

MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

June 2019

Hi All,

Welcome to your June 2019 issue of the Boat Club newsletter. In this newsletter you will find an updated fixture list of our organised events through to the end of the season. In between organised events we continue to meet at Silverdale on Sunday mornings at 10am.

We have already had a few events this year which have been well attended and held in good weather conditions. Thank you to Brian King who has provided reports from these events later in the newsletter.

The next event is our 'Big Night Out' which is due to be held at the end of TT week on Sunday 9th June at Onchan Park starting at 6:30pm. This event is for the larger models in the club, but all members are welcome to attend and have a sail with their 'biggest boat'.

Mannanan is now less than a month away, to be held over the weekend of 29th & 30th June at Silverdale. We no longer have an entry form for this event, but you will need to register with the officer of the day when you arrive if you want to take part in any of the competitions. If you don't want to take part in competitions, you can still bring your boats to put on display and there will be ample opportunities for free sailing during the weekend.

We do need to know numbers and menu choices for the Mannanan dinner which we will be holding on Monday evening 1st July at Port St Mary golf pavilion. I have included the menu and reply slip as part of this e-mail.

Don't forget that this is your club, so if you have any ideas of anything you would like including in the newsletter of calendar of events then please shout up so that we can have a look and see what can be fitted in.

You can always find information about the boat club on the website which also includes more photographs of club events. www.manxmodelboatclub.org.

Happy Sailing,

Jason Quayle

2019 Fixture List

Sunday 9 th June 2019	“Big Night Out” event for the larger models in the club.	To be held at Onchan Park starting at 6:30pm.
Sunday 16 th June 2019	Vintage Yachts.	To be held at Ramsey Mooragh starting at 2pm.
Saturday 29 th June 2019	Mannanan Regatta (Free Sailing, On the Water Competition, Spithead Review & Commodores Challenge).	To be held all day at Silverdale starting at 10am.
Sunday 30 th June 2019	Mannanan Regatta (Free Sailing, Static Scale Competition, Commodores Challenge and Fun Events).	To be held all day at Silverdale starting at 10am.
Saturday 27 th July 2019	Southern Agricultural Show Av-A-Go Boats	Great Meadow, Castletown from 10am.
Sunday 30 th July 2019	Southern Agricultural Show Av-A-Go Boats	Great Meadow, Castletown from 10am.
Date to be confirmed	Av-A-Go Boats at Silverdale	To be held at Silverdale throughout the afternoon.
Saturday 24 th & Sunday 25 th August 2019	Haydock Model Boat Convention.	For information only.
Sunday 1 st September 2019	Vintage Yachts	To be held at Ramsey Mooragh starting at 2pm.
Saturday 21 st September (or Sunday 22 nd if wet)	Onchan Commissioners Shield & Venetian Evening	To be held at Onchan Park starting at 6:30pm.
Saturday 19 th October 2019	Club attendance at the Blackpool Model Boat Show.	Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool.
Sunday 20 th October 2019	Club attendance at the Blackpool Model Boat Show.	Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool.
Thursday 28 th November 2018	Annual General Meeting.	To be held at the Archibald Knox in Onchan at 7:30pm.
Sailing will continue throughout the winter season at Silverdale Glen Lake on Sunday mornings starting at 10am through until midday.		

Steering Competition 2019

Once again another nice day for our events this year at Silverdale. With no wind and little debris afloat on the lake, it was an ideal day, a nice change from last year. With half a dozen of us down early, an impromptu course was 'designed' by Mike Kelly with Brian putting in the 'legwork' in the water.



With a fair number of competitors, the Over 1 metre was first off with Brian sailing 'Sir William' who used his twin motors to good effect with a clear round. Next up was Mike Kelly with his 'Brooklyn' type tug, with the disadvantage of a single screw and rudder, but he also managed a clear round. Jason Quayle was the last in this class, sailing his Loyal Watcher. After a clear start Jason unfortunately missed a buoy out which resulted 5 marks lost, so a draw on the first round for Brian and Mike. The second run was 'timed' as well as having the complexity of the course.

