

MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

March 2019

Hi All,

Welcome to your first Boat Club newsletter of 2019. In this newsletter you will find a copy of the proposed fixture list for the coming season which contains a mixture of our regular events as well as one or two changes for this year. For example, we have decided to incorporate the Spithead review for Naval vessels into the Mannanan Regatta programme which is going to be held a week later than normal at the end of June.

Keep checking your e-mails as we will be sending out full details of each event a couple of weeks in advance of the event dates.

Bob Bagshaw has proposed two Commodores Challenge events this year comprising Straight Running on the main lake at Silverdale and a fun 'Juice Carton' challenge on the small table top pool. Bob has indicated that this will be his final year for setting challenges as he wants to stand down after Mannanan.

This years Sir William Hillary RNLI static display was held at the beginning of January and we chose to put on a display of live steam models which was well received by those in attendance. I have included a selection of photographs from this event on the last page.

Don't forget that this is your club, so if you have any ideas of anything you would like including in the calendar then please shout up so that we can have a look and see what can be fitted in. The same applies for any articles you would like to see or submit for inclusion in the newsletter. Please e-mail me with any items you might have.

Regular sailing continues at Silverdale on Sunday mornings throughout the year starting at 10am and running through to about midday. Even if the weather is not too promising, the regular members still meet up on a Sunday morning for a cup of tea and chat in the cafe.

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 28 th April 2019	Tug Towing Competition	To be held at Silverdale starting at 10am.
Sunday 5 th May 2019	Commodores Challenge Practice	To be held at Silverdale starting at 10am.
Sunday 12 th May 2019	Vintage Yachts at Fleetwood	For information only.
Sunday 19 th May 2019	Steering Competition	To be held at Silverdale starting at 10am.
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 practice runs).	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.
Sunday 14 th July 2019	Av-A-Go Boats at Silverdale	To be held at Silverdale throughout the afternoon.
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.
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 starting at 7:30pm.
Sailing will continue throughout the winter season at Silverdale Glen Lake on Sunday mornings starting at 10am through until midday.		

Commodores Challenge 2019



The first challenge will be called "R/C straight running" and will be a fun event so everyone can join in using existing boats. The event will be held on the main lake at Silverdale.

There will be two classes

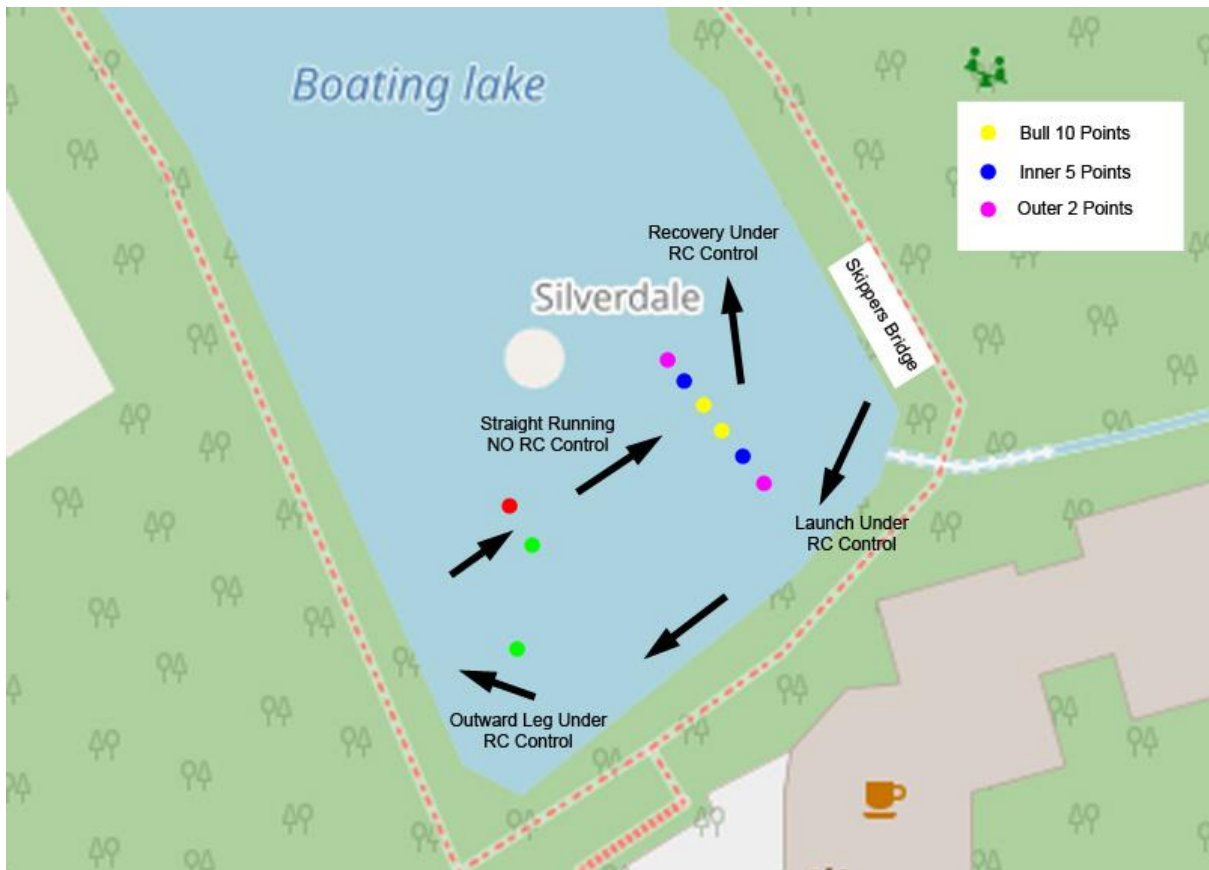
- 1) Standard - Standard class will cover any R/C boat of any shape size or power.
- 2) Clever Clogs - Clever Clogs class will allow any form of auto pilot contained aboard.

