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Manx Model Boat Club Newsletter 2001

Forthcoming Events

There are only 3 formal event left in this seasons calendar, however there are still plenty of opportunities for free sailing at each of our venues during the coming months, although you may have to wrap up warm depending on the weather!

Sunday 23rd September - Venetian Evening & Onchan Commissioners Trophy - Onchan Park - 7:00pm.

This is another Venetian Evening event, combined with the Onchan Commissioners Trophy competition, to be held at Onchan Park. The date has been moved to the 23rd from the previously advertised date, to hopefully allow more members to attend. The club normally invites a guest judge, normally a representative from Onchan Commissioners, to come along and award the Commissioners shield to the best boat on the evening. This is our opportunity to thank Onchan Commissioners for their continued support, allowing the club to use the lake throughout the summer when the motor boats are not running.

Sunday 30th September - Tug Towing Competition - Onchan Park - 2:30pm.

This is another event which is open to all members, although it helps if you have a tug or another boat with a suitable towing attachment to take part. Depending on the number of skippers who turn up, we may decide to run an individual competition or a pairs competition. The object is to tow a disabled barge around a simple course, without touching any buoys or missing a section with either the tug or the casualty. Marks are awarded for each touch or miss, with the winner being the individual (or pair) with the lowest score at the end of the event.

Sunday 14th October - "Round the Island Yacht Race" - Mooragh Park - 2:30pm.

This is the final event of the season and is a yacht race around the Mooragh Park 'Island'. The number of laps will be decided on the day depending on wind conditions, however make sure you turn up in plenty of time to collect your frequency peg and 'warm up' on the water before the start.



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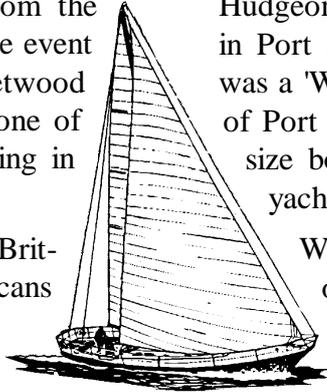
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A Rare Model Yachting Occasion

Just recently, two members of the Manx Model Boat Club took part in a rare model boat event. Brian King and Daniel Kneale were invited to take part in a vintage model yacht regatta against a group of enthusiasts from the San Francisco area of America. The event took place at the very large Fleetwood model boating lake which is still one of the bastions of vintage model racing in Britain.

Brian and Danny joined 10 other British skippers to take on the Americans over two days. The boats were raced in pairs with each team taking on all the opposing skippers on each day. Each race consisted of a windward leg and a downwind leg with a stop between. Racing was keen with gentle sailing on the Saturday but frenetic sailing on Sunday.



Both Brian and Danny's boats were the oldest genuine vintage boats (the Americans' were modern copies) with Brian's boat being a Littlejohn's 'Kittywake' built by the late Ashton Hudgeon [a joiner with the late Frank Moore] in Port St. Mary in the 1940's. Danny's boat was a 'Windsong' built by Harry Harrison, also of Port St. Mary, also a joiner and noted full size boat builder and sailer of the 'A' class yachts.

While the Americans had won the previous Sunday's event at London's Round Pond [Kensington], at Fleetwood the result was reversed on both Saturday and Sunday, thus Britain won 2-1. Apart from being the first re-run of an event last held over 50 years ago, it was an excellent social occasion and the San Francisco club have asked for a return match in San Francisco in 2003.

Brian King



Ellesmere Port 2001

At the end of August a number of our members attended the annual club outing "over the wet bit" to visit the Ellesmere Port Model Boat Extravaganza. This year Billy, Howard, Brian and Barry all travelled out on the Friday evening Sea Cat to Liverpool, ready to start setting up on Saturday morning. The club stand was set up in the Boat House, which is the long glass fronted building overlooking the Manchester Ship canal. This venue has the advantage that you can see all the shipping movements on the canal, however you have to carry your boat quite a distance if you want to sail.

