

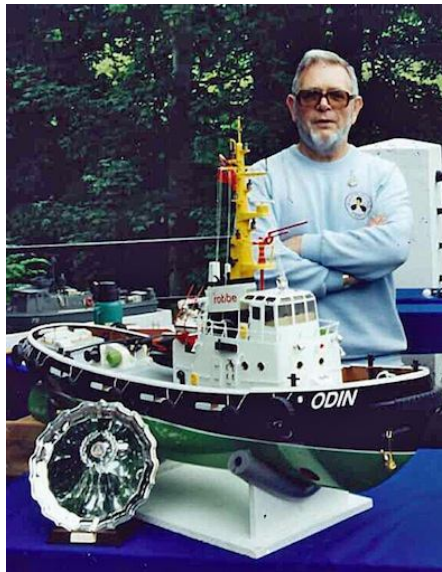


Obituary - Tony Marsden

These few words were kindly offered by Jason Qyayle:

Some of the longer term club members may remember Tony Marsden who has recently passed away.

Tony lived in Ramsey and was a super tanker captain by profession, spending a lot of his time at sea, but who was also a member of the Manx Model Boat Club in the 1990's. Tony enjoyed his speed boats racing both IC and fast electric boats at the Mooragh, always pushing the boundaries in terms of boat design & speed. Tony also had a couple of scale boats which he entered competitions from time to time.



Tony passed away peacefully, in April, with family in attendance, at Ramsey Cottage Hospital.

Editors comment

I remember Tony at the Mooragh well, I only live about 200 yards from the lake and could always tell when Tony was there as the noise created by some of his "fast" boats was ear splitting.

This issue is packed with event reports, news and part 2 of "The Ancient Mariner." It has been a very busy start to the year and by now you'll be resting after Mannanan 2013 contemplating either what went wrong or what to build over the coming winter to win some trophies for the side-board.

Club numbers are growing, the committee over the last two years have been making it an unofficial goal to increase membership, and it is happening. So welcome all you new modellers and boaters, young and old alike.

Back issues of the Newsletter are available on the Club's website details on back page.

The weather has tried to dampen events but we are managing to get them run, though we have carried over a steering event.

What about that Pageant, how did it go for you and

what weather, complete contrast to last year and a very satisfactory one-off.

How about a new member letting us know what he thinks of us, or a junior expressing what he wants in the way of events etc.

And one final item, we now have a document regarding safeguarding children at all events and regular sailings. Can I urge you all to access the web-site and read it, a link to it is on the bottom of the web home page. It is not a set of rules, but a statement of common sense attitudes to be adopted.

Kim Ed.

Special points of interest:

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- PART 2 - ANCIENT MARINER
- STAR OF INDIA EVENT
- USA/UK VINTAGE YACHTING
- MANNANAN RESULTS
- WHERE HAVE ALL THE 48" YACHTS GONE?

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Steering event - Onchan Park

Due to inclement weather on the 14th April this was postponed to the reserve date of the 21st April and moved to Silverdale. Again the weather failed to cooperate - a new date has yet to be decided, you will be informed.

On the Water scale and static, Silverdale

This turned out to be the first event of the season.

Sparsely attended with not many models being presented for static judging, in total only 15.

Mary and Robert Corran of Douglas Lifeboat had accepted the challenge of all the judging, both static and on the water and a very studious pair they made going round the tables.

A big thank you here to Howard Quayle who always brings along his tables for these events.

With the static done, attention turned to the water. 11 boats in total, 2 being juniors. A very simple course was set (again our Howard in his waders putting the buoys out) and all boats had to do was leave harbour under control, navigate a channel and two outlying buoys and if nothing to display in way of workings on the vessel, back to harbour

and docking.

A simple scoring system was used and with luck there were no ties.

