



MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB **NEWSLETTER**

November 2022

Greetings everyone!

Another year completed and on we go into the darker months having had a very pleasant final few events culminating with our visit to the Blackpool model Show. A new experience for one member and a welcome return for others.

Firstly though, before a summation of those last events and show we have an AGM to announce and annual dinner arrangements to give. The first is below, the latter at the end.

Notice of Annual General Meeting Wednesday 23rd November 2022 starting at 7:30pm.

The Annual General Meeting of the Manx Model Boat Club will be held in the Meeting Room at the Archibald Knox Public House in Onchan on Wednesday 23rd November 2022 starting at 7:30pm. All existing members and prospective new members are welcome to attend.

Agenda

1. 1) Apologies for Absence.
2. 2) Minutes from last year's Annual General Meeting.
3. 3) Matters Arising from the Minutes.
4. 4) Review of the year
5. 5) Treasurer's Report.
6. 7) Election of Club Officials for 2023 (Secretary, Treasurer plus committee members).
7. 8) Proposed Fixture List for 2023.
8. 9) Mannanan Regatta 2023.
9. 10) Any Other Business.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a model boat bring and buy sale. Please bring along any items from a few fittings and accessories to complete models, kits, or tools which you no longer want and would like to sell or exchange with other members.



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Tug Towing. 24th July at Silverdale. Report by Brian King

The event went ahead despite the poor forecast and the road closures caused by the cycle racing. Thankfully the predictions were wrong, and it turned into a lovely morning, ideal for our event. It was quite well supported both by MMBC members and the public, many of whom were so pleasantly pleased that they stayed to watch.

With five competitors in the Under One Metre [but over 60cms] and using the small casualty, all the entrants made it round apart from Dave Costain whose tug was struggling to 'get a grip' on the water and was overcome by small gusts and had to abort. The 'off the cuff' course proved to be a good test with only Brian King's Tarroo Ushtey managing a clear round although closely followed by Jason Quayle's 'Yessir'.

There were only two entrants in Over One Metre, this 'class' using the largest casualty being around 8ft long and carrying over 20lbs of ballast! Jason Fleming's 'Blazer' managed to get round with a loss of 2 points while Brian King lost 3 points.

Again, with only two entrants in the Under 60cm, both Kim Holland and Jason Fleming were both sailing variations of the 'Ramburator', both managed clear first rounds. After the subsequent 'run-off' with a similar result, Kim got the result with a faster time.

Altogether a good day was had by all!

Many thanks Brian Ed.

Over one metre

| Boat | entrant | Points lost | |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| Blazer | Jason Fleming | 2 | |
| Wendy Ann | Brian King | 3 | |

Under one metre

| Boat | entrant | Points lost | |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| Tarroo Ushtey | Brian King | clear | |
| Yessir | Jason Quayle | 1 | |
| Independent | John Hancox | 3 | |
| Wyreforce | Brian Swinden | 4 | |
| Unknown | Dave Costain | dnf | |

Under 60cms

| Boat | entrant | Points lost run 1 | Run 2 |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Nudger | Kim Holland | clear | Clear & faster |
| Ramburator | Jason Fleming | clear | |



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Vintage Yachting. Sunday 11 September

Our September Vintage yacht sailing had to be cancelled due to the Mooragh Park environs being used for peddle cycling events actually around the lake's perimeter footpaths. Also access to the park was closed off so prospective sailors couldn't get to the inner parking area with yachts anyway.

I'll try and get a copy of any advanced booking for 2023 that the Ramsey Commissioners have so that we avoid clashes of this type. Brian King selects weekend dates based on midday high water spring tide times so that the Lake can be topped off for ease of use in launching heavy yachts.

Venetian Evening. Sunday evening 18th September

report by Brian King

This event held at Onchan Park on the evening before the Queen's funeral, was held in almost ideal conditions. There were not as many participating as normal although there were still around a dozen entries. The format was to have static judging for the first half hour while the boats were being judged by Malcom Magee and David Quayle from the now defunct World Ship Society albeit that they are both keen supporters.

The static judging was for the Onchan Commissioners Shield for the most realistic and well-made model. There were one or two different models present on this occasion, one being Dave Kettlewell's coastal tanker which took the judges eye. However, it was Jason Fleming's vintage Rhine tug, Wacht Am Rhein VIII which was finally awarded the Onchan Shield.



It had been agreed to hold a minutes silence at seven o'clock in respect of the Queen's death and the models endeavoured to line up on the water at the same time with mixed results but all present stood in silence while the boats drifted slowly downwind. A very memorable occasion.