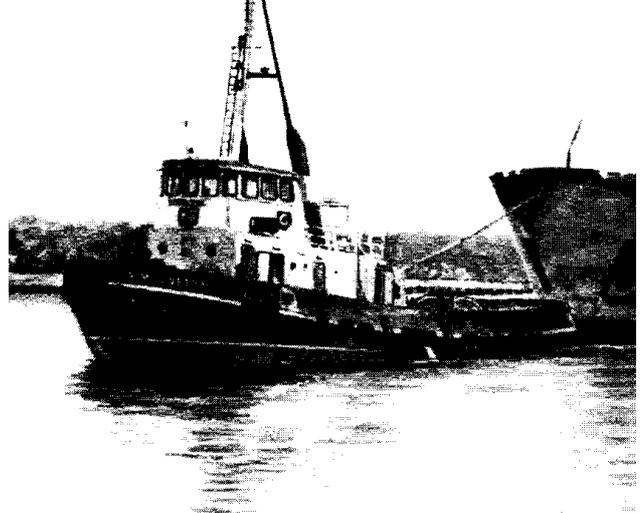
The numbers of boats which had made the journey from the Island was slightly down on last year, however with the addition of HMS Nurton and the Lady of Mann, the club display looked as good as any of the other competing clubs - Not a bad effort when you consider the travelling which we must do. The club stand was complemented when Don Heyman asked if he could put his model of the Ben Ain on display.

The number of club members was swollen by the arrival of Bob, Les and Jason who had arrived by various methods of transport during Saturday, and of course Keith & Shareen who now live in Fleetwood. It was good to see club members wearing their new sweatshirts displaying the club logo. It certainly made the Manx club stand out amongst all the other visitors.

The number of models and traders arriving during Saturday slowly built until the show was up to its usual high standard. This year the show concentrated on lifeboats and there were various displays of each type of lifeboat on the water during the weekend. Brian King very craftily booked a sailing session with his tug at the exact same time as the lifeboat display and hence gave himself a ring side seat to watch the display.

It was nice to see Mike Buss & Family, Graham Norman, Mike Wallace, Mike Dove & Family all put in an appearance during the weekend. There was plenty to keep them occupied for a

*Tug Boat "Victory"
Working the Manchester
Ship Canal*



day at the museum, from looking at the hundreds of model boats, to shopping for that elusive boat or fitting, to actually spending some time viewing the museum exhibits. Ellesmere Port is also ideally located for those who want to venture further afield to do some shopping.

There was a venetian evening organised for Sunday night, with both Brian and Jason taking their boats from the stand to sail on the canal, illuminated in the dark. There were about a dozen boats sailing illuminated on the water, ranging from Brians tug and Jasons "Loyal" to an aircraft carrier complete with fully working flight deck lights, a small fishing boat dimly lit as it would appear in real life and a paddle steamer illuminated for an evening cruise.

On Monday, Barry managed to organise a trip for three members on one of the Manchester Ship canal tug boats. This trip was eagerly snapped up by the lucky few, who included Billy and Barry who are currently making models of this type of tug. The trip started at Eastham dock and finished at Ellesmere Port with the tug captain entertaining the crowd with two or three pirouettes in the canal before docking in the basin. After tying up, one or two more members grabbed the opportunity to have a look around this "immaculate" tug boat (sorry Billy - you will have to wash all the salt spray off your model each time that you sail in the Mooragh!).

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The weekend finished all too quickly and on Monday evening the vans were packed up with boat boxes, plus one or two items bought at the show. The Manx Club finished the event with what has now become a traditional evening meal before going home.

Jason Quayle

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Venetian Evening

Once again, the weather was kind to us for our Venetian Evening illuminated sail at Onchan Park. Adding working lights to your boat seems to be very popular, with over a dozen boats taking to the water at some point during the evening. Skippers are getting more adventurous with their lights, not only illuminating Port, Starboard and Mast lights, but also working bridge lights, deck lights, Morse lamps etc, with modern tug boats now looking more like Christmas trees!

