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# MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

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## Manx Model Boat Club Notice of Annual General Meeting

Thursday 29th November 2012, 7:00pm.

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 Thursday 29th November 2012 starting at 7:00pm. All existing members and prospective new members are welcome to attend.

### Agenda

- 1) Apologies for Absence.
  - 2) Minutes from last years Annual General Meeting.
  - 3) Matters Arising from the Minutes.
  - 4) Commodore's Report.
  - 5) Treasurer's Report.
  - 6) Election of Club Officials for 2013.
  - 7) Proposed Fixture List for 2013.
  - 8) Mannanan 2013.
  - 9) Any Other Business.
- ◆ Please note the meeting start time of 7:00pm which is earlier than for our normal committee meetings, and which should allow those members travelling from the North / South of the island time to get home at a reasonable hour.
  - ◆ The meeting will be followed by a **Free Buffet Supper** for members at about 8pm.
  - ◆ We will also be holding a **Bring & Buy Sale** of model boating items after the meeting. Please bring along any items along which you want to sell or get rid off—anything goes from the smallest of fittings to complete model boats.

**The Manx Model Boat Club Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation will be held at  
The Pavilion Restaurant at Port St Mary Golf Club  
7.00pm for 7.30pm On Friday 23rd November 2012**



**Starters**

*Manx Vegetable Broth*

*Chefs Pate*

**Main Course**

*Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding*

*Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings*

*Home Made Vegetarian Option*

*All served with a selection of Vegetables, Roast and Boiled Potatoes & Gravy*

**Return Date**  
Please ensure that your  
reply slip and remittance  
are returned to Brian  
Swindon by Saturday  
17th November at the  
latest.

**Junior Members**

*We will also be offering a smaller /  
alternative menu selection for junior  
members at a reduced rate of £5 per head.*

*Please tick the box below and contact  
Brian Swindon in advance to discuss the  
choices available.*

**Desserts**

*Apple Crumble & Custard*

*Chefs Meringue*

**Tea & Coffee**

*£20.00 per head*



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ (Please indicate menu choices below)

**Starter**      *Manx Vegetable Broth* \_\_\_\_\_      *Chefs Pate* \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Course**      *Roast Beef* \_\_\_\_\_      *Turkey* \_\_\_\_\_

**Dessert**      *Apple Crumble* \_\_\_\_\_      *Meringue* \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed at £20 per head \_\_\_\_\_      Junior Member Attending

Please return this form along with your payment to Brian Swindon, 29 Birch Hill Avenue, Onchan, IM3 4ES (Tel 673163) by Saturday 17th November at the latest. (Please make cheques payable to Manx Model Boat Club.)

## A Summary of the AvAgo Events 2012

### *30<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 - Queenie Festival - Port St Mary*

Setting up the pool and marquee if a full gale was fun. Various members seen flying through the air hanging onto ropes, parts of the marquee or bits of other member's anatomy, whilst Jason drilled 14,649 concrete anchor bolts into the quay to hold the whole shooting match down was both entertaining and exhausting. I think our commitment to support this event in such extreme weather was either courageous or crackers, not sure which applied.

The event itself went well with a decent number of the junior members of the populace 'having a go' over the two days, not as many as the previous year but still worth the effort. The display of club boats created a lot of interest with the newly acquired tensa barriers keeping probing digits away from the models and the more comatose club members. Apart from the weather the only other serious problem was having to listen to the various 'BANDS' on the near by stage. One guy could actually play two chords!!



### *14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> July - Wildlife Park*

Better conditions for setting up but filling the pool very slow. Very good display of Club boats & well supported by Club members. We had strongly recommended that the park operate concessionary admission rates for these two days together with wide advertising in order to promote public support. Sadly this did not occur and we felt this had a very negative impact on the numbers attending. It also became very clear that those attending did not expect to 'pay' for 'having a go' even though this was for charitable purposes. Understandable when you looked at the high cost of bringing a family group into the park.

