



MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2014, 7:30 PM

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 27th November starting at 7.30pm. All existing and prospective members are most 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 2015
7. Proposed fixture list for 2015
8. Mannanan 2015
9. Any other business

Following the AGM there will be the usual "Bring and Buy" sale of modelling items and stuff. Please bring any bits and pieces, large or small that you either want to sell or pass on to another modeller.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

Have you booked you annual dinner , this year at the at the British Embassy.

Editors comment

First, apologies for being a bit late with this issue, we ended the season late and then it became somewhat of a rush to get things organized for Warwick this year.

For my sins I actually represent two Clubs at this event, so have been making and designing stuff for the AMBO stand as well as trying to finish items for the Club stand.

You have to agree, it was a good year, with only one event curtailed due to weather, that being the Milntown Commodore's Sports Day, but we did manage to run some of it at Silverdale two weeks later.

As you read this there will soon be two vans loaded with boats and display gear heading for Warwick with several others coming along later on. We have to travel on the Wednesday 5th November to ensure getting on site with sufficient time on the Thursday to create our new display.

This show is the only three day event in the UK and always well attended, I think we'll have 7 present to set up with another 3 or 4 coming later on.

You've possibly noted a slightly new layout to this

Newsletter. It's a long story but it's all to do with out-dated systems [XP] and not now being able to use publisher on this computer, its an iMac, and this is the latest Mac "word" publishing equivalent. I'm learning as I go!

The annual prize giving dinner is the weekend we get back, so not much rest, I do have to remind you to make your booking to the William's household, the wonderful Patricia is handling the cut off date so book now.

Kim - ed

Av-a-Go events

Following a very successful Mannanan 2014 the Club activities turned to the Av-a-Go fund raising boats.

This year we were again at the Queenie Festival for two days the 28 and 29 June requiring the set-up on the day before and clear up at the end of Sunday afternoon.

The following weekend on Sunday the 6th July it was Port Erin life boat day. And that was followed the

next weekend by Ramsey lifeboat day on the Saturday and an extra day on the Sunday in the Mooragh Park as part of a Rotary organised event raising money for the "Friends of Chernobyl Children." Indeed these were on the Island at the time but could not attend the boats, but the organisers were very pleased with our support, and which we have offered in future years too.

Our thanks to Jason Fleming for his time and effort put into the Av-a-Go fleet, and to every one who came along and helped out this year at the various locations.

We had dates on the calendar for the Southern Show as well, but final arrangements could not be made in time for this year, maybe next?

Oh, and the Commodore wants a squadron of small yachts too.

36R yacht national championships, Llandudno, 26-29 June Brian King

Having taken part with Kim in last years UK versus USA competition I decided to enter the British Championships which were also being held in Llandudno. The boating pool is an excellent size and shape, not unlike the old Port St Mary pool and also in a lovely setting.

The class is for 36 inch Restricted class and vane steering or for very old boats, Braine steering. My "Bluebird" was in the latter and was a great source of interest to the other competitors as their boats were at most 10 years old and of carbon fibre and aluminium masts.

There were sixteen competitors, the most for some years apparently as it has limited "cult" following. In the competition you race everyone else on a one on one basis with an upwind leg and a downwind leg called a board. Eight boards were raced on Saturday and the remainder the next day. Luckily for me, Arthur Barlow had volunteered in advance to be my 'mate' for the practice sailing on Thursday and Friday.

Saturday started of with rain and drizzle which lasted most of the day but the wind was light with the odd gust which made sailing difficult



Brian in front of the yachting pool with Great Orme behind

for my boat as it needs enough wind to drive the relatively heavy boat and to move the quadrant on the Braine steering. I could have done with a much bigger sail which would have helped. There is no limit on sail area for this class so next time I will make and bring a bigger sail – and I bet it is a howling gale! However, I won two races out of sixteen on the first day, which I was very pleased with. I did not expect to win anything.

Sunday was a bright and hot day, with even less wind in which I struggled to finish each leg. My rudder was not

working properly and kept loosening and made it difficult to point into what wind there was. By the time the dinner-break came I decided to gracefully retire having raced four boards that morning, having not won one.

However, I had really enjoyed the trip and found it really worth-while and whetted my appetite for another attempt although next year's is at Gosport and I am unlikely to go that far.

