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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

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The picture above is of the 2005 Scale Competition Winner (Kit class & 'On the Water') "Osprey" built by Alan Gough and on display at Silverdale.

Chairman's Chat

Hello all.

Here we go again, the new season is upon us, some of our intrepid members managed to get a few hours sailing in on the 2nd Jan at Silverdale, I unfortunately was not one of them (work calls), but I am lead to believe a healthy number of boats were on the water. I am also reliably informed that Cameron had his new tug on display, *well done*; he only got it last June at Mannanan.

The newsletter for this issue may seem a bit on the heavy side, this is to try and cut postage costs this is the reason for including your Mannanan 2006 information and entry forms. As we have had a number of new Members over the last couple of years a copy of the Clubs Constitution and operating rules are also included.

The most important thing is for me to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and successful 2006, and I look forward to seeing the new models that are being built through the winter months.

Good Sailing.

Howard Quayle

Visit the Manx Model Boat Club Web site to find out more information about the club and to see a selection of photographs of events as they happen. www.manxmodelboatclub.org

EVENTS CALENDAR 2006

Monday 2nd January	New Year Sail In	Silverdale	1:30pm
Sunday 9th January	R.N.L.I. Commemorative Service, Static display		3.00pm
Sunday 9th April	Scale Steering Competition	Onchan Park	2.30pm
Sunday 16th April	Easter Egg Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	7.00pm
Sunday 23rd April	<i>Alternative Date for Scale Steering Competition</i>		
Sunday 7th May	Scale Competition	Silverdale	10.00am
Sunday 14th May	<i>Alternative Date for Scale Competition</i>		
Sat/Sun 17/18th June	Model Lifeboat Rally Southport	Southport	
Saturday 24th June	Mannanan Steering Competition	Onchan Park	10.00am
Sunday 25th June	Mannanan Scale Competition	Ramsey Mooragh	10.00am
Monday 26th June	Mannanan Tug Towing / On the Water	Silverdale	10.00am
Wednesday 5th July	Tynwald Fair Display	St Johns	9.00am
Saturday 8th July	Static Display	Onchan Stadium	1.00pm
Sunday 6th August	Fun Competition	Silverdale	7.00pm
Sunday 13th August	Spithead Review	Silverdale	6.00pm
Sunday 20th August	Port Erin R.N.L.I Display	Port Erin	1.00pm
Sun/Mon 27/28 August	Ellesmere Port Exhibition	Ellesmere Port	
Saturday 9th September	Onchan Commissioners Cup and BBQ	Onchan Park	7.00pm
Sunday 10th September	<i>Alternative Date for Onchan Commissioners Cup and BBQ</i>		
Sunday 24th September	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2.00pm
Sunday 1st October	<i>Alternative Date for Tug Towing Competition</i>		
Sunday 8th October	Round the Island Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	2.30pm
Sunday 15th October	<i>Alternative Date for Round the Island Yacht Race</i>		

You will see that this years events calendar follows a similar format to last year with the appropriate dates changed.

A new event for this year is the Spithead Review which is to be held on the evening of 13th August at Silverdale. The club has invited the new Lieutenant Governor, Sir Paul Haddacks, to inspect the fleet on the lake. The event is predominantly aimed at naval vessels (Sir Paul is ex Royal Navy), but other vessels are welcome attend and we will be encouraging members to turn up to put on a good show. More details of this event will appear in a newsletter nearer the time.

Don't forget that club sailing nights are Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons (early season) or evenings (summer season) after the motor boats have finished at Onchan Park. There is some doubt as to whether the paddle boats will be out at Silverdale this year, so there may be opportunities to hold club Sailing at Silverdale during the evenings as well.

For Sale

Trawler 'Peggy', Caldercraft unopened kit.
£275 --includes extras Decaperm motor, brass prop.

Coaster 'Ben Ain' Mountfleet unopened kit
£275- includes extras, Decaperm motor, brass prop.

Contact Brian.

Help Wanted

Stephen Carter is joining the club this year and is looking for someone to build the Graupner paddle tug for him. Stephen will pay to have it done, although we are not sure whether he realises the time factor involved!

Anybody who is interested please contact Brian.

Forthcoming Events

Two events have already happened this year (New Year Sail at Silverdale & the RNLI Commemorative service Display). The next couple of events which are on the calendar are as follows:-

Sunday 9th April - Scale Steering Competition at Onchan Park.

This is the traditional opening event of the summer sailing season and is open to all scale models. The object is to sail your boat around a course marked with buoys on the lake. Points are lost for touching or missing a section and the winner is the skipper with the lowest score after two rounds. The alternative day for this event if we have poor weather is 23rd April.

Sunday 7th May - Scale Competition at Silverdale.

There are actually two competitions in one event at Silverdale. Firstly a static scale competition held at the side of the pool and split into 3 classes for Scratch built, Semi Scratch and Kit built models. Secondly the action turns to the water where we judge the best boat actually sailing 'On the Water'. The club normally invites a guest judge to score the models for this event - make sure that you set your alarm clock as this event is in the morning starting at 10:00am. The poor weather alternative date is 14th May.

Members Subscriptions

Don't forget that your membership subscription for 2006 is now due to be paid. The subscription remains the same as last year with adults at £15 and Juniors & OAP's at £7.50.

If you have not already paid, can you please complete the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return it to the club Treasurer as soon as possible. If you don't return your subscription, you will no longer be covered by the club insurance policy and you won't be able to enter any club events.



Manx Model Boat Club Membership Application Form

Name _____ Address _____

Telephone No _____

e-mail address _____

Radio frequency _____ Signed _____

Please return this form with your membership payment (£15 adults, £7.50 juniors 7 OAP's) to the club treasurer, Mike Buss, Fairmount, Somerset Road, Douglas, IM2 5AE. (Please make cheques payable to Manx Model Boat Club).

New Year Sail at Silverdale

This years new year sail in was held on the 2nd January at Silverdale in what can only be described as perfect conditions for January - very still, a little cold but definitely warmer than last year! There was a good turn out of members with some new vessels taking to the water as well as the regular favourites (see photograph opposite).

The level of the lake was slightly down on normal, but with the use of lifting straps everybody managed to launch and recover their boats without too much difficulty. There must have been a dozen or more boats on the water at one stage, which attracted numerous spectators at various times throughout the afternoon.

It was nice to see one or two Christmas presents on the water as well, particularly the small lifeboats which are sold by the RNLI. Its just a shame that they were suffering from radio interference during the afternoon. With the very small receivers & servos which are available today, it probably wouldn't take too much work to fit a proper radio control to these boats.

One interesting (non floating) model on display was Bill Callow's new radio control lorry, complete with lights & sound effects. Bill just need to build a model boat the right size to tow around on the trailer to complete the outfit. John Williams also showed one or two members his collection of steam engines which he is currently working on.

This turned out to be an enjoyable afternoon and an excellent start to the 2006 season. Lets hope that the mild weather continues into the spring sailing season.



Give Away

I have been tidying up the boat yard and I have found numerous copies of Marine Modelling & Model Boats magazines dating back over the last 10 to 15 years.

Any members who would like to take them off my hands please ring Jason.

Can You Help?

"WANTED" by BOB BAGSHAW

<<< Does anyone have a copy of the hardback "Scale Model Warships" edited by John Bowen that I could borrow - I seem to have mislaid mine - Thanks in antic: BOB >>>

Please contact Bob.