With the boats on the water, lights on the dozen or so boats moved slowly around and there were no collisions! Brian Swinden's Ben Ain was great to hear with its replica steam engine sound. Although not that dark, all the models lights stood out, but the most impressive



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was Peter Iddon's Steam Packet boat 'Lady of Man'. It had a great sense of majesty and brought with it a great sense of nostalgia of days gone by entering Douglas harbour. Hence it was judged the winner of the Racehorse Lighthouse award. It is worth noting that the 'lighthouse' on the trophy is 200 years old this year!



Lady of Man, lights aglow to left and below Peter Iddon cradling the Racehorse trophy alongside the two judges of the event.



Editors Note The trophy mentioned by Brian is made from a copper bolt salvaged from the HMS Racehorse wreck by Brian, the loss of which occurred in Castletown Bay in 1822. Did I mention he has written a book about the wreck and its later discovery, see last Newsletter on website.



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Spithead Review Onchan Park, Sunday 19th October

report Brian King

Once again we were extremely lucky with weather. Heavy rain and gale force winds was forecast from midday with showers across the morning. Members arrived early and set up for table top viewing for the judge, then quickly onto the water for a starboard about circulation displaying for the adjudicator. After about 25 minutes a quick shower of rain arrived, so most boats were lifted out.

As always happens, we were about to use the cover of the café area for the results when the sun came out with some blue skies above. The winner announced being Ark Royal, sailed and in the custody of Brian Swinden.

Well deserved, the Ark looks so impressive on the water and it's sound system is very inclusive so much so that Dave Hanscombe stated that the constant droning noise was exactly as on the real ship. He also stated that they were well known for their failing steering systems a very common problem in a/c apparently.

[Note from Ed Dave Hanscombe ex RN served two 3 year terms aboard aircraft carriers I believe them to have been aboard HMS Illustrious and HMS Invincible.]



There were 8 entries from 7 members, with a nice range of vessels being represented.

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| Dave Costain | Minegumo | Japanese WW2 destroyer |
| Nigel Latham | Bismark | German WW2 Battleship |
| Brian King | Canadian gunboat | |
| Dave Kettlewell | Landing craft L27A | UK and USA WW2 |
| Dave Kettlewell | TID tug | UK WW2 |
| Brian Swinden | Ark Royal ex Bernie Hinds | UK 1987 aircraft carrier |
| Robert Molesworth | HMS Solbay | UK WW2 destroyer |
| Kim Holland | Mike Boat LCM6 | UK/USA WW2 |



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Blackpool Show weekend 15/16th October, Norbreck Castle Hotel



The annual Blackpool Model Show was well attended by the Manx Club with seven members attending with models and others coming along on the day. We also included models from two of our mainland members who were also attending with their UK Clubs as well, and a surprise quick visit from Kevin Kinnin too.

Editors observations: the Norbreck Hotel is old and in a poor state of repair in places. The exhibition area is large but can be cold. Toilet facilities are basic and some what odour some. Tea/coffee facilities exist for exhibitors, but are poorly used by some. Drinks are sold in the vehicle hall and across the main entrance, exiting the exhibition, is a small food outlet café, inside the hotel, serving limited hot food and drinks. To be honest, it's best to bring your own vitals. A pity really and possibly the reason this show is poorly attended by the public. Parking is free if exhibiting.

Those attending were Jason Fleming, Brian King, Brian Marsh, Jason Quayle, Brian Swinden, Kim Holland and Theresa Shammon plus Peter Iddon and Kevin Fleming from the UK.

Travel was split up, three members using the hired van to transport the majority of models and stand materials, Jason Quayle traveling up from visiting the Warwick Engineering show,



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Kim and Theresa bringing their own boats as they were going on elsewhere after, and Brian Swinden already in the Blackpool area for a break

As usual Jason Quayle collated all the boats going, and Jason Fleming took charge of packing materials and boats and their collection. We have a rule that boats for off Island showing and using the Club's transport must be well boxed so that they can be stacked in layers. Most boxes can be sat on!

The Van travelled over on the Thursday prior to the show set up day, and Jason Fleming, with his usual charm, managed to gain entry to the exhibit hall just after 10 Friday morning, the three crew assisting the organisers with tables and pool set-up and then getting the Club's gear in and offloaded. By the time Kim and Theresa arrived, about 2pm (the official set-up time) the stand was mostly complete and the last few boats being moved around on the display. Each boat had a new display card giving simple precise information to interested parties the type of build and by who. Also the scale and source of plans or kit etc.



