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**Manx Model
Boat Club**

Newsletter 2003

Forthcomming Events

The summer season is starting to draw to a close, however we still have a number of club events in the calendar. Don't forget that as the season draws to a close there will be more opportunity for free sailing at Onchan Park during the afternoons as the motor boats will be finishing for the winter period. There is also still regular yacht sailing at Ramsey Mooragh.

Saturday 13th September - Onchan Commissioners Shield & Barbecue - Onchan Park - 7:00pm.

The Onchan Commissioners Shield is judged by an invited member of Onchan Commissioners and will be awarded to the best boat, in their opinion, sailing on the water. Since we are into September the nights start drawing in relatively quickly which means that you can switch on the lights on your boat and having an evening sail whilst enjoying a burger or two from the barbecue.

Sunday 28th September - Tug Towing Competition - Onchan Park - 2:30pm.

The tug towing competition is open to all members who have a tug boat, or a boat with a suitable towing attachment fitted. The object of the competition is to tow a disabled barge around a course without touching or missing any of the buoys. Depending on the number of boats which turn up, we may have an individual or pairs towing event. Pairings will be decided on the afternoon.

Sunday 12th October - Round the Island Yacht Race - Ramsey Mooragh - 2:30pm.

The traditional final event of the organised calendar is the yacht race around the island in the middle of the Mooragh lake. The exact course and number of laps will be decided on depending on wind conditions and number of entrants. There are usually also a number of informal yacht races which are held up and down the lake during the afternoon.

Saturday 15th November - Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation.

This is just an advanced notice of this event which is held during mid November. The exact details of time, restaurant venue and menu choice will be notified to you nearer the time.

Thursday 27th November - Annual General Meeting.

The AGM is your opportunity to have your say on how the club is being run and whether you think any changes or adjustments are required. We are always looking for volunteers to sit on the committee and help organise events. This year our treasurer will be standing down after 10 years of service, so if you feel that you could help with this position please come along and let us know.

Exact details of the AGM will be notified to you nearer the time.

Don't forget that the Manx Model Boat Club has a site on the internet where you can view new photographs of recent events. <http://homepages.enterprise.net/jasonquayle/mmbc/intro.htm>.

Scale Judging

Helping to judge the Mannanan Scale Competition at Ramsey Mooragh has given me the opportunity to see where some models gain or lose marks compared to others. One area where some models fail to score is in the presentation of documentation relating to the model.

When you consider the difference in scores between the 1st and 2nd placed models in this years event was only a matter of 2 or 3 marks, the awarding of up to 5 marks for documentation can be a relatively easy means of improving your models chances.

If you include a selection of photographs of the model either on the water or during construction you will receive a mark. If you can provide some photographs of the real vessel which you are modelling, you could receive up to 2 or 3 marks since this allows the judge to determine how good a job you have made of your boat compared to the real thing. If you also include some written information relating to the real boat and the model the judges can award up to 5 marks depending on how useful the information is.

So there you have it - to gain some extra marks in the scale competition, look up some information, do some research and present the information in a tidy manner for the judges to look through and make reference to.

Jason Quayle

Mannanan 2003

Once again, Mannanan 2003 was a great success, held over 3 beautiful days and attracting more visiting modellers than last year.

Our thanks go out to the Mannanan organising committee and especially Graham Norman who has put the bulk of the work into making sure that the event ran smoothly.

Listed on these pages are the winners of the various competitions and classes at this years event. Congratulations to all who took part.

Steering Competition Mini Class

1st	Jason Quayle	Dornoch	Clear Round
2nd	Stephen Chester	Cornhill	32 marks lost

Steering Competition Under 1m Class

1st	Graham Norman	Tsekoa	4 marks lost
2nd	Jason Quayle	Yessir	5 marks lost
3rd	Alan Gough	TID	6 marks lost

Steering Competition Over 1m Class

1st	Alan Gough	Shetland	16 marks lost
2nd	Brian King	Crash tender	17 marks lost
3rd	Nigel Latham	Heather Jill	19 marks lost

Steering Competition Junior Class

1st	Mark Edwards	Barracuda	8 marks lost
2nd	Lauren Latham	Nancy Raymond	28 marks lost
3rd	Hollie Latham	Arragh Voar	42 marks lost

Help Wanted

Whilst at Ellesmere Port, we were approached by a member of the Fleetwood club looking to see if there are any Mustang yachts hiding in attics on the Isle of Man. Apparently the Fleetwood club are trying to locate as many of this type of yacht as possible to bring them all together for a sail.

If you know of one of these yachts, you may want to contact the Fleetwood scale section chairman, Trevor Law.

Scale Competition Workboats Kit

1st Keith Jewell BostonTyphoon
 2nd Doug Wheeler Girl Eilis
 3rd Graham Norman Tsekoa II

Scale Competition Workboats Semi-Kit

1st Barry Kerfoot Ben Maye
 2nd Graham Norman Inca Warrior
 3rd Alan Gough Niatat

Scale Competition Workboats Scratch

1st Barry Kerfoot RMS Mauretania
 2nd Nigel Latham Heather Jill
 3rd Keith Baintondge Lilona

Scale Competition Workboats Junior

1st Lauren Laytham Nancy Raymond
 2nd Hollie Laytham Arragh Vooar
 3rd Gavin Kinnin Ard Veisht
 4th Amy Kinnin Barbies Rib

