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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

Chairman's Chat

Hello everyone.

We are moving on quite quickly through the season with several events now behind us, the last one being the event at Silverdale – Scale & 'On the Water', considering the number of members off Island on holiday we had a good turnout, much appreciated by the Judges.

Staying with Silverdale can I thank everyone who took part in the television filming, although only short in duration on the screen it did show the Club in good light and will help us throughout the local and Border area.

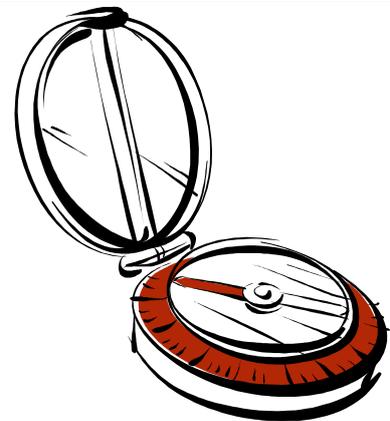
The next Event will be Mannanan with it's usual need for volunteers, I am not sure what Brian has arranged but all the help possible on the days would be very much appreciated, until then happy sailing.

Howard Quayle



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For further information visit the boat club web site at www.manxmodelboatclub.org

Scale Steering Competition Results

Held in windy and cold conditions there were 18 boats entered despite some regulars being absent and as a result the competition went on until 5.30pm.

The Over 1 metre were first around a testing course with sudden gusts of wind to catch competitors out, as it did!

Results

Over 1 Metre

1 st	Nigel Latham	Blazer	5 points
2 nd	Jason Fleming	Tito Neri	6
3 rd	Cameron Watterson	Golden Sun	11
4 th	Allan Gough	Osprey	14
5 th	Roy Watterson	Golden Sun	18
6 th	Brian King	Monarch	22
7 th	Juan Vernon	Eldergarth	23

Under 1 Metre

1 st	Nigel Latham	Nancy Lou	4 points
2 nd	Roy Watterson	Guardsman	7
3 rd	Cameron Watterson	Corben	10
4 th	Brian King	Kingsmann	12
5 th	Mike Leece	Cabbyl	29

Allan withdrew to save time after a first round of 8, as did Brian Swindon after a round of 13.

Mini Class

1 st	Jason Fleming	Tug	5 points
2 nd	Brian King	El Cid	9
3 rd	Cameron Watterson	Lifeboat	11
4 th	Brian Swindon	Samuel J.	23

Thanks are due to Allan for getting in the water to set up the course and retrieve it, and to all who took a turn judging in testing cold conditions. This was possibly the biggest entry for some time and if it continues, we will need an earlier start next year, especially as $\frac{3}{4}$ regulars were missing due to other commitments.

Mannanan 2008

Arrangements for Mannanan 2008 on Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd and Monday 23rd June are now well advanced. Entry forms were sent out to members last month and need to be completed as soon as possible and returned to Brian King so that we have time to finalise the arrangements and make up all the competitors entry packs before the event. If you have not completed your entry, there are additional forms attached to this newsletter.

In addition to your entry forms, there is also the reply slip for the event buffet and prize presentation which is to be held on the evening of 23rd June at the Douglas Bay Yacht club. Once again, this form needs to be completed and returned along with your payment to the Club Treasurer, Mike Buss, as soon as possible.

Most of the steward for the event have now been arranged, however we are always looking for volunteers on the day to help organise competitors, set up the tables and tents and generally make sure that the event runs smoothly. If you are able to help please turn up early on the day or let Brian know in advance. All events start at 10:00am.

Scale Competition Sunday 4th May.

The day started overcast with a few showers predicted for the morning, although much better than the weather which had been forecast 2 days earlier. Silverdale is probably the best venue for these type of conditions due to the shelter offered by the trees. A couple of shower did pass by, but not sufficient to interrupt proceeding.

Mick Cannon & Ray? were the two guest judges for the morning from the Isle of Man branch of the World Ship Society. All together there were 16 entries in the scale competitions which was split into Scratch, Semi-Kit and Kit classes, all judged on the side of the pool. This was followed by a similar number of vessels sailing on the lake for the 'On the Water' competition.

