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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

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Chairman's Chat

Hello all fellow modellers.

The summer months seem to be flying by, so far we have been fortunate with the weather for all but one of our Club events. The Mannanan 2005 Festival was well attended and I should like to thank everyone who helped on each of the days also all Club members who made a special effort displaying models or competing on each day, we had approx. 65 models on display on the Sunday at Ramsey. Well done one and all.

P.S. *the one wet day*, it had to be Tynwald day we could have sailed our boats in the car park!

Howard Quayle

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Ellesmere Port 2005

Thanks to the Steam Packet, the club has booked Jason Flemmings van on the boat at the 'standard fare' to transport all our models to Ellesmere Port this year.

If you are thinking of attending Ellesmere Port (28th & 29th August) and you would like your model transporting to the venue, please contact Brian King. Models should be boxed to avoid damage during the journey, boxes also help form part of the stand when we arrive at the venue.

Following last years lead, competitors tickets will be issued with names on them so you need to advise Brian if you are going - even if you may not be attending on every day of the event - so that we can get your personalised ticket.

Visit the Manx Model Boat Club web site at www.manxmodelboatclub.org to see photographs of recent events, including Mannanan 2005 as well as other Model Boat Club information.

If you have any ideas or information which you would like publishing on the web site, please e-mail me jason_quayle@manx.net.

Scale Competition

Postponed from a fortnight ago, the weather was good, although lacking in direct sunshine, it was flat calm with the only ripples being those made by the ducks.

There was an excellent turn-out of boats, the best for a long time and all of a good standard. Phil Walker and Bob Hardcastle were the judges and a very difficult job they had. There was a great variety of boats with warships, fishing boats, a nuclear sub and a dredger to name just a few. They varied from scratch built to full commercial kits. The classes reflect the quantity of work, thus catering for a variety of skills and therefore the varying standards of the club members.

There were some new boats on show, notably Jason's Mannin dredger, also a very large working 'Typhoon' class sub. New members brought along some different models, David Quirk's large 'Perkasa' and the smaller 'Flower' Class corvette. Alan Gough's scratch

built BYMS made an impressive appearance along with his armed trawler 'Osprey'.

Roy Watterson and grandson Cameron brought along a fine variety of fishing boats, complete with working nets and trawls. The detail on the fishing boats reflected Roy's lifetime experience on his own fishing boats. The highlight of the morning though had to be Tarroo Ushtey towing a full size rowing boat with our esteemed Chairman ensconced as if in a royal cavalcade!

Altogether, a very successful morning which augurs well for the club's success.

Competition Results

Best Kit Class	Osprey	Alan Gough
Best semi-kit	CT 12	Cameron Watterson
Best Scratch	Mannin	Jason Quayle
'On the Water'	Osprey	Alan Gough

Brian King

Radio Frequencies & Peg Board System

In this issue you will find the Manx Model Boat Club radio frequency list, which lists members preferred frequency for scale boats and model yachts.

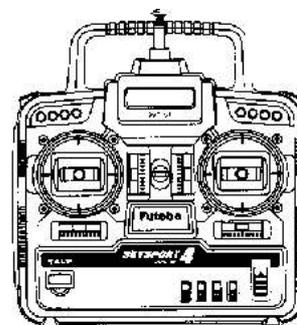
Since we have had a number of new members join the club this year, there are probably a number of names missing from this list, which we need to bring up to date.

We would be grateful if members (new and existing) can have a look through the list and provide any corrections or new names to the Competition Secretary, Brian King, e-mail kingbrianarthur@tiscali.co.uk. Members should only list their main radio frequency which they use.

We suggest that new members contact Brian before purchasing new radio equipment or crystals so that they can determine a free frequency and avoid clashes at events.

Whilst on the subject of radio equipment, we must remind members that they are breaking

club rules if they use radio transmitters which do not have a protective ball on the end of the aerial. In the interests of health and safety you will be given a polite reminder by club officials if you are found breaking the rule.



