



Obituary Ray Sansbury

It is always sad to report that one of our valued Club members has passed away.

On April 21st this year Ray Sansbury sadly left this life and will be missed for his expertise and skills in model boating.

I know he was a DLA with Port Erin lifeboat some years back, and had built a truly wonderful model of their old Rother lifeboat which is still displayed at the boathouse.



He was also involved with racing motorcycles at one time, maybe someone has more details than I.

I did manage to capture his friendly smile and also his cheery approach to life, as seen here peering out from midst his trade mark beard and hat.

I'll miss you Ray, bon voyage mate!

Kim Holland - Ed

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BEST IN SHOW MANNANAN 2014



“Shemarah II,” scratch built by visiting modeller Gareth Jones of the Goole Model Boat Club, near York, and voted best in show by fellow competitors, congratulations!

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Editor's comments

If all had gone to plan, then this should have been with just as we all were putting boats in the car for Mannanan 2014.. How time flies!

At least I remembered to send my dinner form in at the time I created it, and then astounded myself by also putting in an early entry for the two day event as well.

We've been really lucky with the weather so far, we've managed all events to date and it held grand for the Mannanan week-end.

The Commodore has really got members interested in his challenges, the straight runner sets, only eight were created, are all out and being built. Indeed several

have taken to the water in open trials.

The yacht challenge has been left alone by most, but the straight running for r/c boats is causing much discussion, many skippers do not have a ratchet on the throttle stick!

More on the challenges inside this Newsletter.

I know several members have already secured accommodation for the Warwick Show in November, ensuring cheaper rates by booking early. We'll soon have to give some serious thought to that events displays etc.

It was also very pleasing to see the number of watchers at the Time Trial event. We'd moved, as an experiment, to the Sunday afternoon, having obtained permission first, and it seems to have paid divi-

dends. Much interest was shown and several enquiries about Club memberships, events and future engagements involving the Av-a-Go boats were made to members.

I think we are soon to have four springer tugs in the Club, three from the kits purchased last year. That's enough for a football team - who are the opposition to be? I've already enquired about a tug section for pushers in the next towing event, I've even made the barge in anticipation.

And lastly, keep on enjoying the hobby, it's not all about building the best/biggest/cutest boat, so long as you enjoy being involved - dare I say "whatever floats your BOAT".



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Commodore's Challenge - straight runners and others!

The Commodore's straight runner challenge is fully sold out.

All eight packs are out there being assembled to a variety of secret designs (a few have been seen testing and sinking) and some are still in development.

To date most "banana" boats, as observers refer to them as, are attempting to incorporate sensitive trimming devices to counter the effects of wave, wind and wash. It's not easy. But they are still toiling away.

The ever more good news is that we have an almost fixed date now for the Challenge Day, which will most probably be up North at Milntown [by request]

and will be a sunny Sunday afternoon in August.

Now the Commodore set more than one challenge. The second part of the straight runner challenge incorporates radio controlled boats.

You will require to have either a ratchet stick for the motor control or at least a method of fixing the speed. The rules are fairly obvious. The boat can be steered in a straight line to the start and then the rudder stick is no touched till either the boat finishes or is in danger of impact. The original idea was to put the transmitter down on the table during a run, and that might be the rule too.

The third challenge is to design and build a simple card based free sailing yacht - the object being initially to sail across the lake. Design and decoration count towards prizes [so said the Commodore.]

A fourth challenge went out Sunday last, a small simple sailing boat kit, for best decorated vessel - possibly to sail as well. Nothing can be added to this kit except paint.

A last challenge is being devised as I type, utilising two elastic bands, a plank of wood and a destination. More to follow.

Ed



Spring yachting, Easter Sunday, at the Mooragh in Ramsey

This is the third in a series of Vintage yachting and radio controlled yachting that Brian King and myself have arranged. It is so pleasing to see all the events so far well supported and eagerly anticipated.