Results Static

Kit

U-237

John Williams

Semi kit

FV Andromeda

Cameron Watterson

Scratch

BYMS

Alan Gough

Results On the Water scale

1 FV Maid of Erin

Cameron Watterson

2= FV Skorpion

Roy Watterson

2= Dutch Courage

Tim Magee

Juniors

1 tug Southampton

Mathew Magee

2 FV Marie Astrid

Toby Magee

So a family affair all over, Wattersons versus the Magees. Well done all, and many thanks to Mary and Robert.

My thanks also to keen new members Tony Turvey and Toby who have volunteered to take photographs as often as possible and pass to me for my collection. If you want your boats shown here then I need images of them (1Mb or better) and this is an ideal way to get a collection of them. I can always pass them on to Jason Quayle for the website too - winners both ways!

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Captured one of the judges getting tips from Billy

Av-a-Go and twin tugs, Silverdale

I think we expected a lot more people to attend than actually did at this event. It was well advertised with good weather but it would seem that 10am is too early for our intended clientele in the way of events etc.

Jason Fleming had arranged a neat sectioning off of part of the lake, the corner nearest the Café complete with the usual boat launching area. We had plenty of boats ready to go, and other members were sailing as normal on

the outside of the enclosed area. Indeed some tug towing was accomplished.

Gradually families turned up and although advertised till 12:30 I believe Jason and some crew stayed with the boats much later so as not to disappoint.

Already Jason and John are thinking that dinner time and through the afternoon might be more productive for Av-a-Goes at Silverdale. This all depends on

the café lease holder being amenable to our plans, which we think he is.

The old saying holds, you don't know till you try, next time we'll start an hour later.

Thanks to all hands who turned out, and to Howard again, out in the cold waters of the lake.

Ed.

Vintage yachts and the Star of India, Mooragh, Ramsey

Organised by Brian King and myself, this was a vintage yacht tribute to the "Star of India" and had been requested by John Donnelly of Ramsey Town Commissioners who had guaranteed a "full lake to overflowing," enough said.

Built by the Ramsey shipyard and launched in November 1863 as the "Euterpe" the now named "Star of India" is the oldest iron sailing ship afloat. She has no engine and is not made from steel.

To highlight the day there was a fine scratch built model of the Star on display. Built in 2004 by Doug Davidson from plans he obtained on a visit to her in the San Diego Maritime Museum.

We had a fine display of vintage yachts, mostly from

Brian's collection, though a few oldies did turn up (boats that is) and several other yachts also present enjoying a mixed sail on the Mooragh Lake.

Special thanks too to Chris Machin for allowing us the use of his dinghy as a rescue boat, luckily not required, as we had a nice breeze blowing.

Those that wanted could have a go and we staged several single lap "races" round a triangle course which helped new comers get a feel to what radio controlled sailing is all about.

Brain sailed his oldest boat "Puffin", a free sailer and Kim was showing off his new build of a 1938 design Braine geared yacht built to compete against the USA in the forth coming USA/UK

Challenge in Llandudno (separate report on page 4).

We have another yacht event at the Mooragh on the 1st September, and this will now be a regatta type event with a race series of 4, best of 3, and hence winners to find.

Thanks to all Club members for coming along, yachts are not everyone's choice of boating, but mutual support engenders Club spirit (and we got two new members.)



BUILT IN 2004
BY DOUG
DAVIDSON
FROM SCRATCH
- HIS FIRST
ATTEMPT AT
SCRATCH
BUILDING



Milntown Pageant, Milntown, Lezayre

This event was postponed from last year, when it was planned to coincide with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee river Pageant. We slotted it into the weekend of June 9th as this could now be our Diamond Jubilee Pageant for her coronation.

Plans and instructions etc were kept as already developed last year, all we wanted was the weather. What an absolutely brilliant day weather wise, bright sun, little wind and the dry conditions of the previous week ensured solid ground for parking.

I'd set up most things the day before with Theresa, the buoys on the lake, the parking routes, and gath-

ered large tables etc.

A very good turn out of members meant that from about 2pm onwards we had boats on the water by the score. Some in tows of 9, 6 and 3, many singularly about the surface (none under) though one senior member tried his best!