Scale Competition Naval Kit

1st Alan Gough Osprey
 2nd Doug Wheeler HMCS Snowbern
 3rd Peter Chester Robust

Scale Competition Naval Semi-Kit

1st Mark Booth HMS Hood
 2nd Bernie Hinds SS Manxman

Scale Competition Naval Scratch

1st Alan Gough BYMS
 2nd Kevin Kinnin

Scale Competition Rigged & Sail

1st Alan Gough HMS Defiant

Scale Competition Static

1st Nigel Latham Barge No.6

Scale Competition Super Class & Best in Show

1st Keith Jewell Shazy Jay

On the Water Competition Under 1m Class

1st Alan Gough TID
 2nd Graham Norman TID Isabella
 3rd Hollie Latham Arragh Vooar

On the Water Competition Over 1m Class

1st Ted Hawksworth Loyal Mediator
 2nd Nigel Latham Heather Jill
 3rd Jason Quayle Loyal Watcher

Tug Towing Competition

1st Jason Quayle Yessir
 2nd Brian King Kingsmann
 3rd Graham Norman TID

Fun Competition

1st Float Back Jason Quayle
 Most Floats Back Graham Norman
 Last Float Back Luke Hawksworth

Touching Models

At this years Mannanan event we seem to have solved the problem of models being damaged by members of the public getting too close. Unfortunately we did receive a comment that boats were being touched by model boat club members whilst on display.

The committee would like to remind members that you should take care when looking at the models and try to avoid touching them if they don't belong to you.

If you would like to have a closer look at a model which has been build by somebody else, please find the owner and ask them to show you the finer detail of their model.

Ellesmere Port 2003

Once again the club attended the annual model boat convention in the Boat Museum at Ellesmere Port. Although we did not take as many models to the show as in previous years, we still put on a good display in one of the smaller rooms at the venue with 12 models on show. Unfortunately the display area was one of the lecture rooms at the top of the Rolt centre, which meant that 3 models would not fit in the lift and had to be carried up the outside fire escape by Barry, Billy and Jason.

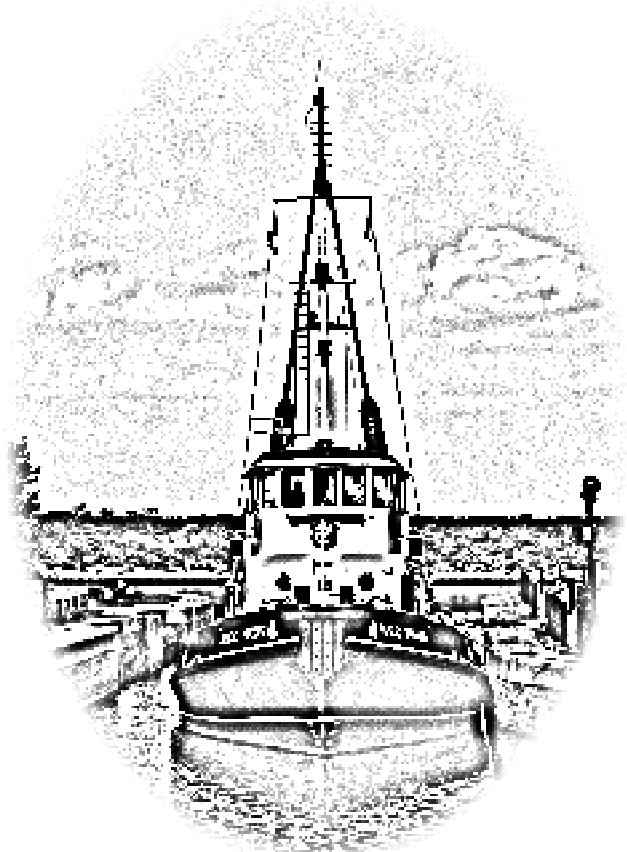
This years event had a theme of tugs, towing and the offshore industry, so the club had been planning a special display for some months leading up to the event. Alan Gough built a bow section and superstructure for a large bulk oil tanker which was set up on the left hand side of our stand with 5 tug boats either towing or manoeuvring the vessel. The remaining part of the display was then set aside for all other models.

When it came to the prize presentation on Monday afternoon we were delighted to find that we had won a prize for the best theme display at the show.

There was the usual mix of traders, club stands and sailing displays at the show, although this years event was a little quieter than normal which meant that you could actually get to the trade stands without getting crushed in the crowds. The Boat Museum is still in the process of reorganising its displays, so the club stands did tend to be a little crowded in this year. Additional displays were put on by the real tug boats on the Manchester Ship canal with synchronised tugging!

It was nice to see Keith and Shareen Jewell again having made the journey down from Fleetwood. In all, I counted 14 members and their families in attendance at some point throughout the weekend.

We believe that the theme for next year is Scottish links, so we shall have to get our thinking caps on to set up an equally impressive display.



"MSC Viking" moored up at the lower basin where the Shropshire Union Canal meets the Manchester Ship Canal. This was one of two Carmet tugs which were made available during the show for modellers to go on board.

For Sale

3ft working model Cariard gaff-rigged pilot cutter, part completed, [fibreglass hull] includes most of the fittings and professionally made sails -- £75.

3 Hectoperm electric motors, hardly used £45 each.

2 MFA 800 series electric motors--hardly used £17-50 each.

7'6" x 1'3" model building table - constructed out of 3/4" blockboard with tubular steel frame and legs.

GRP moulds for the 33/35P Peel built "Offshoreman" motor sailing boat - 4ft overall length + moulds for two or three other models.

Telephone Brian King.