This year, we invited along the World Ship Society members to watch the proceedings and "have a go" with some of the sailing.

Alan Harper set up the Barbecue and was quick to start serving up bangers and burgers with all the usual taste & trimmings. The food was certainly very popular amongst members and visitors, with some people even venturing back to the barbecue for a second helping!

The winner of the best illuminated boat on the water was Don MacKay with his 'Osprey'.

Mannanan 2001

This event was well supported with Club members and visitors enjoying three days of model boating events. The weather was kind to us throughout the weekend for the Steering Competition on Saturday at Onchan, the Scale Competition on Sunday at Ramsey and the "On the Water", Tug Towing and Fun Competitions all at Silverdale on Monday. Many thanks to the organising committee and especially Graham Norman for all his hard work.

You will find a list of this years Mannanan winners on the adjoining page.

Web Update

Following discussions at the committee meetings, it has been decided to place an electronic copy of the club newsletter on the MMBC internet site. This will allow people who have internet access to obtain a colour copy of the newsletter and hopefully allow non-members to read about club activities on a more regular basis and encourage them to join. Paid up members will of course still receive their normal newsletter through the post.

You can obtain an electronic copy of the newsletter from our web site at <http://homepages.enterprise.net/jasonquayle/mmhc/intro.htm>. (I have edited the electronic copy of the newsletter to removed some of the more sensitive information, such as members addresses or telephone numbers).

You will find that the Manx Model Boat Club internet site has been updated this month and contains more photographs of events which have occurred during the season such as Mannanan and Ellesmere Port.

Please let me know if you have any items which you would like to contribute to the web page, such as photographs or reports, and I will attempt to include them with the next update which I do.



Mannanan 2001 Winners

Class		1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Steering Competition	<i>Under 1m</i>	Alan Seddon (Lilah)	Carl Sumner (Neptune)	Alan Gough (TID)
	<i>Over 1m</i>	Jason Quayle (Loyal Watcher)	Alan Seddon (Shaqra)	Alan Gough (Osprey)
Static Class	<i>Kit</i>	Keith Jewell (Customs Cutter)	Keith Jewell (Rena Del Mar)	(Keith Jewell (Row Boats)
Rigged & Sail	<i>Semi Scratch</i>	Kim Holand (Theresa May)		
Workboats	<i>Kit</i>	Don Heyman (Sealight)	Jason Quayle (Yessir)	Graham Norman (Tsekoa II)
	<i>Semi Scratch</i>	Don Heyman (SS Ben Ain)	Carl Sumner (Neptune)	Alan Gough (Niatal)
	<i>Scratch</i>	Dave Collier (TID)	Alan Seddon (Bridget)	Doug Wheeler (Freya)
Rescue & Lifeboats	<i>Semi Scratch</i>	Brian King (Crash Tender)		
Naval	<i>Kit</i>	Alan Gough (Osprey)	Mike Buss (HMS Nubian)	
	<i>Semi Scratch</i>	Alan Gough (USS Scott)	Alan Seddon (Shaqar)	Gorden Buttress (Espiegle)
	<i>Scratch</i>	Alan Seddon (Lilah)	Doug Wheeler (MTB)	
Super Class	<i>Previous Winners</i>	Vince Walmsley (Louis Heloise)	Keith Jewell (Shareen)	Jason Quayle (Loyal Watcher)
On The Water Competition	<i>Under 1m</i>	Brian King (Crash Tender)	Carl Sumner (Neptune)	Alan Gough (TID)
	<i>Over 1m</i>	Jason Quayle (Loyal Watcher)	Howard Quayle (Atlantic Conveyor)	Brian King (Crash Tender)
Tug Towing	<i>Pairs</i>	Jason Quayle & Brian King	Dave Collier & Graham Norman	Dave Wooley & Alan Gough
Fun Competition		Graham Norman	Howard Quayle	
Best in Show		Don Heyman (SS Ben Ain)		

Mannanan 2001 Video



Bill Callow has very kindly edited together a video of this years Mannanan event. All three days activities are shown in a two hour video.

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