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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

Chairman's

Ahoy Shipmates.

We are moving through the seasons events quite quickly, may I say a big thank you to all who helped at Mannanan a couple of weeks ago a good turn out, (more inside).

We do have a new event on the 13th August, the Spithead Review, and it would be a great compliment to one of the original members of the Club for a good turn out of present members on the night.

Don Mckay was building and sailing models over 30 years ago, right up until his passing last year, the Trophy to be warded on the night

will be the Don Mckay Memorial Trophy, this will take place in the presence of His Excellency the Governor. More information on this inside.

Enjoy your newsletter, if you find that you have anything to add to future newsletters email the information to Jason Quayle and he will try and fit it in, it is always hard to keep the columns full and anything that could be of interest no matter how small is always welcome.

Howard Quayle

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Visit the Manx Model Boat Club Web site at www.manxmodelboatclub.org.

The web site now contains a 'NEWS' section which is an area where you can keep up to date with club events, alterations and postponements, and other boat club news which we are unable to bring you in the newsletter.

Mannanan 2006

This years Mannanan Model Boat Festival was very well supported, and a big thank you must go out to all the stalwarts who persevered the wet on the Saturday, not the best of weather to be sailing, but, non the less we completed all that we set out to do and finished the competitions, it proves we modellers are built of sterner stuff.

Sunday started out a little doubtful again with the weather, but we are fortunate in that an excellent covered area is available, I counted 79 models on display with over 50 in competition, many a large Club in the UK would be happy with a turnout like that, needless to say the Judges Keith Jewell and Barry Kerfoot had their work cut out to reach decisions in each of the classes, this is something that takes several hours of hard concentration.

This year we had an unusual set of exhibits, 15 ships in bottles, not only miniature ships; but all dedicated to the Isle of Man Steam Packet, these are owned by one of our new members, and it was a pleasure to put them on display.

Fortunately the weather stayed kind to us and some brave souls managed to sail on the lake, we did clash with one of the World Cup matches so numbers of visiting public were down, something we will have to sort out with FIFA in the future.

Monday!, it all seems so long ago, we were very well subscribed with entries in the on the water comp, some would say too many, but once again we did complete the set piece, a break for lunch?, then onto the Tug towing competition, once again we were up on entries, and a good afternoons sailing took place, many thanks must go to Mr David North, who performed a heroic task in Judging all morning and all afternoon, not an easy task. The fun competition was run with the usual frenetic energy, finishing off what I think was a fairly successful weekend of model boating.

We did this year have a good number of visiting Club members, and when speaking to them during the Festival they were very complimentary on the help and friendliness of all our Club members, some have even threatened to come back next year

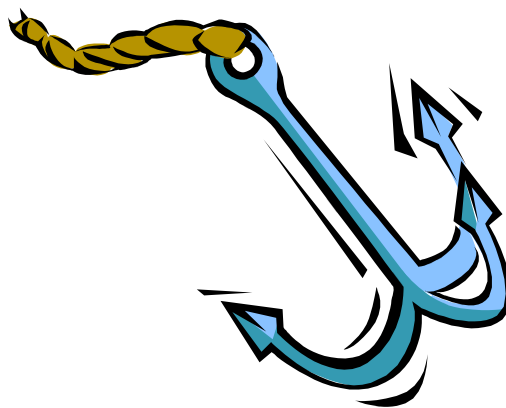
Monday night saw the Prize presentation and Dinner, my only problem, such is the popularity of the venue, the Welbeck Hotel; we became almost overfull, 50 people sat down to Dinner, the most I think we have had for many years, but once again we managed, it is at this point I must thank all the Mannanan sub committee who helped me put the Event together, Nigel Latham, Doug Wheeler, Jason Quayle, Mike Buss, Barry Kerfoot, but most of all everyone who made the effort not only to enter but to lend a hand on each of the competition days, Thank you all.

The dates for next year are, 23rd 24th 25th June, happy building, or just ask Father Christmas!

Howard Quayle

Sailing for the Disabled

Nigel Latham would like to thank all who gave a donation to Sailing for the Disabled during the Mannanan event. We managed to raise a total of £40 which was gratefully received.