Brian has concentrated on the older free sailing aspects whilst I've run a series of short races for the radio fleet, with up to five heats, such that we can apply discounts on the results.

Here's a brief of this event.

Easter Sunday yachting at the Mooragh, Ramsey 2014 radio racing results.

Cool, windy afternoon, the wind at about 20 knots NE/NNE and at first quite gusty.

Several keen yachters present, including Jason Quayle, Alan Gough, BK mate, BK, those listed in the race table, Ron Hook and his assistant "Charlie" from Suffolk.

Unfortunately the wind saw off several would be boaters early on, Jason Fleming's borrowed IOM breaking a main shroud and having to

be pulled from starting. I had two unused boats on the blocks and no sailors!

This wind was over the limit for No1 sets, but some persevered.....

First race very windy, with Jackie ball being the only sensible skipper having changed down to No2 sails. All that could followed his lead for race 2, and changed down a rig. After the tea interval the wind slackened and proved to be just right for No1 sails again, though only Boyd went up, and gained the last two races as a consequence. Much fun by all.

Great to see the free sailors giving it a go. Brian as usual had a few "ol beauties" and his ketch took to the rough and the wind with no problems, making the crossing at the North end in style. JQ had an interesting chase of his free sailer (name?) with himself and Les chasing it the whole length of the lake before she finally came ashore by the end cafe, having made many tacks and gybes on the way but always turning off shore

at the last minute.

The Club's website gallery has all the boats used for this event out on the water.

The trophy was presented by John Martin to Alan Postlethwaite. John had originally provided the trophy in memory of his father so it was very fitting for him to once again have it used for a Club yachting event.

Some new names on the day, and some new members, welcome and long may you support us with your presence at these events. Thanks from the Club to Chris Machin for the use, once again, of his tender as a catch and safety



boat, and thanks also to Gordon and Dawn Dickens for permitting the use of their launching trolley to transport it to and from the Lake. Ed



Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	points	position
Alan Postlethwaite	1	1	2	4	4	1
Boyd Baird	3	3	1	1	5	2
Jackie Ball	2	5	w/d	w/d	17	5=
John Martin	4	2	3	2	7	3
George Redford	5	4	5	5	14	4
Graham Wyatt	Ns	w/d	6	7	23	7=
Bill Bumpus	w/d	w/d	7	6	23	7=
Kim Holland	Nr	Nr	4	3	17	5=

w/d = withdrawn after starting 10 points

Ns = non starter 10 points

Nr = not racing 10 points



Static and On-the-Water competition, Silverdale - May 11th

These are the Club's precursor events to Mannanan later in June. They are judged by invited persons but not as per the judging rules used at the June event. Models in the static must be built by the entrant, but for On-the-Water need not be so.

The invited judge this year was Kevin Christian, the Life-boat operations manager of Ramsey station. A good job he made and as this was his first visit to a model boat event he was "mightily impressed" with what he saw.

His first task was the static displayed boats. There were fourteen boats in total, seven kit boats, 6 semi kit and just one for scratch.

Points were awarded to a total of 10, with no guidance given as to what to

score or how. Totally the judges choice.

Full results are below, with Jason Quayle taking the kit class with W 165; Roy Watterson the semi kit class with Vervine and Jason Quayle taking the scratch with his rowing boat.

The On-the-Water had ten entrants, and quite a few different boats from the static list. We employed a "busier" approach to this event and had all entrants on the water ready to go, calling them forward to the harbour side as soon as a boat had completed a lap. Each boat did two laps of a simple course, and in this way each encountered other vessels and happenings along the way. The judge was then able to add a dis-



Jason Quayle's Envoy often referred to as W165 in results, winner kit class.

cretionary mark for how the skippers coped.

At the end he had a clear winner, but with the final task of subdividing the five joint second placed boats further to decide a second.

His result, a first place to Brian Swinden with his George and Mary Webb life boat, and second, to Steve Downe's battleship Prince of Wales [he just loved that silhouette].



