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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

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Chairman's Chat

Good day to all fellow Modellers.

As the old saying goes, it does not seem like 10 months ago I was writing the Chairman's chat for the first newsletter of the year, a lot of water (pardon the pun) has passed under the bridge since then.

A good number of events have been held, all of which I hope you enjoyed and managed to win a trophy or some form of prize, which brings me to the Clubs Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation, information for this evening, also the Clubs A.G.M. can be found inside this newsletter.

As the water at Onchan Park is usually emptied during the winter, a suggestion that Club members may like to have a sail at Silverdale on a weekend, this lake is ideal for the winter, a bonus being the café *may* be open.

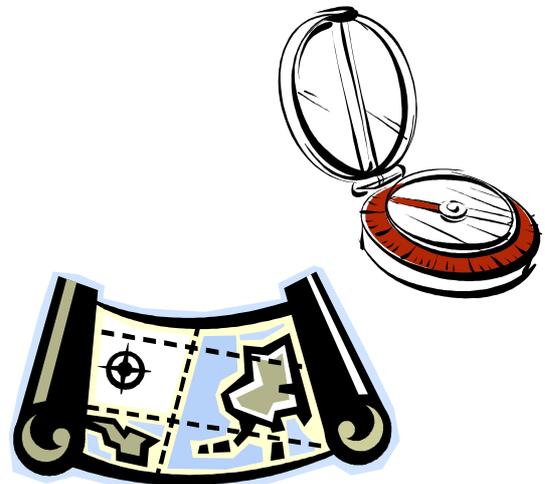
We are fortunate to have quite a considerable number of members within our Club, many Clubs in the U.K. would be delighted at such a large membership, so I would be overjoyed to see the Manx Arms packed out for our A.G.M. this way any points of view can be put forward and discussed.

OK. I will stop waffling and let you read on. see you at the Dinner and the A.G.M.

Howard Quayle

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Annual General Meeting 2005

The Annual General Meeting of the Manx Model Boat Club will be held on Thursday 24th November 2005 starting at 8:00pm at the Manx Arms Public House on Onchan.

Agenda

- 1) Apologies for Absence.
- 2) Minutes of last years Annual General Meeting.
- 3) Matters Arising from the Minutes.
- 4) Chairman's Report.
- 5) Treasurer's Report.
- 6) Election of Club Officials for 2006 (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, + 5 Committee).
- 7) Proposed Fixture List for 2006.
- 8) Mannanan 2006.
- 9) Any Other Business.

Once again, the club will be looking to elect members to stand as either club officials or committee members. If you feel that you would like to stand as one of the club officials or committee, but are unable to attend the meeting, then please contact the club chairman Howard Quayle, who will arrange for your nomination to be added to those from the floor.

Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation

This year the Manx Model Boat Club Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation will be held at the Ascot Hotel on Empire Terrace, Douglas. The date for this event is Saturday 12th November starting at 7:30pm.

The meal this year will be a carvery, with your choice of starter & desert to be made on the evening. The cost of the event will be **£17** which needs to be paid in advance.

Please forward cheques for the event along with your name and the numbers attending to the club treasurer, Mike Buss, Fairmount, Somerset Road, Douglas, IM2 5AE. Cheques should be made payable to **Manx Model Boat Club**. If you have a particular dietary requirement, please contact the club secretary Nigel Latham, who will pass your requirements to the hotel.

The dinner will be followed by the a raffle (prizes gratefully received) and the usual 'chit chat' about all things to do with model boating.

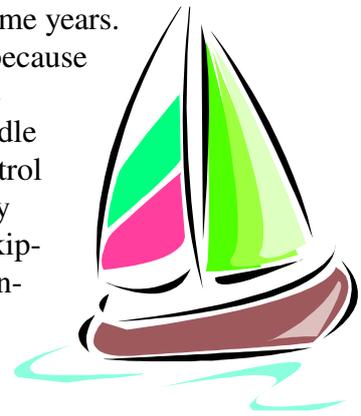
Return of Trophies

In advance of the Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation, would all trophy winners from last year please return their trophies to the Competition Secretary, Brian King, 5 Seafield Crescent, Onchan. This is so that the trophies can be polished and engraved with this years winners names.



'Round the Island' Yacht Race

This was the last event of the year and has been a regular event for some years. However it was held in what was probably the worst conditions yet, because although dry, a nasty southerly wind created lifeboat conditions at the northerly end of the Mooragh. Despite this, six boats set off with middle suits at a fast pace and newcomer Jeremy Woods found it hard to control his newly acquired boat fairly early on and, unfortunately it eventually sank with all hands! The other boats were travelling so fast that the skippers had to jog to keep up. As they reached the top marker mayhem ensued, due both to the wave conditions and the late arrival of the skippers! Two boats were carried round short of the marker and had great difficulty in back-tracking due the wave conditions. Jackie Ball got round fairly quickly although not before being driven on to the lee shore along with two others, both of whom were in difficulty.