Brian's superior speed and twin power paid off in the re-run when he completed another 'clean' in 3 minutes 7 sec. Mike set off as fast as he could go with his single screw and got round clear but much slower at 3 minutes 51 seconds.

There were 5 entries for the Under 1 metre, a good turnout again. Dave Costain was first off with his 'Silver Rose' fishing trawler and had a touch on one section and then 2 touches on the next gate, losing 3 points overall. Jason Quayle was next with diminutive Banckert tug. Losing 1 point for a touch on 'gate' 7, he went into the lead. Brian King] was next with his Cygnus fishing boat, a very robust boat with excellent turning capability despite being single screw and rudder. Unfortunately he had a touch and then went outside an iceberg to lose a



5 on top of his one. Brian Swinden was next out on the water and with his twin screw and steering and got round for a loss of one point, drawing with Jason. John Hancox was next out but read the rules wrong as he thought the idea was to hit as many buoys as possible! Sorry John, but 17 was a little high!

So another draw with a re-run between Bankert and the lifeboat of Brian Swinden. On the re-run which was timed, Jason had a touch while only taking 3 min. 25 seconds. However, Brian had a clear round although taking 4 min. 15 seconds. He could afford to take his time after Jason's touch.

There were 4 competitors in the 'mini' class with Brian Swinden first away and unfortunately went outside a buoy to lose 5 points. Next out was Dornoch with Jason Quayle at the wheel, and he managed a clear round. Brian King followed but had a touch on the last 'gate' to lose one point. Kim followed with 'Nudger' which appeared to have erratic speed controller problems but still managed an almost clear round to lose one point. So Jason took first place.

Robert Molesworth, a Junior member, went off with his tug/workboat and managed to get round with only a loss of two points. An excellent score for a junior in his first steering competition.

There was only one competitor in the 'Super Mini', Kim Holland and had a clear round.

Final results

Over 1 metre	'Sir William'	Brian King
Under 1 metre	'George and Mary' lifeboat	Brian Swinden
Mini class	'Dornoch'	Jason Quayle
Best Junior	Workboat/tug	Robert Molesworth
Super Mini	'Amy'	Kim Holland

Tug Towing Competition 2019

At long last an event not marred by the weather! Despite torrential rain the day before, Sunday turned out dry and windless. However, there was a fair bit of debris on the water as a result of Storm Hannah the day before which did catch out one or two during the competition. With an entry of 12 different boats at long last a proper club event.

With four different classes based on the size of the boats—ie Mini class, Under 60 cms, Under 1 metre, and Over 1 metre, there were entries for every class. Each boat could have one run with the Over 1 metre and the Under 1 metre towing the full length casualty called 'Wilbe Toad'. The smaller boats used the smaller casualty.

There were 2 entries in the Over 1metre and Brian's Wendy Ann was first off to a steady start. With care he got half way round before incurring his first penalty, a 5 on the far gates which were to catch most out later. When 2 touches were added he finished with a respectable 7 points, despite getting his propeller tangled by the towrope, luckily as he was



berthing at the finish. Jason Fleming was next off with Blazer, another single screw 'oldie'. No modern Kort nozzles! Unfortunately Jason also fell foul of the distant gates and incurred a 5, followed shortly after by another 5, to finish with a score of 10.

In the Under 1 metre class there were 5 entries of various designs. Jason Quayle was first off, sailing his modern Parrat tug. He set the standard for the morning with a loss of only 1 point for the whole course. Brian Swindon was next off and struggled to find his normal form and he got caught out with four 5's and a couple of touches, losing 22 points. John Hancox was next up with his North Barrule, converted from his schooner of the same name over the course of 24 hours! Despite his lack of experience and a flat battery, he managed an exceptional performance losing only 2 points, and this with a single screw!

Jason Quayle was next with his Banckert, the first boat he built some years ago! Again caught out by the far gates, he had two 5's and 2 touches to lose 12 points.

Brian King was next up with Tarroo Ushtey, a scale model of the IOM Harbour Board dredger come general dogsbody! Caught out again by the far gates to lose a 5 followed by a single touch on the final gate, to lose a total 6 points.