To add to their fleet of fishing vessels, the Wattersons had brought along a boat built entirely out of Lego, although it was apparently destroyed by the dog in the car on the way to Silverdale and had to be rebuilt by Cameron at the pool side. Jason had been busy modifying 'Waverley' over the winter to fit a smoke generator and automatic ballast levelling system. (Initial trials suggested that the system would make the passengers more sea sick rather than keep the boat level)! John Williams had brought along his working steam launch 'Lady Jane' and his new tug boat 'Tito Neri'. Howard also added to the range of subjects on display with his static dioramas.

Results

Kit Class

1 st	Hafen Diorama	Howard Quayle
2 nd	Rosegarth	David Handscombe
3 rd	Wacht Am Rhein	Jason Flemming

Semi-Kit Class

1 st	Scorpion	Cameron Watterson
2 nd	Lady Jane	John Williams
3 rd	Norina	Roy Watterson

Scratch Built Class

1 st	PS Waverley	Jason Quayle
2 nd	HMS Obdurate	Graham Bayliss
3 rd	Wavecrest	Cameron Watterson

On the Water Competition

1 st	PS Waverley	Jason Quayle
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For Sale

Waverley hull and a naval Vessel Hull.
Please contact Brian Swinden on 673163 for details.

Give Away

Futaba M series 4 channel radio gear
(transmitter, receiver, 4 servos & battery)
Contact Jason Quayle on 676113 for details.

Tug Towing

It was agreed last year to standardise the length of tow-rope used at 30ins[76cms], as the set distance between the stern of the tug and the bow of the vessel being towed. It would help if members could fit their own towing ropes to this length, including a quick clip on the end to attach on the towing eye of the towed vessel. This would save considerable time on change-overs between towing competitors especially at Mannanan. A standard measuring stick has been made up to quickly check the distance between the tug and casualty.

Forthcoming Events

21/06/08	Mannanan 2008 Steering Competition	Onchan Park	10:00am
22/06/08	Mannanan 2008 Scale Competition	Ramsey Mooragh	10:00am
23/06/08	Mannanan 2008 On the Water, Tug Towing, Fun	Silverdale	10:00am
05/07/08	Tynwald Fair Exhibition	St. Johns Marquee	09:00am
13/07/08	Speed Event / Boat in a Bag	Silverdale	6:30pm
TBC	Port Erin RNLi Display	Port Erin	TBC
09/08/08	Spithead Review (Naval Display)	Silverdale	6:30pm
23/08/08	Ellesmere Port Model Boat Show	EPIC Centre	10:00am
24/08/08	Ellesmere Port Model Boat Show	EPIC Centre	10:00am
13/09/08	Onchan Commissioners Trophy & Barbecue	Onchan Park	7:00pm
14/09/08	Onchan Commissioners Trophy & Barbecue Wet Weather Alternative	Onchan Park	7:00pm
21/09/08	Vintage Yacht Rally	Ramsey Mooragh	2:30pm
05/10/08	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:00pm
12/10/08	Tug Towing Comp Wet Weather Alternative	Onchan Park	2:00pm
19/10/08	'Round the Island' Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	2:00pm
TBA	Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation	TBA	TBA
27/11/08	Annual General Meeting	Archibald Knox	7:30pm

- The next major event which we have coming up in the calendar is Mannanan 2008 on 21st June at Onchan Park, 22nd June at Ramsey Mooragh and 23rd June at Silverdale. Full details and Mannanan entry forms are to be found elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Tynwald day is a static exhibition at St.Johns, but is a worthwhile event for the club because we actually get paid for attending. You need to arrive early to unload before the main road at St.Johns closes to traffic. We normally have a display area next to the old school along with the other modelling clubs on the island. Please contact Brian King for more information.
- The speed event has been included in the calendar again this year to cater for those members who have one of the small fast electric boats. There were quite a few of these kits purchase last year, so we should be able to get enough members together for a race. The exact format of the event will be decided on the night.
- The date for Port Erin RNLi day is still to be confirmed, but I will put it on the boat club web site when it is known. Last year there was a small pool set up, which was ideal for some of the smaller boats to have a sail.
- This year it is likely that the Spithead review event will be opened up to a larger range of vessels with a naval connection in order to encourage more entries. The event is on 9th August at Silverdale, I will put further information on the web site when it is known.
- Once again we have booked club tables at this years Ellesmere Port show at the EPIC leisure centre. The event is on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th August. Please let the committee know if you intend to go to the event so that we know who to expect and arrange entry tickets.
- Club sailing also takes place on Thursday & Sunday evenings during the summer season at Onchan Park after the motor boats have finished.