

MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

August 2021

Hi All,

We start this newsletter on a sad note by remembering our club Commodore, Bob Bagshaw, who passed away at the end of June at the age of 96.

Bob was one of the founder members of the Manx Model Boat Club and prior to that he was involved in forming the Manx Model Aircraft and Boat Club. Bob was a staunch supporter of the club and turned up to support events whenever he could. I am sure than many of you will remember some of the many amusing speeches and stories which he would tell during boat club dinners and presentations. In more recent years Bob was instrumental in running the 'Av A Go' boats at public events and he introduced the 'Commodores Challenge' with a series of fun events and boat builds which has proved so popular with club members and members of the public. Bob will be sadly missed.



Bob Bagshaw 1925 - 2021

We are proposing to install another bench at Silverdale in memory of Bob, and any donations from members are welcome to be sent to the Club Treasurer, Jason Fleming, 22 South Barrule Avenue, Ballakilly, Port Erin, IM9 6DT.

In other news, it's nice to see that our borders are now opening up and we are getting the opportunity to travel off the island and receive visitors again. We have already had a couple of visits by one of our UK members, Peter Iddon with his family to Silverdale on Sunday mornings.

Sunday morning sailings at Silverdale and other organised events this year have been successful with reasonably decent weather. I have included a couple of brief reports, but I don't have as many photographs this time. I have included some links to YouTube videos of events which you should be able to click and follow if you are reading this newsletter electronically.

We have another update from Gareth & Elizabeth Jones on the various projects which they are involved with – thank you very much for your contributions to the newsletter which are now becoming a regular item. I have also listed some items for sale at the end of the newsletter.

Happy Sailing,

Jason Quayle

Events List for 2021

We have got 3 main events left on the calendar for this year. The next event is the Spithead Review for Naval vessels to be held at Onchan Park on the evening of Sunday 22nd August. That is followed by the Vintage yachting at Ramsey on Sunday 12th September and the Venetian evening at Onchan Park on Saturday 18th September (or Sunday 19th September if the weather is inclement).

I will send out reminder e-mails with details of the events as they come up in the calendar.

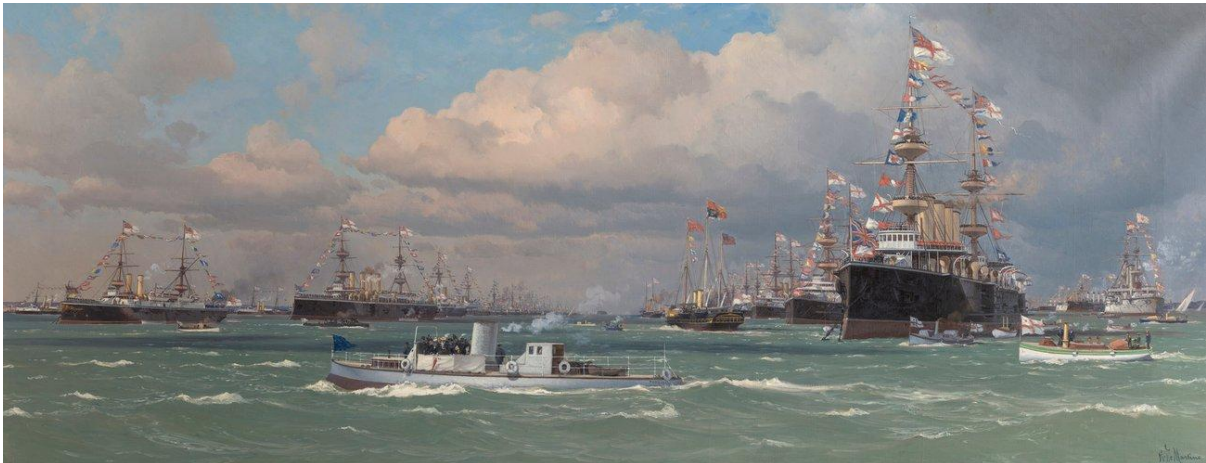
| Date | Event | Venue | Start Time |
|---|--|----------------|-------------------|
| Sunday 22 nd August | Spithead Review | Onchan Park | 6:30pm |
| Sunday 12 th September | Vintage Yachts | Ramsey Mooragh | 2pm |
| Saturday 18 th September or Sunday 19 th September | Venetian Evening & Onchan Commissioners Shield | Onchan Park | 6:30pm |