Mannanan 2006 Results

Saturday 24th June Onchan Park. Steering Competition

Over one metre.

1st Nigel Latham - Blazer. 2nd Jason Quayle – Loyal Watcher. 3rd Roy Watterson – Scorpion.

Under one metre.

1st Nigel Latham – Nancy Raymond. 2nd Alan Gough – T.I.D. 3rd Peter Jessett – Manasquan inlet.

Mini class.

1st Jason Quayle – Dornoch. 2nd Peter Chester – Cornhill. 3rd Paul Brassington - R.C. Duck.

Sunday 25th June Ramsey Mooragh Scale Competitions.

Static Class. 1st Howard Quayle – M.S. Mellum. 2nd Bill Callow Y class Lifeboat.

Rescue & Lifeboat Class.

Kit Class. 1st Brian Swinden,- George & Mary Webb. 2nd Peter Jessett – U.S. Coastguard.
3rd Cameron Watterson - Holly & Max

Semi Kit. 1st Brian King – Arun Lifeboat.

Scratch Built. 1st Arthur Barlow – R.N.L.B Andy Pearce.

Naval Class.

Kit Class. 1st Jason Quayle – Loyal Watcher. 2nd Alan Gough – H.M.S. Osprey.
3rd Derrick Banton.- T.I.D 72.

Naval Semi kit. 1st Jason Quayle – Dornoch. 2nd Brian King – R.M.L.
3rd John Williams – Roysterer.

Scratch Built. 1st Peter Jessett - Sally. 2nd Paul Brassington – Abigail. 3rd Graham Bayliss
H.M.S Vanguard.

Workboats Class.

Kit Class. 1st Jason Fleming – Wacht-Am- Rhein. 2nd Bernie Hinds - Seacat I.O.M. 3rd Doug
Wheeler – Girl Eilis.

Semi Kit. 1st Roy Watterson – Scorpion. 2nd Cameron Watterson – Guardsman.
3rd Bernie Hinds – Furness Abbey.

Scratch Built. 1st Nigel Latham – Ben Varrey. 2nd Nigel Latham – Tarroo Ushtey.
3rd. Les Quayle – Thistle.

Superclass. Jason Quayle – Mannin Dredger.

Best in Show. Jason Quayle – Mannin Dredger

Monday 26th June Silverdale Lake.

On the Water competition.

Over 1m. 1st Kim Holland – Theresa Mary. 2nd Jason Fleming – Roysterer.

Under 1m. 1st Alan Gough – T.I.D. 33. 2nd Brian King – P.C 35 fishing boat.

Tug Towing competition

1st Alan Gough – T.I.D. 33. 2nd Jason Fleming – Happy Hunter.

Fun Competition

First float home. Jason Fleming, Last float Home, Jason Fleming, most Floats
home Jason Fleming.

Ellesmere Port Show

For those of you who don't already know, the Ellesmere Port Model Boat Show has changed this year. It is no longer being held at the Boat Museum and the dates have moved slightly. The new venue is the EPIC Leisure Centre on McGarva Way, which is right in the centre of Ellesmere Port, just behind the market. The dates for the event are now Saturday 26th August and Sunday 27th August starting at 10am. The show promises to be just as good as previous years with a mixture of club stands, traders and sailing on an Olympic sized swimming pool.

We have a small group of members travelling to the show, however there is no van going this year so most are travelling individually taking a boat in the back of the car. Further information can be found by looking at the discussion forums on the www.modelboatmayhem.co.uk web site, or from Bill Callow.

EVENTS CALENDAR 2006

Saturday 5th August	Lonan 'Sail In' (Stuart Clague's lake)	Baldrine	2.00pm
Sunday 6th August	Fun Competition	Onchan Park	7.30pm
Sunday 13th August	Port Erin R.N.L.I Display	Port Erin	1.00pm
Sunday 13th August	Spithead Review	Onchan Park	6.00pm
Sat/Sun 26/27 August	Ellesmere Port Exhibition	Ellesmere Port	10.00am
Sat/Sun 26/27 August	Model Engineering Display	Wildlife Park	10.00am
Saturday 9th September	Onchan Commissioners Cup and BBQ	Onchan Park	7.00pm
Sunday 10th September	<i>Alternative Date for Onchan Commissioners Cup and BBQ</i>		
Sunday 24th September	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2.00pm
Sunday 1st October	<i>Alternative Date for Tug Towing Competition</i>		
Sunday 8th October	Round the Island Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	2.30pm
Sunday 15th October	<i>Alternative Date for Round the Island Yacht Race</i>		

