



Editor's comment

Greetings one and all, and sorry this is a little overdue but I've been busy in the workshop, on holiday and on the allotment.

We were all saddened by the news that Kath, Peter Iddon's partner, had passed away last month, but we all have fond memories of her winning most of the prizes for the fun competition at this year's Mannanan. Our thoughts are still with you, Peter, at this sad time.

We put on a splendid display at the request of the Transport Exhibition for the railway enthusiasts and a grand show at the Southern with display and Av-a-Go boats.

We've had to play about a bit with our gallery, Jason Quayle has had to re-jig it all as Google no longer support Picassa and he had to learn their new system, which seems to be working ok.

Plans are well in hand for our Warwick "swan song" as Brian puts it, with a display based on our vintage yachts plus a few "crowd pullers" thrown in to attract more visitors.

At the last committee meeting in September the question of Club membership numbers was raised, how do we attract more and what is really apparent how do we get more to attend events? Club funds are quite healthy but have seen a slight fall, and there is a possibility that subscription fees may need to be increased, if not for next year then the year after. We use public waters for all our events and as such all users must have public liability third party insurance. This is provided by the Club, but the premiums keep rising. The fee to an individual is over £40 so it's still cheaper to be a Club member based on insurance alone!

Right, that's enough from me. The above will be discussed at the AGM, the date for that is Thursday 24th November 19:30 Archibald Knox, and another date for diaries, the Annual Dinner is arranged for Saturday the 26th November at The Bradda Glen.

Happy boating - Ed

Special points of interest

- Life boat days
- Yachting
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- The odd couple?

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Lifeboat Days - PORT ERIN Sun 3rd July and RAMSEY Sat 23rd July

The Club have always supported both Port Erin and Ramsey lifeboat days. This year was no exception, though the presence at Port Erin was scaled down to a display only as local attendance has dropped quite a lot.

So, at Port Erin the gang present were Jason Fleming with his lifeboat "Gough Ritchie", Bill Callow with "Viking" tug; Norman Cadwallader and a small coaster; Les Quayle and "Thistle", Jason Quayle with "Mannin", Kim Holland with "Nudger" and a robot arm, Brian Swinden and Bob the Commodore.

Sadly the day was not that busy but still, a lot of interest in the models, especially the moving ones like Mannin and the robot arm.

The one good thing not having the Av-a-Go pool, meant we were able to take down and pack away quickly and were on the road home by 6pm.



Ramsey Life Boat Day

Ramsey by tradition, always have their lifeboat day on the Saturday with a convenient tide on the flood so that they can berth in the harbour for public visits.

The Club day starts early as we have to set up the Av-a-Go pool and get it filled by 10am. Luckily Jason is always keen, so arrives the night before with all the gear and savours the delights of Ramsey Friday night before an early start. We were ready on time, and created a nice large display

area for boaters and a few displayed boats as well.

Brian Swinden brought along his lifeboat, the "George and Mary Webb"; Bill Callow his tug "Viking", Jason Quayle the "Mannin" and me with my robot arm again, (though this gave problems due to warped table tops!).

Others on hand to assist were Andrea (also managing three dogs), Mike Kelly, Norman Cadwallader and Scott Booth (keen as mustard).

We were quite busy actually making more than previous years even though we still charge the £1.50 a go. It is quite encouraging that the system still functions well and was a good shake up for the big two days to come down at the Southern.

On behalf of the Ramsey Station may I sincerely thank all those that helped out, we do so much appreciate your time and efforts. This stand is much anticipated by the "youngsters."



Ramsey Life Boat Day

Evening sailing at Onchan Park 15th and 17th July

The Club decided that evening sailing at Onchan Park boating lake should be tried again. It was great fun last year and several members have over the year since acquired yachts of all types and sizes, but feel their skills are not up to the great big waters of the Mooragh yet.

So a date range was given in the calendar of events during which we'd try some evening outings. The first of those took place on the 14th July, a Thursday and a very pleasant evening with light airs.

