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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

Chairmans Chat

Hello everyone.

We seem to have gone through what we are supposed to call a summer, and we are moving into the latter part of the sailing calendar, hopefully the chance of an Indian summer is still with us giving opportunity to have a sail without getting wet.

We have the Onchan Commissioners Shield competition along with the Venetian evening at the Onchan pool Saturday 13th September; a good turnout would be very much in our favour, as a member of the Commissioners will be acting as a Judge.

The next items of particular interest will be the Annual Dinner and prize giving followed by the A.G.M, more of this in the newsletter.

Perhaps if the pool at Onchan is drained for the winter we can sail at weekends on the lake at Silverdale, this should help us to have a chance to make up the lost time during summer months to put the world to right, just maybe the café will be open for tea and coffee if not we can always dig out the trusty thermos flask.

Brave sailing, may the fair winds be in your favour.

Howard Quayle

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SPITHEAD REVIEW

This event seems fated although it did go ahead for a short time! The forecast all day had been dire but it cleared up around 4.0pm and having been told it could not be postponed until the next day, it was decided to go for it. Having got everything set up and a few sails early on, all seemed well and boats were arriving in sufficient numbers to make a good event. Bernie had his aircraft carrier lit-up in the semi-darkness while Alan sailed his Minesweeper under tow. Brian was sailing his RML at a scale speed after which both he and Jason got their gunboats going at speed.

Jason then rolled out Nurton in a big box and just had the lid open when the heavens opened and it was chaos as everybody tried to get their models and themselves under cover as quickly as possible.

Everybody retreated as soon as feasible into the café where a hot cup of coffee and the burger and chips was much appreciated in view of the wet clothing!

Just enough sailing had been done for Ken Johnson and Una to give their judges decision for the Don Mackay Trophy to be awarded to Bernies aircraft carrier.

It is worth mentioning that one member managed to avoid the rain by turning up Sunday evening and ringing to find out where everybody was!

Brian King

Sailing at Milntown

During the summer (if you can actually remember the sunny day which constituted summer this year), members were invited to an informal sailing session at Milntown lake which is located just outside Ramsey. For the few members that attended, the weather was ideal and the lake proved to be very good for model boating. One of those who attended was Kim Holland, who has very kindly provided a separate report which I have attached to this newsletter.

ONCHAN COMMISSIONERS & VENETIAN EVENING

For a change the weather was ideal, the best evening of the summer! There were well over 20 boats on the water at any one time and provided great interest to the many spectators. There were no sea-going incidents of any sort despite the 'traffic'. The flashing 'Blue Rock' lightship added to the atmosphere and due to the non-existent wind 'stayed where it was put! Jason Fleming had 'Nurton' going complete with destroyer 'whoop' and sonar 'pinging'. Alan's BYMS was being towed by the wartime T.I.D. while two 'Manxmen' and Britannia sailed by with full lighting, definitely not under wartime restrictions! You name it, it was on the water!

The best turn-out for along time. It was disappointing therefore that only one member of Onchan Commissioners turned up to witness the evening despite written assurances that there would be 5 members present. So full marks to Derek Crellin being the only member present and carrying out the judging on a solo basis and being genuinely enthusiastic about the whole event. Cameron was awarded the Onchan Commissioners Shield for 'Best on the Water' while Bernie's Britannia won the 'Racehorse Trophy' for Best Illuminated model. The evening would have not been complete without the BBQ run as usual by the Buss family and provided some excellent savoury refreshment.

Brian King

MANNANAN 2008

Unfortunately the weather forecast for Saturday at Onchan Park was very poor, with rain predicted for most of the day. No sooner had the marquee been set up than the heavens opened, however the heavy rain failed to dampen the spirits of the competitor who pressed on in what were very tricky conditions for the steering completion.

A challenging course was set up on the lake using various buoys and channel markers, including a challenging astern section and separate obstacles for those in the mini class. Each competitor in the under 1 meter, over 1 meter and mini classes was allowed two separate runs over the course to clear the buoys avoiding losing marks by touching or missing gates.