I've no actual count of all the boats, but I do know two keys facts: two people counted over 65 boats and later realized there were more boats left on tables on the green; and that Milntown gardens took their highest number of entrants on the day of all time since the gardens opened 4 years ago! My hearty thanks to one and all, you made it

happen. We'll not do exactly the same again, it proved how precarious having too many boats on the water at the same time can be.

Ideas are already being floated for next year, maybe a fashion show style, boats doing their stuff whilst a commentary is made. Lets wait and see, but your ideas count so let them be heard.

I know the new guys thought it fantastic - I've had emails saying so. Thanks, makes all the effort worth while.

More pictures on the Milntown website.



Vintage yachting 36R, Llandudno - Brian King

It's not often that you get asked to represent your country and its even more unusual to be asked to represent another country but that's what happened to Kim and I when we took part in the UK versus USA 36R vintage yacht Challenge Cup at Llandudno last weekend. The competition itself is made up of two teams of 14 with everybody racing in a one to one leg against everybody in the opposing team. Each 'leg' or 'board' as it is known is one 'leg' upwind for 3 points and then a separate downwind 'leg' for two points. Every competitor took part in seven 'boards' on each day.

The lake itself was approximately 100 yards long by 25 wide. This made for some hectic running up and down, especially if you do not have a 'pole turner' on the opposite pool! A loud voice also helps in order to shout instructions to the pole man on the other side. As Kim and I were following each other in the sailing order it made it difficult to help each other so a 'pole man' was often commandeered! Luckily on Sunday, Arthur Barlow [who runs Haydock boat show with his wife Jean] offered to help us out and proved invaluable throughout the day.

Who said model boating is a sedentary hobby!

Kim and I proved to be the centre of curiosity as we were the only two boats of genuine vintage design and the only two using 'Braine' steering. All the other boats were using 'vane' steering and made using modern technology. However, we were continually being

asked about our boats and being told we had the two nicest boats on the water!

When we arrived on the Thursday lunchtime it was raining and blowing hard but after a wander around town the rain stopped and we made our way to the pool for a practice in a 20 knot wind! Friday was much less windy and indeed we were becalmed at one stage. By this time one or two other competitors had turned up and we were soon in deep conversation. It turns out that the Americans were short of some team members so Kim and I were asked to join the American team as the IOM was nearer to America than anybody else!

After a nice relaxing evening, next morning saw us up bright and early and down by the poolside by nine o'clock ready for a practice run before the scheduled 10 o'clock start. It was still very windy although not as bad as the day before. Luckily this played in our favour due to our practice and the other competitors found it hard to get settled in. Kim and I won several races because of this and we were over the moon. There were some red faces on some of the other competitors at being beaten by two vintage boats in view of their supposedly modern systems! After a busy day we retired to the Premier Inn for an evening meal and general social chat. Being seated by some of the American team was extremely interesting, especially as three of them were women.

Most of their boats had been built by one man, Geoff Stobbe who was a

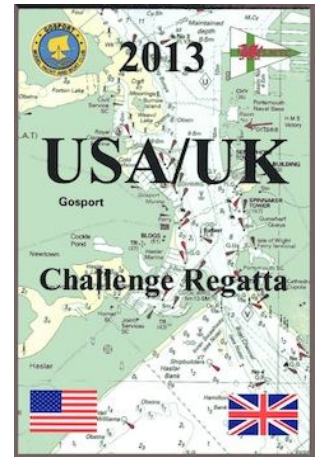
semi-professional boat builder and designer who was always looking for new approaches in design and materials.

Next day looked much better, less windy and almost sunny. Our practice advantage was neutralised this day and we struggled to win. I did manage one win downwind and Kim had some close finishes. However, once again we were complimented on our boats and efforts and we really enjoyed some superb sailing. At the end of the day when we were 'straining at the leash' to get going for the boat the UK team was awarded the Challenge Cup and all competitors received a commemorative plaque.

Both of us felt we had represented the MMBC well and promoted the Island so much we were asked if we could run a competition on the Island next time the Americans visit—4 years from now!