Brian King

Radio yachting at Onchan Park evening 20th July sunset 21.36

This was an experiment to attract more modellers into the relaxing, skilful art of radio controlled sailing. The Vintage yacht days up at the Mooragh Park organized by Brian King and myself were attracting several sailors, a group of free sailors and a larger group of radio boaters.

I supplied some yachts to those who wanted to try it and John Williams had his exciting new Lintel out for a first outing.

In all we had about 7 yachts out, quite a large fleet on that small water.

Now I know I used the adjectives relaxing and skilful earlier on, but things got a bit competitive.

To start I set a simple course (for yachters) which consisted of a start/finish line, with a triangle followed by a sausage as the course.

We began by getting operatives to try and understand what their controls were doing to their boats manoeuvrings and trying tacking etc.

5 minutes later they wanted to race, so with the start dead into the wind and on a count down from 30 things got crowded. Lots of bumping and boring, those with some knowledge were away and trying to sail the course.

Now, without expecting it we also had the Commodores free sailor on the course, JW's yacht not participating but speeding

against the flow and certain new yachters treating the turns at the buoys like F1 racers.

It was a success and should be repeated, we only hope the Pool is still there next year.



Milntown Commodores Sports Day 10th August pm

Throughout the year the Commodore had been issuing challenges to Club members regarding small boating matters.

We had planned to bring them all together with a grand Sports Day on the lake at Milntown. They were very keen for us to repeat our popularity up North and the idea of having small boat sports really appealed.

The schedule planned was for straight runners made from kits supplied by the Commodore to open proceedings. Then there would be radio controlled straight running, decorated yachts and a possible drift by of them, then an interlude with some novelty boats (swan, ducks and hamsters to name a few) and the finale, a game of tug football, last boat floating sort of competition.

Guess what, it rained, and really down poured, possibly the hardest rain of the year.

Could we fit in another date?

More to follow....

Commodores Sports Day Part 2 Sunday 7th September - Silverdale

On 7th September we tried again for the sports day. This time we had to use Silverdale due to short notice, but the weather was good, dry and not very windy.

Actually, as you'll read, some wind would have helped.

The competitors vessel were assembled on the display table and were all found to comply to the general rules, not being over 500mm, not having excessive fins/tabs/rudders and to be using the gear that was supplied.

Several variations had been produced, a catamaran, three wedges and a block. Attempts on some had been made to prevent prop walk too, all to no avail as it proved.

Conkers, that's what rued the day, conkers. They fouled protected props jamming them, got caught between prop and rudders, caused sufficient change in direction when hit at slow speed etc etc.

The winning wedge proved to be the simplest. Long deep prop shaft with clearance between hull and prop top. Simple rudder and most important – speed.

Several lessons were learnt in a very short space of time.

Steve Downe's black Cheerio won hands down with 22 points, whilst Jason Quayle managed a respectable 11. Points were gained by passing between buoys, the centre pair scored 10, next outer 7, and outer 5. Just reaching the other side got an entrant a point – two of us failed even that!

The radio controlled boats

were a bit easier, being bigger and able to knock conkers to one side. Winner here was Jason Fleming with Club 500, again choosing speed over finesse, and Jason Quayle again second with PT Glagow.

Best decorated yacht went to Jason Quayle, Norman was second with Claire Bagshaw third.



Straight runners declared for the start

Free runners

Steve Downe	Cheerio	22
Jason Quayle	Red Arrow	11
Bob Bagshaw	Titan Uranus	5
John Williams	Grumpy	1
Kim Holland	Linea Recta	0
Norman Cadwallader	Croc Hunter	0

Radio Models

Jason Fleming	Club 500	22
Jason Quayle	Glasgow	13
Kim Holland	Nudger	11
Roy Watterson	Maid of Erin	7
Steve DFowne	Prince of Wales	0

Radio controlled and free yachting Ramsey 14th September

This time I tried to set up the event on the day and not use a dinghy which involves a lot of walking and dragging of kit from the shipyard to the Lakeside centre, Mooragh, Ramsey. It didn't work out as planned. My new waders, nice and water proof were just not long enough in the body (nor I) to be able to wade out and set the start line buoys as required.

