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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

Chairman's

Hello to all our Members.

Welcome to another year of model boating, we have a slightly different line up in the Committee and Officials this year due to work and other commitments, but as always our aims are to enhance the benefits of our Members. (*see draft AGM minutes for details of the new committee*)

By the time your are reading this newsletter the first two Club events will have been completed, unfortunately I was unable to be at either as I was off the Island, but I believe the first sail of the year did not go without it's fun and games, maybe your Editor can enlighten us with further information, but it has been suggested that we add the word Swimming to our Club title.

You will have noticed that the Membership fee has had to be increased, the fee has remained static for a number off years, but it was just about paying for

the Club Insurance, something we all tend to take for granted, personally I was paying around £17 for insurance some ten years ago, so our membership fee represents very good value.

I hope to have ready for everyone a small pocket/wallet sized list of events for the 2008 season of sailing, this will give all on Island events and some of the shows we attend in the UK, whilst I appreciate it is sometimes difficult; it would be nice to see our event calendar well supported throughout the season.

Brian seems to be progressing well with the 2008 Mannanan Festival and any help that can be given in that quarter would be very much appreciated I know only to well what obstacles can rear their ugly heads.

Can I wish you all good sailing and may your batteries never run down.

Howard Quayle

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Last years Scale Competition Winner (Scratch Class) 'Ben Varrey' built by Nigel Latham

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2007 Tug Towing Competition

(For some reason I missed this report out from last years newsletter, so to avoid anybody feeling left out I have included the report here)

After being transferred from Onchan to Silverdale, we had rain to contend with at the last moment. However, it cleared up after a short while and we could continue in reasonable weather. With 4 entries in the under one metre and 7 in the over one metre, it was an improvement on last year. First off in the under one metre was our esteemed chairman 'getting wet' for the first time in over a year. [metaphorically and literally!] After a total of 5 points it was Allan's TID that followed Howard's. He got round 'clean' with Brian and Jason following with a loss of 1 point each. Second time round, Howard lost only 3 despite radio interference, while Allan lost 1 and Brian and Jason got 'cleans'. Due to the onset of rain at the end which curtailed a 'run off' it was decided that the winner should be the competitor who covered the longest distance 'clean' before incurring a penalty. [a good decider for future competitions!] This made Allan first, Brian second and Jason third.

With 7 competitors in the over one metre, Nigel's Blazer was first off with a 'clean' lap. Allan was next off and got round in 1 while Brian's Monarch

was going well until leaves got caught in the 'kort' and reduced power. However, after the resulting 5 he managed a 1 making 6 in all. Cameron was reckoned the 'man' [boy?] to beat and rightly so as he got round 'clean'. Grandfather Roy followed suit! Jason Fleming with the Happy Hunter lost 5 while John Williams with Roysterer 12. All boats suffered with leaf problems at various times but struggled on, sometimes having to be rescued and then continuing.

Second time round saw Nigel, Allan and Brian all lose 1 point each while Cameron managed a second 'clean'. Roy lost 1 while Jason and John withdrew. Cameron was the winner yet again!

Mike Leece was the only competitor in the 'Mini' class but completed his two laps with a loss of 2 and 7 respectively. The source of power in such a small boat is unknown but it pulls the large barge relatively easily.

This was a successful club event, well supported and with the co-operation of the café proprietor who kept the much appreciated café open. Many thanks are also due to Brian Swinden who spent the afternoon judging.

Brian King

New Years Day

The New Years Day 'sail in' was rather damp under the trees for those members brave enough to venture out in the rain to Silverdale. Not content with getting wet in the rain, Roy Watterson decided to fall in the lake whilst retrieving one of his boats and got a proper soaking. After getting out Roy commented that he had been late for the Peel dip and decided to use Silverdale instead!



Help Wanted

We have been contacted by a young lad who has bought a couple of Don Mackays old boats. They are the Ben My Chree and Franconia (which is a liner). He is now looking to get these boats working, but needs some assistance with obtaining parts. The sorts of parts which he is looking for are the internal items such as motors, radio gear, speed controllers, prop shafts etc. If any members are able to help then they can either contact myself or Brian King and we will put you in touch with him.

Engraving Facility

Howard has advised that the physically disabled workshop has now moved to the old Nobles Hospital site on Westmoreland road. The workshop are able to undertake engraving work if you are interested in them making up a sign or plaque for your boat or stand. They make a nominal charge for the work, but you know it will be going to a good cause. Contact Howard for details.