Brian Swinden's life boat "George and Mary Webb" winner On-the-Water scale.

Static Results

Kit Class		points	Position
Entrant	Boat		
Jason Quayle	W 165	9	1
Norman Cadwallader	Reliant	8	2
Roy Watterson	Torben	7	3
Brian Swinden	George and Mary Webb LB	6	4=
Cameron Watterson	Manx Lass	6	4=
Jason Fleming	Ramborator	6	4=
Brian King	PSM Arun LB	6	4=
Semi-kit		points	Position
Roy Watterson	Vervine	9	1
Cameron Watterson	CT 116	8	2
Cameron Watterson	Scorpion	7	3
Roy Watterson	RY 12	6.5	4
John Williams	Parallax	6	5=
Brian Swinden	Samuel J	6	5=
Scratch Class		points	Position
Jason Quayle	Rowing boat	9	1

On-the-Water Results

Entrant	Boat	points	Position
Brian Swinden	George and Mary Webb LB	9	1
Steve Downe	Prince of Wales	8	2
Jason Fleming	Ramborator	8	3
Cameron Watterson	Manx Lass	8	4
John Williams	Parallax	8	5
Jason Quayle	Rowing boat	8	6
Roy Watterson	Northlight	7	7
Cameron Watterson	Andromeda	6	8
Brian Kinh	PSM Arun LB	6	9
Norman Cadwallader	Reliant	5	10

Spithead review, Onchan Sunday evening 25th May

This event was not held last year due to the House of Manannan display. It is certainly worth keeping and a good event it turned out to be. It really is a grand display when all the "grey fleet" are on the water together.

Again, trying to change the rigidity of old, this event was scheduled for the Onchan boating lake on a Sunday evening to try and capture a local interest. This Sunday also happened to be the first in TT fortnight, but we didn't attract any bikers.

We did get a fairly good crowd, and they got to see some really magnificent boats up close at the water's edge, and afloat on the boating pool.

I was OOD and spent my time either creating order amongst the competitors and escorting our judge, retired navy captain Ken Johnson and his wife. We had devised a specific scoring system for him (having learnt from the Silverdale event previous) that it is much easier to mark given the subject

area, and a grand total of 5 sections could give a maximum total of 50 points.

Unfortunately, it was not until after we had completed the event and were clearing away that I was quietly informed of a mistake. We have a Club rule whereby previous winners of a Club event are not eligible again for three years. With the event missing a year and the trophy merely having the skippers name I missed that HMS Chatham had won in 2011, so had no option but to elevate Ark Royal to first place.

A very understanding John Williams has passed the trophy over to Brian Swinden, skipper of Ark Royal and built by the late Bernie Hinds.

Of interest, the Club's marine pyromaniac was at it again, managing to blow the electrics in the PT Boat 153. He had to wade out and capture the boat, and when he raised the hatch, disappeared in a puff of smoke! I think the song is "Another one bites the dust!"



"SPITHEAD on fire" by Jason Quayle

Entrant	Boat	points	Position
Brian Swinden [built by Bernie Hinds]	HMS Ark Royal	41	1
John Williams	Roysterer	40	2
Alan Gough	TID 33	36	3
Steve Downe	HMS Prince of Wales	35	4=
Brian King	Canadian Gun Boat	35	4=
Jason Fleming [built by Doug Wheeler]	PT Boat 153	35	4=
Jason Quayle	Loyal Watcher	34	7
Jason Quayle	Envoy W165	32	8
Brian King	RML	28	9
John Williams	HMS Chatham	(43)	***



Time trials - (trawler races the model way)

As a trial, and to see whether we could get a good crowd, the date and time for this event was the Sunday after TT fortnight, starting at midday.

We got the crowd, and sunny warm day and a good bit of interest from members, though more the merrier.

Just to add to the fun, Hookie decided it would also be a golden opportunity to sail his Prawner - across the intended course and whilst the races were on. It all adds to the day.

