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Manx Model Boat Club Newsletter 2002

Chairman's Chat

Happy new year to one and all, 2002! Doesn't the time fly when you're having fun?

Many new boats on the way ready for some filling of pools to start?

May I on behalf of us all welcome our new members and wish them a long and happy association with the club. Having had our first committee meeting of the year it was very encouraging to have such a large turnout. Keep up the good work, it makes running the club so much easier when so many have an input.

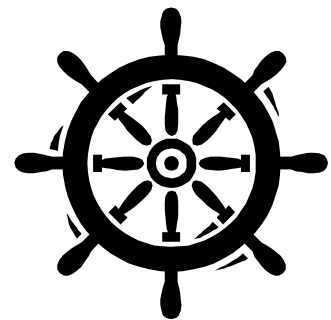
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Last Years "On the Water" Scale Competition Winner "Osprey" - built by Alan Gough

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Don't forget that you can now get your copy of the newsletter on the club's web site at <http://homepages.enterprise.net/jasonquayle/mmbc/intro.htm>.

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Included in this newsletter is the fixture list, any comments please let Brian, Howard or myself know or any committee member of any unseen problems.

Mannanann 2002 is progressing slowly but surely and we hope to make it as good if not better than past events. Not possible without your help and participation. Entry forms are included with the newsletter - Please return yours early to help the organisers.

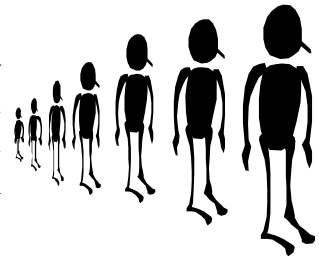
Finally I must send my thanks to Keith and Shareen for their hospitality when Allan, Brian, Barrie and I went to the Blackpool Tower Model Boat show, my first and when I clear the Access bill hopefully not my last.

All it remains for me is to wish everyone a happy and fun packed season.

Doug Wheeler

Your New Committee

Below you will find listed your new committee members for 2002. Please do not hesitate to contact any of them if you want any information about the club or forthcoming events. Even if you are not on the committee, you are more than welcome to attend the committee meetings. They are held on the last Thursday of each month at the Manx Arms public house in Onchan, starting at 8:00pm.



Chairman

Doug Wheeler

Secretary

Howard Quayle

Treasurer

Alan Harper

Committee Members

Graham Norman

Mike Heathcote

Vince Walmsley

Kevin Kinnin

Jason Quayle

Radio Frequencies

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find the up to date list of radio frequencies which club members are using. Please take a moment to study it and inform Brian King if there are any errors or changes which need making.

You are reminded that club rules do not permit the use of a radio transmitter without a protective ping-pong ball or similar item on the end of your transmitter aerial, which will prevent inadvertent injury being caused to somebody. If you do not use one, you may be politely asked to stop sailing until you can fit one.

The club operates a frequency board at all major events and you are also reminded that you should not turn on your radio gear until you have obtained a peg or confirmed that your frequency is available with all members who are sailing.

AGM Minutes

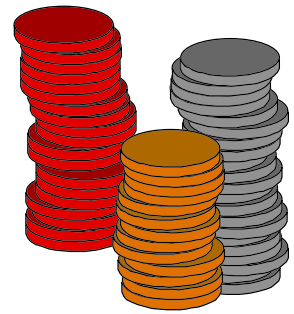
You will find a copy of the minutes from the AGM which was held last November. The minutes are provided for members information, but cannot be formally approved until this years AGM.



Subscriptions

You are reminded that membership subscriptions for 2002 are now due. Once again the club has been able to hold members subscriptions at last years levels - £10 for Adults and £5 for Juniors (still in full time education) and OAP's.

Your subscription should be sent to the club Treasurer - Alan Harper.



Forthcoming Events

You will find a list of fixtures for this season enclosed with this newsletter. It generally follows the pattern of previous years, however we have included a number of new events.

