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## Mannanan 2015

Just about time to get in a late entry, or add your name to the growing numbers for the prize dinner on the Monday evening. Call me, better still email asap.

*Ed.*

### Special points of interest

- Pairs steering
- Yachting Ramsey
- Tug Towing
- On the Water and Scale
- Time Trials and more

THE MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB  
bring you  
**Boat's Galore!**

at  
**Mannanan 2015**

Silverdale Lake, Ballasalla  
Weekend June 20th and 21st  
10am to about 4pm each day

Tug Towing  
Steering  
Static display  
On the Water display  
The Fun competition

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## Editors comment

**Well, how time flies. We** are now well into the new season of events and very shortly will be hosting Mannanan 2015 (more information on the web and sent to those with email address's).

A great big thank you to Steven Carter for his continuing sponsorship this year and to those others who have "helped out". Also for those curious, the entire two days are at Silverdale – simply because

Onchan Commissioners withheld their permission to use Onchan boating lake for financial reasons.

I have to say that numbers entering for events up to now has been below average, but this might be because we've had some doubtful weather to contend with, though we have managed to complete the events regardless. At the present time there is still the April steering event to re-arrange.

I must make an appeal for any photographs taken at events or Silverdale etc. for use in the Newsletter. I've noticed that when running and participating I forget to take a few snaps too. Also if you've any reports or offerings I'd be only too happy to accept them. I can also include items for sale, wants or requests for assistance.

*Ed.*

## 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015 Blind Steering, Silverdale

**Attempt 1 to run this event** was made on the 28<sup>th</sup> March, but the weather was not good enough and there was nobody present any way, so it was postponed to the following weekend.

The Second attempt followed a week later on the 5th April and although it did not rain it was quite cold. Six competitors were persuaded to take part and the usual pairing was decided by pulling names from a hat.

Teams as follows

- A Bob Bagshaw and Kim Holland
- B Jason Fleming and Scott Booth
- C Jason Quayle and Les Quayle

Team A, using Nudger, ran first with Bob in command and Kim blindfolded, scored 6 points lost. Team B, Ramborator, Scott in command and Jason on tiller lost 16 points. Team C, using Parat and Les in command and Jason on controls lost 14 points.

Second round, with pairs reversed, team A 0 points lost; team B 4 lost and team C 6 lost.

A clear win for Bob and Kim, and second spot was decided on count back to first points lost, went to Jason and Scott.

*Ed.*



**Grand weather though** chilly, with a very nice NE wind which filled nicely during the afternoon giving some really good sailing conditions. A bit cool though, with temperatures barely into double figures. Those that stayed later into the afternoon were rewarded with some nice sunshine (see photo).

Two safety boats this time, special thanks to Chris Machin for the use of 'ELF' (as usual) and to Dr. Gordon Dickens for the use of his tender dinghy from Manx Jig. Also thanks to Jason Fleming for supplying to the Club several large red buoys, though the comment was still heard, "***I can't see them!***"

I set a triangular course for the radio yachts, start line just at the gate to the covered area with an anticlockwise course, long beat up to the first mark tucked into the NE corner of the lake, then a fetch to the second mark just over half way across the lake opposite the shelter, and then a good reach into the third mark tucked into the loop fronting the children's water area. A short beat back up to the start /finish line. We had several races with keen competition in all. Boyd Baird had his boat well set up and headed all those he ran in.

Several vintage boats were in action. Brian King tending to those that turned up, and a fine spectacle from the Marblehead of David Faulkner complete with news sails. The Kathleen and May made an appearance, well done to John Hancox and I later discovered this was her maiden voyage too. The sails are fixed and he can use the motor to 'get out of trouble' or tack as wanted.

Having two rescue boats enabled me to use one as a chase boat and get my Balmain Bug onto the water. It appears that only the sails were above water level – need some adjustment there like losing some ounces of weight and setting the mast vertical to the keel.