Competitors have to declare a run time (for two laps we later learnt) and there were also prizes for best dressed

boat, skipper and junior.

One boat failed to finish the course, that being "Carrot" a footy yacht (mine).

Best dressed was awarded to Roy Watterson and Jason Fleming, and best dressed boat to Parat (Jason Quayle). Best junior was Josh Hannay.

Competitor name	Boat	Estimated time	Elapsed time	Time difference	position	Best dressed
Jason Fleming	Parallax	3m 10s	2m 56s	- 14s	1	
Roy Watterson	Scorpion	4m 42s	4m 20s	- 22s	2	skipper
Cameron Watteron	Andromeda	3m 15s	2m 52s	- 23s	3=	
Cameron Watterson	Manx Lass	4m 45s	4m 22s	- 23s	3=	
Roy Watterson	Manx Maid	4m53s	4m 23s	- 30s		
Kim Holland	Nudger	4m 50s	3m 34s	- 1m 16s		
Jason Fleming	Gough Ritchie	3m 30s	2m 4s	- 1m 25s		skipper
Jason Quayle	Parat	6m 10s	4m 21s	- 1m 49s		boat
Norman Cadwallader	Reliant	4m 1s	6m 45s	+ 2m 44s		
Steve Downe	Prince of Wales	7m 15s	3m 40s	- 3m 35s		
Kim Holland	Carrot	10m 20s	Still sailing	?		
Josh Hannay	Two Sisters	4m 20s	3m 4s	- 1m 16s		junior

Transmitters and receiver failsafes

I don't know if you know, but I do write on forums on the inter web thingy from time to time, and one of my real concerns is the "Failsafe" and how its is or mostly is not understood by model boaters.

The 2.4Ghz sets were developed initially for flyers, and primarily for the helicopter brigade. They soon became the norm for stiff wing aircraft, and boaters have used any set for boating.

Few manufacturers actually have a boating set-up per say, but we get by. The very cheap sets can be a

problem till the failsafe system is understood.

So, does your set have a failsafe setting? Have you ever looked for it, or understood it and how it activates?

It's there as a safety setting mainly for the fly boys, so that if (or when) their plane flies out of signal [note **not out of range**] the failsafe kicks in and shuts the throttle down. So the receiver controls the failsafe! It also assumes that the throttle is on a specific receiver channel, and that a signal equivalent to the transmitter

throttle stick pulled full back is the tick-over, no throttle position.

On a boat we use our sticks about the centre stick position to allow us forwards and reverse (via an ESC) and so on the throttle stick full back is full reverse!

The Planet T5 has this system as its default, try it. Connect everything up and switch all on. Now turn the transmitter off - what happened. If you motor just went full speed, you have the failsafe on your engine control.

Please note that this was tripped by the receiver not receiving signal, not by going out of range but because the signal was interrupted.

In Mode 1, the throttle channel is on stick 1 (left hand). I simply went to Mode 2 and instead of using the new throttle channel on the right hand stick, I now use the left hand stick marked ELE for the throttle. NO failsafe on this receiver channel.

Other sets, other problems, just don't mention the Spektrum system, I said don't.

Mannanan 2014

Well, another Mannanan been and gone, and apologies for not getting the Newsletter out before, but at least now you have here the full results.

We had more visiting models this year, Paul Brassington, Peter Iddon and Peter Kendrick are regulars and also Gareth and Elizabeth Jones (Goole MBC - near York.)

AND, like last year, the Best in Show again went off Island, this time to Gareth Jones for his superb scratch built trawler "SHEMARAH II". A hearty well done to you, and a look down the results list showed just how well our visitors are doing. Good job we can beat them at the big shows across!!! Warwick, bring it on.....

The event as usual spans a full weekend. Saturday at Onchan Park, and this year we had the water to ourselves. Glorious sunshine all day, but the wind was just a bit too strong for some boats.

A very good crowd of spectators all day, all taking the opportunity of looking at the displayed boats on the tables as well as watching the antics on the water.

