	Vintage Yachts hw 1527	Mooragh	14.00
11/12	<i>Royal Manx Show</i>		
13	Onchan free sailing evening	Onchan Park	18.30
20	<i>MGP starts</i>		
28	<i>MGP ends</i>		
Sept 3	#		
10	Vintage Yachts hw 2127	Mooragh	14.00
16/17	<i>FOOD and DRINK Festival</i>		
17	Spithead Review	Onchan Park	18.00
24	#		
Oct 1	Venetian Evening	Onchan Park	18.00
8	Reserve Ven Eve	Onchan Park	18.00
14/15	Blackpool Show weekend		

*Vintage Yacht dates are provisional and will be confirmed prior to date.

Other Island events of importance are included.

Radio Controlled yachting takes place on the Mooragh every Sun, Weds and some Fri pm's during the Spring, Summer and Autumn. Any interested just turn up and express an interest. Spare dates may be used if an event is postponed, or if a new event is decided upon such as a "Vehicles Runabout Day" etc



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March Ramsey Boat Show 2023

We have again decided to hold a Boat/Model Show at Ramsey, courtesy of the new Ramsey Community Hub who have agreed to us using the lower main hall. Full details and timings will follow in due course, but quickly put :-

Any Club member can display any model/boat, this is not a competition.

There will be a requirement to declare what you intend to bring and should we be over subscribed then a limit may be placed on the number/size of your display.

I have already arranged that we can get access on Friday to set up tables and bring in a first wave of models.

The Show will be open to the public from about 9.45 am. on Saturday

There will be a farmer's market at the same time which, if the weather is bad, will also require some room within with us.

I have also arranged for time on Sunday morning to take down and/or collect display items. Nothing is to remain after Sunday.

Contact any committee member for details of what can be displayed.

Information on how to get there, access times, routes and where to park will follow.

Shortly a separate emailing will ask for details of whatever you wish to display.

New Club documents

The Committee are shortly to issue two new Club documents, a **Code of Conduct** and a **Safety policy** which includes some basic safety Rules. These will enhance and expand the current Operating Rules found in the Club's Constitution available on the website <http://www.manxmodelboatclub.org/boatclub/Rules.html>

These will assist our endeavours to risk manage our informal and formal gatherings and layout what is acceptable both at the waterside and when actively sailing. Formal events such as Mannanan require specific risk assessments.

Both documents also address wildlife issues and affirm that

wild life has the right of way at all times.

At a recent Silverdale Sunday sailing a member of the public asked us what happens if we hit a duck with a boat. Good question and an occurrence we don't want to happen. Imagine the negative feedback should such be observed and reported onto social media, it could lead to the Club being banned from using Silverdale. So, even though we hope all members already understand to need to keep clear of any wildlife, these documents put that message formally into the Club's files.



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Silverdale Sundays

Here are some more images of sailings and model outings at Silverdale this year.

Here's a new vehicle in Jason Quayle's fleet, a very neat Landrover radio controlled model.



And that elusive hover craft, just caught here as the batteries signalled their low voltage limit. Brian Marsh was certainly getting the hang of steering this lively beast.

Here is the donated Pusher tug which I have had the pleasure of getting working, as the motor gears required re-making which was achieved on Island using 3D printing. The new owner was also present at this initial run and will soon be able to take on this tug. I understand 3D printing also runs in their family.



Brian King has a new tug build, I think it's called Titan, apologies from me as I do not yet have an image of it to include here. He's also working on a straight sailing yacht.

Apologies to our new Club members [Lewis and Sam], I seem not to have images of your models as yet, but we have seen Phil Isaac's fishing vessel – must remember batteries though!



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As always, Club members will lend a hand to sort out that mysterious wiring problem, though sometimes Dave does wonder why? "Didn't I do his last week?"



And nearly finally, really, Brian Marsh with his neatly turned out Perkasa, and his new beard. No hovering this Sunday!

Jason Quayle's DUKW at an advanced stage at trials on the slipway driving in and out of the Lake

That's all, I'll be in touch soon regards the Ramsey Show, happy boating/modelling/driving.

Ed.

