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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

Chairmans Chat

Welcome to all you scurvy shipmates.

Firstly I would like to welcome the new committee members and to remind all crewmembers meetings are open to all, so come along, join in, or just make your comments known to the committee.

Time to get out of the shed or armchair, as the steering competition starts our 2011 season - 'competition' may be the wrong wording, for it is based on your steering skill - or lack of - if the weather deems to pester you! A new course will be used this year designed by Bob Bagshaw.

Last years committee dealt with the issue of restructuring the MANNANAN festival, this has now been revised and a new format will be used this year. This is what your committee is for - not just for keelhaulin' wayward captains!

Winner of the 2010 "On the Water"
Competition

RNLI George & Mary Webb

Built by Brian Swinden



This year I WILL refrain from swimming events providing everyone else does too! ROY.

So lets hope for fair winds and weather for 2011. I hope to see many of you at the steering comp.

If you have not yet joined you must before you can take part in any event.

Fair winds to all.

Alan Gough

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.

Events List for 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Competition</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
03/04/11	Steering Competition	Onchan Park	2:00pm
10/04/11	Steering Competition - Wet Weather Alternative	Onchan Park	2:00pm
01/05/11	Scale Competition	Silverdale	10:00am
08/05/11	Scale Competition - Wet Weather Alternative	Silverdale	10:00am
22/05/11	Spithead Review (Naval Vessels)	Silverdale	10:00am
25/06/11	Mannanan 2011 (Steering Competition & Tug Towing Competition)	Onchan Park	10:00am
26/06/11	Mannanan 2011 (On the Water, Scale & Fun Competitions)	Silverdale	10:00am
05/07/11	Tynwald Day Display	St.Johns	9:30am
30/07/11	Traditional Boat Weekend	Peel	10:00am
31/07/11	Traditional Boat Weekend	Peel	10:00am
10/08/11	Port Erin RNLi Day	Port Erin	10:00am
27/08/11	The Model Boat Convention	Birchwood Park (Warrington)	10:00am
28/08/11	The Model Boat Convention	Birchwood Park (Warrington)	10:00am
17/09/11	Onchan Commissioners Shield, Venetian Evening & Barbecue	Onchan Park	6:30pm
02/10/11	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:00pm
09/10/11	Tug Towing Competition - Wet Weather Alternative	Onchan Park	2:00pm
T.B.A.	Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
24/11/11	Annual General Meeting	Archibald Knox	7:30pm

This years events list follows a similar pattern to previous years, with the proposed date for each event followed by an alternative date as a wet weather alternative.

- The big change this year is Mannanan, which has been reduced to a two day event. Saturday will be the Steering Competition in the morning followed by the Tug Towing competition in the afternoon at Silverdale. Sunday will start with the ‘On the Water’ competition at Silverdale followed by Scale judging on the side of the pool from about mid day. Whilst the scale judging is going on, members will be able to have free sailing on the lake using boats not entered in competition. The day will be rounded off with the now famous fun competition.
- It is proposed that Sunday sailing will continue throughout the spring / summer, although it won’t be advertised on the same days that we have a club competition. This is a general sailing session each Sunday morning at Silverdale starting at 10am.
- Members are also free to sail at Onchan Park during the evenings after the motor boats have finished operating. If you fancy an evening sail why not ring around or e-mail a few members to see if they would be interested in joining you.

Previous Competition Winners

We have been asked to provide a list of previous competition winners so that members know what trophies they have previously won and in which classes. It has been decided that the revised rules which have been agreed for the Mannanan Scale competition should also apply to the normal club Scale competition in relation to entries. This means that previous class winners are not eligible to re-enter the scale competition again, thus encouraging new building and ensuring that the trophies are awarded to different vessels each year.

Full details of the new rules can be found on the club web site.



Scratch - Howard Quayle Trophy

1998	Doug Wheeler	MTB
1999	Jason Quayle	Puffin
2000	Alan Gough	Sailing Brig
2001	Not Awarded	
2002	Jason Quayle	Waverley
2003	Alan Gough	Defiant
2004	Nigel Latham	Taroo Ushtey
2005	Jason Quayle	Mannin
2006	Les Quayle	Thistle
2007	Nigel Latham	Ben Varrey
2008	Jason Quayle	Waverley
2009	Jason Quayle	Mannin
2010	Brian King	Wendy Ann