We are not proposing to attend the Blackpool show this year as a club, however I have advised the organisers that one or two members may choose to visit the show individually. As far as we know the show is still going ahead on the weekend of 16th & 17th October 2021. Further details are available from [Blackpool Model Show – Blackpool Model Show](#)

Spithead Review

Our next event is the Spithead Review on Sunday 22nd August at Onchan Park starting at 6:30pm. The event is predominantly for Naval vessels, but other members are welcome to come along provided that they sail off to one side whilst the competition is under way.

This years competition will be judged by Dave Hanscom who was previously a members of the club and who was in the Royal Navy for 35 years. The event will be judged on the water with all the vessels sailing together.



A Further Update from Gareth & Elizabeth Jones

“Hi everyone,

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Bob Bagshaw. We know he will be sorely missed by all his friends and relatives. He was one of those characters that you occasionally meet in life and feel privileged to have known. I just hope that I am as switched on as he was if I ever reach the age of 96. The Manx MBC will be hard pressed to find another Commodore with his wit and enthusiasm.

Kim, thanks for the information on Thames barges. Elizabeth has given the hull a coat of resin and glass cloth and fitted a new deck but it has now been parked in the shed for the time being as she is now preoccupied by our latest puppy. Our last trainee hearing dog William went out to work somewhere near Exeter on Monday and his replacement arrived a couple of weeks ago in the form of his little sister Elsie. She is only about 10 weeks old and the youngest puppy we have had for about 20 years. It’s like going back to having kids again with early morning wake ups and



toilet training. Hopefully we should be back to something approaching normal in a few months time.

In the workshop I have spent the last few weeks measuring our new A class Sirius and re-measuring our old one Serica. I found that my previous measurements in the pond were seriously overestimating the waterline length by about 1.5 inches and so the sail area was not as large as permitted. I decided to invest in a 6 foot water trough from the local farm shop and have done quite a lot of measuring there.



The A class rules are quite complicated but it is possible to put the results into a spreadsheet on the MYA website and it does all the calculations for you. However trying to work out quarter beam length is still a mystery but I have been experimenting with a laser level in the workshop to get a more accurate answer. I have also been tinkering with our 36R Lancet to try and get the moving carriage vane gear functional. There is a bridle arrangement to make the gear self tacking which is not clearly explained in any of the



articles on it so I need to do some more trials and testing to get it to work. We are also restoring a 10 Rater belonging to another VMYG member, Jonathon Blakeborough. It is coming along slowly and he is learning on the job so to speak. It's a Stan Witty Windwing from about 1972, originally measured by Graham Bantock nearly 50 years ago.

We are planning to go down to Gosport at the end of August for the VMYG sailing day there. I have finally got round to rigging the simultaneous sheeting and vane gear on our Jemima Duck Marblehead in preparation. We have a few other things planned for the week including meeting our previous hearing dog Rodney and his recipient and visiting some of my relatives in Poole who I have not seen for about 30 years. However we are keeping an eye on the Covid situation and it might all get cancelled yet. I see the Warwick show has now been cancelled and I guess the Blackpool one must be in some doubt, although they are still quite positive it will go ahead at present. I doubt that we will be going though, and certainly not as exhibitors.



Not much else to report. I think it's unlikely we will get over to see any of you this year. We just hope next year will be better and we can get around a bit more freely and safely.

Best regards

Gareth and Elizabeth"

Thank you very much to Gareth & Elizabeth Jones who have shared this report on their latest projects and family events. If anybody else would like to contribute a report or build project for the newsletters then please let me know – Jason.