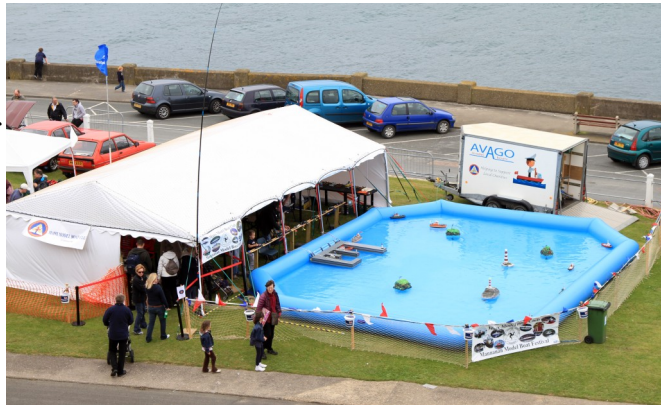


The kids who did take part, as always, enjoyed it plus the adults took a considerable interest in the models. Groups of members were kept in circular tensa barrier enclosures with 'Do Not Feed' & 'Dangerous Wild Animal' notices. Our erstwhile leader Jason spent the night 'camping out' in the marquee as a security guard for the models etc. After a night with little sleep fearing attack from roving beasts he was given a hearty breakfast of bananas and mangoes by the keepers who thought he was a new exhibit

The take down on the Sunday afternoon would have made a time & motion study expert happy for a month. If Roy's MAX had been there he could have drunk the pool dry quicker than it was emptied. I think we will be resorting to Billy's 'let me take the plug out' in future.

## ***22<sup>nd</sup> July – Port Erin Lifeboat Day***

Good set up, weather not bad, good model display, supporting bric a brac, raffle & book stall, good member support etc but about half the number of visitors as in the previous year, not just with us but the entire Lifeboat Day event. We cannot fully understand why this happened, conflicting events, financial climate, no summer or Jason in his rubber suit. Either way it is disappointing when one looks at the effort required to mount these events.



As previously those we did get had a great time with very generous ‘sailing time’ allowances. The support from the lifeboat crew in packing away was much appreciated, as indeed was their letter of thanks for our donation to RNLI funds.

## ***4<sup>th</sup> August – Ramsey Lifeboat Day***



This was a scaled down AvAGO event with a smaller pool and less models organised and run by Kim Holland & Jason Quayle.

Held in beautiful conditions (The Sun Always Shines In The North) and courtesy of the significant number of people attending the event, we had a very successful day raising a very considerable sum for RNLI funds.

As with all the AvAGO events held this summer, they would not have been possible without the significant help provided by the club members to set the pool / marquee up at the start of the day, man the stand during the event and then do all the tidying up afterwards. Thanks very much to all who helped.

## **Sunday Sailing**

Although the formal sailing events for the season have been completed, sailing will continue on a Sunday morning at Silverdale through out the Winter months, weather permitting. This Sunday morning ‘get together’ is open to all members to come along and have a general sail, or just a chat to catch up with other members and to discuss your latest project. Members tend to arrive at Silverdale at about 10am and the sailing generally runs through until just about lunch time.

## **Return of Trophies**

Can members who currently have club trophies please return them to Brian King as soon as possible so that he can arrange for the engraving of names for next years winners. Brian can be e-mailed at [kingb@manx.net](mailto:kingb@manx.net), or telephone 628156.



## 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August - Model Boat Convention – Haydock Park

We few, We happy few, We band of Brothers, did embark upon the Steam Packet vessel Ben – My – Chree bound for foreign shores on 24<sup>th</sup> August. After an uneventful crossing, mainly because Grumpy Williams had gone and sat in the posh seats up the front away from the lesser mortals, we raced each other down the M6 to Haydock. Billy actually reached 71mph in a fit of bravado only to be overtaken by boy racer Fleming. We are still trying to find his hand signals in the Highway Code.

Upon arrival Fleming blagged his way into the nearest point to where we would be setting up to find it was on the second floor and they only had a passenger lift into which models would not fit. Carting the fleet up the stairs, which resembled the slopes of Kilimanjaro, to our appointed display area, did not go down to well. After much creative activity the stand really did look fantastic with ‘Tugs throughout the Ages’ being depicted towing a huge oil tanker in the background. Billy, Howard, Jason Q and Roy pre made this great display. After feeling quite pleased with ourselves we retired to the hotel for the evening.

The Commodore announced his displeasure at the accommodation because they had no carpets on the floors. This displeasure was soon eclipsed by the general dissatisfaction with the meal in the hotel restaurant that evening. It could be described in many ways, most of them obscene, so sufficient to say my dogs would not have eaten it and Billy’s chips WELL !!!