A local photographer, Martyn Parnel covered all the weekend's activities and has recorded some amazing shots of all entrants on and off the water. From our website follow the link in the gallery section to see his images, some are quite extraordinary.

The Sunday, and the weather was again glorious, and in the sheltered valley, no real wind. The only

problem was floating on the water - grass cuttings. Someone had decided to trim the grass banks up stream on the Friday / Saturday previous and the whole lot had floated down and covered almost half the lake, our end. Despite an hour attempting to clear it much was left just submerged, and it caused problems for many as it got caught around propellers and such.

We had a new judge for the On-the-Water, Mike Brew, ex Harbour's director and now a commissioner on the Northern Lights Board. Lets take this opportunity to thank our previous nautical expert, ex IOMSPCo captain, Roger Moore, who has unfortunately retired from this role. Many thanks for your years of service for us.

The grass slowed up some competitors and Hookie again wanted to sail across one and all (but was stopped.) Even bigger attempts to distract a competitor (JF) were made by Norman bouncing his "Reliant" from table top height onto the tarmac, just as JF was docking. Even Mike Brew commented "sounded expensive" whilst JF, without looking up knew the culprit!

The static judging was taken on by Jason Quayle and Jason Fleming (trainee) this year and we thank them for accepting the role. Try it some time, it's not easy.

Whilst they were hard at their job every one else was deciding and voting for best in show.

By 3pm all was ready for the fun event. A large crowd

had gathered and eagerly awaited the gladiators.

Paul Brassington has coveted the laurels for this event for some years. Last year he made a special boat just for it. This year, and I have to say to a chorus of objection - totally overruled as there are no rules, he produced his vessel complete with "cow catcher comb" attached.

So good was his device that he took almost all the honors. Indeed he took all trophies, but did not get the most points! Ha, we'll have to introduce another category next year without warning him.

I would now like to list some people for their hard work in making this event run so well.

Mike Buss, he's done the registration and event lists for some years, makes an OOD's job much easier.

Jason Fleming for setting up each site, with his ever willing team - Billy, Roy, and co.

Brian K for collecting, transporting and returning display tables, then sorting the trophies ready for the dinner.

Brian Swinden for the always problematic dinner organizing - why does it take so much effort to fill in a form and send back with money BEFORE the cut off date?

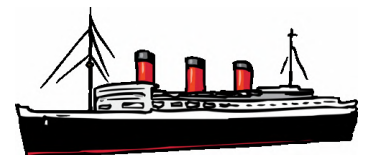
All our partners for putting up with us, missing and messing with boats for a whole weekend.

And all those visitors, thanks for coming, and hopefully, coming back.

Full results listed next page, any errors are mine. Ed



OUR PYROMANIAC DID IT AGAIN, THIS TIME SALVAGE WAS CLAIMED BY THE HAMSTER BUT THE FERRET MANAGED TO HAVE YET ANOTHER ON BOARD FIRE IN THE FUN EVENT. LOTS OF SMOKE AND CHEERS FROM ALL.



