



MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

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Chairmans Chat

Welcome to you all. With two competitions down we are closing in on our premier event of the year, that of Mannanan 2010, and at the same time followed by several display events, notably Tynwald Day.

It seems that the same members step up each year to attend these few, but important events, it would be greatly appreciated if other members could help with the time to attend some of these displays.

In the past I have been away regularly and have missed my fair share however this year I intend to assist as many as possible. I hope to see some new faces along with mine - no - not because your better looking! Many members do muck in at events and this is noted and appreciated by the organisers.

This newsletter may be your last reminder to send in your Mannanan entry form to help Brian process the necessary paperwork in time

for the event - don't forget he will be sailing and displaying too.

Appeals and requests over I hope to see you at the forthcoming events.

Fair Weather & Happy Sailing.

Alan Gough



Action from the Steering Competition Mini Class held recently at Onchan Park.

Web Site

For up to date details of sailing events, model boating information, past newsletters and photographs of our model boating activities, please visit the web site at www.manxmodelboatclub.org. You can also e-mail any enquiries and items for inclusion in the newsletter to mmbc@manx.net.

A new feature of the web site which has been implemented is a link to Google Albums page, where individual members can upload their own photographs of club events. A few photographs have already been uploaded as a test and members are welcome to have a look by following the link from the Manx Model Boat Club gallery page. Please e-mail me know if you would like the user name & password so you can upload your own pictures.

Events List for 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
26/06/10	Mannanan 2009 Steering Competition	Onchan Park	10:00am
27/06/10	Mannanan 2009 Scale Competition	Ramsey Mooragh	10:00am
28/06/10	Mannanan 2009 On the Water, Tug Towing and Fun Competitions	Silverdale	10:00am
05/07/10	Tynwald Fair Exhibition	St. Johns	09:00am
18/07/10	25th Anniversary Sail In	Onchan Park	6:00pm
31/07/10	Traditional Boat Weekend Display	Peel Fishermans Shelter	10:00am
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07/08/10	Spithead Review (Naval Display)	Silverdale	6:30pm
15/08/10	Port Erin RNLI Day	Port Erin	10:00am
28/08/10	Birchwood Model Boat Show	Warrington	10:00am
29/08/10	Birchwood Model Boat Show	Warrington	10:00am
18/09/10	Onchan Commissioners Trophy & Barbecue	Onchan Park	6:30pm
19/09/10	Onchan Commissioners Trophy & Barbecue (Wet Weather Alternative)	Onchan Park	6:30pm
03/10/10	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:00pm
10/10/10	Tug Towing Competition (Wet Weather Alternative)	Onchan Park	2:00pm
12/11/10	Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
25/11/10	Annual General Meeting	Archibald Knox	7:30pm

Forthcoming Events

We are coming to quite a busy period in the calendar with a number of key events over the next couple of months.

The first event is **Mannanan on 26th (Onchan Park), 27th (Ramsey Mooragh) & 28th (Silverdale) June**. You should have all received your entry forms by now, and I urge you to complete these and return them to Brian King as soon as possible. If you have not received your entry form, you can download one for the boat club web site www.manxmodelboatclub.org or you can contact Brian King directly on 628156.

The next event is the **Tynwald Fair** display at St Johns on **5th July**. The club receives a significant donation to our funds as a result of this display, so we try to put on a good display. One or two of our regular contributors to this event are not available this year, so we would be grateful if some of the other members could help by putting a boat on display. The actual event is in the Bunscoil, which is the Manx language school on the main road in St. Johns. We need to set up by 9am prior to the main road closing. I have a limited number of car parking passes available for members who contribute, so please e-mail me (jason_quayle@manx.net) if you can attend so that I can collate numbers.

Sunday **18th July** is our **25th anniversary "Sail In"** at Onchan Park. See later in this newsletter for further details.

Saturday **31st July** and Sunday **1st August** is the **Traditional Boat Weekend** display in the Sailors Shelter in Peel. This will follow a similar format to last years event, with a static display manned by members throughout the week-end. Further details will be made available nearer the time.

25th Anniversary

Following on from the article in your last newsletter, we now have a number of items which we are distributing to members to mark the club's 25th anniversary. The vast majority of members should now have received a CD containing newsletters, photographs and newspaper cuttings charting the club's events and activities over the last 25 years. We also have a key ring for each member and a club badge for each member available with the 25th anniversary logo on them. (I am trying to distribute these items by hand to members as and when I see them at events, so there are one or two who may not have received theirs yet. I will probably wait to see who I catch up with at Mannanan before posting any remaining items to members).



On Sunday 18th July we intend to hold a celebratory "Sail In" for members at Onchan Park. This will be a free sailing event and Onchan Commissioners have agreed to stop sailing the motor boats early so that we can have the use of the water from **6pm**. We also intend to use the opportunity to invite a number of ex-members back for a sail and a chat as well as roping off an area of the lake for members of the public to "have a go" using Jason Flemmings fleet. Onchan Park is being used for the Commissioners Civil Sunday activities during the day, so there should be plenty of people around - hopefully we will be able to attract one or two new members! Lets all try and make this an event to remember for the next 25 years.

Further 25th anniversary activities are planned for later in the year and we will keep you informed of details in your next newsletter.

Jason Quayle

Birchwood Model Boat Show

The dates for this year's Birchwood show are 28th & 29th August. The theme for this year's event is the fishing industry, so we might have one or two experts in the club (you will need to bring the fleet this year Cameron!)