Semi Scratch - Racehorse Cannon

1998	Allan Gough	PCF
1999	Barry Kerfoot	Ben Maye
2000	Allan Gough	USS Scott
2001	Not Awarded	
2002	Howard Quayle	Atlantic
2003	Brian King	Crash Tender
2004	Jason Quayle	Dornoch
2005	Cameron Watterson	CT 12
2006	Doug Wheeler	E-Boat
2007	John Williams	Roysterer
2008	Cameron Watterson	Scorpion
2009	John Williams	Formidable
2010	Cameron/Roy	Vervine

Kit Built - Fire King Award

1998	Howard Quayle	Creole Queen
1999	Jason Quayle	Loyal Moderator
2000	Jason Quayle	Yessir
2001	Not Awarded	
2002	Jason Quayle	U-47
2003	Jason Quayle	Yessir
2004	Jason Fleming	Wacht am Rhein
2005	Alan Gough	Osprey
2006	Brian Swindon	Trent Lifeboat
2007	Jason Quayle	Envoy W165
2008	Howard Quayle	Hafen Doorama
2009	Jason Quayle	Glasgow
2010	Jason Quayle	Envoy Tug

Manx Heritage - Don McKay Trophy

2009	Jason Quayle	Mannin
2010	Cameron/Roy	Vervine

On the Water - Silverdale Trophy

1999	Alan Gough	'Shetland'
2000	Brian King	Crash Tender
2001	Alan Gough	Osprey
2002	Jason Quayle	U-47
2003	Bernie Hinds	Ark Royal
2004	Nigel Latham	Taroo Ushtey
2005	Alan Gough	Osprey
2006	Kevin Kinnin	TID and barge
2007	Brian Swindon	Janeve
2008	Jason Quayle	Waverley
2009	Jason Fleming	Wacht am
2010	Brian Swindon	RNLI lifeboat

Onchan Commissioners Trophy

1999	Keith Jewell	Coaster 'City'
2000	Jason Quayle	Loyal Watcher
2001	Bernie Hinds	IOM Steam Packet
2002	Bernie Hinds	Ark Royal
2003	Chris Fayle	Clyde Puffer
2004	Bernie Hinds	Manxman
2005	Brian King	Manxman
2006	Jason Quayle	Mannin
2007	John Williams	Roysterer
2008	Cameron Watterson	Scorpion
2009	Alan Gough	TID and BYMS
2010	John Williams	Vigilant

Venetian Evening - Racehorse Trophy

1998	Arthur Arnold	Glen Helen
1999	Chris Fayle	Puffer 'Claire Louise'
2000	Jason Quayle	Loyal Watcher
2001	Don McKay	Osprey
2002	Kevin Kinnin	
2003	Bernie Hinds	Manx Man
2004	Cameron Watterson	Shalto
2005	Bernie Hinds	Brittania
2006	Cameron Watterson	Golden Sun
2007	Bernie Hinds	Ark Royal
2008	Bernie Hinds	Brittania
2009	Bernie Hinds	Manxman
2010	Roy/Cameron	Vervine

Mannanan 2008

I have attached a letter which was received from Janet Wignall, who members may remember accompanied her dad to Mannanan 2008 with his Steam Packet boat Monas Queen. Janet originally wrote the letter to the Southport Club, but has also copied it to ourselves.

You don't have to be a model boat enthusiast to enjoy a model boat show. When my dad asked if I would like to go with him to a show I wasn't very sure. Dad has been a member of the Southport Model Boat Club for seven years now and I have visited him on the odd occasion whilst he has been sailing boats on Jubilee Pond. I love spending time with my dad but my interests are art, camping and looking after my family. However, when he mentioned the Boat show was going to take place in the Isle Of Man and he was taking his own boat to enter a competition I immediately started to flutter my eye lashes at my husband and explain to my two children that sometimes mums need a well earned rest, how grandad is entering his boat in to a competition and that I promised to bring them a lovely present back from the Island. I have always loved the Isle of Man and it is somewhere I have enjoyed many a special family trip to with my mum dad and brother. Sadly my mum died in the July 2007 but my brother was going to be on the Island with his family during our visit.

The day arrived it was June 2008 and dad came to collect me with the very special 72nd scale model of the TSS Mona's Queen (4) Isle of Man Steam Packet boat taking pride of place in the boot of the car (not much room for my suit case). The crossing was lovely and brought back so many fond memories. As we got in to Douglas the boat starting rocking and my thoughts went to Mona's Queen in the boot of the car on the car deck. As I looked at my dad he had gone pale, I wasn't sure if he was feeling sea sick or whether like me he was thinking about his chances of winning the competition with a boat that had been tossed about in the back of his car.