The sailing trophy - to Boyd Baird for his successful sailing, willingness to assist others (spare boat) and helping to set up their rigs



to get better performance. He also entertained us with his rowing and recovery of an errant IOM that had for some reason decided to ignore whatever his radio

was asking it to do. This is the Old cup from John Martin. The other trophy, its first awarding, [half hull of a Nobby] went to David Faulkner for his sailing of a very old Marblehead yacht, though this time with a magnificent new set of sails M/8 made by yours truly. John Hancox was a very close second – if only we'd known it was a maiden voyage earlier in the day!



This award will be annual for the vintage/free sailing and will be decided on the day on the merits of display, performance and overall appearance.

*Ed*

## 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015 Tug Towing - Silverdale

**We decided to hold this at Silverdale** (we'd already been made aware that Onchan would not be available during the day) to 'try the waters'. As it turned out the view is slightly better for the skipper as they are higher above the water and the buoys are within sight.

The weather was fair with a Northerly wind blowing down the length of the lake. The water was very cold, and Jason Fleming in setting up the course early was quite cold after

wondering about in his waders.

The committee had also made a rule change for tug towing, to be trialled here. In the past tugs had been classified under or over one meter, but with the advent of more powerful smaller tugs this split was now proposed as under and over 700mm with a mini class under 300mm.

There were only 5 members entered for the competition, three in the

under 700 and four in the over 700 with one mini entrant. The under 700 also had the option of choosing the big or small casualty, the mini class using the small casualty.

I have to say although it was my first attempt at tug towing I thoroughly enjoyed it. My small tug Amy was only built as a play about for my granddaughter, but it behaved very well and I shall pursue a new skill in towing from now on.

Unfortunately the Commodore's entry, his pusher tug, had to withdraw after its engine room flooded due to hull leakage.

Big thanks to Jason Fleming and Bill Callow arriving early to set everything up ready for the 10am start.

*Ed.*

Tug towing results

**Mini Class** small casualty

Kim Holland AMY clear

**Under 700mm** (choice of casualty size)

Jason Fleming	RAMBORATOR	large	2
Kim Holland	NUDGER	large	5
Brian King	TARROO USHTEY	small	7

**Over 700mm** large casualty

Jason Quayle	PARAT	0
Jason Fleming	TITO NERO	2
Jason Fleming	BLAZER	4
Brian King	WENDY ANNE	7

On the Water and Scale event, Silverdale 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**An excellent turn out of** competitors for this event, especially on the water and the number of entrants kept our invited judge, Ken Horsley, quite busy for a time.

The weather was better than forecasted with some wind across the lake but no rain and

improving throughout the morning. It was still quite cold so coats were required by all.

There were 17 boats entered in the static competition, ten in kit, 2 in semi kit and five in scratch classes. On the water had a total entry of fourteen though one did not make

the start (Bob again) due to technical issues (electrical).

Some new members also ventured out to gain experience of having a third party examine and judge their creations.

Full results here and over the page.

**Static section** - judge *Ken Horsley*

**KIT**

Ann Letitia Russell	Geoff Gell	2
Shenadowah	Geoff Gell	
Brennaren	Dave Kettlewell	
Watch Am Rhein	Jason Fleming	
Ramborator	Jason Fleming	
Dornoch	Jason Quayle	
Loyal Watcher	Jason Quayle	
Glasgow	Jason Quayle	1
Osman Gabriel	Brian King	
Consul Pust	Kim Holland	3

**SEMI KIT**

HMS Chatham	John Williams	
Theresa Mary	Kim Holland	1

**SCRATCH**

HMS Manxman	Bob Bagshaw	
Support Tug	Kevin Kinnin	3
Pebbles	John Williams	1
Kathleen and May	John Hancox	2