For those of you who are not familiar with the club peg board system, we operate a 'Peg On' system. Each member needs to bring their own peg with their name and radio frequency marked on it. When arriving at an event you need to check the frequency board to see if your frequency is clear. If it is clear, you can put your peg on the board and start sailing. If somebody else has got a peg on your frequency, you will be able to read their name and make an arrangement with them to share sailing time.

Manx Model Boat Club Frequency Chart 2005

Freq	SCALE BOATS	40 MHz Frequency	YACHTS	Freq
60		40.605		60
61		40.615		61
62		40.625		62
63		40.635		63
64		40.645		64
65		40.655		65
66	Graham Norman	40.665		66
67	Alan Gough / T. Harrison / J.Black	40.675		67
68	Graham Norman / N. Latham	40.685	Jackie Ball	68
69	Alan Gough / Nigel Latham / B.Brechin	40.695		69
70		40.705		70
71	Ray Sansbury / Alan Watson	40.715	John McDermott	71
72	Ray Sansbury / N. Latham	40.725		72
73		40.735		73
74	Doug Wheeler	40.745	Roy Corkill / Doug Wheeler	74
75		40.755		75
76	Brian King	40.765	Brian King	76
77	Howard Quayle / Alan Watson	40.775	Alan Watson	77
78	Bob Bagshaw	40.785		78
79	Nigel Latham	40.795		79
80	Bill Callow	40.805		80
81	Arthur Arnold / Arthur Cowley	40.815	Mike Wallace	81
82	Mike Wallace	40.825	Mike Buss	82
83	Bill Callow / Mike Leece	40.835		83
84		40.845		84
85	Mike Leece	40.855		85
86		40.865		86
87	Jason Quayle	40.875	Chris Fayle	87
88	Mike Heathcote	40.885	Dave Foulis	88
89		40.895	Harry Campbell	89
90	Juan Vernon / Kim Holland / R.Rose	40.905	Kim Holland	90
91		40.915	Bob Bagshaw	91
92		40.925		92
93	Bill Callow	40.935		93
94		40.945		94
95	Juan Vernon	40.955	Juan Vernon	95
96	Peter Marvan	40.965		96
97	Bernie Hynes	40.975		97
98	Cameron Watterson	40.985	Jonathan Clarke	98
99		40.995		99

27 MHz Frequencies

<u>Colour</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>SCALE</u>	<u>YACHTS</u>
Brown/Grey	26.970	Bob Bagshaw / M.Dove	
Brown	26.995	Jason Quayle / Peter Marvan	Peter Marvan / Angela Pimbley
Brown/Red	27.020		
Red	27.045	Bob Bagshaw / Vince Walmesley	Vince Walmesley
Red/Orange	27.070	Bill Callow / Mike Buss	
Orange	27.095	Les Quayle / Alan Watson / Cameron Watterson	
Orange/Yellow	27.120	Barry Kerfoot / Bernie Hinds	
Yellow	27.145	Mike Dove / Mike Leece / Barry Kerfoot	Kevin Kinnon / John Taylor
Yellow/Green	27.170	Bob Bagshaw / Graham Norman	
Green	27.195	Howard Quayle / Barry Kerfoot / Alan	Watson Roy Corkill / Alan Watson
Green/Blue	27.220	Mike Buss	
Blue	27.255	Graham Norman / Barry Kerfoot / Arthur Cowley	Graham Norman

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 21st August - Port Erin's R.N.L.I. Day - usually starts about 10.00am and goes through until the afternoon. A good day out with the chance to wander and see what else is going on. It has improved in the last couple of years and is worth a visit. The Port Erin R.N.L.I. are still trying to get a small pool to rival the electric cars with their race track.

Sunday/Monday 28th & /29th of August. - Ellesmere Port Model Boat Convention.

