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# MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

## Chairman's

Hello to everyone.

It hardly seems five minutes ago I was writing our introduction to the new sailing season, here we are back into the building time.

The summer saw a number of new models on the water, with some interesting one's from across the water at our Mannanan Festival, work is going on behind the scenes for next years event, already people have shown an interest from the UK and have booked to come over.

November sees our Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation; it is becoming very difficult to find a venue with private rooms at a reasonable cost, but your Secretary has, after a lot of searching found a suitable place, one we know will provide good service. Let us make his efforts worthwhile and attend the meal, more information inside the Newsletter.

The Events throughout the season were well attended and successful in particular the Spithead Review, the Islands Governor enjoyed his evening.

News of the A.G.M. is inside, this meeting gives everyone a chance to air his or her views, and put forward ideas for the coming year, even if you are not putting your name forward for Committee or Official, please attend the meeting we need your opinions.

That's all folks.

*Howard Quayle*

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**Visit the Manx Model Boat Club web site at [www.manxmodelboatclub.org](http://www.manxmodelboatclub.org).**

The web site now contains a 'NEWS' section which is an area where you can keep up to date with information about the club which is not published in the newsletter. This is also the place where you can obtain an electronic copy of your future newsletter (see later in this issue for information).

## Report from Tug Towing Competition

After postponing the competition from the previous weekend, the Tug Towing got under way on Sunday 2nd October. The weather was ideal for such an event with virtually no wind and the rain held off until the very end of the afternoon.

There were 5 competitors in the under 1 meter class and 8 in the over 1 metre group. The peg board revealed no frequency clashes and the event ran smoothly with some excellent sailing and equally unlucky errors.

The eventual winners of each class were in the under 1 m class Alan Gough with TID 33 with 3 points lost followed by Cameron Watterson with 9 points lost and Mike Leece with 12 points lost. The over 1 m class was a very close run thing with Nigel Latham with Blazer only losing 1 point, followed by Alan Gough with 2 points lost and Juan Vernon with Eldergarth with 4 points lost.

Having taken two hours a decision to call a result after one run was accepted by all and a free sailing or should that be a "free for all" followed. The rain interrupted play after half an hour ending the event.

Well done to all captains who took part. Yes its true Billy Callow did enter and score well despite giving everybody a good laugh on the way round.

### **Under 1 metre**

1st	Alan Gough	3 points
2nd	Cameron Watterson	9 points
3rd	Mike Leece	12 points
4th	Jason Quayle	13 points
5th	Howard Quayle	16 points

### **Over 1 metre**

1st	Nigel Latham	1 point
2nd	Alan Gough	2 points
3rd	Juan Vernon	4 points
4th	Cameron Watterson	10 points
5th	Bill Callow	13 points
6th	Jason Flemming	14 points
7th	John Williams	16 points

*Alan Gough*

## **For Sale**

Manchester Ship Canal Tug, 1/2 inch to the ft scale, [42inches]

12v electric motor, plus all radio gear, speed controller & 2 batteries.  
£200ono. Telephone Peter Kissack.

### **Stop Press: Defence Cuts & Lack of Harbour Space sees Naval Vessels Sell Off.**

The Gough Navy has for sale HMS Shetland, HMS Peacock, USS Scott, Kreigmarine Fisch Kutter (KFK Flak Ship).

HMS Shetland	1/48 scale Island Class Fishery Vessel	£250.
HMS Peacock	1/48 scale Hong Kong Patrol Vessel	£200.
USS Scott	1/96 scale Missile Cruiser	£200.
KFK	1/32 scale WW2 German Flak Boat	£100.

All vessels include motors and speed controllers but no radio gear. Refurbished and ready for test sailing. Call Alan Gough.

## **Spithead Review**

This was the first time we had run such an event and it appeared to be a success. It was run in the first instance to launch the awarding of the Don Mackay Trophy in memory of Don who was a founder member of the club, whose two great loves in model boating were the Steam Packet boats and warships. In the event it was decided to award the trophy to be judged annually for warships. All this coincided with the appointment of Vice-Admiral Paul Haddocks to be Governor of the I.O.M. It was too good an opportunity to miss! How we go about this next year has yet to be decided.