Present were myself with my *Phigit* class yacht, an extended hull length but sailing with 10M gear; Dave Kettlewell with a *Dragon 75*; Jason Quayle with his *Fairwind 1*, Dave Jones with a *Fiesta* and a little later on Bob Bagshaw with a *Fairwind 2*.

It was Dave Kettlewell's first attempt at sailing. He had purchased the *Dragon 75* and built it up but had no experience at all in setting up nor how to sail it. A few quick lessons on the rig, which was very well done by him, and we had his yacht fair skimming about the lake. He was so impressed and I think quite astonished at how it performed and how simple it seemed to sail it as well. Another convert to sailing, I think.

The two Fairwinds sailed well too, Bob having stripped off any deck clutter that might catch a loose sheet etc.

Sadly, Dave Jones was sailing



the *Fiesta* for his last time, and he donated the boat complete with radio gear to the Club. I think Jason Quayle is caretaking it at present.

And now this report from Jason Quayle of the second sail-in on Sunday the 17th July.

It was a good evening with plenty of sunshine, green water and a gentle breeze, although

this slowly moderated throughout the evening until we were left with virtually nothing at all. Members in attendance were Dave Kettlewell, Jason Quayle, Bob Bagshaw, John Williams, Brian King and Jason Fleming. An old club member Alan Cherry was also in attendance sailing his 'Bismark'. After about ½ hour of free sailing giving time for everybody to adjust their yachts, Jason

Fleming decided to call a race of 2 x laps around the island. Just as we all set off the wind started to drop and Jason sailing Johns yacht was the only one able to complete 2 x laps. Several yachts decided to tack too tight to the island and ended up getting marooned with no wind to get them off! Despite assistance from a couple of small powered vessels (Bismark & Dave's new landing craft kit) we were unable to release all the yachts from the tyres, with Brian's yacht absolutely stuck fast. Brian eventually decided to go home and get his waders in order to perform a rescue.



Pictures by
Jason Quayle

JQ

Transport display, Port Erin, Thursday 28th July

Way back last year, 15th November to be exact, the Club through myself was contacted by Mike Buttell of the IOM15milgroup that model railway at that scale, asking whether the Club would consider putting on a display as part of the Heritage Transport Festival 2016. The committee agreed and we decided that the best display to put on would be the IOMSPCo section from the winning Warwick display, plus adding a few additional models to fill gaps if not all Steam Packet boats could be obtained.

As it turned out we were only a couple short from those actually a Warwick so well done to everybody.

The display was to be set-up in the bus garage at Port Erin,



which abuts the railway line and is a short walk along the Port Erin railway station platform.

Hats off to Jason Fleming for his hard work on this one too. With the Southern Show starting the day following, he was splitting his time between the two venues.

We established the stand on the Wednesday evening complete with banners and such. The boats were scheduled to arrive the next morning before opening at 10am

There is a story to Jason's getting the large steam packet boats out from MNH, just politely ask him about those trials! Any way, we had all our boats ready and many, many thanks to Peter Iddon who made the journey over for this event complete with boats and model coach. He's also a bit of a railway anorak too, and he was really looking forward to a long weekend of steam.



Competition time

Just what are these two up to? Gareth Jones sent me this picture, unsure what John Hancox required lifeboat mechanic Jason Fleming to attend to on his "Kathleen and May" schooner.

Let me have your captions (that can be printed) and I'll find a suitable prize for the winner.

Ed



Southern Show and Av-a-Go boats

This year we made a conscious decision to scale back on the Av-a-Go enterprise as we were in danger of too many consecutive weekends with them. As it turned out the Queenie Festival was called off and the hoped for slot at the Royal Show proved unworkable on the sloping ground – you just can't prop up one end of the pool to level out the water (and we've seen that suggested!)

As previously said, the Southern set-up overlapped the Transport display, so again, many thanks to Jason Fleming for his unstinting services.

The Southern runs over the w/e of 30 and 31 July and these are long days running the Av-a-Goes non stop. I do not have a full list of those attending over both days, Theresa and myself did the Saturday only. Anyway, congratulations to all who helped out and again to Jason Fleming for his commitment, he stayed on the show ground for three nights guarding the display and tents etc.