A must for all for all boat modellers at least once. Most of the committee have been going for years! The club has a van going carrying members' models for display on the club stand. We have won the 'Best Stand' on one occasion and have been nearly there on others. Jason Fleming is taking his large van so contact him or Brian King for details if you wish to take models, or indeed to bring back some you didn't take! This is a wonderful opportunity to stock up on 'bits and pieces' that you don't normally come across—you will need your plastic!

Saturday 10th September - Venetian Evening and BBQ.

This will be a judged event for 'Best lit up model' as well as the Onchan Commissioners Trophy for the Best Scale Model. (starting at 7.00pm at Onchan Park).

Sunday 11th September is the alternative date for the Venetian Evening in the event of inclement weather on the Saturday evening.

Sunday 25th September - Tug Towing Competition. Starting at 2.30pm at Onchan Park.

Sunday 2nd October is the alternative date for the Tug Towing in the event of inclement weather.

Sunday 9th October - Round the Island Yacht race Mooragh Park 2.30 pm.

A date for the Vintage Yacht 'Sail-in' is still to be finalised.

Onchan's Trafalgar Fair

This was a static display held in the afternoon in the Onchan stadium as part of the Trafalgar celebrations. We had a good turnout of boats from half a dozen members and much interest was shown in our models. The main problem which was experienced on the day was the heat and sunburn!

Venetian Evening and BBQ

Held on the evening of the Trafalgar Fair, again in lovely conditions apart from the midges at the end of the evening! There was an excellent turn-out of models, Jason counted over twenty boats on the water all lit up in the evening light. We were well-supported with spectators while Mike Buss's hot-dog stand was a sell out. It will be interesting to see if we get any new members as a result of the club's exposure!

For Sale

'Bugsier 3' German tug - Graupner kit in very good condition with full radio equipment, ready to sail. £300 or v.n.o.

Also, scratch built liner (Empress of Britain) converted from static to RC operation. Will sell for the cost of the radio gear at £75.

Contact Arthur Cowley to arrange viewing.

Mannanan 2005

This is the eighth year that the club has staged the Mannanan event and once again the weather was kind to us - too kind in some cases with some members complaining of sun burn! This years event appeared to be as popular as ever, attracting visiting modellers as well as locals with several new boats on display.

A very challenging course was set the lake for the steering competition on the Saturday including a number of cleverly thought out reversing sections. After two rounds and a number of 'run offs' the winners in each class were - under 1 meter winner Jason Quayle with his boat "Yessir", the over 1 meter class winner Nigel Latham with his tug boat "Blazer" and the mini class was won by Jason Quayle with the diving tender "Dornoch".

Sunday's event was a Scale Competition held Ramsey Mooragh lake in very warm and sunny conditions. Alan Brooks from the UK was invited by the club to join Barry Kerfoot and Jason Quayle to judge the models. Marks were awarded in separate classes for Static Boats, Naval Boats, Work Boats,

Rescue & Lifeboats and a Super Class for previous winners, with each class being broken down into kit built boats, scratch built boats and semi kit boats. Winners of the respective classes can be seen on the list below. During the afternoon, several boats took to the water for free sailing to entertain the crowd who had turned out to watch and Dave Moss made several journeys around the stand with his lifeboat being towed by a fully working tractor and trailer unit, complete with a working sound system.

The three events on Monday at Silverdale were the "On the Water" Competition judged by Captain Andrew Douglas, Tug Towing Competition and the Fun Competition. Once again winners of the various classes are on the list below.

The weekends activities were rounded off on Monday evening with the Mannanan Dinner and Prize Presentation at the Welbeck Hotel, where all the awards were presented, including the best in show to visiting modeller Dave Moss with his Court MacSherry lifeboat.