After the two very wet runs on the lake the results of the steering competition were as follows:-

Over 1 meter class

- 1st Nigel Latham with Blazer
- 2nd Cameron Watterson with Golden Sun

Under 1 meter class

- 1st Nigel Latham with Nancy Raymond
- 2nd Roy Watterson with Guardsman
- 3rd Brian King with Kingsmann

Mini class

- 1st Jason Quayle with Dornoch
- 2nd Cameron Watterson with Holly & Max lifeboat.
- 3rd Visiting modeller Paul Brassington with Decoy Duck

Once again the weather forecast for Sunday's Scale Competition at Ramsey Mooragh was for rain and wind, so the decision was made to move the event to the Villa Marina arcade which offered more shelter for the models. The club was able to welcome back previous judge Alan Brooks, who was accompanied by Keith Jewell to undertake the task of judging the models. Marks were awarded in 5 separate classes for Static Boats, Rigged & Sail, Naval

Boats, Work Boats and a Super Class for previous winners. The change of venues proved to be a hit with members of the public able to view the models at close quarters on Douglas promenade.

Winners of the Scale Competition classes were as follows:-

Static Class.

- 1st Howard Quayle with Queen Mary 2
- 2nd Cameron Watterson with Wavecrest
- 3rd Nigel Latham with North Cormorant

Rigged & Sail Class.

Semi Kit

- 1st Mike Buss with Mevagissey Lugger

Kit Class

- 1st Alan Gough with HMS Defiant

Naval Class.

Kit Class

- 1st Jason Flemming with HMS Kelly
- 2nd Alan Gough with H.M.S. Osprey
- 3rd Brian King with Crash Tender

Semi Kit

- 1st John Williams with Roysterer
- 2nd Brian King with Canadian PB
- 3rd Alan Gough with PCF boat

Workboats Class.

Kit Class

- 1st Brian Swinden with Janeve
- 2nd Cameron Watterson with Torben
- 3rd John Williams with Tito Neri

Semi Kit

- 1st Brian Swinden with Samuel J
- 2nd Cameron Watterson with Norina
- 3rd Peter Iddon with Mona's Queen

Scratch Built

- 1st Fred Butler with Sternwheeler
- 2nd Alan Gough with Trawler

Superclass.

- 1st Howard Quayle with Hafen Diorama
- 2nd Howard Quayle with MV Mellum
- 3rd Alan Gough with British Yard Mine Sweeper

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The final day of competition was at Silverdale and was held in superb weather conditions compared to the previous two days.

During the “On the Water” competition, competitors were asked to leave the dock in a scale manner and proceed through the buoys marking a channel to ‘open water’. Once in ‘open water’ the competitors were asked to sail their models in a similar manner to the real boat and demonstrate any working features for the judge before returning to harbour and docking. Marks were lost for touching buoys, speeding or sailing in a non-scale like manner.

The Tug Towing competition was run for individual tug boats towing a disabled casualty around a marked course with points being lost for tugs or casualties either touching or missing buoys.

The final Fun competition is a ‘free for all’ to end the festival and involves sailing around the lake picking up polystyrene floats and returning them to the side of the lake. Points are awarded for the first float back and the most floats returned by an individual competitor.

The winners of the days competitions were as follows:-

On the Water Competition.

Over one metre class

1st Cameron Watterson with Golden Sun
Joint 2nd Jason Quayle with PS Waverley
Joint 2nd Nigel Latham with Blazer

Under one metre class

1st Paul Brassington with Abigail
2nd Jason Flemming with Tito Neri
3rd Cameron Watterson with Scorpion

Tug Towing Competition

1st Nigel Latham with Blazer
2nd Cameron Watterson with Golden Sun
3rd Alan Gough with Niatal

Fun Competition

1st Float back

Jason Flemming

The three day event was completed Monday evening with the Mannanan Dinner and Prize Presentation held at the Douglas Bay Yacht Club. Awards were presented to all competition winners including the ‘Best in Show’ award which was presented to John Williams for his naval tug “Roysterer”.

Jason Quayle

Return of Trophies

A quick reminder to all those who won trophies last year — can you please return them to the Competition Secretary, Brian King, so that they can be engraved with the names of this years winners.

Remaining Events for 2008

There are just on or two events which are remaining in this years calendar.

Tug Towing Competition at Onchan Park on Sunday 5th October starting at 2pm. The wet weather alternative date is the following weekend on Sunday 12th October.

Round the Island Yacht Race at Ramsey Mooragh on Sunday 19th October starting at 2pm.

Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation to be held at the Douglas Bay Yacht Club on the Tongue in Douglas on Saturday 15th November starting at 7:30pm for 8:00pm. (Date still to be confirmed — full details will be published nearer the time).

Annual General Meeting on Thursday 27th October at the Archibald Knox in Onchan starting at 7:30pm — full details will be circulated nearer the time.

And finally an apology for not getting this issue of the newsletter published earlier. Howard had actually sent me his Chairman’s Chat before the newsletter was ready, so as a result the some of the events which he has mentioned have already happened. Hopefully nobody missed out. Regards, Jason.