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# Manx Model Boat Club Newsletter 2002

## Forthcoming Events

### 22nd - 24th June 2002 - Mannanan 2002.

See a separate reminder about this event in this newsletter. Try to get you entry in as soon as possible to help the organisers, we may also be asking for some volunteers to help out with running on each of the days.

### Sunday 30th June - Vintage Yacht Races - Ramsey Mooragh - 6:00pm.

We are trying to reintroduce this event to the calendar for the first time since the Port St. Mary pool was closed. This first event may turn out to be a bit of a lottery, depending on the wind conditions and suitability of the Mooragh lake for sailing free running yachts. We normally hold a number of different classes for each type of yacht, although we will have to see how many turn up to race. Some helpers may be useful on this evening to help skipper the yachts and turn them on the far side of the pool.

### Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th July - Traditional Boat Weekend - Peel - 10:00am.

Traditional Boat Weekend actually runs for 4 days starting on Tynwald day and running through until the Sunday, the boat club being involved with a display over the weekend. The venue, which is located at the Sailors Shelter on the junction of East Quay and the Promenade in Peel, is open from 10am on Saturday for delivering models. The stand is normally manned until about 5pm on each day, so we will need a rota of volunteers to put in a few hours supervising and answering questions from members of the public. The Sailors Shelter makes an ideal venue for our static display, so please make an effort to drop your models off to put on a good show.

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Read your copy of the newsletter at the Manx Model Boat Club web site. The site also contains updated information and photographs of events as they happen throughout the season.

<http://homepages.enterprise.net/jasonquayle/mmbc/intro.htm>

## Scale Competition & On the Water Competition -- 5th May 2002

The weather Forecasters have done the right thing, Sunday morning started with a clear day. I am sitting in an empty car park at Silverdale waiting with some trepidation.

My fears were soon put to rest, first Bernie then Jason rolled up alongside; their cars full of boats, in Jason's case full is the right word, occupying most of the inside was his model of the Paddle Steamer Waverley.

The lake at Silverdale had over the past winter undergone a major renovation and the Forestry Division are to be congratulated on the work carried out. It was not long before a continuous line of people were back and forth to the car park arms full of boats, transmitters and other bits we seem to collect. The Club's mobile harbour had been set up, again in the words of Rod Stewart "we are sailing".

The two Judges Capt Colin Clague and Coxswain Robert Corran had arrived and were having an early viewing of the models. I am guilty in not having taken a note of the number of models, but shall we say a good cross section of vessels were on display.

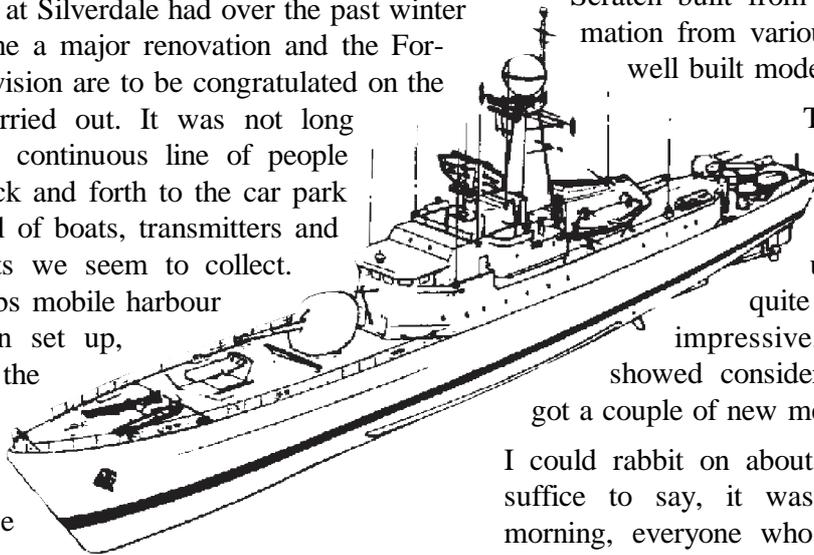
Brian was first on the water with his Tug Kingsman, swiftly followed by a number of other models, no course set out this time but it did not detract from the sailing, in fact I think it actually enhanced it; normal ships don't always follow marked water, we were in international water this time.