**On the Water**

HMS Chatham	John Williams	1
Glasgow	Jason Quayle	2
SY Greta	Steve Downe	3
Vigilant	Jason Fleming	
Wacht Am Rhein	Jason Fleming	
Kathleen and May	John Hancox	
Theresa Mary	Kim Holland	
Osman Gabriel	Brian King	
Ramborator	Josh Hannay (jnr)	
Support Tug and tow	Kevin Kinnin	
Brennaren	Dave Kettlewell	
HMS Tynwald	Bob Bagsaw (dns)	
Ramborator	Jason Fleming	

Best boat with Manx connection

**Osman Gabriel LB** *ex Port Erin*  
**Brian King**

*Ed.*

**TIME Trial trawler races and Commodore's Challenges run 1**  
**Sunday evening 24<sup>th</sup> May after 18.30**

**This event was first** proposed by the late Roy Watterson and the first running included prizes for best dressed boat and best dressed skipper.

Run at Onchan for the first time it proved exciting for spectators (they knew as much as the skippers regarding the rules) and was followed by the first round of the Commodores various challenges (which seem to be growing as the year progresses!).

As competitors entered the course was laid out as per the plan shown here.



Course was set as follows. From the seaward side through a start line out to the N island and around it clockwise, on to a buoy left to starboard, then up the full length of the lake to another buoy to the W of the second Island, leaving that to port to another buoy, again left to port and then a repeat of the first course making it two x figure 8s, with the finish back over the start line.

Entrants declared their estimated run time for the two laps and mustered

about the start line for the off. Theresa kindly volunteered to monitor the stop watch and record times of finishers as they crossed the line.

It was quite an impressive mass start (even with only six boats) and there was quite a cluster heading for the first bend around the Island.

Unfortunately entrants had omitted fancy dress so there was no award for that. Only one boat was dressed for the race too.

The course proved to be quite challenging and the results show quite a range and spread of times.

First boat home was Andromeda, Cameron Watterson and his was also the only dressed boat so claimed **best dressed boat as well as line honours**.

All boats finished eventually and the results are shown in the table. Plenty of fun!

Ed.

<u>Time Trial Results</u>		Best dressed boat Andromeda and line honours			
Name	Boat	Estimated	elapsed	Difference	position
Cam Watterson	FV Andromeda	5 12	4 11	1 11	5
Jason Fleming	FV Majestic	3 40	4 38	0 58	4
Jason Quayle	PARAT	4 38	5 32	0 54	3
Steve Downe	Prince of Wales	4 0	4 47	0 47	2
Bob Bagshaw	FV Shy Talk	5 40	7 48	2 8	6
Kim Holland	Nudger	5 20	5 50	0 30	1

Several elements of the Commodores challenge followed and Theresa also attempted to record some of what was happening. First up were the elastic

band powered vessels of which there are two classes based on rubber band thickness, narrow or fat. The distance covered across the lake to the

slipway was recorded as well as the time the band appeared still to be working something. A total of nine inventions coming to the start line.

Straight runners followed, again two classes this year with last years models (old) and this years (new). This is scored by hitting the goal line on the far side. Even reaching the bank somewhere scores 1 point. Six boats made at least one

run. And to finish off the radio controlled straight runners made two runs, outwards to the slipway and return to two buoys just off the side. Only four boats this time but two runs each. Full results will be posted

when the competition has its final day, there being two more 'runs' anticipated through the year. The elastic brigade will certainly be out at Mannanan on the Sunday.

*Ed.*



A table full of elastic, electric and other Commodore's challenge vessels ready for the dump off.

A unique idea from John Hancox – wagging rudder!



If John's is unique then there's no words for Les Quayle's Orange Carton elastic band boat?



## Final notices and round up

There is still time to enter Mannanan 2015 – just go to the website, download a form and contact John Williams [vector@manx.net](mailto:vector@manx.net) with your details and entry. Also just time to make a reservation for the dinner too, even if not competing.

Coming up just after Mannanan is the Spithead Review event and then we get into the Av-a-Go season with the large pool. Volunteers are always welcome to assist at these events, you get in free at the Queenie Festival for instance, and it's great fun too for the kids. Just turn up and join in!

Feedback and any comments are always welcomed, thank you.

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