The course

There will be a "distance" buoy near the far side of the lake and to the left. There will be a wide gate called the "Attempt" gate near the island then a target line of 6 buoys near the landing stage representing a bull; 2 inners and 2 outers.

The sailing directions are to sail up to the left then round the distance buoy then back down through the attempt gate - all under R/C control to this point. Immediately through the attempt gate the Tx will be laid aside and the boat will sail on its own through the target line scoring the points. (No extra points for doing it underwater).

Immediately through the target line R/C control will be resumed and the boat sailed off to the right for retrieval or mooring. (R/C control can also be quickly re established if the boat runs amok).



Scoring

Points scored will be 10 for a bull; 5 for an inner and 2 for an outer.

In the event of a tied score there will be a run-off against the clock starting with the stern touching the bank (subs on the surface).

Feasibility tests have shown that an attempt should take roughly 2 mins from start alongside to finish right turn off so with a degree of readiness and no finger trouble we could get as many as say 20 runs in an hour which would allow multiple attempts and an aggregate score.

Helpful Hints

Some sort of fixing throttle openings is more or less essential so that the rudder can be trimmed on the outward leg (you will need a ratchet on your RC transmitter throttle channel).

It also seems advisable to keep the speed down otherwise you will be running through the remains of your own wash.

Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class plus some specials according to the Commodore's whim.

The second challenge will be Tethered “Juice Carton Racing” and will be held on the small table top pool at Silverdale. This will be a similar challenge to the hydroplanes which we ran last year, but based on a “Carton Hull” (see below).



There will be two classes

- 1) Standard – maximum power of 3 x dry cells (4.5 volts).
- 2) Hooligan – unlimited voltage.

Hull Construction

The hull must be made from a 1 litre carton (milk or juice). You may want to check the spout position as some are better than others.

Hull Dimensions

Max hull length = 196 mm; beam = 70mm; Due to lack of space, prop; shaft and/or rudder can extend beyond the transom by 30mm.

Motor / Propeller / Batteries

You can use any small motor, prop shaft and propeller combination but batteries must be limited to a maximum 3 dry cells (4.5 volts) for the standard class. Hooligan class can have unlimited batteries (but watch the weight).

Tether

Models should have an onboard V bridle which comes to a point about 9" from the hull with a small ring to provide easy attachment to the pool's central tether & pivot point (see photos from last year's event above).

Event Format

Boats will be timed over a number of laps to be determined by the commodore.

Awards

There will be prizes for innovation; elegance, spectacular sinking and of course rule bending with prizes awarded accordingly (or not).

Sir William Hillary RNLi Display

Please see below a selection of photographs taken at the Sir William Hillary RNLi display which was held at the beginning of January. (Thanks to Kim Holland for the photos).