Thanks Brian, yes that weekend will be one of my best memories of sailing model yachts, and actually winning my first ever race, upwind, with a boat scratch built in wood, cloth and string. We know some boats used cost into 4 figures!

Ed



We both were presented with this plaque to commemorate the whole event.

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The Manx team photo!



TALES OF THE ANCIENT MARINER (MODEL VARIETY)

Written (and performed) by Bob Bagshaw part 2

We left Bob's story with a marvellous almost scratch built HDML (harbour defence motor launch) winning a few bits of silver ware.

Now lets continue his story and bring it up to date.

So once again, in his words:-

"Right then, this is your Commodore speaking so pin back your lug-holes," [for part 2.]

The HDML finally showed signs of aging so was pensioned off and its internals became transplants! However all was not lost, the remains went to a good home. I am a member of the Manx Military and Aviation Museum at Ronaldsway which is well worth a visit if you have not been. On joining I discovered that although the RAF, FAA, Manx Regiment and Home Guard were well represented. the huge Manx Service at sea in various



Harbour Defence Motor Launch with all those Bob modifications



Fairmile Dog Boat MTB 608

branches in both punch-ups was not. So I decided to do something about creating an appropriate display I knew that Manxmen had served in HDML's, so with a changed number mine was a start. The late CPO Norman Compton DSM had been coxswain on a Fairmile Dog

Boat MTB 608 and so I refurbished his rather battered static model. The next was a waterline HMS Tynwald (its saga needs an article of its own) [noted Ed] followed by WW1 HMS Ben-my-Chree both at 1/128 mainly scratch but I had learned the hard way that scratching armaments is very time consuming and that QUAY-CRAFT do a lot of 1/128 stuff for Fleetscale so I bought in stuff and tweaked. I still had to do the rather odd vertical twin anchor winch for Tynwald, another odd one and 2 Short 184 seaplanes for the "Ben".

I had some help from Tony Benn the ex labour MP - his Dad flew from the "Ben" and he copied me some photos. Now in full frenzy I built from scratch an AS trawler and a dan laying drifter as used by the Royal

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Bob's HMS Tynwald and below the real thing



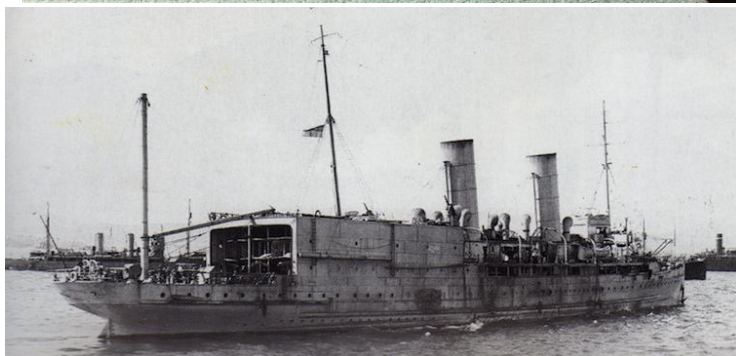
Ancient mariner continued



WW 1 Ben-my-Chree, Bob's is top left, and the Isle of Man stamp in recognition of her service.

[I found this image of her on the web - what an industrious cobbling of parts to create a air craft carrier. Ed]

THE WHOLE BUNCH ARE NOW ON DISPLAY IN THE MUSEUM



Navy Patrol Service (Note the small memorial plaque at Spyglass Corner Peel) The RAF had had an ASR unit from just before and during the war at Ramsey, Peel and Douglas. We obtained a copy of their Ops Record Book and I built scratch, Kit and modified Kits for display, one of each type at 1/72. Then I found that the RN used Fairmile B launches modified for Long Range Rto cover the FAA flying from Ronaldsway, occasionally calling in at Castletown and Douglas so I scratch built one using dense insulating foam and epoxy - great stuff. The whole bunch are now on display in the Museum. My only other claim to some fame is that I designed and built the first and some subsequent "AVAGO" boats which, with some mods over the years, have done sterling service.