I also do not have any pictures of the set up but it did look very good and we seemed very busy on the Saturday.

Club member at Southsea – America's Cup

A quick snippet from John Martin, who witnessed some of the America's Cup sailing action in July.

John sends - "Just been down to Southsea, watching the Americas' Cup eliminations. More tactics than actual boat speed. These cats are very very fast, but so slow when tacking. Ben Ainslie is brilliant and is winning at the moment. Thousands of us cheered when he won. Next racing is at Toulon, then Japan and on to Bermuda.

Whoever wins still has a mountain to climb as USA sailing Oracle are no pushover."

He also sent a couple of pictures



Steering competition at Silverdale 7th August

Results of the Steering Competition held this afternoon at Silverdale.

Over 1m

Following clean rounds in the first run there was a run off in the over 1m competition against the clock between Jason Fleming & Jason Quayle

1 st Place seconds)	Jason Fleming	Blazer	2 x clean rounds (time on 2 nd round 2 minutes 30
2 nd Place (round not completed)	Jason Quayle	Envoy	1 x clean round plus 1 mark lost on 2 nd round
3 rd place	Mike Kelly	Girl Eilis	14 points lost
4 th place	Brian King	Sea Sider	20 points lost

Under 1m

Following clean rounds in the first run there was a run off in the under 1m competition against the clock between Jason Fleming, Brian King & visiting competitor John Hodgson (hopefully John will be joining the club in the near future)

Not classified	John Hodgson	Red	2 x clean rounds (time on 2 nd round 2 minutes 26 seconds) – Not eligible for club competition
1 st Place on 2 nd round	Jason Fleming	K166	1 x clean round and 1 x mark lost
2 nd Place on 2 nd round	Brian King	DO22 Manxman	1 x clean round and 11 marks lost
3 rd Place	Jason Quayle	Banckert	1 point lost
4 th place	Bob Bagshaw	Shy Talk	5 points lost
5 th place	Scott Booth	Tito Neri	8 points lost
6 th place	Norman Cadwallader	Valkarie	17 points lost

Juniors

Archie is a new junior member who joined the club at Silverdale having enjoyed sailing at the Agricultural Show. There was another young lad who also entered who's name was Harry. (unfortunately I don't have surnames).

1 st place	Archie Dunn	Jet Ski	8 point lost
Not classified	Harry	Sea Ray	12 points lost

Regards
Jason [Quayle]

Vintage yachting September 18th

Unfortunately the weather interrupted plans for this, we still hope to have a get together in October – we'll keep you informed.

Venetian evening – second time lucky

Again the weather contrived against us and the first dates for this event were postponed. Eventually a week late the event took place at Silverdale and was quite lucky with only a small shower at the end which speeded up going home.

Again, thanks to Jason Quayle for another report.

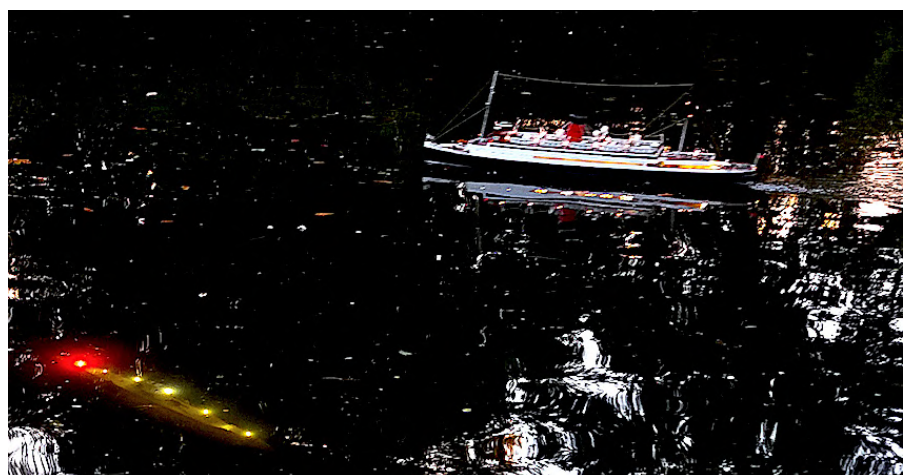
A small group of members turned out for the rearranged Onchan Commissioners Shield & Venetian Evening competitions on Saturday 1st October. This event had been postponed from the previous weekend due to the weather and the venue had also been changed to Silverdale due to Onchan park lake being drained for the winter period. This time the weather for the evening was almost perfect with mild temperatures and relatively gently breeze across the lake. Unfortunately this didn't last and about an hour into the event we had a brief shower pass over, although this didn't seem to dampen any bodies spirits. Silverdale worked well as a venue, but we didn't get as many members of the public appearing to watch compared to previous years at Onchan Park where the event has always been popularly supported.