Show day on the Saturday went well, lot of people visiting the stand commented most favourably on our themed layout. Members all went off with their ‘lists’, we did not see Bob for about 4 hours and the spaces under the tables began to fill up with all the goodies. Grumpy was discovered buying a modest model for this winters project, only to have this information phoned through to his wife within 5 mins.



Loud mouths proclaimed that we were ready to annihilate our fellow club in the AvAgo football on the pool. The team assembled full of confidence and bravado only to be soundly thrashed by our opponents. Much claim was made that they had ‘souped up’ their models which outran and out pushed us every which way. Two of their skippers were Ladies and they ran rings round us — who said Pride goes before a Fall!

Went to the Gastro Pub opposite hotel that night, great meal, great prices, great service, great crack and sweets to die for. The Quayle’s Clan all sat there with these monstrous confections as though they had gone to Heaven. Highlights being the Commodores Vanilla Slice in a Doggy bag and Billy’s happy face at getting real chips

Sunday was not as busy so spent more time looking at some of the superb models. Fleming as usual had again blagged his way into a ‘DO NOT PARK’ spot opposite our location – for some reason Jason always thinks these rules, laws, notices etc apply to other people only. During the afternoon a very important little man (we knew he was important cos he had on a yellow

fluorescent jacket AND a radio) accosted Fleming and very loudly demanded he remove his van IMMEDIATELY. Well it was like throwing a steak to a Doberman – we all backed away – Fleming grew several feet and war was declared – after several bouts of ‘mines bigger than yours’ or ‘sees you outside Jimmy’ the protagonists withdrew. Roy and myself suggested to ‘Mad Dog’ that he was going slightly OTT with the parking attendant and his actions could bring the Club into disrepute so would he refrain from further frothing at the mouth and apologise – he went off to sulk!! After all this we did not win the best club stand – putting it politely we was robbed – not sour grapes, not rose tinted specs or anything else, ours was the best stand and the public made that quite clear to us, however they did not vote, only the clubs did and I think the term ‘Strategic Voting’ comes to mind.

Gastro pub was full Sunday night so had to wait for a table. Billy was faint with hunger when his gammon & chips finally arrived. After eating about half of his favourite nosh he suddenly went white, clutched his midriff and asked to be excused. Having not reappeared after some long time a search party was sent out and found him imitating a hovercraft in the car park. Now one thing with our geriatric gang, you can find most prescription drugs by asking around, Les & Howards found different magic elixirs to quell Billy’s ‘Flatulus Exceedus’. They did work as he reappeared later on not much worse for wear.

Coming home with ‘Mad Dog’ passing everything in sight, including police cars, in an underpowered builders van. Weather in the Irish Sea was frisky to say the least and every seat on the ferry was taken. Oh Joy, bring on the diced carrots. Grumpy went and grabbed some of the posh seats in the belief that posh people did not barf. Mad Dog went off and hid in a corner leaving me and Roy listening to the rustle of brown paper bags and heads ducked under tables. A rather nice lady in the opposite seat to us uttered the immortal words ‘Never Again’.

We few, we happy few, we band of brothers, it was good to be home again

*Comment by Grumpy Williams*

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## **Tug Towing Competition Results**

The Tug Towing competition was held on Sunday 7th October in superb conditions at Onchan Park. With a good turn out of members and steady running using two casualties, we were able to fit in a full round with individual towing (Under 1m and Over 1m boats) followed by a pairs towing competition for those who wanted to participate. Thanks to Kim and Teresa we had good advertising in advance which attracted the crowds and local dignitaries, and resulted in a centre page photo spread in the Examiner. Results of the various classes are as follows:-

**Under 1m:-** 1st Cameron Watterson with Torben, Joint 2nd Brian King with Taroo Ushtey and Mike Leece with Cabbyl Marrey, 4th Howard Quayle with Evelyn, 5th Roy Watterson with Guardsman, 6th Tim Magee with Dutch Courage and 7th Alan Gough with TID33.

**Over 1m:-** 1st Roy Watterson with Sea Spray, 2nd Brian King with Seaside, 3rd Cameron Watterson with Golden Sun, 4th Jason Fleming with Parallax, 5th Juan Vernon with Eldergarth and 6th Alan Gough with Niatal.

**Juniors:-** 1st Josh Hannay with Evelyn, 2nd Toby Young with Southampton and 3rd Matt Young with Southampton.

**Pairs Towing:-** 1st Camerson Watterson and Juan Vernon, 2nd Brian King and Roy Watterson and 3rd Jason Flemming and Josh Hannay.