As we headed towards the first event taking place in Onchan Park, Douglas it started to rain. It got heavier and heavier as we headed along the promenade. Unfortunately the rain had meant the event had been cancelled so very sadly we headed off to our accommodation but soon started to think about the next day.

After breakfast we headed towards Douglas again. We pulled up in front of the Villa Marina and lifted Mona's Queen out from her box. I was so nervous for dad in case she was to slip. Dad was very confident. I left dad to enter the details in to the competition and set her up in her special place as I went to park the car. As I got back to dad he was very engrossed in conversation with the other members of model boat clubs from all different areas. They were a lovely set of people but they were discussing model boats which unfortunately I know nothing about. I had a chat with Mr King who is a member and organiser of the Isle of Man Model Boat show. He invited dad and I to the awards dinner to be held on the last evening of the show at the Yacht Club in Douglas. Lucky I packed a dress!!

All the boats were lined up on tables for the judges to view. We watched the judges for a while and as they

were looking at Mona's Queen I was trying my best to listen to what they were saying. "It's no use" I said to my dad "I can't hear anything, let's go for some lunch".

On return to the Villa Marina we found we were a little late and most people had left. Mona's Queen was sitting all alone and we carefully put her back in the car and headed back to our accommodation. In the evening dad telephoned Mr King and made the arrangements for the award ceremony.

The final day was at Silverdale glen. The sun was shining and as we arrived a steering competition was taking place on the lake. There was great excitement as the men sailed there boats and the wives and children watched on. Dad did not enter the competition but Mona's Queen was on show again glistening in the sunshine. It was a lovely atmosphere and I enjoyed sunbathing whilst listening to all the activity going on around me. What a lovely afternoon. Once everyone had left for the day dad sailed Mona's Queen. She was the only boat sailing and it was very peaceful listening to her on the water.

It was a lovely evening as we arrived at the Yacht club for the awards dinner. We stood on the balcony overlooking Douglas harbour whilst enjoying a drink chatting to Mr King about what a lovely event it had been. It was my last night on the Island and I was due to leave early morning. After enjoying a beautiful buffet Howard Quayle (chairman) began to give out awards. There was a young lad called Cameron who received quite a few awards. He was very proud. I wondered if dad would have won anything and how to tell the children if grandad had to come home without a prize.. and then the moment came..... "and 3rd prize in the Semi Kit Class goes to..... Peter Iddon with Mona's Queen"..... Dad shook hands with Howard and had a photo taken as everyone clapped. Well done Dad.

Dad stayed to enjoy another few days on the Island and I had a smooth crossing back to Liverpool. And the Mona's Queen went on the win the Pontins cup at Woodvale the same year.

*Thanks dad for a lovely trip.
Janet x*



Photograph of Monas Queen taken during Mannanan 2008

Subscriptions

A quick note to let you know that membership subscriptions are now over due for the 2011 season. Subscriptions have increased this year to £25 for normal members and £15 for Juniors (still in full time education) and OAP's.



A membership application form is included with this newsletter for those who have not paid. The completed form should be returned to the new Club Treasurer, Jason Flemming, at the address shown on the form as soon as possible.

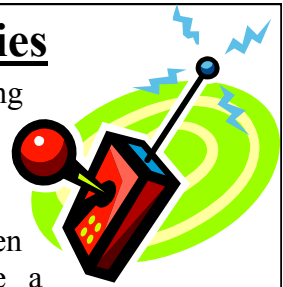
Members are reminded that they are not covered by the Clubs insurance if they are not a paid up member and will also not be eligible to enter any club competitions or receive any further newsletters.

AGM Minutes

A draft copy of the AGM minutes has been included with this newsletter for members information. The minutes will remain in draft form until ratified at the next meeting.

Radio Frequencies

A list of members sailing frequencies is provided on the club web site, however it has been some time since this list has been updated. Although quite a few members have now moved to the 2.4GHz radio gear frequency, it is useful to maintain the list for those who are still using 40MHz and 27MHz frequencies. Hopefully at the first few events this year, the secretary will be going around asking for radio frequencies so that the list can be updated.



At club events we operate a 'Peg On' system which means that you need to bring your own peg with you to which is marked with your name & frequency. Before you switch on your transmitter you must check that your frequency is clear and put your peg on the board. If there is already a peg on the board on your frequency, please do not switch on.

Members who are using the same frequency must agree sailing times between themselves to avoid clashes at events.

Members attention is also drawn to the club rules which require that all transmitter aerials are protected with a practice golf ball to avoid causing injuries to other members or members of the public.

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