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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

Chairman's Chat

Good day to all fellow modellers.

We are now coming into the final quarter of the year, just a few club events to be completed. We had a fairly good display at the Ellesmere Port Show, more of that inside the newsletter.

News of the Club dinner and prize presentation is included within these pages; an early return of your confirmation slips would be very much appreciated.

Our own Club events throughout the summer, Mannanan being the exception have been very poorly attended, much to the surprise of the organisers, as the Club only functions for, and because of it's members perhaps the lack of numbers could be made part of the agenda during the A.G.M. some suggestions as to how the events can be made more attractive and increase the numbers attending would be appreciated.

Happy Sailing.

Howard Quayle

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Visit the Manx Model Boat Club web site at www.manxmodelboatclub.org for more up to date information about club activities and photographs of the most recent events.

Report from Mannanan 2007

Since the last newsletter was produced we have completed the Mannanan Model Boat Festival for 2007. This year on the Saturday a good attendance was the order of the day, early in the morning a considerable number of Club members assisted in setting up the marquee and tables along with the staging for the competitors and judges in the Steering competition.

By the time we were ready to start we had an excellent number of models entered and on the tables.

Mike was firmly ensconced in his registration and transmitter pound area, as usual doing a first class job of organising the competitors into some semblance of order, the course followed a similar pattern to last years, (there are limited number of permutations you can use with a bundle of plastic floats), each competitor managed two runs in their particular classes, and as we had over thirty models each with two runs to judge this was no mean task, well done Mike, such was the smoothness of the event some even managed a free sail before the motor boats regained the use of the Lake.

Sunday morning bright and early an intrepid workforce was busy setting up tables and making the area secure, this effort was none to soon as Club Members and visiting Members descended upon the Lakeside Bandstand; rapidly filling up the tables, brilliant!!! It makes you very proud that we as a model boat club can attract Club Members from across the water bringing with them a superb array of model boats or in one case a diving duck.

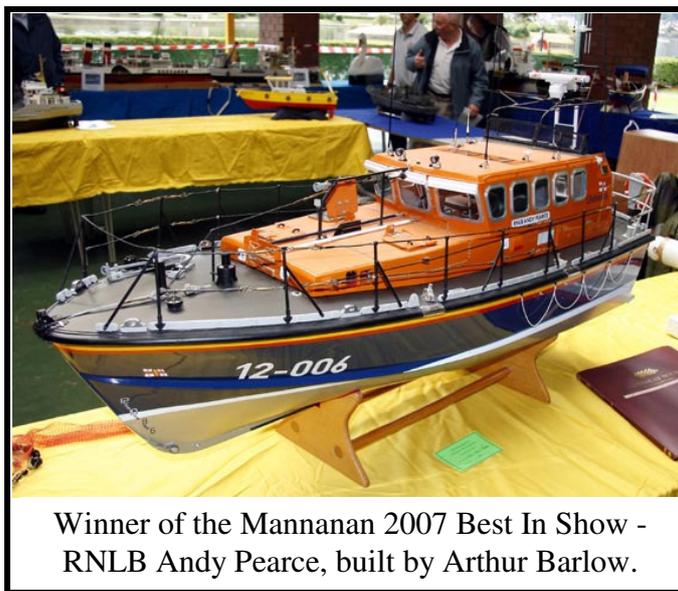
Our Judges Alan Brooks and Jimmy Woods both highly experienced in the task of judging models spent a long time pondering over the various classes, a task I personally would not like to conduct, needless to say they were both impressed with the quality of models on display and in competition.

Arthur Barlow with his Lifeboat R.N.L.I. Andy Pearce won the award being sponsored again by ModellingTimbers; owned by Keith Jewell for the best in show, during the day a number of members both local and visiting took the opportunity to sail on the Mooragh the weather being kind to us once more, people visiting the park enjoyed the models on the water.

Monday morning at Silverdale Glen Lake the team was once more busy setting up all the vital equipment needed to accommodate the registration and transmitter pound also an area that models could be safely stored, a small simple course was laid out in readiness for the On the water Competition, the Judge for this section was Captain Roger Moore recently retired from the Steam Packet.

His task was to assess the ability of a Skipper to negotiate

the course in a seaman like manner. On leaving the lead in channel the vessel then sailed into open water to show it's scale speed, the final part of the course was to come to a stop in an area between two markers, here the skipper could show any additional functions on his/her model. So as to keep the point system fair, Skippers without additional functions were able to show their ability to dock the ship safely and correctly at the harbour.



Winner of the Mannanan 2007 Best In Show - RNLB Andy Pearce, built by Arthur Barlow.