Steering Competition

The Steering Competition was well attended at Silverdale with good weather and everybody seemed to enjoy our first organised event of the season. We had a number of clean rounds on the first run in the under 1m and mini classes, so we ran a second round against the clock to decide the winner. Thanks also to all those who helped in the preparation, setting up and running of the event.

Steering Competition Results 2021

| Over 1m Class | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------|
| Position | Vessel Name | Skipper | 1 st Run Score | 2 nd Run Score | Time |
| 1 st | Loyal Watcher | Jason Quayle | 1 Point | N/A | N/A |
| 2 nd | Wendy Ann | Brian King | 3 points | N/A | N/A |
| 3 rd | Theresa Mary | Kim Holland | 5 Points | N/A | N/A |
| 4 th | Mannin Dredger | Dave Costain | 10 points | N/A | N/A |

| Under 1m Class | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Position | Vessel Name | Skipper | 1 st Run Score | 2 nd Run Score | Time |
| 1 st | LCM 6 | Kim Holland | 0 Points | 0 Points | 1 min 33 secs |
| 2 nd | Wyeforce | Brian Swinden | 0 Points | 0 Points | 1 min 39 secs |
| 3 rd | Cygnus | Brian King | 0 Points | 1 Points | 1 min 50 secs |
| JT 4 th | Cameo | John Hancox | 0 Points | Retired | N/A |
| JT 4 th | 3 Legs | Jason Quayle | 0 Points | Retired | N/A |
| 6 th | Active | Dave Costain | 1 Point | N/A | N/A |
| 7 th | Elaine | Scott Booth | 2 Points | N/A | N/A |
| 8 th | PT109 | Neil Patterson | 4 Points | N/A | N/A |

| Mini Class (Under 600mm) | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Position | Vessel Name | Skipper | 1 st Run Score | 2 nd Run Score | Time |
| 1 st | Nudger | Kim Holland | 0 Points | 1 Point | 1 min 22 secs |
| 2 nd | Janeve | Brian Swinden | 0 Points | 6 Points | 1 min 38 secs |
| 3 rd | Dornoch | Jason Quayle | 0 Points | Retired | N/A |
| 4 th | Black Pearl | Kim Holland | 2 Points | N/A | N/A |

| Micro Class (Under 450mm) | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------|
| Position | Vessel Name | Skipper | 1 st Run Score | 2 nd Run Score | Time |
| 1 st | Amy | Kim Holland | 1 Point | N/A | N/A |
| 1 st (Junior) | H100 | Robbie Patterson | 1 Point | N/A | N/A |

Vintage Yachts

The first vintage yacht event of the season was held at Ramsey Mooragh on Sunday 30th May in ideal sunny conditions. I don't have a full report from the event, but Kim has sent me a couple of links to videos he took during the afternoon. If you click on each of the links they should take to you to a YouTube page to watch the video.

[MMBC Vintage Yachts May 2021 - YouTube](#)

[1/12 scale model barge yacht Nancy Grey - YouTube](#)

Big Night Out

The Big Night Out was held at Onchan Park in ideal conditions with a good turnout of club members to sail their larger models. There is no competition with this event, just an enjoyable evening to sail model boats. I don't have any photographs, but there are two links to a on 'on board' video which I took and one which Kim took of his Barge Yacht 'Nancy Grey'.

[Big Night Out 2021 - YouTube](#)

[Model barge yacht NANCY GREY at Onchan Park, Isle of Man, complete with new sails, 13 June 2021. - YouTube](#)

Mannanan

Mannanan was a little different this year – mainly due to the ongoing border restrictions at the end of June which prevented visiting members from attending. We took the decision to reduce the event format to one day this year and reduce the number of competitions.

We held an 'On the Water' competition in the morning with classes for under 1m and over

1m boats alongside a static display of models on the side of the pool and free sailing in the afternoon. The event concluded with the Fun Float competition. New for this year we also introduced a display of RC trucks which some club members are now starting to build and operate.