Firstly, we are going to try and re-introduce some vintage yacht racing at Ramsey Mooragh. These two events effectively replace the Tynwald day and August Bank Holiday events which we held at Port St. Mary during past years. They are open to all free sailing models of any age, so have a look in your attic and dust off those 'old timers'. The event will probably be informal this year, deciding on classes, a course and race duration depending on the number of entrants and wind conditions. The events start in the evening when the lake at Ramsey should be a little quieter.

Although Thursday evenings have traditionally been club nights, we are extending the invitation to sail to virtually any evening during the summer season when the weather is suitable. Remember that Onchan Park does not officially close until 9:00pm during the summer, so please observe this time to avoid upsetting the commissioners. If you are going for a sail, have a ring around to invite one or two more members to make a up a party.

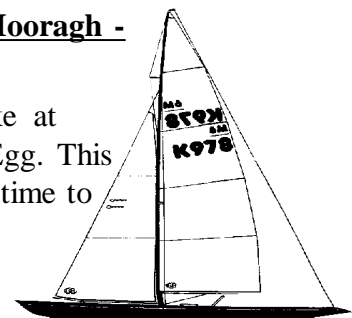
We have included one or two UK events in the fixture list. The Club does not officially attend the Windermere steam boat rally, but a couple of members made up a small party last year to attend. Please let us know if you are thinking of attending this year.

The club does officially attend the Ellesmere Port show in August. If you are thinking of attending, you need to sort out your travel and accommodation arrangements now. The Steam Packet sailings and prices are not very convenient this year due to the cancellation of last years Grand Prix, and the Holiday Inn hotel at the venue will not be available due to a fire. Most members are now booking rooms in the Burleigh Dam, just up the road, but rooms are filling up fast for the weekend. Please ask one of the committee if you want further help or information on this one!

The main highlights from the start of the season are listed below, but keep reading your newsletters for updates and changes as the season progresses.

Easter Egg Yacht Race - Sunday 31st March - Ramsey Mooragh - 6:30pm.

This race is for 1m radio controlled yachts around the lake at Ramsey Mooragh. The winners prize is a chocolate Easter Egg. This years event is on Easter Sunday evening, turn up in plenty of time to get your boat ready before the start.



Scale Steering Competition - Sunday 7th April - Onchan Park - 2:30pm

This event is for under 1 meter and over 1 meter scale boats. You have to navigate your boat around a course which is laid out on the lake using Port & Starboard marker buoys as well as a number of other obstacles such as icebergs and narrow channels. Points are lost for each touch or missed gate, with the winner in each class being the competitor with the lowest score at the end of two runs.

Scale & "On the Water" Competitions - Sunday 5th May - Silverdale - 10:00am

Unfortunately this event was poorly attended last year, so we could do with making up for it and putting on a better show this year. There should be plenty of new boats available for the competition, however even if you don't think that your boat is good enough, please turn up and put it on display to make up the numbers. There are classes for scratch built, kit built and semi-scratch built boats as well as a class for "on the water" sailing. Don't forget, the event starts early at 10am, to allow the paddle boats back on the water for mid day.