After lunch the same course was used for the Tug towing competition. Keith Jewell judged this section for us, Keith being a qualified judge in the U.K. again we had a considerable number of entries, but everything went very smoothly, leaving enough time for the fun competition. The three-day Festival was finished off with the prize presentation and an excellent buffet at the Douglas Bay Yacht Club.

As this is my last year on the organising side of the Festival, may I thank all the team who helped me during the past four years, without this assistance the Festival would have been a much more onerous task, also all the people who turned up on the days to put all the vital equipment in place, but most of all, everyone who entered models and made the event a success, “model boating at it’s best”. Brian King has accepted the role as organiser for the 2008 Event and I would ask that he be given every bit as much help as I was so generously afforded.

I Thank you all again.

Howard.

(I can stop using the Grecian 2000 hair dye now)

Report from Spithead Review at Silverdale

After last years very successful event, this year proved to be an anticlimax! From over 30 models last year down to 6 this year! Obviously this will need looking at in the future.

Mr Ken Johnson was the judge having served in the Royal Navy for nearly 40 years, on some very well known ships including being a compatriot of last years judge, his Excellency the Governor. It was therefore a little embarrassing to have only six models. Jason Quayle had two, Bernie and John Hanscome had one each while I had two.

In the event, what we lacked in quantity we had in quality and did provide suitable interest to the limited number of spectators. Bernie’s aircraft carrier performed faultlessly complete with all landing lights. Jason had his ‘new’ Envoy class tug on the water complete with sound effects and steam up! He followed up this with U47 completing its harassment of the surface warships. John Hanscome had brought along a very nice static model of a destroyer in a natural sea diorama. I had my Canadian Power Boat ASRL which created its usual waves as it tore round the lake luckily avoiding one or two branches observed lying like crocodiles in waiting! Having beaten-up the opposition it was time for my more sedate RML542 which is finally complete—I think. Having completed one or two gentle cruises it was time for some photographs at speed but unfortunately blew the fuse so it was a salvage job for Cameron which he did superbly. Many thanks Cameron.

All six boats were then put on a static display for photographs with the judge after which he announced the winner .He praised all the models but especially Jason’s tug which said brought back many memories for him as he had operated a RN tug at Faslane for a couple of years. He therefore awarded the Don Mckay Trophy to Jason’s Envoy Class tug. Congratulations Jason.

Brian King

Modelling Timbers

Howard Quayle has advised that he has a selection of items from Modelling Timbers which members can purchase directly from him. Please contact Howard if you want to see the items which he has available. The more information about full range of Modelling Timbers products can be found on their web site www.modellingtimbers.co.uk

Remaining Events for 2007 Sailing Season

Saturday 8th September - Onchan Commissioners Shield, Venetian Evening and Barbecue.

This event starts at 7pm at Onchan park and is split into two parts. The first competition is for the Onchan Commissioners shield for the best model sailing on the lake. After it starts getting dark the event changes to the Venetian evening and the competition is for the best lit up boat on the water. Mike Buss & family should be providing the refreshments in the way of barbecued bangers and burgers, although you can bring your own food for the barbecue if you want. The wet weather alternative date for this event is the following evening, Sunday 9th September.

Sunday 23rd September - Tug Towing Competition.

This event is open to all tug boat skippers and starts at 2pm at Onchan park. the object of the event is to tow a disabled casualty around the lake steering between obstacles and buoys without losing points for touching or missing a section. The wet weather alternative date for this competition is Sunday 30th September.

Don't forget that now the motor boats have finished operating at Onchan Park, the water is available for members free sailing during the day as well as during the evenings.

Saturday 17th November - Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation.

This year we have decided to hold the Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation at the Douglas Bay Yacht Club in Douglas starting at 8pm. The meal will be a buffet style, similar to what we had for the Mannanan dinner in the middle of June. The cost of the meal will be £12 per head, and you are requested to complete the attached form and return it to Mike Buss as soon as possible along, with your payment, so that we can determine numbers. The dinner will be followed by the presentation of prizes and trophies to all this years competition winners.

Thursday 29th November - Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Manx Model Boat Club will be held in the Meeting Room at the Archibald Knox Public House in Onchan on 29th November 2007 starting at 8pm.

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 2008 (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, + 5 Committee).
- 7) Proposed Fixture List for 2008.
- 8) Mannanan 2008.
- 9) Any Other Business.

The current club officials have indicated that they wish to stand down from their current duties, so we will be looking to elect members to stand as either club officials or committee members for next year. 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.

Remember - the annual general meeting is your opportunity to have your say on how your club is run and operates, so please make every effort to give it your support. The formal meeting will of course be followed by the usual informal chit chat about all things to do with Model Boating.