Next up, the Under 60 cms, was Brian Swinden with the Samuel Jay towing the small casualty. With a much better performance this time round, Brian managed to get round with a loss of 7 points. Next up was our only junior member, Robert, taking part in his first ever tug towing competition. He was sailing his kit 'Workboat' and despite getting his tow-rope tangled in his propeller, managed an exceptional 4 points!

For the next two competitors the gremlins struck. Both Kim and Jason Fleming had electrical and leaf problems and had to abort their attempts. Kim also had to abort from the 'mini' class.

All in all, a very successful event that was well supported by members.

Results; Over 1 metre Wendy Ann [Brian King], Under 1 metre Parrat [Jason Quayle], Under 600mm Workboat [Robert Molesworth] and Best Junior!

Vintage Yachts at Fleetwood

Fleetwood Model Boat Club host this annual event on their very large model yachting pool which was built nearly 100 years ago. At approximately 300yds x 50yds you get a lot of exercise chasing free-sailing boats and you certainly need a 'mate' on the other side!

This 2 day event was held on the 11th & 12th May and was blessed by good weather, even if the wind was a bit strong on the Saturday. The event is held for Vintage and Classic Marblehead yachts, most of which use Vane steering which was the only way of controlling boats before radio control, although there is a 'cult' following who still use them, like steam engines!

Most of the boats are from the 60's and 70's, some are genuine antiques while others are modern build to the original designs. My boat is a genuine antique from the 1940's and uses Braine steering which pre-dates vane steering.

As last year I met up with Gareth and Liz Jones who had also entered a boat and we 'shared' the weekend socially as well as sailing-wise. Gareth had entered a vane steered boat called 'Devilish' to a 1965 Roger Stollery design .They had acquired the bare hull then completed the rest themselves.



We had both arrived Friday lunchtime in order to have some practice sailing before racing started on Saturday. We started off OK but after about an hour we were becalmed! However, the sun was out so we had a very pleasant session basking in the sun!

Next day we met at the purpose built model yacht clubhouse, right alongside the water, complete with kitchen, lounge, workshop/storage area etc. There was even a hose system for washing down the boats after use to remove the saltwater as the lake is filled tidally similar to the Mooragh. There is even marked out parking for around 20 cars!

After the briefing at 10'o'clock for the 11 competitors, it was time to get ready. The racing is held in the form of a 'round robin' where everybody has an individual race against everybody else. So it was 6 races on Saturday and 5 on Sunday. Everybody had one 'bye'. Each race is called a 'board' and consists of a race upwind for 3 points, and a return downwind for 2 points. All the boats race upwind a pair at a time but following each other as soon as there was 'sea-room'.



Some entries had 'mates' to turn the boat round while others helped each other by being on opposite sides. Sometimes the 'skipper' had to shout instructions to the turning mate if the boat was not performing properly!

The wind freshened considerably in the afternoon and meant skippers running on the downwind leg to keep up with boat or prevent it crashing into the concrete bank! One boat split its hull as result and had to withdraw.

The evenings 'dinner' at the North Euston was a very convivial affair although some nearly fell asleep as a result of the exercise!

Next day, the wind was much lighter, but spot on for relaxed but positive racing. Both Gareth and I had limited success against some top opposition, but we did have some wins and some great sailing.

I had won 3 races and Gareth won enough to finish second in the Mayoral cup for 'Classic' boats. Neither of us were quite sure of the definition used for 'Vintage' or 'Classic' but we were quite happy to be participating. My boat was certainly the oldest and only one other boat used Braine steering and that was a modern build to an old design. When we raced against each other it was a close run thing upwind but he raced away from me downwind with a full spinnaker which I did not have.



At the presentation in the clubhouse later Gareth was surprised to find he had won two awards, one of them a substantial trophy.

The following morning, I met Gareth and Liz for a relaxed fun sail, in light and sunny conditions when I sailed 'Anna' a 36 inch ketch of the 1930's, following which we set off for home.

Mannanan 2019

Saturday 29th June events include;

Spithead Review for Naval vessels in the morning starting at 11am. This will be an hour long event with members asked to sail their vessels around the lake whilst a guest judge awards marks. If a skipper has more than one vessel then they will be permitted to recover one vessel and launch another with the consent of the judge. Vessels will not be allowed to 'float free' on the lake.

