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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

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Chairmans Chat

First and foremost may I take the opportunity to wish one and all a very Happy New Year, I welcome everyone to a brand new sailing season.

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Manx Model Boat Club, an achievement we can be extremely proud off, our membership numbers continue to climb and the quality of models both sailing and on display are a credit to everyone.

We also have this year two other celebrations, the Battle of Trafalgar 200th anniversary, but nearer to home we have the 175th year of the Isle of Man Steam Packet, we look forward to building some parts of our event calendar around these events.

As can be seen in the AGM report inside the newsletter, we have a number of changes within the officials and committee, it is at this point I should like to thank all the previous officers and committee for their dedicated work in keeping the Club running smoothly, not always an easy task.

This year will bring our annual Mannanan Festival into its Eighth season and I look forward to seeing a number of new models that have been on the stocks this winter, entry forms will be available soon. The dates this year are 25th 26th 27th June.

May we all sail the seas of life with the winds of hope in our canvas.

Howard Quayle

Don Mackay with some of his "Fleet", seen at Silverdale.
See inside for his obituary.

New Year Sail In.

For the first time for many years the Clubs New Year sail in took place, again at Silverdale Glen. A number of Club members had been sailing at Silverdale during the autumn and it was suggested that the early season get together be resurrected.

The first Sunday after New Years day saw a cold, windy but dry day, this encouraged a number of members to shed the delights of New Year celebrations and don warm clothes to venture down to the lake.

We had some 8 to 10 models sailing at once on the clear pool with only the ducks to negotiate, not a problem to the larger vessels, but Jason had his mini class M.V. Dornoch sailing and with the ducks being the larger, caution was the watchword, needless to say a couple of hours passed by quite pleasantly.

The café remained open all afternoon so hot drinks and refreshments were readily available, of course we did attempt to put the world to right but that is another story.

Perhaps occasional sailings can be arranged for an early season get together on a Sunday afternoons, as the lake is now being left full all the year round, an ideal test tank for the new additions to our fleet.

I have to add, that we had one intrepid junior modeller sailing his tug whilst eating and enjoying a large ice cream, it made me shiver just to think about it, well-done Cameron.

Howard

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* **The post of treasurer was not filled at the AGM, but Mike Buss agreed to continue in the post until another candidate can be found.**

Web Site

Please note that I have changed the Internet address for the Manx Model Boat Club.

All you now need to type into your browser is **<http://www.manxmodelboatclub.org>**

Most of the web site has now been moved to this new address and I am in the process of updating the web site information, particularly making it easier to view the photographs. Please let me know if you would have any information or a contribution which you would like adding to it
Jason

Obituary

It is with great sorrow that I have to announce the passing of one of the original-founding members of the Manx Model Boat club, sailing in the pre Club days at the old Majestic swimming pool.

Don Mackay, or just Don as we all knew him was a prolific model builder. Even in his later years he continued building kits, some so recent and complicated they would make a lot of people think twice about starting.

Don was better known for his scratch built fleet of Isle of Man Steam Packet vessels, all of which he sailed on a regular basis, his kinsman ship with the Captains of the full sized vessels, helped him accumulate a knowledge that will be very much missed.

It was Don who helped me start building over 20 years ago, his patience and understanding were very much appreciated.

May I through this column express our deepest sympathy to his Wife Mary, who has supported Don through his many years of illness.

Howard Quayle.

Chairman. Manx Model Boat Club.

Membership Subscriptions

If you read through your AGM minutes, you will find that it was agreed at the meeting to increase the members subscriptions for this year to £15 for adults and £7.50 for junior and OAP's.

This is the first increase in members subscriptions for 10 years and reflects the ever increasing costs of running the club and staging events.

Subscriptions for 2005 are now due for payment, and you will find a renewal form with this newsletter if you have not paid yet. Forms should be returned to Mike Buss at the address given opposite.

For Sale

Mobile Marine 'Anglian Man' fibreglass hull, kort nozzle and prop, plus full plans and patterns.

£65 the lot.

Telephone Brian King on 628156

'Glen Helen' Coaster, including batteries, charger, motor, radio gear & speed controller. £400.

Contact Arthur Arnold on 814080.

Ramsey Mooragh

Ramsey commissioners have mentioned to us that they are concerned about club members parking their vehicles in the car park at the southern end of the Mooragh lake and then leaving them there whilst they go walking off around the lake with their boats or yachts. Whilst the commissioners will allow club members to use the car park for loading and unloading of their boats, they have asked that during the summer season (May to September) that vehicles are removed from the car park after unloading and parked on the adjacent public highway.

The club obtains permission from the commissioners to use the Mooragh lake each year for sailing, and we would be grateful if you could adhere to this arrangement.

2005 Fixture List

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday 9th January	RNLI Commemorative Service Display	St. Georges Church & Pensioners Hall	3:00pm
Sunday 20th March	Scale Steering Competition	Onchan Park	2:30pm
Sunday 27th March	Easter Egg Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	7:00pm
Sunday 3rd April	Alternative date for Steering Competition	Onchan Park	2:30pm
Sunday 8th May	Scale Competition	Silverdale	10:00am
Sunday 15th May	Alternative date for Scale Competition	Silverdale	10:00am
Sunday 12th June	One Meter Yacht Championships	Ramsey Mooragh	7:00pm
Saturday 18th June	Model Lifeboat Rally	Southport	
Sunday 19th June	Model Lifeboat Rally	Southport	
Saturday 25th June	Mannanan 2004 Steering Competition	Onchan Park	10:00am
Sunday 26th June	Mannanan 2004 Scale Competition	Ramsey Mooragh	10:00am
Monday 27th June	Mannanan 2004 On the Water Competition,	Silverdale	10:00am
Monday 27th June	Mannanan 2004 Evening Dinner Presentation		
Monday 27th June	Vintage Yacht Racing	Ramsey Mooragh	6:00pm
Tuesday 5th July	Tynwald Day Display	St.Johns	
Saturday 9th July	Onchan Commissioners Heritage Sail In during Afternoon & Barbecue in Evening	Onchan Park	
Sunday 10th July	Alternative date for Heritage Sail In	Onchan Park	
Sunday 17th July	Fun Competition	Onchan Park	8:00pm
Sunday 21st August	Port Erin RNLI Display	Port Erin	11:30am
Sunday 28th August	Ellesmere Port Model Boat Convention	Ellesmere port	
Monday 29th August	Ellesmere Port Model Boat Convention	Ellesmere port	
Saturday 10th September	Venetian Evening & Barbecue	Onchan Park	7:00pm
Sunday 11th September	Alternative date for Venetian Evening &	Onchan Park	7:00pm
Sunday 25th September	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:00pm
Sunday 2nd October	Alternative Date for Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:00pm
Sunday 9th October	Round the Island Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	2:30pm
Saturday 12th November	Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation		
Thursday 24th November	Annual General Meeting		

In addition to the above events, sailing also takes place at Onchan Park when the motor boats are not running and Ramsey Mooragh. If you are thinking of going for a sail one evening why not ring around one or two members and make up a small flottila.