Air/Sea Rescue and Marine craft as used throughout Isle of Man, all built by Bob.

On the slips at the moment are on-the-water semi scale versions of HMS Tynwald and HMS Manxman again at 1/128 - simple rudder

and single prop versions with the idea of sailing BOTH on one 40mHz transmitter with a 4 channel Rx in each boat but a snag has cropped up in that the 40 mHz gear seems to have dried up with the advent of 2.4 GHz. There are one or two possible solutions but both the boats need finishing first - Manxman is just about done and Tynwald is well on the way Let's hope for some good weather. Be seeing you BOB.

Many thanks, Ed.



That Fairmile B launch

Mannanan 2013 Onchan and Silverdale

We could be forgiven for expecting the worst of weather given the forecast on Thursday. Strong winds and rain.

Still, on both days Jason Fleming had his volunteer team start setting up before 8am to ensure shelter for models and modelers alike.

It always amazes our visitors the speed with which we can erect or dismantle our canvas, both to gain dry space, or to beat the arrival of more rain.

So Saturday, Onchan and the steering got underway a little late, but with all hands helping to judge, all classes were completed for a lunch break at 1pm. The wind was responsible for JQ's Dornoch sinking and many high scores. Howard (I believe he was a duck in a former life) in the water again changing buoys round for the tug towing. This proved very hard for some tugs, the tows creating much leeway in the wind. Scores were always going to be high and it proved to be speed that kept tug and tow on the required course.

Day 2 Sunday at Silverdale.

Fine weather after early rain during set-up, but the very strong wind was ever present over head. It did eventually go round more northerly and blow hard down the lake.

Many thanks to Roger Moore, ex IOMSPCo captain for judging the on-the-water, a lonely job in his enclave, but kept well supplied with hot drinks and even marshmallows on his chocolate! Was this attempted bribery?



The very serious side of static competition - close scrutiny by the judges

Then more studious judging, this time for Barry Kerfoot and Howard Quayle, taking on the static's this year. Numbers of entries were down on last year, but the newbie's to the Club were interested in the proceedings and can be expected to enter next year.

And the final event, the much anticipated fun competition. Paul Brassington had even built a special boat for it, "Blue Peter", is this allowed under the rules (what rules!)

It seemed Paul had the design just right, he rapidly shot across, slotted a float and was back with the first.

No fires or blow ups, no sinking's though near, but the battle for the last float had all the watchers roaring on their favorites (see web-site photo section for action shots) till Cameron broke free of the melee with his lifeboat and just managed to get home.

An extremely nice meal at the Pavilion on Monday evening for the prize presentations, and a wonderful sur-



The weather was "Crazy" to some, but Cameron mastered the wind!

prise for Peter Iddon. His Mona's Isle was awarded second in his class but voted "Best in Show" by his modeling peers. Well done Peter, and may we see you back again.

We expect to see another submarine in the water soon, do we not Josh? After another successful raffle.

Full results follow on next page.

Ed.

SCORES WERE ALWAYS GOING TO BE HIGH AND IT PROVED TO BE SPEED THAT KEPT TUG AND TOW ON THE REQUIRED COURSE.



AND we do this for FUN Five boats chase the last float!

