



MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

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Chairmans Chat

May I take this opportunity to welcome all members to the Manx Model Boat Club for 2010. In doing so I would like to thank the previous committee members for their efforts in 2009. I did consider deeply whether to just stand as a committee member or step up having been club Treasurer (I am now a house owner) and Secretary too in the past. I well remember as Treasurer I had done the club accounts for that year and showed my wife my work — she was horrified I was going to present it to the committee!! She reworked it very professionally — there the truth! As secretary it was pointed out that the minutes of the meetings were for the previous month and not the up to the day of the present meeting.

The point I am making is you do not have to be perfect to help run the club just willing to have a go and do your bit. Our club is run for the members and the committee can only do their best, no one will be shot for not doing things properly, after all we are

2009 Scale Competition
Winner (semi kit)
“Formidable” built by John

not a multinational organisation - yet. Committee meetings are open to all members for any subject to be considered, so use your committee to run your club.

In the coming year our programme is as last year almost self running, Treasurer and Secretary will drown me for saying that! So welcome to MMBC 2010 and the challenges it brings. Roll on the barbecue weather and fair not hurricane winds for our events and hope to see you all participate this year.

Regards and Happy Sailing.

Alan Gough



For up to date details of sailing events, model boating information, past newsletters and photographs of our model boating activities, please visit the web site at www.manxmodelboatclub.org. You can also e-mail any enquiries and items for inclusion in the newsletter to mmbc@manx.net.

Events List for 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
21/03/10	Scale Steering Competition	Onchan Park	2:00pm
28/03/10	Scale Steering Competition (Wet Weather Alternative)	Onchan Park	2:00pm
02/05/10	Scale & 'On the Water' Competitions	Silverdale	10:00am
09/05/10	Scale & 'On the Water' Competitions (Wet Weather Alternative)	Silverdale	10:00am
26/06/10	Mannanan 2009 Steering Competition	Onchan Park	10:00am
27/06/10	Mannanan 2009 Scale Competition	Ramsey Mooragh	10:00am
28/06/10	Mannanan 2009 On the Water, Tug Towing and Fun Competitions	Silverdale	10:00am
05/07/10	Tynwald Fair Exhibition	St. Johns	09:00am
T.B.A.	Traditional Boat Weekend Display	Peel	T.B.A.
18/07/10	25th Anniversary Sail / Dinner	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
07/08/10	Spithead Review (Naval Display)	Silverdale	6:30pm
15/18/10	Port Erin RNLI Day	Port Erin	10:00am
28/08/10	Birchwood Model Boat Show	Warrington	10:00am
29/08/10	Birchwood Model Boat Show	Warrington	10:00am
18/09/10	Onchan Commissioners Trophy & Barbecue	Onchan Park	6:30pm
19/09/10	Onchan Commissioners Trophy & Barbecue (Wet Weather Alternative)	Onchan Park	6:30pm
03/10/10	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:00pm
10/10/10	Tug Towing Competition (Wet Weather Alternative)	Onchan Park	2:00pm
T.B.A.	Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
T.B.A.	Annual General Meeting	T.B.A.	T.B.A.

This years events list follows a similar pattern to previous years, with the proposed date for each event followed by an alternative date as a wet weather alternative.

- It is proposed to hold an event in mid July to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the club. The committee are currently working on proposals for the event along the lines of an evening sail followed by a dinner. We will let you know as soon as details are available.
- It is proposed that Sunday sailing will continue throughout the spring / summer, although it won't be advertised on the same days that we have a club competition. This is a general sailing session each Sunday morning at Silverdale starting at 10am.
- You can find details of the Birchwood show in August elsewhere in this newsletter.

25th Anniversary

In case it had escaped your notice, the club is celebrating its 25th birthday this year. The inaugural meeting of the Manx Model Boat Club actually occurred on 8th March 1985, with 31 members meeting at the Majestic Hotel, although there had been some sailing meetings at Silverdale the previous summer. Over the last 25 years the membership has grown and the club continues to enjoy good times. To celebrate the birthday, the committee are planning a number of events and other mementos throughout the year.

