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# **Chairmans Chat**

This years events have started off very well. The scale steering competition at Onchan was very well attended and a fine day was had by all. The scale competition held at Silverdale was once again well supported with many boats taking part, many thanks to the judges for this event.

Only a few more weeks to Manannan 2004 so any one who has not filled their entry and dinner requirements please get them off to Howard as soon as possible. Howard tells me that we have quite a few entries from model boaters from the adjacent island so this years event looks if it may break all records.

As for our own fixtures the new pegboard system seems to be working well. Any one out there with any ideas for future events etc. please let your committee know.

That's all from me for now Doug Wheeler

#### Mannanan 2004

It is not long now until our Mannanan 2004 Model Boat Festival. The dates for your diary are 19th June for the Steering Competition at Onchan Park, 20th June for the Scale Competition at Ramsey Mooragh and 21st of June for the Tug Towing, On the Water and Fun Competition at Silverdale.

You should all have received your entry forms by now, so please get yours filled in and returned to Howard Quayle as soon as possible. There is also a Mannanan dinner on the evening of 21st June

Manx Model Boat Club Web Site: http://homepages.enterprise.net/jasonquayle/mmbc/in-

## **Scale Competition**

This year we had a lovely day, although there was a breeze at times. There was a good turnout with 19 boats present. As usual, it was held in the morning with sailing from 10-12 o'clock. Our two judges were Phil Walker and Mr Hanscomb[ex R.N]

Previous winning boats were not eligible, although some were present having come to help with the display and to have sail in calm conditions.

In the Scratch built class, there were 5 entries, and the judges had difficulty in deciding the winner between 'Tarroo Ushtey' [Nigel Latham] and the large BYMS navy boat of Allan Gough. In the event 'Tarroo Ushtey' won by a whisker.

The semi-kit class had 3 entries, with Jason's 'Dornoch' taking the top spot from Brian's 'Arun'.

There were 8 kit class entries and the winner was a new boat to the club, the 'Wacht Am Rhein VIII', very close behind was Howard Quayle's 'Vliestroom' buoy tender, which had the same marks on the first count.

Results	Scratch-built	1 2 3	Nigel Latham Alan Gough Bernie Hynes	Tarroo Ushtey BYMS Britannia
	Semi-kit	1 2 3	Jason Quayle Brian King Howard Quayle	Dornoch Arun TID
	Kit class	1 2 3	Jason Fleming Howard Quayle Doug Wheeler	Wacht Am Rhein VIII Vliestrom HMS Stra Brian King

Nigel Lathams "Taroo Ushtey" competing in the Steering Competition at Onchan Park



#### For Sale

Radio controlled yacht, approx 50 ins long, fibreglass, but vintage style with radio gear and winch.

Fairey Huntsman complete with radio gear and Gannet petrol engine.

Contact Mr Basil Hollinshead

# **Give Away**

2 Part Mound For a 52" Drifter

Contact Kevin Kinnin

# **Steering Competition**

Held in nearly perfect conditions, despite the occasional passage of sea mist which was obliterating Douglas promenade. There was a good turn out with around 20 boats of varying sizes in attendance.

Despite the number of boats there was no clash of frequencies and the 'checking in' before sailing made all the difference. The peg-on system worked well as a result, although one or two went home without their pegs!

There were 8 entries in the Under 1 metre class, with Jason Quayle and Brian King first off. Both got round with a loss of 2 points. Jason Fleming went next, losing 5 points. Allan Gough followed with his TID, while Robin Rose with his still to be finished RAF crash tender got round with a loss of 8 points, [his first ever competition]. Mike Leece with his small tug was a back starter but equalled Jason and Brian with 2 points. Young Cameron Watterson sailed his big trawler round to lose 10 points.

