



MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

March 2022

Hi All,

Welcome to your first club newsletter of 2022. So far this year we have had some well attended sailing mornings at Silverdale and relatively kind weather conditions to go with them. Hopefully this will continue throughout the summer season with a full calendar of competitions and other club events to attend.

We start the season with a static display at the Old Courthouse in Ramsey which Kim has very kindly put together for us. It's an opportunity to put on a static display of models in the north of the island which will hopefully generate some interest amongst the public and possibly encourage one or two new members to join the club. The event is on Saturday 26th March and is open to the public between 10am and 4pm. Full details will be e-mailed around members, but if you are interested in displaying can you drop an e-mail to either Kim or me.

In addition to the normal club competitions, we have pencilled in some general sailing events at Onchan Park on Sunday evenings. This follows the well attended competition evenings at Onchan last year where we attracted a slightly different audience of spectators and gave an opportunity for some members who are unable to get to Silverdale to have a relaxed sail together.

Mannanan returns this year to its normal 2 day format over the weekend of 25th & 26th June and hopefully we will meet up with our visitors from the UK whom we haven't seen for a couple of years. The event will be a mixture of competitions and free sailing with the emphasis on having a relaxing sailing weekend. As a tribute to our club Commodore, Bob Bagshaw, we will probably set up the small pool and invite people to bring along any of his competition challengers over the recent years to have a bit of fun.

On a sadder note one of honorary members, Keith Jewell, passed away in February. You can read a few words about Keith and his contribution to the club later in this newsletter.

Happy Sailing,

Jason Quayle

2022 Subs

A quick reminder to existing members that your subs for 2022 are now overdue. Most members have now re-joined, however if you still need to pay then please visit the club website to download a membership form and send this along with your payment to the club treasurer, Jason Fleming. If you don't join again this year then your details will be removed from the club register and you will no longer receive a newsletter.

Events List for 2022

Date	Event	Venue	Start Time
Saturday 26 th March	Model Boating & RC Exhibition	Old Ramsey Courthouse, Parliament Street	Open to the public from 10am – 4pm
Sunday 1 st May	Vintage Yachts *	Ramsey Mooragh	2pm
Sunday 8 th May	Steering Competition	Silverdale	10am
Sunday 15 th May	General 'Sail In'	Onchan Park	6pm
Saturday 21 st & Sunday 22 nd May	Fleetwood Vintage Yacht Weekend	For information only.	
Sunday 5 th June	Big Night Out	Onchan Park	6pm
Saturday 25 th & Sunday 26 th June	Mannanan Model Boat Festival	Silverdale	10am – detail of events to follow
Sunday 10 th July	General 'Sail In'	Onchan Park	6pm
Sunday 17 th July	Vintage Yachts *	Ramsey Mooragh	2pm
Sunday 24 th July	Tug Towing Competition	Silverdale	10am
Sunday 14 th August	Vintage Yachts *	Ramsey Mooragh	2pm
Sunday 21 st August	General 'Sail In'	Onchan Park	6pm
Sunday 11 th September	Vintage Yachts *	Ramsey Mooragh	2pm
Sunday 18 th September	Venetian Evening	Onchan Park	6pm
Sunday 9 th October	Spithead Review	Onchan Park	6pm
Saturday 15 th & Sunday 16 th October	Blackpool Model Show	Norbreck Castle Hotel	Details of club attendance at the show to follow

* Vintage yacht events are markers in the calendar when the tide is right to fill the lake. Actual events will be confirmed at a later date.

Blackpool Model Show

You will notice that the calendar includes the Blackpool Model show at the Norbreck Castle in October. After a couple of years absence we are hoping to be able to attend as a club again and put on a good display (hopefully collecting some prizes along the way). We will circulate full details when they are known. We may be looking for a vehicle driver this year to drive a van to Blackpool, so if there are any volunteers please let us know.

Obituary

Members were saddened to learn that one of our Honorary members, Keith Jewell, passed away in February.

Keith was involved with the Manx Model Boat Club from the late 1980's onwards, and was an exceptional model builder building a large number of high quality models including HMS Illustrious and HMS Nurton, which are both still looked after by the club as club models.

Keith was instrumental in encouraging members to travel to UK model exhibitions and started the clubs attendance at the Ellesmere Port Model Boat show on the August bank holiday weekends. Having seen how well our club was received at UK exhibitions, Keith then went on to organise the Mannanan event on the island inviting many UK modellers to come to the island and participate. Mannanan has been so successful that it has turned into an annual event.

In late 2000 Keith and his wife Shareen left the island to work in the UK, but they continued as Honorary club members and we were delighted when they returned to live on the island again. They have both continued to support the club, although Keith was not able to attend events in recent years.

The attached photograph shows Keith with one of his models the 'Boston Typhoon' being presented with an award during Mannanan 2003 at Ramsey Mooragh.



Presentation of Memorial Benches

Unfortunately the club has seen a number of its members pass away in recent years, all of whom have contributed their part towards making the club a success. When our club commodore, Bob Bagshaw, passed away at the age of 96 last year we decided that it would be appropriate to place a bench in his memory at Silverdale to sit alongside Roy Watterson's bench. Not wanting to miss any former members out, we decided to order a second bench to be placed alongside in memory of all the other club members who have passed away over the years.

On Sunday 13th March, there was an excellent turn out of club members, family, friends and relatives of passed members at Silverdale to unveil the two benches. People started to gather from about 10am onwards watching the sailing on the water and having a good chat before pausing at 11am to listen to a few words and then having a round of applause before retiring to the cafe for a well deserved cup of tea.

If family members would like a small plaque placing on the club memorial bench in memory of a former member then they are welcome to contact us and we will make the arrangements.



Sunday Sailing at Silverdale

The following selection of images has been taken at Silverdale during some recent Sunday morning club meetings. I have also included two links to videos which you should be able to click on and view. The first is general sailing activity at Silverdale which includes Kim Holland loading and unloading a tank from his landing craft on a ramp and the second Jason Quayles new Alvis Stalwart amphibious RC truck which can drive down the ramp into the water and sail around before climbing back up the ramp again. Further photos and video can be found on the club web site www.manxmodelboatclub.org Enjoy!



During the memorial bench presentation, Colin Bagshaw sailed his father's Commodore hat around the lake on a barge pushed by one of Bobs pusher

Mike Kelly's Azwas supply tug being sailed by Robert Molesworth at Silverdale.



HMS Illustrious originally built by Keith Jewell and HMS Manxman built by Bob Bagshaw on display at Silverdale.

A new police boat being sailed by Nigel Latham and a recently restored motor boat being sailed by Neil Patterson at Silverdale.



Kim Holland discharging his tank onto the landing ramp but unfortunately suffering from a 'lack on adhesion' being unable to climb the slippery ramp.



A video of sailing activities at Silverdale. [Please click here to view the video.](#)

A restored TID tug being sailed by Brian Swinden at Silverdale during our New Year Sail In.



A video of the Alvis Stalwart driving and swimming at Silverdale.
[Please click here to view the video.](#)



Neil Patterson's PT boat being sailed at speed during the New Year Sail In at Silverdale.

Neil is due to return to Scotland in a few weeks time where he will continue his sailing with the Ayr club. He intends to keep in touch with us and visit the next time that he is back on the island.

Kim Hollands boat the Black Pearl being sailed at Silverdale.



A Thunder Tiger fishing boat previously owned by Bob Bagshaw, now renamed 'Commodore' and being sailed by Les Quayle.