In addition to the local members

who were present, we were also pleased to be joined by Peter Iddon who was accompanied by Paul and Mary Brassington, all visiting the Island for the weekend. Our invited judges for the evening were David Ramsbottom and Quentin (I can't remember his surname) from the World Ship Society who are always willing to come along and assist with some judging at our events. The first competition of the evening was the Onchan Commissioners shield with 10 models on display to choose from. The two judges went about their task with great enthusiasm busily making notes on each of the models before determining their winner. Whilst this was going on Jason Fleming was cooking up some food on the barbecue with a selection of sausages and burgers. This years we had a new collection box in action, built by Jason Quayle and suitably modified for the

evening with boat club members dancing instead of lifeboat people!

After judging for the first competition had been completed, attention turned to the illuminated models on the water. A number of models took to the water with their lights working very effectively as the sun started to disappear. All of a sudden Paul Brassington launched his submarine fitted with an array of high intensity LED lights strung along the radio wires. As the submarine submerged the lights produced a strange glow in the water – we are not quite sure what the fish made of it, but it certainly made following the submerged submarine much easier. As I have previously mentioned a rain shower did pass over so it was decided to start tidying things up and announce the winners.



Winners Venetian Evening

Onchan Commissioners Shield

- 1st Brian Swinden with HMS Ark Royal**
- 2nd John Williams with Vigilant**
- 3rd Paul Brassington with his submarine**

Venetian Competition

- 1st Peter Iddon with Lady of Mann**
- 2nd Paul Brassington with submarines**
- 3rd Jason Quayle with Parat**

Attached photo – Paul Brassington’s submarine in the foreground and Peter Iddon’s Lady of Mann in the background.

News from Norman

Hi Kim

As I was down south near Peterborough, Deans Marine had a show from the 19th - 21st September, so I called in and met up a lot of German exhibitors I had met at Dortmund, I also met with the Peterborough Model Boat Club , unfortunately Jim ,who I was with at Dortmund had an accident and was unable to continue with his modeling, so he was getting rid of his boats, I of course, decided to buy a new Robbe S 130 schnellboot from him. It was a very interesting day out. As soon as I brought it back to the cottage Connie warned me that it would not be put in her garage, so my shed, as John says "Wendy House" is becoming rather full.

Norman

Hi Kim

Norman C arrived at Silverdale last Sunday morning clutching a catalogue which he had picked up in Dortmund when he visited as a Peterborough club member. The catalogue was written in German and unfortunately Norman was unable to fully understand everything. He did however point to a picture and proclaimed that this was going to be his next model. Clearly the publishers of the catalogue had learned of Normans exploits at Silverdale with his most recent fast electric speed boat and had included a suitable picture to tempt Norman into a purchase! (picture attached).





What are these doing in this boat?

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A warm welcome to young Archie, a new junior member for the Club.

There are still a few members looking for complete models (with Tx) to buy and I know one who is still very keen on any IOMSPCo boat especially along the lines of a Mona's Queen etc.

AGM – Archibald Know meeting Room

TIME 19:30 DATE Thursday 24th November

ANNUAL DINNER NOTICE – BRADDA GLEN

TIME 19:00 tbc DATE - Saturday 26th November

Feedback and any comments are always welcomed, thank you.

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