Beating up against the wind proved difficult and exciting [for the spectators] and gradually the boats began dropping out until only Jackie Ball was left in sailing trim! As he crossed the finishing line as the sole survivor, he passed Jeremy going in the opposite direction in a paddle boat to salvage his boat!

Brian King

Venetian Evening

The weather turned out well despite a poor start to the day. There was a cool breeze early in the evening but this gradually faded away. There were a good number of boats present for the double competition of the Commissioners Trophy and the Racehorse Trophy.

The Commissioners Trophy was judged by Mr Gordon Astill, Chairman of the Commissioners, for the 'Best boat on the Water' who also judged the Racehorse Trophy for the 'Best Illuminated' model. With so many boats present Mr Astill said that it was difficult to keep one in view for any length of time, and indeed, Alan Gough came up with the suggestion that everybody sailed in one direction for a while and it appeared to work to everybody's benefit. Brian's renovated 'Manxman' took the honours for the Commissioner's Trophy while Bernie Hines' 'Brittania' took the Best Illuminated model.

Mike Buss manned the 'burger stall' with some able assistance and just lasted out with supplies till the end of the evening.

Everybody seemed to go off home well satisfied with the evening.

Brian King

For Sale

Cygnus fibreglass fishing boat hull with prop and shaft--approx 30ins by 12ins beam. Foredeck completed. Exact copy of 'New Dawn' in Peel. £60 o.n.o. Telephone Brian on 628156.

Watchmakers lathe with cutters etc. £50. Telephone Brian on 628156.



Tug Towing Competition

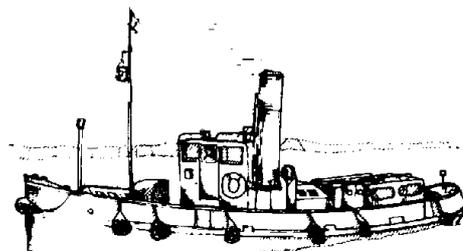
This was the last event of the season for the 'scale boats and despite the forecast, turned out a lovely afternoon although there were regular gusts of wind to upset the best towing skills.

There were 7 competitors in the 'over 1 metre' class and Nigel Latham 'drew the short straw' to be first away - [which draw?]. He managed to get round with a loss of 7 points, a good score. Jason Fleming [12 pts], Juan Vernon[9 pts], and Roy Watterson [7 pts] did quite well but it was the Juniors, Cameron Watterson and James Whitelegg who set the standard losing 2 and 4 points respectively. Brian was next but he also lost 7 points so the Juniors reigned supreme on the first lap.

The second time round, going in the reverse direction, proved to be slightly easier with most doing much better- except the two Juniors. Nigel lost 2 , Jason 4, Juan 5 and Roy 3 points. Unfortunately Cameron lost 9 while James 8 points. However it was Brian who upset the apple cart when he got round with a loss of only 1 point with his recently re-acquired Monarch to take the winners trophy.

Final Points Over 1 Metre

First	Brian King	'Monarch'	8 points lost
Second	Nigel Latham	'Blazer'	9
Third	Roy Watterson	'Sea Spray'	10
Fourth	Cameron Watterson	'Golden Sun'	11
Fifth	James Whitelegg	'Amsterdam'	12
Sixth	Juan Vernon	'Eldergarth'	14
Seventh	Jason Fleming	'Happy Hunter'	16



Despite there only being 3 competitors in the under 1 metre class it was a 'close run thing' with Jason Quayle first off, losing only 2 points. Then Mike got round losing 4 points, showing great skill with his tiny tug 'Cabbyl Marrey' which had amazing pulling power for its size.

Brian was next off and he also got round with the loss of 2 points. On the second run, Jason's 'Yessir' again managed 2 points while Mike lost 8 so it was up to Brian's Kingsmann to try to pull off the double. However it was not to be as he lost 3 points.

Final Points Under 1 Metre

First	Jason Quayle	'Yessir'	4 points lost
Second	Brian King	'Kingsmann'	5
Third	Mike Leece	'Cabbyl Marrey'	12

Another successful afternoon's sailing that was much enjoyed by the competitors and many spectators alike.

Web Site

Don't forget that I try to take photographs of most of our events to post on the boat club web site, so you can have a look at all the action - even if you missed an event. If you have any of your own pictures which you would like posting please e-mail me at jason_quayle@manx.net.

The boat club web site can be seen at <http://www.manxmodelboatclub.org>.