The exhibition includes r/c trucks and vehicles plus boats. There is a very busy and popular bring and buy section for unwanted models and other gear. There were some traders, fewer than in the past, Dean's Marin, SLEC, Component Shop being prominent. The vehicle section has its own displaying room, mostly areas where the trucks/tanks/cars could be actively used and viewed. There was also an area in another room where the latest r/c banger racing craze was demonstrated. Talking with the organiser's it was rapidly being taken up by r/c car enthusiasts, a type of demolition derby but based on a series of races with certain repairs permitted in between events. Noisy but interesting.



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There was also an indoor pool set-up for boats to sail on, it was a free for all this year, no booking time, though not many availed themselves of the facility. Jason Quayle, Jason Fleming, and Kim Holland all played with amphibious vehicles, JQ his Alvis, JF an amphibious car and KH with the landing craft and Sherman tank, all able to drive in and out the pool using two dog car ramps and one of JQ boat boxes. Video clips on website.

The first day each Club is asked to complete a selection sheet filled with different classifications of boat/vehicle/stand etc the purpose being to get participants to decide on which boat etc is seen as best in that category. The list is quite long, about 15 items and can be considered onerous but it does give purpose when wondering the displays, and as our show newbie found, can be quite challenging especially when exhibits have no information presented with them. The completed sheets are collated so that on the second day before closing the winners can get trophies presented before shut down.

Sadly the Manx Club came away empty handed this year, but without Club's participation these Shows will disappear, and although not the most salubrious of venues, the Norbreck does provide the space and location for a large event.

Here's the best in show, a big, big tug.

Photo by Jason Quayle





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Annual Dinner arrangements. Cut off date 18th November for attending.

This year's annual dinner and prize giving will be at the Creg Na Baa Hotel on Saturday evening 26th November 2022 6.30 for 7.00pm

As it's close to Christmas we've been offered the Christmas menu to choose from. The full menu copy is below.

Please note that that all returns of attendance and food choices must be in by the 18th November so that a final compilation of the requirements can be made to the Greg.

| prices | | | | |
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| Larger appetites | | | Senior citizens [smaller portions] | |
| 2 courses | £22.50 | | 2 courses | £16.50 |
| 3 courses | £27.95 | | 3 courses | £22.50 |

There is also a form to complete on which you should make your choices, indicate portion size, and give name and amount enclosed as payment. **That will also be sent in a separate email for Annual Dinner selection if you have problems getting the form from the Newsletter.**

The form will also be used for indicating whether a Vegan meal is required, or a gluten free meal or a combination of both. If in any doubt contact Jason Quayle, myself, or Jason Fleming for assistance.

Menu. Two parts, looks complicated but you can select across the all the menus offered.

I'm also sure we could accommodated children's selection as well if any were to attend.



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Christmas Party Menu

Lunch & Evening - Pre-Bookings Only

Starters

- Roasted Butternut Squash Soup
Swirled with Creme Fraiche
- Ham Hock Terrine
Served with Picalli & Ciabatta
- Traditional Prawn Cocktail
Served with a Marie Rose Sauce
- Freshly Battered Deep Fried Brie
Served with Cranberry Sauce

Main Courses

- Traditional Roast Turkey Dinner
Served with all the Trimmings
- Slow cooked Beef Brisket with Yorkshire Pudding
Served with a Bacon, Mushroom & Red Wine Jus
- Seabass Fillet with a Saffron Mash
Served with a white wine & dill sauce
- Veggie Sausage Roast
- Vegan Goulash
Served with Rice & Garlic Bread
- 'Quirkies' Our Freshly Battered Deep Fried Cod
Served with Homemade Chips & Mushy Peas

Desserts

- White Chocolate & Baileys Cheesecake
served with Cream
- Sticky Toffee Christmas Pudding
served with Brandy Sauce
- Eton Mess
- Sherry Trifle
Served with Cream
- Tea, Coffee & Mini Mince Pies

3 Courses £27.95 | 2 Courses £22.50

Senior Citizens Christmas Menu

Smaller Portions

Starters

- Roasted Butternut Squash Soup SC
Swirled with Creme Fraiche
- Freshly Battered Deep Fried Brie SC
Served with Cranberry Sauce
- Traditional Prawn Cocktail SC
Served with a Marie Rose Sauce

Main Courses

- Traditional Roast Turkey Dinner SC
Served with all the Trimmings
- Slow cooked Beef Brisket with Yorkshire Pudding SC
Served with a Yorkshire Pudding
- Veggie Sausage Roast SC
- Our Freshly Battered Deep Fried Cod SC
Served with Homemade Chips & Mushy Peas

Desserts

- White Chocolate & Baileys Cheesecake SC
served with Cream
- Sticky Toffee Christmas Pudding SC
served with Brandy Sauce
- Sherry Trifle SC
Served with Cream