John Williams has offered the use of his van, which will be driven by Kim Holland, to transport members' model boats to the show. This will be subject to a number of conditions such as models will have to be substantially boxed, contents advised on the outside, all batteries disconnected, you will have to deliver and collect from John Williams' house etc. You will also be expected to contribute a nominal fee for each box transported. Full details and a booking form can be obtained from Kim Holland by e-mail theresa_kim@manx.net.

I have also attached individual booking forms for the judges course, weathering course and a competition entry form for those who are interested. I also need to make a club booking with names of all members who are attending

so that we can get our entry badges and I will need vehicle registration numbers for vehicles so that they can use the car park.

Can members please let me know if they are attending by the **end of July** so that I can get this information sent to the organisers. You can also let me know if you want to book a sailing session on the lake. (jason_quayle@manx.net).

Jason Quayle



Last year's club stand at Birchwood.

Steering Competition

This was the first event of the season and started off dry but windy. There was the threat of showers but luckily they held off although heavy mist came in late on as the wind dropped towards the end of the competition.

First off was the under one metre class and all fell foul of the wind with Robin's Norton Cross losing 13 points. Cameron followed with a loss of 10 points while 'Grandad' had a clear round with Guardsman! Alan was close behind with a loss of 2 while Jason Fleming with Tito Neri lost 8. Brian followed with his newly completed Tarroo Ushtey to lose 11 points. David Jones in his first competition suffered from severe windage problems [the boat, not him!] with his pleasure cruiser Blue Jay.

On the second run everybody improved dramatically although Roy lost 1!

Results		(lap 1, lap 2, total)		
Roy Watterson	Guardsman	0	1	1
Alan Gough	TID	2	1	3
Jason Flemming	Tito Neri	8	2	10
Cameron Watterson	Vervine	10	3	13
Brian King	Tarroo Ushtey	11	5	16
Robin Rose	Norton Cross	13	4	17
David Jones	Blue Jay	Withdraw		

In the Over One metre, Jason Quayle started with his Envoy Class tug but it also suffered with windage although still only lost 4 points. Roy was sailing his large tug Sea Spray but lost 16 points, while Alan Gough, also with his large tug, lost 8 points. Cameron followed with the large Robbe 'Golden Sun' tug to lose 5 points. Brian's Crash Tender followed to lose 9 points. All the boats found the reversing back down the channel a major problem due to the wind on the bows. Some competitors were lucky with wind due to its fluctuations, but the light boats suffered most.

Second time around Jason Quayle lost 11 [a strong gust came specially!] Roy's tug suffered less and lost 6 while Alan Gough got the hang of it and only lost 2. Cameron excelled to only lose 1 point, the best round in the class. Brian King improved dramatically to only lose 3 points.

Results		(lap 1, lap 2, total)		
Cameron Watterson	Golden Sun	5	1	6
Alan Gough	Niartyl	8	2	10
Brian King	Crash Tender	9	3	12
Jason Quayle	Envoy	4	11	15
Roy Watterson	Sea Spray	16	6	22

The 'Mini' class only had one round of a modified course but it was timed in the event of there being more than one clear round, which did happen!

Results	
Cameron Watterson	had a clear round in a time of 6 minutes 11 seconds
Jason Quayle	had clear round in a time of 6 minutes 13 seconds
Jason Fleming	had a clear round in a time of 6 minutes 23 seconds
Roy Watterson	lost 6 points although he did the fastest time of 5 minutes 55 seconds

Although it was a long cold afternoon most people enjoyed it although one or two were shivering by the time it finished. Many thanks to those did the judging and especially to Alan Gough for putting the course out and collecting it back in. A novel feature at the end was Cameron using the 'Golden Sun' to collect 4 buoys and weights at a time from Alan and bringing them back to the poolside saving Alan some trekking back and forth. Well done both of you!

Brian King

Scale Competition

Held at Silverdale in sunny conditions, there was a good turnout of models both for the static competitions and “On the Water” event. The judging was done by Malcom Magee from the World Ship Society and ‘Twinks’ Corrin, ex Steam Packet Capt and Superintendent. They quickly got to work and had the static judging done in a fairly short time which allowed plenty of time for the ‘On the Water’ sailing and judging.

The results were as follows

Scratch Built Wendy Ann built by Brian King
Semi-kit Vervine Trawler built by Cameron/Roy Watterson
Kit Class Envoy Tug built by Jason Quayle

The award for the best Manx Vessel was won by Vervine, built by Cameron/Roy Watterson
The “On the Water” winner was Brian Swindon’s RNLI lifeboat.

Brian King



Winner of the “On the Water” Competition at Silverdale

RNLI George & Mary Webb

Built by Brian Swinden

Radio Frequencies / Aerials

There have been a couple of instances recently where members frequencies have clashed causing difficulties for those who are already sailing on the water. Can I please remind members that they have a responsibility to check that their frequency is clear (by asking other members if the peg board is not in operation) **before** they switch on their transmitter.

We have also noticed an increase in the number of members who are using transmitters without any sort of aerial protection fitted. This is against club rules and could result in you being asked not to sail. To avoid any problems can members please ensure that they have an aerial protector fitted. (A full copy of club rules and constitution can be found on the boat club web site www.manxmodelboatclub.org).