

# MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

June 2017

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Hi All,

Kim has had to take a short break from putting the newsletter together, so it's down to me to let you know where we are up to with years events and information. The most important reminder in this newsletter is for Mannanan 2017 which is due to be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at Silverdale.

I have also included a few reports and photographs from events which have already been held this year along with a few regular notices. Don't forget that you can always find information about the next event on the boat club website [www.manxmodelboatclub.org](http://www.manxmodelboatclub.org), and please make sure you keep us updated if you change your e-mail address or contact details.

Jason Quayle

## Mannanan 2017

This year's Mannanan 2017 event will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at Silverdale starting at 10am on each day. Saturdays events are a Steering Competition in the morning followed by a Tug Towing competition in the afternoon. Sundays events are a Static Scale Competition and 'On the Water' competition in the morning followed by free sailing on the lake whilst we hold this years commodores challenge event for Pop Pop boats on a smaller pool on the side. Sunday will be rounded off with the traditional float fun competition. See later in this newsletter for more details of competition classes.

Alongside this e-mail you will find the Mannanan entry form attached which needs to be completed and returned to John Williams as soon as possible so that we can start collating numbers. There is a small £5 entry fee for the weekend which needs to be included with your entry.

We are proposing to hold a Mannanan dinner on Monday evening 26<sup>th</sup> June where competitors and visitors can get together for a social evening and where the prizes will be presented. Full details of this event will follow when they have been confirmed.

## 2017 Fixture List

The fixture list for this year has been slimmed down a bit to reduce the number of formal events and put more emphasis on general sailing. The main events are listed below, however events may be added as the season progresses in which case we will notify everybody by e-mail.

General sailing continues on Sunday mornings at Silverdale starting at 10am and there is also a small group of members gathering at Onchan Park on Thursday evenings after the boats have finished operating from 6:30pm onwards.

Several club members are also considering visiting the Blackpool Show on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November to view the event. If there is sufficient good feedback we may put a formal club entry together for the 2018 show.

Saturday June 24 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mannanan 2017	Silverdale 10am Start
Sunday July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Port Erin RNLI Static Display	Port Erin 11am Start
Saturday July 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Sunday July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Av-A-Go boats at Festival of the Sea	Port Erin
Saturday July 29 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Av-A-Go boats at Southern Agricultural Show	Great Meadow
Sunday August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Steering Competition	Silverdale 10am set up for 10:30 am start
Sunday September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Venetian Evening & Barbecue	Onchan Park 6:30pm start
Sunday September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wet Weather Alternative for Venetian Evening	Onchan Park
Sunday October 8th	Vintage Yachts	Ramsey Mooragh 2pm Start

Don't forget to check the club web site for fixture list updates [www.manxmodelboatclub.org](http://www.manxmodelboatclub.org)

# Spithead Review

This event held just over a week ago was held in dry ,if breezy conditions was fairly well supported with around a dozen boats present. A bit of a let down after last year’s great support. However, those participating had a good sail, it being the key word due to the sudden gusts which exposed the vulnerability of Onchan Park. Mr Ken Johnson RN. [ret] was the judge as he has been on previous occasions. After examining all the boats carefully, both on and off the water, his eye was taken by the two identical Flower class corvettes owned by Jason Fleming and Mike Kelly and both were awarded the Don Mackay trophy to share between them. It was interesting to note the presence of three Onchan Commissioners who stayed the course despite the gusty wind. It may be ‘on course’ to ask them to judge their own shield at the Venetian Evening in September, providing we are guaranteed enough club support to justify the use of the lake!



Mike Kelly sailing his Perkasa at speed



Ken Johnson presenting the trophy



Competitors at the Spithead Review



John Williams Type 23 Frigate



One of the winning Flower Class Corvettes



Brian Kings range safety launch

## **Scale Competition**

Held in glorious conditions, well postponed from the previous Sunday when the weather was very wet. While there were 15 boats entered overall, there were only nine owners/skippers present which was disappointing considering the weather. However, those present had a very enjoyable and relaxing morning with some very smooth sailing.

John Hancox had three scale sailing boats entered, one luckily with a motor [as per scale] so at least he could keep moving. Jason Quayle also had three scale boats entered and spent most of the time sailing his rejuvenated Bankert, his first ever boat!

Brian Swinden also had three boats entered and had some time sailing his Dawnlight - a fairly small coaster, a modern version of the 'Puffer'. Lime light was another 'puffer' in the competition and on the water, being sailed by owner/skipper Dave Kettlewell. I had two boats entered, with Tarroo Ushtey on the water, although the 'duck and ducklings' did make two brief appearances before being rescued by Kevin Kinnin's support tug. Kyril made up the fourth Clyde puffer present with his 'Jura Sound'. John Williams had his semi-kit steam pleasure boat 'Breeze' on display as did Jason Fleming his support vessel Aziz.