Mannanan 2005 Winners

Saturday - Steering Competition

Mini Class	Jason Quayle	Dornoch
Under 1m Class	Jason Quayle	Yessir
Over 1m Class	Nigel Latham	Blazer

Sunday - Scale Competition

Static Class	Kim Holland	Mayflower
Rigged & Sail Kit Class	Doug Wheeler	Nancy
Rigged & Sail Semi Kit Class	Kim Holland	Theresa May
Rigged & Sail Scratch Class	Alan Gough	Defiant
Rescue & Lifeboat Semi Kit Class	Dave Moss	Court MacSherry Lifeboat
Naval Semi Kit Class	Alan Gough	PCF Boat
Naval Scratch Built Class	Bernie Hinds	HMS Sheffield
Workboats Kit Class Class	Dave Kettlewell	Cruiser
Workboats Semi Kit Class	Bill Callow	MSC Viking
Workboats Scratch Class	Jason Quayle	Mannin
Super Class	Allan Gough	Osprey
Best Junior Model	Hollie Latham	Arragh Vooar
Best in Show	Dave Moss	Court MacSherry Lifeboat

Monday - On the Water, Tug Towing & Fun Competitions

'On the Water' Over 1m	Alan Gough	Niatal
'On the Water' Under 1m	Cameron Watterson	Scorpion
Tug Towing Competition	Alan Gough	Niatal
Fun Competition First Float	Jason Flemming	Kristan James
Fun Competition Most Floats	Brian King	Kingsmann



Harrogate Model Engineering Show

Early in May this year Barry Kerfoot, Keith Jewell and myself Howard attended the Model Engineering show in Harrogate, the Venue is at the Yorkshire Showground. May I say from the beginning this show is not all about model boats, but covers a vast array of themes.

On arrival at the Showground as both Keith and I had models with us; (albeit only small ones); we signed in at the reception and received receipts for our models, security is utmost, as all the exhibits stay in situ for the three days of the show.

Once your models are on the tables you are free to wander the rest of the exhibition, this is a haven for model engineers, here we have large scale model locomotives, traction engines both full size and scale, all working indoors and outside, and in one of the two halls you can find a selection of Model Boat Club stands also a indoor pool that is in use by the Boat Clubs over the three days.

Wandering around the Trade stands in the other hall is a veritable array of tools and fittings, I was able to pick up some 16ba nuts and bolts at

a very reasonable price, ultra fine drill bits, Futaba leads, plus many more tweezers, pliers and clamps, things like this are as scare as hens teeth here on the island, or cost the earth.

I can say that this is the first visit to the show for me but it will not be the last, Barry and I travelled by boat and train with the Steam Packet, leaving here at 7 O'clock on Superseacat arriving in Liverpool with time to get to Lime Street Station for our journey via Leeds to Hornbeam Station (just before Harrogate) arriving at our hotel, - Premier Travel Inn at 1 O'clock lunchtime, the Hotel is almost alongside the railway station, The journey was a piece of cake and with a fare of only £49 return it was a bargain.

Anyone thinking of going to this show will not be disappointed, especially if you have a leaning towards anything connected with model engineering. The Show is normally the first week in May but information is a little hard to come by, if anyone wishes to go I will be finding next years date soon and will put it in the next newsletter.

Howard

Judging Scale Models - by Jason Quayle

Having spent a few hours Alan Brooks judging this years Mannanan Scale competition at Ramsey, I thought that I would write a few words on how the boats are marked, so that you can perhaps improve your model for next year. The marking system is split into different areas as follows:-

Overall impression (15 marks) - how well does the model look when initially viewed.

Documentation & Research (5 marks) - providing background information about how you built the model, its scale, drawings and some details of the original.

Hull Construction (15 marks scratch built, 0 marks purchase hulls) - marking the level of difficulty in building the hull and the overall shape, quality & workmanship achieved.

Superstructure (15 marks scratch built, 5 marks for heavily modified, 0 marks ready built) - once again marking the level of difficulty in building the superstructure and the overall shape, quality & workmanship achieved.

Authenticity of Deck (5 marks) - how realistic is the deck, planking, camber & finish.

Detailing (20 marks) - are fittings ready made or built, volume of detail & degree of difficulty.

Finish (15 marks) - how good is the finish, correct colour & shade, matt or gloss, lining detail.

Fidelity to Scale (10 marks) - is the boat built to a particular scale and is everything in proportion.