On the Water Competition for all vessels in the afternoon starting at 2pm. This will be an hour long event with members asked to sail their vessels around the lake whilst a guest judge awards marks. If a skipper has more than one vessel then they will be permitted to recover one vessel and launch another with the consent of the judge. Vessels will not be allowed to 'float free' on the lake.

Free Sailing at all other times when we are not holding a competition.

Commodores Challenge Practice will be taking place on the main lake for straight running and in the small pool for the milk / juice carton racers throughout the day. We will also be allowing the pop pop boats to run on the small pool if nobody is practicing.

Sunday 30th June events include;

Scale Competition to be judged on the side of the lake. Classes for Scratch built models, Kit built models, Semi-Kit built models, Static dioramas and the Manx Heritage class for the best model with a Manx connection. We need to make a prompt start for this event at 10am, so skippers are asked to register their vessels and put them on display as soon as you arrive.

Commodores Challenge straight running will take place on the main lake during the morning. The start time will be advised on the day, but is likely to be around 11am.

Commodores Challenge milk / juice carton challenge will take place on the small pool during the afternoon starting at 1:30pm.

Fun Float competition will be the final event of the weekend on the main lake starting at 3:30pm.

Free Sailing at all other times when we are not holding a competition.

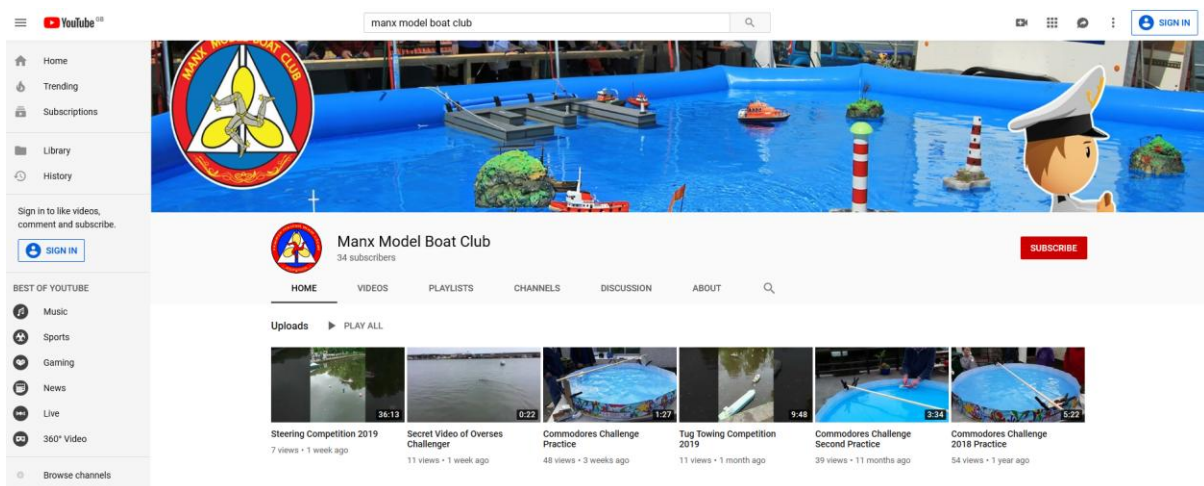
There is no advanced entry form for Mannanan but you will need to register with the officer of the day when you arrive if you want to enter any of the events. Please ensure that you do this as soon as you arrive to avoid causing delays, particularly with the Scale competition on Sunday.

Monday 1st July;

This year we will be holding the Mannanan prize presentation & dinner at the Port St Mary Golf Pavilion starting at 7pm. The dinner is a 3 meat carvery with a choice of starters and sweets as well as a vegetarian option and costs £23.

I have attached a copy of the menu and a return form which we need to have back by Monday 24th June at the latest along with your payment.

Event Videos



Thanks to Robert & Martin Molesworth we now have video footage of events which have taken place this season. You can view the videos on You Tube;

<https://www.youtube.com/user/YessirManx/videos>

There are also links to videos and photographs from events on the Manx Model Boat Club web site; <http://manxmodelboatclub.org>