As you can see, there are one or two additional events added to the calendar since it was last published. This usually occurs at this time of year, when the club are asked to put on a display at a variety of summer events. Although not part of our regular sailing programme, these events have been included in the calendar for members to attend if they want to.

Saturday 5th August - Lonan 'Sail In' at Stuart Clagues lake, 2pm. This is a general sail in at Stuart Clagues private lake in Baldrine as part of another event which he is holding at his house. We understand that the lake has been cleared of weeds and a platform will be built to help launch and recover the models from the lake. (The event will be held on the Sunday if Saturday is wet).

Sunday 6th August - Fun competition at Onchan Park, 7pm. Since several members have now purchased fast electric boats with ball catchers on the front, we thought that it would be a good idea to hold a water polo match on this evening. We can also bring along a few polystyrene floats to have a more traditional fun competition at the same time.

Saturday/Sunday 26th & 27th August - Model Engineering Display at the Wildlife Park. This is another static display at the invitation of the model engineering club who have their model railway at the Wildlife Park. Contact Les Quayle for further details.

Newsletter Distribution

Since the club has now expanded to almost 60 members, copying and distributing the club newsletter has become quite a resource intensive activity, not to mention the cost of postage. It has been suggested that quite a few members now have access to the Internet and e-mail and may be able to receive their newsletter electronically.

The proposed method of distributing the newsletter would be to publish it to the boat club web site in Adobe .pdf format. An e-mail would then be sent to members advising that the newsletter had been published, and members can then download the newsletter and print it out at their leisure. Obviously those members who do not have access to the Internet would continue to receive their newsletters in the post.

Members who want to trial this system can already download previous newsletters from the boat club web site at www.manxmodelboatclub.org. I would be grateful if you could e-mail me your views on this subject at jason_quayle@manx.net. so that I can gauge opinion. We will continue to publish the newsletter by post for the remaining part of this year with a view to introducing the new system next year.

Jason Quayle

Spithead Review

The Spithead Review event is due to be held on Saturday 13th August at Onchan Park. The event is primarily intended for naval vessels, although you can bring other boats along to put on static display if you want. The event will be attended by the Governor and Lady Haddacks, who will watch a grand precession of naval vessels around the lake before judging the winner for the Don Mackay trophy.

Brian King has drawn up a list of members in the club who are able to bring along and sail a naval vessel at the event. Vessels will be dispatched in groups depending on the age and type of boat, and will sail around the lake line astern in front of the governor. It is hoped to be able to hold a mass photo call on the lake at some point during the evening. (We are expecting about 30 naval vessels on the evening).

Members are asked to turn up between 6pm and 6:30pm to help set things up, the Governor will be arriving shortly after 6:30pm and the sail past should be underway by 7pm.

Members with naval vessels are asked to send or e-mail Brian King a brief description of their vessels which can be read out on the public address system as they are on the water (4 or 5 sentences will be fine).

Water Polo

Several members have recently purchased some cheap fast electric boats from Jason Flemming, which are fitted with ball catchers on the front, designed to play model boat water polo.

The introduction of these boats has certainly stirred the competitive juices of one or two members, and it has certainly contributed to the entertainment at Onchan Park on a Sunday night where one member was seen frightening the locals whilst retrieving his boat from the tyres in the middle of the lake!

It is proposed to hold a water polo match for these boats between "Onchan All-stars" and "The Southerners" during the fun competition at Onchan. Contact David Quirk for details about the event and Jason Flemming if you would like to purchase one of these boats.

Members are also asked to bring along a table to display their model on as there won't be enough wall space for all the boats. The club tent will be set up on the evening which will allow the event to proceed if the weather is poor. Contact Brian King on 628156 or e-mail kingbrianarthur@tiscali.co.uk for further information.