On the second round, both Jason and Mike equalled their earlier 2 points lost, each ending with a score of 4. Brian lost 3, while Allan Gough equalled the leaders with a loss of 2, but his earlier lap let him down. Nine year old Cameron got his second lap down to 5 points, a skipper of the future! The two winners were due to have a run-off but Mike's boat failed so he conceded the event to Jason.

<b>Final Results</b>	1 Jason Quayle	4 points	[Yessir]	
	2 Mike Leece	4 points	[Tug]	
	3 Brian King	5 points	[Kingsmann]	
	4 Jason Fleming	9 points	[Happy Hunter]	
	5 Allan Gough	14 points	[TID]	
	6 Robin Rose	14 points	[RAF tender]	
	7 Cameron Watterson	15 points	[Trawler]	(Best Junior)

In the over 1 metre, there were some large models which made the course very difficult for most of them. Doug Wheeler had his large Perkasa and managed to get round with a loss of 6 points on his first lap and 8 the second time. Nigel Latham set off with his large and [and very wide] Tarroo Ushtey, and got round with a score of 8, but lost 14 on the next run. Kevin Kinnin had his large E-boat which took some manoeuvring with its long narrow hull. On his first lap he had difficulty getting used to the twin engine controls and lost 9, but only 2 on his second. Cameron had switched boats and was sailing the large Odin tug and lost 11 first time round, but reduced this to 7 on his second attempt. Allan Gough had set the standard on the course with his large Island class boat, only losing 1 point on his first lap. Unfortunately on the second lap, his speed controller went u/s and he had to abort from the competition.

Final Result	1 Doug Wheeler	14 points	[MTB]			
	2 Kevin Kinnin	17 points	[E-boat]			
	3 Cameron Watterson	18 points	[Odin tug]			
	4 Nigel Latham	22		points	[Tarroo Ushtey]	
	Brían King					

## **Forthcoming Events**

# Friday 11th June - One Meter Yacht Championships - Ramsey Mooragh - 7:00pm

This event is for one meter radio controlled yachts and follows a similar format to the other main yachting events, held over several laps of the Mooragh lake depending on the wind conditions. The prize for winning this event is the Tom Cowell Cup.



Saturday 19th June - Mannanan 2004 Steering Competition - Onchan Park - 10:00am Sunday 20th June - Mannanan 2004 Scale Competition - Ramsey Mooragh - 10:00am Saturday 21st June - Mannanan 2004 Tug Towing, On The Water & Fun Competition - Silverdale - 10:00am See elsewhere in this newsletter or Contact Howard Quayle for further details of the Mannanan 2004 event.

#### Sunday 27th June - Vintage Yacht Race - Ramsey Mooragh - 6:00pm.

Vintage yacht racing on the island has not been so popular since the Port St. Mary pool was emptied several years ago. This event is an attempt to try and generate some more interest in this type of yachting. It is held at Ramsey Mooragh over a course which will depend on the wind conditions to avoid running in to the island. If you were one of the members who used to race and Port St. Mary, why not dust of your vintage yacht and come along for a try. Classes will depend on the number of yachts which turn up and it is likely to be a more informal type of event until we can generate sufficient interest again.

#### Monday 5th July - Tynwald Day Display - St. Johns

We attended Tynwald day for the first time last year and it turned out to be a much better event than we had previously held at Peel. Unfortunately the details of the event (starting time & where we are set up) are not normally available until nearer the date so you may have to phone the competition secretary, Brian King, obtain the information.

#### Saturday 10th July - Onchan Commissioners Cup & Barbecue - Onchan Park - 8:00pm.

To avoid confusion about which trophy is awarded at our annual barbecue evening, we have decided to split the events up and award the Onchan Commissioners Cup during this evening for any boat which is sailing and then award the Racehorse Trophy for the best illuminated boat during our



## Servo Reversing

If you have an older Futaba Attack radio (one without servo reversing) and you need to "reverse" a servo try this. Remove the transmitter faceplate, rotate the appropriate stick assembly 180 degrees and replace the plate. The stick action is now reversed