To start with you may have noticed that the club logo on the front page has been amended slightly for this year, we also intend to issue a CD with club newsletters since 1985 on it, and a number of other items such as badges and T-shirts / sweatshirts with the anniversary logo. Full details on these items will be passed on to everybody when they become available.

Following on from suggestions made at the AGM, the club is also planning a celebratory sail in / dinner event in mid July where we will invite all members past & present to attend. Once again full details to follow.

Jason Quayle



Birchwood Model Boat Show

The Manx Model Boat Club has once again booked tables at the Birchwood show which is due to be held on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th August.

For those not familiar, the show venue is located in a business park near Warrington and includes a café and outdoor sailing area for the models. Hotel accommodation is not too far away, and we can probably arrange transport to the venue for those who are not travelling in a car. Although the show is geared towards model boat clubs, it is expected that there will be a good number of traders also attending.

At the same time as the Birchwood show, "A Model World" are also organising a traders show a few miles down the road from the venue. Assuming that arrangements are the same as last year, there will be a shuttle bus running between the two shows which can be used to travel between the two venues. Hopefully members will get the opportunity to visit both model boat shows during the weekend.

Passes for the Birchwood show will have members names on them, so we need to know in advance if you are attending so that we can apply for the passes. There will also be car

park passes required this year, so we will need vehicle registrations nearer the time.

Similar to last year there are various competition classes running at the show and once again, entry forms need to be submitted in advance. The theme for this year is the fishing industry (you will need to bring the fleet this year Cameron!). The judging course and painting / weathering courses will also be available at a nominal charge.

I have attached some information sheets to this newsletter for those members who are interested.

Jason Quayle



Last years club stand at Birchwood.

Subscriptions

A quick note to let you know that membership subscriptions are now over due for the 2010 season. Subscriptions remain the same as last year at £20 for normal members and £10 for Juniors (still in full time education) and OAP's.

A membership application form is included with this newsletter for those who have not paid. The completed form should be returned to the Club Treasurer, Mike Buss, at the address shown on the form as soon as possible.

Members are reminded that they are not covered by the Clubs insurance if they are not a paid up member and will also not be eligible to enter any club competitions or receive any further newsletters.

AGM Minutes

A draft copy of the AGM minutes has been included with this newsletter for members information. The minutes will remain in draft form until ratified at the next meeting.

Radio Frequencies

A list of members sailing frequencies is provided on the club web site, however it has been some time since this list has been updated. Although quite a few members have now moved to the 2.4GHz radio gear frequency, it is useful to maintain the list for those who are still using 40MHz and 27MHz frequencies. Hopefully at the first few events this year, the secretary will be going around asking for radio frequencies so that the list can be updated.

At club events we operate a 'Peg On' system which means that you need to bring your own peg with you to which is marked with your name & frequency. Before you switch on your transmitter you must check that your frequency is clear and put your peg on the board. If there is already a peg on the board on your frequency, please do not switch on.

Members who are using the same frequency must agree sailing times between themselves to avoid clashes at events.

Members attention is also drawn to the club rules which require that all transmitter aerials are protected with a practice golf ball to avoid causing injuries to other members or members of the public.

Scale Judging Evening

In response to requests from members, we hope to run a Scale Judging evening following the March committee meeting. This will be an informal event run along similar lines to the one which we held a few years ago, and is intended to be an opportunity for members to ask questions and familiarise themselves with the scoring system used for scale judging. Please see the attached sheet for more information. The next committee meeting is due to be held on Thursday 25th March at the Archibald Knox in Onchan starting at 8:00pm. Hopefully the formal business can be wrapped up fairly quickly so that the judging can start 8:30pm - 8:45pm. All are welcome.

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