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# MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

## Chairmans Chat

Hello everyone.

Welcome to a new year of models and events. I would like to wish a special welcome to all our new Members. This is our first newsletter of 2009, and all contributions no matter how small are always very helpful in compiling the information and hints used in our hobby, please feel free to send in anything you think will be useful.

Our hobby is changing all the time, recently a new series of radio gear was introduced transmitting on 2.4ghz, this makes life a lot easier as frequency clashes are less of a problem, but a lot of 27mhz or 40mhz sets are still in everyday use, it is for this reason I ask if you will please put your frequency/frequencies for all types you have on the membership form, this will help to list channels occupied within the Club.

A lot of ready to run models are appearing, these seem to operate on a very broadband 27mhz or 40mhz and can interfere with other models, so if you have one of these can you check with other people sailing or during competitions check with the event frequency board *before* switching on.

Enclosed within the newsletter is a pocket calendar for our Events, this is handy for reference but should you need more information the full list is posted on the website.

During the winter a number of us have enjoyed sailing at Silverdale pool. D.A.F.F. do not empty the lake during the winter so it gives an ideal opportunity to sail and put the world to right, Tony the café proprietor has been very good in remaining open until 5 O'clock, giving us chance to have a cuppa and a natter, we will continue in this vein for the time being, so if you would like your name added to the Sunday Sailing list please let me know on [howardquayle@manx.net](mailto:howardquayle@manx.net) I try to keep an eye on the weather and send an email out the Fri/Sat before.

I hope we have a better summer than the last two, and have good turnouts at all the planned Events throughout the season.

Good sailing and lots of new models in the pipeline.

Cheers.

*Howard Quayle*

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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](http://www.manxmodelboatclub.org). You can also e-mail any enquiries and items for inclusion in the newsletter to [mmbc@manx.net](mailto:mmbc@manx.net).

## Events List for 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
29/03/09	Scale Steering Competition	Onchan Park	2:30pm
5/04/09	Scale Steering Competition (Wet Weather Alternative)	Onchan Park	2:30pm
12/04/09	Easter Sunday General Sail	Silverdale	10:00am
10/05/09	Scale & 'On the Water' Competitions	Silverdale	10:00am
17/05/09	Scale & 'On the Water' Competitions (Wet Weather Alternative)	Silverdale	10:00am
27/06/09	Mannanan 2009 Steering Competition	Onchan Park	10:00am
28/06/09	Mannanan 2009 Scale Competition	Ramsey Mooragh	10:00am
29/06/09	Mannanan 2009 On the Water, Tug Towing and Fun Competitions	Silverdale	10:00am
06/07/09	Tynwald Fair Exhibition	St. Johns	09:00am
08/08/09	Traditional Boat Weekend Display	Peel	T.B.A.
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15/08/09	Spithead Review (Naval Display)	Silverdale	6:30pm
29/08/09	Birchwood Model Boat Show	Warrington	T.B.A.
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19/09/09	Onchan Commissioners Trophy & Barbecue	Onchan Park	6:30pm
20/09/09	Onchan Commissioners Trophy & Barbecue (Wet Weather Alternative)	Onchan Park	6:30pm
04/10/09	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:30pm
11/10/09	Tug Towing Competition (Wet Weather Alternative)	Onchan Park	2:30pm
T.B.A.	Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation	Douglas Yacht Club	T.B.A.
T.B.A.	Annual General Meeting	Archibald Knox	T.B.A.

This years events list follows a similar pattern to previous years, however there are some additional items to note which are different for this year:-

- A General Sailing session has been arranged for Easter at Silverdale starting at 10am.
- It is proposed to attend the Traditional Boat Weekend in Peel and put on a static display. Fully details will follow in a future newsletter.
- The Ellesmere Port show has been replaced by the Birchwood Model Boat show. See later in this newsletter for more details.
- Details of Lifeboat days will be inserted in the calendar when they are known.
- An additional prize will be presented as part of the Scale Competition for the best model with a Manx connection.

## Items For Sale

Kim Holland has the following two items for sale:-

REXON BS-10R BAND SAW with combined 6" disc sander. Includes 9 (6 new) spare blades.

All for just £50.

AND

Electric Minicraft scroll/fretsaw.

Includes, blades, transformer and three pairs blade ends and blade set-up jig.

All for just £30.

Contact Kim Holland, between 18:00 and 20:30  
email:- [theresa\\_kim@manx.net](mailto:theresa_kim@manx.net)

John Williams has the following item for sale:-

Graupner Parat tug boat. Includes the unbuilt tug boat kit, the fittings kit and two Voith Schneider drive units.

All for £300.

Contact John  
email:- [vector@manx.net](mailto:vector@manx.net)



## Birchwood Model Boat Show

The Ellesmere Port Model Boat show no longer exists and has been replaced by a different show, organised by Jean & Arthur Barlow at Birchwood which is located near the M6 / M62 at Warrington. The show is on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th August, with setting up on the Friday afternoon.

The Manx Model Boat Club has booked 6 tables at the Birchwood show which we would like to fill to display our models. The show venue is located in a business park 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. It is understood that 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 are also various competition classes running at the show and once again, entry forms need to be submitted in advance. It is also believed that there will be a judging course (albeit without a qualification at the end) and a painting / weathering course available for a nominal charge.

Further details (more than I can fit into this newsletter) are available on request for those members who are interested in the competitions or tuition sessions. Can you also please let me know if you are attending and require a pass for the event. Telephone Jason Quayle on 660323 or e-mail [mmbc@manx.net](mailto:mmbc@manx.net)

## **Subscriptions**

A quick note to let you know that membership subscriptions are now over due for the 2009 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.

## **Radio Frequencies**

Howard has already mentioned about radio frequencies which members use when sailing.

The club operate a 'Peg On' system at events 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.

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.

## **Newsletter Distribution**

As this is the first newsletter of the new season, we are sending it out to all members by post to ensure that everybody receives it, along with all the attachments.

The normal method of newsletter distribution will be by e-mail, which helps us to speed up distribution and reduces photocopying & postage costs.

Approximately 75% of members now receive their newsletter by this method, but I need to keep the distribution list up to date with anybody who has got a new e-mail account or who has changed their e-mail address.

Can you please let me know of any changes by dropping me a message at [mmbc@manx.net](mailto:mmbc@manx.net). We also use e-mail throughout the season to notify members of additional events, alterations to programme or informal sailing sessions.

Don't worry if you don't have an e-mail address, as we will still distribute newsletters by post if required.

You can also use [mmbc@manx.net](mailto:mmbc@manx.net) to advise me of any articles or information that you would like including in the newsletter.

*Jason Quayle*

## **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.

## **2009 Club Officials & Committee Members**

### **Chairman**

Howard Quayle

### **Secretary**

Jason Quayle

### **Treasurer**

Mike Buss

### **Committee Members**

Brian Swinden

Alan Gough

Bernie Hinds

Doug Wheeler

Brian King