The Judges kept moving from the static display to the vessels sailing on the lake, this will eventually decide the On The Water section of the competition. It is good that the judging can be done in such a professional

manner. Jason had two distinctly different models sailing, his U Boat performed at its best underwater with the Waverley looking superb on the open water.

Bernie gave a display with his amphibious vehicle, unfortunately the sides of the lake were such that he could not drive the model in and out as intended, Onchan Park is ideal as it has a ramp, this model has to be seen to be believed.

Scratch built from photographs and information from various sources (no plans) a well built model.



The span of age for the models displayed ranged from Alan Gough's sailing vessel up to the modern seacat, quite a spectrum, and very impressive, the visiting public showed considerable interest, we even got a couple of new members.

I could rabbit on about the event all day, but suffice to say, it was I think a successful morning, everyone who contributed are to be congratulated, special thanks to Young Gavin Kinnin who once again come up with a new model, this time an Escort Carrier. Well done Gavin,--- I think us older hands are going to have to keep looking over our shoulders.

Models were divided into Three classes. Kit -- Semi Kit -- Scratch. They were judged on this criteria, a list of winners will be available, but all who were present were informed at the end of the event.

Best overall model in the opinion of the judges was Jason's Submarine U47.

As we only had access to the lake for the morning period this seemed a good time to sample the goodies on sale in the cafeteria, it was suggested that maybe we could make better use of the lake as we could get earlier access of an evening, something we will have to look into, no pun intended.

*Howard Quayle.*

## Steering Competition

Sunday morning dawns bright and sunny, not a lot of wind, the forecast is for a good day. This proved to be a good omen. Just after lunch Brian and Doug donned the waders and with Graham and myself clipping the obstacles together the steering course was set up for about 2 o'clock.

As was hoped, a good number of members started to arrive, and a varied selection of boats were amassed, with this in mind it was decided to commence the competition early. Howard ( myself ) had the honour of setting out first, onto a course similar to the one used last year, but not without it's foibles, as we all found out. The water was flat calm so the icebergs were cleared without delay only to loose a couple of points on the first set of buoys, oops!

One of our junior members, Gavin Kin-nin was sailing at the same time and made a very good effort on his first round with an equally fine second round, showing some of the big boys how to do it, well done Gavin.

Kevin; Gavin's dad launched his tug Amy, but found even with a kort nozzle Amy had a mind of her own, "funny" he remarks "how two of the same boats sail completely different", Doug Wheeler has the sister ship to Kevin's. Doug sailed a treat with the Freya, sister ship to the Amy and lost only 5 points on the first round. Never mind Kevin best take Doug's

advice and glue the barn door to the rudder.

The afternoon continued in fine form with a good number of spectators gathered to watch the event, Brian and Mike Leece were the only ones with clear first rounds.

Mike Buss was called to the starting grid with his tug Tarro Ushtey unfortunately it lived up to it's name Water Buffalo (more Bull in a china shop) as Mike said it doesn't like going round corners, for this reason sorry Mike; I was instructed to mention that your score was a little more than average.

Round two saw Mike Leece only loose 1 point, this put him firmly in the lead. This he kept, going on to win the under one metre class Brian and Alan Harper tied for second

place so a run off was needed

with Brian coming home

the winner. Jason com-

pleted the two rounds

with only 8 point

lost with his Loyal

Watcher and won

the over one metre

class

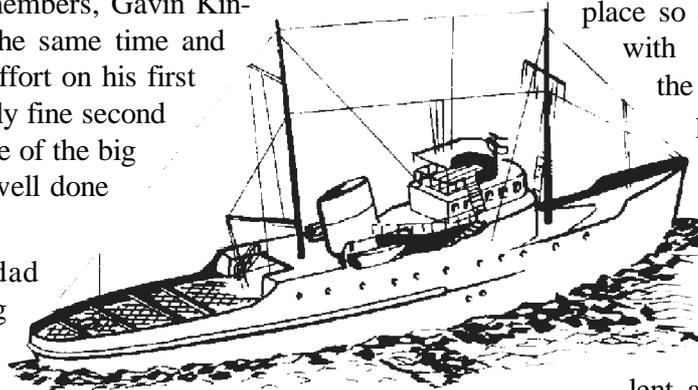
Overall; an excel-

lent afternoons competition

sailing with enough time left for free sailing before heading home.