Tea, Coffee & Mini Mince Pies

3 Courses £22.50 | 2 Courses £16.50

Gluten Free Menu

Lunch & Evening - Pre-Bookings Only

Starters

- Roasted Butternut Squash Soup GF
Swirled with Creme Fraiche
- Ham Hock Terrine GF
Served with Picalli & Ciabatta
- Traditional Prawn Cocktail GF
Served with a Marie Rose Sauce
- Freshly Battered Deep Fried Brie GF
Served with Cranberry Sauce

Main Courses

- Traditional Roast Turkey Dinner GF
Served with all the Trimmings
- Slow cooked Beef Brisket with Yorkshire Pudding GF
Served with a Bacon, Mushroom & Red Wine Jus
- Seabass Fillet with a Saffron Mash GF
Served with a white wine & dill sauce
- Vegan Goulash GF
Served with Rice & Garlic Bread
- 'Quirkies' Our Freshly Battered Deep Fried Cod GF
Served with Homemade Chips & Mushy Peas

Desserts

- Sticky Toffee Pudding
Served with Cream
- Chocolate Tart
Served with Cream
- Eton Mess

Tea, Coffee & Mini Mince Pies (with 2 & 3 Courses)

3 Courses £27.95 | 2 Courses £22.50

Vegan Menu

Lunch & Evening - Pre-Bookings Only

Starters

- Freshly battered Mushrooms
Served with a sweet chilli Dip

Main Courses

- Vegan Goulash
served with Rice & Naan

Desserts

- Chocolate Tart
with Vegan Ice Cream

Tea, Coffee & Vegan Mince Pies

3 Courses £27.95 | 2 Courses £22.50

Children's Menu

Main Course

- Roast Turkey Dinner GF
With all the Trimmings
- Sausage Roast or Sausage & Chips GF
- Breast of Chicken Nuggets & Chips GF
Served with Peas or Beans

Desserts

- Chocolate Brownie
served with Ice Cream
- American Style Pancake GF
With Ice Cream & Chocolate Sauce
- Decorate your own Fairy Cake GF

£8.95

For Children's Pre Order Please include in Additional Information

Terms & Conditions

A £50 deposit is required for bookings of 10 or more.

Each Party must order from the same menu. We do not allow mixing between our Pub Menu & the Christmas Menu

Pre Orders are required 5 days before.

Cancellations or Changes to bookings must be given 24 hours notice less than this then the meals will be charged for.

Please do not order Gluten Free Desserts if you are not Gluten Free due to the limited number we have made.

Please do not mix between the different Christmas Menus for example:- Order all Courses from one Menu such as Gluten Free or Senior Citizens

If you are paying separately we would prefer you not to 'Split Bills' at the till at the end of your meal for larger parties due to the time it takes during this busy period. It would help if one person could collect monies from individuals beforehand and drinks are ordered and paid for at the bar.

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Available from
29th November to 24th December

Christmas Eve
Food served from 12.00 till 5.30pm
Pub Closes 7.45pm
Menu is Pub Favourites & Specials of the day

New Year's Eve
Food served from 12.00 till 4.30pm

New Year's Day
Food served from 12.00 till 3.30pm
Menu is Pub Favourites & Specials of the day
New Year's Day Evening - Closed

Christmas & Boxing Day
Closed



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Annual Dinner form, Creg Na Baa, Saturday 26th November 6.30 for 7pm

The full menu is on the page above.

Enter name in box
 Select whether GF, SC, SCGF, VE [green arrow column]
 Select options from starter, main, dessert with X in box,
 Lower box, Indicate number of courses requested
 State amount enclosed £

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| Please let us know of any dietary requirements or allergies and put X in the box of the food order you would like. Please use this box to denote whether your selections are : Gluten Free (GF), Senior-Citizen Portions (SC), both (SCGF) or Vegan (VE) | Starter | | | | | Main | | | | | Dessert | | | | |
| | Soup | Freshly Battered Mushrooms | Prawn Cocktail | Ham Hock Terrine | Battered Brie | Roast Turkey | Beef Brisket | Seabass Fillet | Vegan Goulash | Freshly Battered Cod | Sausage Roast (VE) | White chocolate and Baileys Cheesecake | Sticky Toffee Xmas Pudding | Eton Mess | Sherry Trifle |
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No of course required per person on form

Total amount enclosed

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| Normal size 2 courses £22.50 3 course £27.95 Senior Citizen size 2 course £ 16.50 3 course £ 22.50 |
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To be posted to 22 South Barrule Avenue, Ballakilly, Port Erin, IM9 6DT.
 Attention J Fleming, Treasurer, Manx Model Boat Club.
 Cheques payable to "Manx Model Boat Club"