Saturday ONCHAN PARK							
STEERING COMPETITION							
MICRO CLASS [under 400mm long]				MINI CLASS [under 605mm]			
Decided on first round				Required a run-off against the clock 3 clear first runs			
Jason Fleming	Army Tug		1	Brian King	Manxman	2m 43s	1
Roy Watterson	Manx Lad		2	Jason Quayle	Dornoch	2m 55s	2
Kim Holland	Tug Amy		3	Jason Fleming	Ramborator	3m 8s	3
UNDER 1 metre (All tied after first round)				OVER 1 metre			
Jason Quayle	Parat		1	Paul Brassington	U38		1
Roy Watterson	Guardsman		2	Jason Quayle	Loyal Watcher		2
Brian King	Taroo Ushtey		3	Juan Vernon	Eldergarth		3
TUG TOWING COMPETITION							
UNDER 1 metre (All tied after first round)				OVER 1 metre			
Jason Quayle	Parat		1	Jason Fleming	MSC		1
Brian King	Taroo Ushtey		2	Josh Hannay	Golden Sun		2
Brian Swinden	Wyreforce		3	Roy Watterson	Sea Spray		3=
				Steve Downe	Odin		3=
Sunday SILVERDALE, BALLASALLA							
ON the WATER SCALE COMPETITION							
UNDER 1 metre				OVER 1 metre			
Cameron Watterson	Andromeda		1	Roy Watterson	Golden Sun		1
Paul Brassington	Abigail		2	Jason Quayle	Glasgow		2
Jason Fleming	Ramborator		3=	Jason Fleming	Gough Ritchie 2		3
Jason Quayle	Rowing boat		3=				
Brian Swinden	George and Mary Webb		3=				
Josh Hannay	Two Sisters	Best junior	1				
SCALE COMPETITION				FUN EVENT			
SCRATCH				First float back		Paul Brassington	
Gareth Jones	Shemarah II		1	Last float back		Paul Brassington	
Peter Kendrick	Glenchree		2	Most floats back		Paul Brassington	
Brian King	Taroo Ushtey		3	Most points		Cameron Watterson	
KIT				Best conflagration		Jason Fleming	
Geoff Gell	Ann Letitia Russell		1	BEST IN SHOW SHEMARAH II Gareth Jones			
Kim Holland	SS Sirius		2				
Geoff Gell	Ben Ain		3				
SEMI KIT							
Roy Watterson	Vervine		1				
Cameron Watterson	Maid of Erin		2				
Cameron Watterson	Andromeda		3=				
Cameron Watterson	Scorpion		3=				

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Committee - a few jottings

Our biggest problem so far has been to keep the Commodore in check. Once we agreed "in principle" to his challenges he's been away with it.

Mind I've not helped, suggesting the rubber band challenge, now to agree the rules.

We've possibly got another event day to add to the calendar, it'll slot into the August hole. Looks like it will be August 10th, Sunday afternoon at Milntown, The Commodore's Challenge model Boating Sports Day, and we may also request some models to parade display on the lake as well - a kind of "cat-walk"

style with short commentary, to round off the afternoon.

We have agreed to display again at the International Model Boat Show, Warwick this year, dates are November 7/8 and 9. If interested or you want details contact any committee member, or Jason Fleming or myself direct. There is definite limited boat display space, and those travelling get first options on space.

I have a renovated IOM yacht for sale at a very reasonable price, complete with three sets of sails. You will require a two channel radio and receiver set and a sail-winch unless you buy the one currently installed. Please contact me directly as above. If you've ever considered giving it a try then this is a good starting boat.

Sail loft secrets - [the bean spillers].

The Commodore's challenge has his specific rules, short and sharp so.... he's now broken his own rules by having a different motor and propeller in his straight runner to everyone else!

The secret of a good fire in your boat is to a) overload the ESC with power; b) ensure the electrics are exposed to any water that may enter through the deck openings and c) drive it at full speed at all times into other boats - like in the fun event.....

Billy can be seen with his new water jet engines anytime about the lakes. He's just itching to get his hands on his new Shannon lifeboat, currently being moulded at a secret location in the UK.

Look like we're soon to have some serious competition out on the Mooragh - a certain person (seen smiling at the annual dinner) has purchased a IOM yacht design Lintel and will soon be rigged and ready to reach faster, point higher and broach quicker than any one else.

Just wait till he see's my Balmain Bug - yep, I've got a 6incher and the plans for a footer too. Ed

Always wanted—ideas for the next issue.

One item I'll cover will be the use and need for the failsafe modes on units to be understood and set, and what happened to me because I ignored it. Ed

Good luck to all Mannanan 2014 entrants, and to all you travellers from over the waters, thank you so much for coming, we really do appreciate your being here with us, we do know what's involved and the costs involved, but thank you for presence and boats.

Gura mie eu, cair vie, slaynt vie



Just in case