2008 Events List

23/03/08	Easter Egg Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	2:30pm
13/04/08	Scale Steering Competition	Onchan Park	2:30pm
20/04/08	Scale Steering Comp Wet Weather Alternative	Onchan Park	2:30pm
04/05/08	Scale & 'On the Water' Competitions	Silverdale	10:00am
11/05/08	Scale & 'On the Water' Competitions Wet Weather Alternative	Silverdale	10:00am
21/06/08	Mannanan 2008 Steering Competition	Onchan Park	10:00am
22/06/08	Mannanan 2008 Scale Competition	Ramsey Mooragh	10:00am
23/06/08	Mannanan 2008 On the Water, Tug Towing, Fun	Silverdale	10:00am
05/07/08	Tynwald Fair Exhibition	St. Johns Marquee	09:00am
13/07/08	Speed Event / Boat in a Bag	Silverdale	6:30pm
TBC	Port Erin RNLI Display	Port Erin	TBC
09/08/08	Spithead Review (Naval Display)	Silverdale	6:30pm
23/08/08	Ellesmere Port Model Boat Show	EPIC Centre	10:00am
24/08/08	Ellesmere Port Model Boat Show	EPIC Centre	10:00am
13/09/08	Onchan Commissioners Trophy & Barbecue	Onchan Park	7:00pm
14/09/08	Onchan Commissioners Trophy & Barbecue Wet Weather Alternative	Onchan Park	7:00pm
21/09/08	Vintage Yacht Rally	Ramsey Mooragh	2:30pm
05/10/08	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:00pm
12/10/08	Tug Towing Comp Wet Weather Alternative	Onchan Park	2:00pm
19/10/08	'Round the Island' Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	2:00pm
TBA	Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation	TBA	TBA
TBA	Annual General Meeting	TBA	TBA

Don't forget to check the web site for any changes or alterations to events as the season progresses. Informal sailing also takes place on Thursday & Sunday evenings during the summer season at Onchan Park.

New Winter Time Events for 2008

To fill the gap between now and the first main scale event of the season in April, we are going to hold a winter event each month in the evenings to give members an excuse to get out of the house (or boat yard) on those dark nights and learn a little bit more about model boating. The events will be held after our normal committee meetings, which are held on the last Thursday of each month, at the Archibald Knox meeting room in Onchan. Hopefully we can get a prompt start to the committee meetings at 8pm followed by the evenings activities as soon as the meeting is finished.

The first event will be held on 31st January and will be a demonstration by Kim Holland on how to make rope fenders for your models. Anybody who has seen Kim's boats on display will know how effective they look on the models.

February's event is on 28th and will be a demonstration workshop led by myself on how the scoring system works for judging the Scale models at Mannanan. Hopefully you will pick up some tips on what the judges are looking for how to improve your scores.

Depending on how we manage for time during the above two evenings, we may carry over some of the activities into the March meeting which is due to be held on 27th, or alternatively hold a bring & buy sale.

Radio Frequencies

It has been some time since we have published a list of members radio frequencies, so the list below may be slightly out of date. Can you please have a look through and advise any changes of your main frequency to Brian King. Members must always check and use the peg board before switching on at any club event, and you must also have an aerial protector (such as a practice golf ball) fitted to your transmitter. Of course checking your radio frequency will be a thing of the past for those lucky enough to have one of the new 2.4GHz radio sets!

Freq	SCALE BOATS	40 MHz Frequency	YACHTS	Freq
60		40.605		60
61		40.615		61
62		40.625		62
63		40.635		63
64		40.645		64
65		40.655		65
66	Graham Norman	40.665		66
67	Alan Gough / T. Harrison / J.Black	40.675		67
68	Graham Norman / N. Latham	40.685	Jackie Ball	68
69	Alan Gough / Nigel Latham / B.Brechin	40.695		69
70		40.705		70
71	Ray Sansbury / Alan Watson	40.715	John McDermott	71
72	Ray Sansbury / N. Latham	40.725		72
73		40.735		73
74	Doug Wheeler	40.745	Roy Corkill / Doug Wheeler	74
75		40.755		75
76	Brian King	40.765	Brian King	76
77	Howard Quayle / Alan Watson	40.775	Alan Watson	77
78	Bob Bagshaw	40.785		78
79	Nigel Latham	40.795		79
80	Bill Callow	40.805		80
81	Arthur Arnold / Arthur Cowley	40.815	Mike Wallace	81
82	Mike Wallace	40.825	Mike Buss	82
83	Bill Callow / Mike Leece	40.835		83
84		40.845		84
85	Mike Leece	40.855		85
86		40.865		86
87	Jason Quayle	40.875	Chris Fayle	87
88	Mike Heathcote	40.885	Dave Foulis	88
89		40.895	Harry Campbell	89
90	Juan Vernon / Kim Holland / R.Rose	40.905	Kim Holland	90
91		40.915	Bob Bagshaw	91
92		40.925		92
93	Bill Callow	40.935		93
94		40.945		94
95	Juan Vernon	40.955	Juan Vernon	95
96	Peter Marvan	40.965		96
97	Bernie Hynes	40.975		97
98	Cameron Watterson	40.985	Jonathan Clarke	98
99		40.995		99

27 MHz Frequencies

Colour	Frequency	SCALE	YACHTS
Brown/Grey	26.970	Bob Bagshaw / M.Dove	
Brown	26.995	Jason Quayle / Peter Marvan	Peter Marvan / Angela Pimbley
Brown/Red	27.020		
Red	27.045	Bob Bagshaw / Vince Walmsley	Vince Walmsley
Red/Orange	27.070	Bill Callow / Mike Buss	
Orange	27.095	Les Quayle / Alan Watson / Cameron Watterson	
Orange/Yellow	27.120	Barry Kerfoot / Bernie Hinds	
Yellow	27.145	Mike Dove / Mike Leece / Barry Kerfoot	Kevin Kinnon / John Taylor
Yellow/Green	27.170	Bob Bagshaw / Graham Norman	
Green	27.195	Howard Quayle / Barry Kerfoot / Alan	Watson Roy Corkill / Alan Watson