It's always imperative to have the start line across the wind so that the fleet starts up wind. This time the start line was not long enough, with 14 boats taking part, many being novices again. Still, it was good sailing, a brisk wind to start from the SE, gradually moderating and backing till it was a breeze from the NE, not what had been forecast but who can get the correct seaweed these days?

I was ably assisted by Bill Bumpus setting things up, and we even got in a quick "pre-sail" before the others arrived.

I've also learnt from this event that trying to OOD a yacht race series and participate is probably not a good idea. From the very first race with the field well spread out it was impossible to keep track of finishers and positions. I'll



remember that for next year.

Still, it became very obvious to everyone who was the yacht to beat, again I might add, as he rather smartly won the April meeting too.

So well done to Alan Postlethwaite on another good series of race wins, and overall victory.

We did make enquiries in regard to the "Round the Island Race" that used to be held at Easter time, but were advised that with the speed of these modern yachts now you'd be lucky to have walked half way round and the boat would have finished. Still, we'll try some slightly different courses next year, depends on the wind direction, but we always

try and keep it so that spectators can see what is happening in front of them not just watching a gaggle of radio operators wandering off along the lakeside.

And yes we did have some free sailing, though not sure it was meant to be, as poor Norman's yacht decided to head off to the Island, eventually retrieved by a kind gentleman with a speed boat, for it to repeat the same trick this time managing to go to the opposite side of the Island.

If you want more yachting please ask the committee, we are trying not to split interests but we have found that many model boaters are really enjoying radio yachts again.

Kim

Venetian Evening event, Onchan Park, 20th September



Incinerator Mike Buss

If he's cooking burgers, then it's the Venetian Evening competitions time again and close to the end of the year.

This annual event comprises two competitions which always confuse Club members. First there's a "daylight" judging for the Onchan Commissioners Shield for their favourite model boat on display. It can be any boat, not necessarily radio controlled and can be a static model.

This year's winner was Jason Quayle with PS Waverley.



The second competition is for all boats afloat and illuminated and is for the Light House Trophy, again judged by the Onchan Commissioner representatives present, and this year going to Roy Watterson with FV Andromeda.

It's very hard to get this event just right, as this year we enjoyed a delightful evening and it refused to get dark for some time after the official sundown.



Juniors were here for this event, and the spoils went to Steven Higgins first, tug Southampton, second, William Higgins, FV Kingfisher and joint third (actually sharing the boat) Abigail and Elizabeth McGovern with Ramborator.



Tug Towing, Onchan Park, 5th October

This our last event of the year was moved to the alternative “wet” date due to Onchan Commissioners operational arrangements.

As has been the case this year with tug towing, it was windy, and although the rain threatened at the start we managed to get through the whole event dry, and we had run off's in both classes.

The under one metre class had 7 entries, including one junior, Josh. A very close competition, with nobody losing more than 2 points in their round, and a run off between the two with clear rounds, Cameron Watterson / Torben and Jason Fleming / Ramborator against the clock resulted in a win for Jason Fleming. Josh was



This picture is for Billy

best junior using Guardsman.

The over one metre class had a tougher time in the wind. There were eight entrants this time, including junior Josh. There were no clear rounds, but two tied at 1 point dropped each, Steve Downe with Odin and Cameron Watterson with Golden Sun. Against the clock and Cameron held his nerve, though slower, he only dropped 9 points as against Steve's 12.

Comment of the year must go to Jason Quayle: As tug Blazer [Jason Fleming] capsized during its towing JQ was heard to utter “makes a change from smoke and flames” as JF collected his water logged vessel from the lake.

Yours truly was OOD, Kim

Final notices and round up

Thanks to all those that helped set up events throughout the year, it makes things go smoother. Big thank you to Jason Fleming for his hard work with the small boats and setting the gazebos, tents etc and for transporting all the stuff about.

And to John Williams for the use of his garages and sheds for storing loads of boat club stuff too.

If you haven't booked for the dinner yet, there's still just time, but please be quick. We have to have 30 else it doesn't go ahead. I'm sure there'll be another email out shortly.

Good luck to all going to Warwick I hope we do well, we've certainly put a lot of thought into it and have now got some splendid support from the IOMSPCo.

Feedback and any comments are always welcomed, thank you.

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