I have included the list of results plus a selection of photographs taken at the event. A larger selection of photos is available via the MMBC web site [Manx Model Boat Club Picture Gallery](#)



Mannanan 2021 On the Water competition

Judge was Juan Owens (& son), Coxswain Peel Lifeboat asisted by Barry

Trophies presented by Sue Madigan, daughter of Bob the Commodore

| UNDER 1 Meter | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------|-----|
| Skipper | Boat | score | |
| Scott Booth | Duck + 2 ducklings | 8 | |
| Kim Holland | LCM 6 | 8 | |
| Neil Paterson | PT 109 | 8 | |
| Brian Swinden | Trent Lifeboat | 8 | |
| Nigel Latham | FV Odin | 10 | cup |
| John Hancox | Vital Spark, Puffer | 9 | |
| Kim Holland | Black Pearl | 9 | |
| Brian King | FV CT 43 | 9 | |
| Jason Quayle | Parrot | 9 | |
| Dave Costain | Fairey Huntsman | 9 | |
| Les Quayle | Thistle | 9 | |

| OVER 1 Meter | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----|-----|
| Nigel Latham | Bismark | 8 | |
| Brian Marsh | Perkasa | 8 | |
| John Hancox | Schooner, North Barrule | 8 | |
| Jason Quayle | ASR FIRE 94 | 8 | |
| Kevin Kinnin | Torpedo Boat | 8 | |
| Dave Costain | Mannin | 10 | cup |
| Brian King | Wendy Ann + LCT6 | 9 | |
| John Hancox | FV CT20 Friendly Shores | 9 | |

FUN FLOAT COMPETITION

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|------------------|----------------------------|
| First float back | Scott Booth |
| Most floats | Kim Holland |
| Last Float | Unknown lad small red boat |

also competing
Brian King
Jason Quayle

A selection of images taken during Mannanan



Tug Towing Competition

Once again, the Tug Towing competition was held in good conditions at Silverdale, although the list of entries was slightly down on previous years. Everybody had a first run, but with only one entrant in each of the Over 1m and Mini classes, the honours went to Brian King with Wendy Ann and Kim Holland with Amy. In the Under 1m class Jason Quayle and Brian Swinden tied with one point lost after their first runs. A second run was held and Brian just edged ahead with a clear round compared to Jason who lost one point.

| Three classes of Tugs, over 1m, under 1m and mini (< 400mm) | | | | | |
|---|---------------|----------|-------|-------|--------|
| Boat | Skipper | class | run 1 | run 2 | result |
| AMY | Kim Holland | mini | 2 | x | 1st |
| | | | | | |
| WENDY ANN | Brian King | Over 1M | 1 | x | 1st |
| | | | | | |
| REPULSUS | Kim Holland | under 1M | 5 | x | |
| ACTIVE | Dave Costain | under 1M | 9 | x | |
| YESSIR | Jason Quayle | under 1M | 1 | 1 | 2nd |
| WYRE FORCE | Brian Swinden | under 1M | 1 | 0 | 1st |

Items for Sale

Brian King has a number of items for sale from a previous club member Martin Lowey. He can send you a photo of the items if required.

Static kit Vasa , New in box, list price £175 for sale at £25 ono

Static kit Cruizer brig, hull part built but rest of kit complete. Offers

Plastic Tirpitz kit, about 30 ins long. Brand new in box. £25 ono

2 semi scale yachts of vintage era approx 18 inches long. Need some work to restore. Guess about £25 each.

1 vintage hull, again about 18 inches long, offers around £15 ono.

Japanese warship fibreglass hull plus plans, approx 4 ft guess at about £40 ono.

2 fibreglass hulls of IOM SP boat Tynwald, approx 5 1/2 ft long with one set of plans (big) Can be copied, Guess at £50 each.

Half model wall plaque, vintage approx 30 inches long. £50

Contact Brian King on 628156