The guest judge was Norman [Sherby] Leece who as past Mezzeron skipper and operations manager had the sea-going knowledge and experience to pick out the detail on the models participating.

### **Results**

Best Scratch-built	John Hancox	Kathleen and May
Best semi-kit	John Williams	Breeze
Best kit	Dave Kettlewell	Limelight
Best Manx Heritage	Brian King	Manx Beauty
Best O.T.W.	Brian Swinden	Dawn Light



John Hancox sailing his Cathleen & May



Jason Quayles Rowing Boat



Spectators watching the Scale Competition



Two of Brian Swinden's boats



Dave Kettlewells Limelight



John Williams Steam launch

## **Transmitter Aerials**

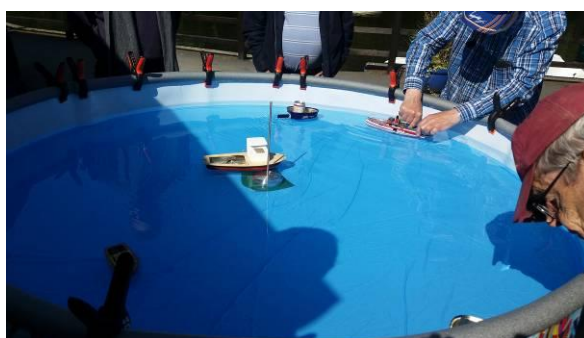
Just a quick note to members that it is club policy to fit protectors to the top of your 27MHz & 40MHz transmitter aerials to prevent any injuries being caused to fellow members or members of the public. A simple practice golf ball or foam ball will do the job nicely.

## Pop Pop Boats

The theme for this years Commodores Challenge is Pop Pop boats. These are small boats consisting of a coil of copper tube or a small pot boiler which is heated by either a candle or a small spirit burner. They work by heating the water in the boiler until it flashes to steam and give a small thrust forwards. The steam then condenses back to water again and draws a small amount of water back into the boiler to be heated again. They get their name from the characteristic 'Pop Pop' noise they make when working.

This year's challenge has certainly been a hit with members building or purchasing a variety of craft to run in the event. We held a practice event at Silverdale on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May which was well attended. We have acquired a small pool and by placing some timber on top of the picnic tables we were able to create a pool at a suitable height to run the boats in.

Bob has still to set the rules for the event, so at the moment anything goes provided that it is powered by a candle or small spirit burner. The main event will form part of Mannanan on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June and will be presided over by Bob. See the selection of pictures below to give yourself an idea of the variety of vessels already built to compete.



There is also some video available on the club web site if you want to have a look at Pop Pop boats running earlier in the year. Follow the links below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLkNvj10lc>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5\\_WQ\\_FpDmA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5_WQ_FpDmA)

## Tables



A number of club members have invested in some lightweight fold up aluminium tables which are available on the internet and are suitable for displaying boats on. Rather than the club having the issues of storing and transporting them to venues, we thought it would be better to provide the link to members who can then choose to purchase them individually if desired. They are actually available from a number of online retailers, but follow the link below if you are interested.

<http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/PORTABLE-CAMPING-FOLDING-TABLE-ALUMINIUM-PICNIC-BBQ-OUTDOOR-CARAVAN-MOTOR-HOME-/222512207543?hash=item33cec2d6b7:g:CdIAOSwgQ9VsQRS>

## Mannanan 2017 Classes

### Saturday 24th June

**Steering Competition** - classes for Under 1m boats, Over 1m boats, mini class boats (under 610mm) and micro class boats (under 400mm).

**Tug Towing Competition** - classes for Under 700mm boats and Over 700mm boats (single tug boat towing only using a standard length of tow rope.)

### Sunday 25th June

**On the Water Competition** - classes for Under 1m boats and Over 1m boats.

**Scale Competition** - classes for Scratch Built, Kit Built, Semi Kit and Static models (dioramas).

**Best in Show** – to be judged by competitors choosing from all models on display.

(Please note that the Scale Competition is open to all models with the exception of previous Best in Show Winners and previous Class Winners from 2011 onwards. All previous winners are welcome to display their models at the event as non competition entries, and previous Class Winners are still eligible to enter the 'Best in Show' award.)

**Commodores Challenge** – see earlier in this newsletter for details – rules still to be decided!

**Fun Competition** – open to any skipper who is brave enough to enter a model and doesn't mind a little bit of damage!

**Please note that the use of 'Cow Catchers' and other similar attachments (as considered by the officer of the day to be dangerous) will not be allowed in the Fun Competition.**