There was an excellent turn-out of boats with over 30 warships and although one or two had glitches most of the sail-bys went well. It was purely accidental that we sailed Nurton, Sir Paul's first command! For those of the new membership, Nurton and H.M.S. Illustrious were donated to the club by Keith Jewell when he left the Island and remain in club care. I would like to thank all those who helped in anyway, especially those who assembled and dismantled the gazebo.

The winner of the first event, as decided by the governor, was John Williams with his Admiralty Tug 'Roysterer'.

*Brian King*

## **Fireboat Fun Day**

This event was run at Burton-on-Trent by the Burton club. It was attended by Robin Rose and myself, where we had attended the inaugural event two years ago. [It is held bi-annually]. Two members of the Burton Club had attended Mannanan this year.

It is held specifically for the 1960's Aerokits Crash tenders which were extremely popular at that time. They were originally free-running and powered by small diesel or i/c engines. The event was held over two days with off the peg sailing on Saturday, social meal that night and the main event next day.

Over 30 boats turned up and a steering competition was held with two runs over the course. The first run was purely for steering as we know it while the second run was timed with the nearest to the set time being the winner. I am pleased to say Robin won and I was second, exactly the same as two years ago! There were several boats running off-the-peg with i/c engines as per 60's and there was many a nostalgic sigh! Other boats of that era were also in attendance of Kiel Kraft and Veron origin, also major kit manufacturers of the time. While we were there it was discussed that next year may take the form of any 'classic' kits weekend, so have a look through your attic, you never know what you may find!

*Brian King*

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## **Venetian Evening**

After a rather blowy day the evening turned out beautifully. There was little or no wind and it was sunny until darkness fell. There was an excellent turn-out with Derek Crellin, Chairman of Onchan Commissioners and his wife in attendance all evening, even having a sail.

After considerable thought he decided on Jason's Mannin as winner of the Onchan Shield. It was the special functions that were the deciding factor, with its operable crane and lights. The Racehorse Trophy was won by Cameron's Golden Sun tug, and did it live up to it's name with a vast array of lights, although Bernie's aircraft carrier came a close second!

Sailing went on till around 9.30pm, helped on with sustenance from Mike's hot-dog stall. Mike really looked the part with his chef's hat and his mobile barbecue carrier looked even more professional. I'm sure that the bike-carrier manufacturers have missed out on that one!

*Brian King*

## Annual General Meeting 2006

The Annual General Meeting of the Manx Model Boat Club will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006 starting at 7:30pm at the **Archibald Knox** Public House in Onchan.

**(Please Note:** The venue has changed to the Archibald Knox, which is located a couple of hundred yards up the hill from the Manx Arms. We have chosen this venue because it has a private meeting room which should be quieter than last years AGM).

### 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 2007 (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, + 5 Committee).
- 7) Proposed Fixture List for 2007.
- 8) Mannanan 2007.
- 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.

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## 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 Friday 10th 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, followed by coffee. The cost of the event will be **£20** which needs to be paid in advance.

Please complete the enclosed form and return it along with your payment for the event to the club treasurer, Mike Buss. 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 prize presentation, a raffle (prizes gratefully received) and the usual 'chit chat' about all things to do with model boating.

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## Manx Model Boat Club Newsletter

For those of you who now have access to the Internet, this is likely to be the last newsletter which we will post to you. Starting in January next year, we intend to e-mail the newsletter to as many members as possible and reduce the number which we post. To assist with this, I would be grateful if you can drop me an e-mail to [jason\\_quayle@manx.net](mailto:jason_quayle@manx.net) so that I can check that I have your correct e-mail address. Please don't worry if you do not have access to the Internet as I will continue to post newsletters to paid up members who I do not have an e-mail address for.

*Jason Quayle*