Results

		SATURDAY		
STEERING	Micro <400mm	1st	Jason Fleming	Hunter
STEERING	Micro [junior]	1st	Josh Hannay	Southampton
STEERING	Mini <600mm	1st	Cameron Watterson	?
		2nd=	Brian Swinden	Janeve
		2nd=	Jason Fleming	Avabash
STEERING	Under 1m	1st	Jason Fleming	Coast Guard boat
		2nd	Jason Quayle	Parat
		3rd	Roy Watterson	Guardsman
STEERING	Over 1m	1st	Jason Fleming	Blazer
		2nd	Jason Quayle	Loyal Watcher
		3rd	Juan Vernon	Eldergarth
TUG TOWING	under 1m	1st	Cameron Watterson	Torben
		2nd	Roy Watterson	Guardsman
		3rd	Jason Quayle	Parat
TUG TOWING	over 1m	1st	Cameron Watterson	Golden Sun
		2nd	Brian King	Seasider
		3rd	Roy Watterson	Sea Spray
		SUNDAY		
ON-THE-WATER	under 1m	1st	Brian Swinden	Janeve
		2nd	Roy Watterson	Scorpion
		3rd	Jason Fleming	Paula 111
ON-THE-WATER	over 1m	1st	Cameron Watterson	Golden Sun
		2nd	Steve Downe	Prince of Wales
		3rd	Alan Gough	Osprey
ON-THE-WATER	junior	1st	Josh Hannay	Southampton
	BEST-IN-SHOW		Peter Iddon	Mona's Queen
STATIC	KIT	1st	Jason Quayle	Tug Envoy
		2nd	John Williams	U-237
		3rd	Kim Holland	Consul Pust
STATIC	SEMI-KIT	1st	John Williams	Parallax
		2nd	John Williams	Lady Jane
		3rd	Peter Iddon	Mona's Queen
STATIC	SCRATCH	1st	Jason Quayle	Rowing boat
		2nd	Peter Kenrick	Glenchree
		3rd	Peter Kenrick	Chraygfield
FUN EVENT	FIRST FLOAT	HIGHEST POINTS SCORE		LAST FLOAT
	Paul Brassington	Cameron Watterson		Cameron Watterson

Just being afloat is fun, but floating your own boat is more fun, and some one else's well??

MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

Items for the newsletter may be sent via the secretary or direct to me as written or computer documents.

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Committee news

Already mentioned on page one, we now have a child safeguarding document, please read it on the website, bottom of the home page has a link. There are still a few who do not get this Newsletter as an email, if you do not have any internet access please contact me.

To keep up to date check the website for next events and/or contact me. I should be aware of what's happening!

Hopefully you are aware that we are entering the busy part of the year when we have lots of commitments for the Av-a-Go boats.

You should by now have received notice of an additional undertaking at the House of Mananan in Peel. This will involve both an indoor static display with the opportunity to demonstrate some aspects of model building, and during the Traditional Boat week-end the Av-a-Go boats will also be available.

Any time you can offer will be very appreciated by the Av-a-Go team organisers.

WANTED

A mother wishes to purchase a complete boat with radio gear for an interested son (age 6). She realises that this may be a passing fad, and would welcome any equipment and boat type. The Av-a-Go tugs seemed ideal.

She has listened to advice from some club members and does not want to buy cheap import items unless they have been suitably converted by one of us.

Let me know if you something and a price, I have the Lady's contact details.

Ed.

Sail loft secrets - [the bean spillers].

Seen at Milntown, U-237 with what looked like a butterfly net keeping the sun off - turns out it was the fairies had put net on to simulate entangled fishing gear - whatever next?

(Attempted pun *net and next!*)

The commodore wishes it known that he cannot be held responsible for the lack of readable English instruction for his watches - he has enough problems getting them for the boat kits he keeps supplying. Good luck Howard!

A certain younger member accepted a submarine at the Mannanan dinner. He, as do all us members, want to see that sub in-the-water very soon, so come on Grandad (Jim) get building!!

At a very recent event involving a certain type of shellfish, my wife Theresa eventually admitted to an overdose of "queenies". Wondering why, she politely informed me that our Billy, in the absence of chips, was buying "surf and turf" baps, but passing on the shellfish and just eating the bun and burger. She'd already had queenies and spring roll for dinner.

Did you know

The website has been updated and now has important things to hand like the events calendar, video clips, photographs, next event and on-line copies of the latest Newsletter.

Ed.

HELP

At the recent Queenie festival, John Martin, one time member of the Ramsey Mooragh Model yacht Club mentioned their use of a 48" class model yacht - unique to the Isle of Man. Has anyone got one I can take the lines from please?

Ed.

Did you also know

The website has links to a photo album in "Picassa". If you have photographs of boats that you'd like uploading please contact the secretary or myself for the necessary access codes.

Ed.

I can also use the images in press release material for future events.