Manx Model Boat Club Frequency Chart

Frequency Number	Frequency	Scale Boats		Frequency Number	Frequency	Yachts	
66	40.665	Graham Norman	Jason Quayle	66	40.665		
67	40.675	Bernie Hynes	Alan Gough	67	40.675	Jackie Ball	
68	40.685	Graham Norman		68	40.685		
69	40.695	Alan Gough		69	40.695		
70	40.705			70	40.705		
71	40.715	Ray Sansbury, Alan Watson		71	40.715		
72	40.725	Ray Sansbury		72	40.725		
73	40.735			73	40.735		
74	40.745	Doug Wheeler		74	40.745	Roy Corkhill	
75	40.755			75	40.755		
76	40.765	Brian King		76	40.765	Brian King	
77	40.775	Howard Quayle, Alan Watson		77	40.775		
78	40.785	Bob Bagshaw		78	40.785		
79	40.795	Bill Callow		79	40.795		
80	40.805	Bill Callow		80	40.805		
81	40.815	Arthur Arnold, Arthur Cowley		81	40.815	Mike Wallace	
82	40.825			82	40.825	Rob Collister	
83	40.835	Bill Callow		83	40.835		
84	40.845	Jason Quayle		84	40.845		
85	40.855	Mike Leece		85	40.855		
86	40.865			86	40.865		
87	40.875	Jason Quayle, Arthur Cowley		87	40.875	Chris Fayle	
88	40.885	Mike Heathcote		88	40.885	Dave Foulis	
89	40.895			89	40.895	Harry Campbell	
90	40.905			90	40.905		
91	40.915			91	40.915	Bob Bagshaw	
92	40.925			92	40.925		
93	40.935	Bill Callow		93	40.935		
94	40.945			94	40.945		
95	40.955	Juan Vernon		95	40.955		
Frequency Colour	Frequency	Scale		Frequency Colour	Frequency	Yachts	
Brown / Grey	26.970	B. Bagshaw	A. Arnold M. Dove	Brown / Grey	26.970		
Brown	26.995	Jason Quayle		Brown	26.995	Adam Burley	
Brown/Red	27.020	Alan Harper		Brown/Red	27.020	Alan Harper	
Red	27.045	Bob Bagshaw	Mike Kelly	Red	27.045	Vince Walmsley	
Red/Orange	27.070	Bill Callow		Red/Orange	27.070		
Orange	27.095	Les Quayle		Orange	27.095	Alan Watson (spare)	
Orange/Yellow	27.120	Brian King		Orange/Yellow	27.120		
Yellow	27.145	Mike Dove	Mike Leece	Yellow	27.145	Ted Corrie	
Yellow/Green	27.170	Bob Bagshaw		Yellow/Green	27.170	Graham Norman	
						Rob Collister,	
Green	27.195	Howard Quayle		Green	27.195	Roy Corkhill,	
Green/Blue	27.220			Green/Blue	27.220	Alan Watson	
Blue	27.255	Graham Norman, Arthur Cowley		Blue	27.255	Jason Quayle	

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Event Calendar 2002

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Tuesday January 1st	Whisky Run Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	14:00
Sunday March 31st	Easter Egg Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	18:30
Sunday April 7th	Scale Steering Competition	Onchan Park	14:30
Sunday April 28th	Practice "Fun Competition"	Onchan Park	14:00
Sunday May 5th	Scale & 'On the Water' Competition	Silverdale	10:00
Saturday May 11th	Windermere Scale Competition	Windermere	
Sunday May 19th	Alternative day for Scale Competition	Silverdale	10:00
Friday June 14th	1 Meter Yacht Championships	Ramsey Mooragh	19:00
June 15th / 16th	Model Lifeboat Rally	Southport	
Saturday June 22nd	Mannanan 2002	Onchan Park	10:00
Sunday June 23rd	Mannanan 2002	Ramsey Mooragh	10:00
Monday June 24th	Mannanan 2002	Silverdale	10:00
Sunday June 30th	Vintage Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	18:00
July 6th / 7th	Traditional Boat Weekend	Peel	10:00
Saturday July 13th	Venetian Evening & BBQ	Onchan Park	21:00
Sunday July 21st	Fun Competition	Onchan Park	20:30
Sunday August 11th	Vintage Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	18:00
Sunday August 25th	Ellesmere Port Exhibition	Ellesmere Port	10:00
Monday August 26th	Ellesmere Port Exhibition	Ellesmere Port	10:00
Saturday September 14th	Venetian Evening & Commissioners Shield Competition	Onchan Park	19:00
Sunday September 29th	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	14:30
Sunday October 13th	'Round the Island' Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	14:30

Scale sailing will take place at Onchan Park lake on Thursday or any fine evening throughout the season after the motor boats have finished. Yacht sailing will take place during the evenings at Ramsey Mooragh.