Well done everybody --- This is what the Club does best.

*Howard Quayle.*



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## Sail Winch Repairs

Do you have any spare sail winches (working or not working) or sail winch parts which you no longer need? If so, Graham Norman or Dave Foulis would like to hear from you. Apparently the person who they get to undertake repairs to their own sail winches is looking for spare parts which they are running short off.

Contact Graham Norman by e-mail [gradglad@talk21.com](mailto:gradglad@talk21.com).

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**Saturday 13th July - Venetian Evening & Barbecue - Onchan Park - 9:00pm.**

This event starts at 9:00pm when Onchan Park closes, however at this time of year it normally takes an hour or more for it to go dark sufficiently for the illuminated models to look good on the water. This allows those who perhaps don't have lights on their boats to enjoy a sail and tuck into the barbecue before it goes dark. Chef Harper will be manning the barbecue and dishing up bangers and burgers to all those who are brave enough to try them!

**Sunday 14th July - 1m Yacht Championship - Ramsey Mooragh - 7:00pm.**

Please note that this event has been moved from the previously advertised date in June. This event is for 1m radio controlled yachts, around several laps of the Mooragh lake depending on wind conditions.

**Sunday 11th August - Vintage Yacht Races - Ramsey Mooragh - 6:00pm.**

Provided that everything works alright on 30th June, this should be our second vintage yacht event of the season.

**Sunday 25th & Monday 26th August - Ellesmere Port Model Boat Convention**

Just a quick reminder for those who intend on joining us at the Ellesmere Port show on the August Bank Holiday weekend. Most members who are attending have now booked into the Burleigh Dam since the Holiday Inn will not be open this year. If you do intend on joining us, I would recommend that you make your arrangements now to avoid disappointment. The club will be in the same location as last year, behind the glass windows in the boat hall, with a first class view of the Manchester Ship canal traffic. We will be taking Barry's van with us to transport the models, so please make sure that your model has a box to avoid it getting damaged. Contact any committee member for further details.

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**For Sale**

Six-Meter Fibreglass Racing Yacht - 62ins length - Winged Keel design. 2 suits of sails, one white, one yellow - Hull colour - White.

Futaba radio control + Spare rechargeable batteries & chargers.

Fitted out for the 2002 season and in excellent order throughout  
Complete ready to sail - Comes with portable stand.

Price - £300 o.v.n.o.

Contact - Ted Lawrence-Corrie

**Douglas Lifeboat**

The club has been invited to put on a display of lifeboats at the Masonic Hall in Douglas on 17th August, to help celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Douglas lifeboat. Please contact Howard Quayle if you have a lifeboat and are interested in attending.

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**Mannanan 2002**

A couple of changes to the published information regarding the social side of Mannanan 2002.

Firstly, the schedule for the Saturday evening has changed. It is planned to have a trip to Laxey on the MV Karina, which will depart from Douglas Harbour on Saturday evening. This trip will also be open to members of the public, so we need to know numbers in advance so that we can make a booking. We need to assemble at 7:30pm for an 8:00pm departure, with the return journey from Laxey departing at 10:00pm. The cost for the round trip will be £10. You will have about an hour in ashore in Laxey for a trip to the pub, or just a stroll around the village. If don't fancy a trip on the Karina, why not come along to Laxey by road and join us. Please let Graham Norman or Doug Wheeler know as soon as possible if you would like to participate on the trip. As an alternative if the weather is poor we will hold an informal social event at the Quarterbridge hotel in Douglas.

Secondly, the Mannanan dinner and prize presentation, which is held on the Monday evening, will now be held at Coasters restaurant on North Quay in Douglas. Once again, please let Graham or Doug know as soon as possible if you wish to attend, so that we can arrange numbers.