



MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

October 2017

Hi All,

It's been a while since we last issued a newsletter to everybody, so I have put together a few reports from events which have been held during the summer (thank you to the contributors who wrote them) and also include a couple of events to finish the year off.

The final two formal events of the year are the Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation which is due to be held on Saturday 18th November at the Bradda Glen Restaurant 6:30pm for 7:00pm and the Annual General Meeting which is due to be held on Thursday 30th November at the Archibald Knox starting at 7:30pm. I have attached separate notices of both events which contain full details. We would be grateful if you can complete the dinner reply slip and return it to Jason Fleming with your payment as soon as possible.

Although the formal sailing events have finished for the winter season, regular club sailing will continue at Silverdale on Sunday mornings starting at 10am. If the weather looks to be inclement then we will try to arrange some indoor activities in the cafe looking at items such as model electronics, the installation and setting up of radio gear, rigging a yacht and so on. If anybody has got some ideas for winter events which we could hold inside at relatively know.

Don't forget that you can always find information about the next event on the boat club website www.manxmodelboatclub.org, and please make sure you keep us updated if you change your e-mail address or contact details.

Happy Sailing,

Jason Quayle

Return of Trophies

Can anybody who currently has a club trophy please return it as soon as possible to Brian King so that he can arrange engraving for this years winners (we only require the club competition trophies – not Mannanan trophies). Brian can be e-mailed at kingb@manx.net.

2017 Fixture List

As previously mentioned, the final two events of the year are listed below with full details contained on the separate attachments.

Saturday 18 th November	Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation	Bradda Glen Restaurant, Port Erin 6:30pm for 7:00pm.
Thursday 30 th November	Annual General Meeting The AGM will be followed by a bring & buy sale of any model boating related items	Archibald Knox Public House meeting room, Onchan 7:30pm

Don't forget to check the club web site for fixture list updates www.manxmodelboatclub.org

Venetian Evening

This annual event was held at Onchan Park in relatively calm and sunny conditions. Over twenty boats turned up although the Onchan Commissioners judge did not! However, all was not lost as it so happened that there were two members of the original Manx Model Aero and Boat Club present and readily agreed to do the job. Mike Buss and Alan Kennaugh have maintained their interest and had come down to spectate.

The first hour was spent judging the boats without their lights on and Peter Iddons superb Lady of Mann Steam Packet boat was adjudged the winner of the Onchan Commissioners Shield which he will take home to England with him for the year.

When the lights were switched on it was like a Xmas scene. Bernie Hines Britannia , being sailed by Brian was adjudged the winner of the 'Racehorse' lighthouse trophy. It was good to see Bernie's boat being maintained and sailed for the club as requested by Wendy. She was asked to come along but unfortunately had other prior plans. But at least she knows she and Bernie are not being forgotten.

Jason [Fleming] did sterling work on the BBQ front and the contributions covered the cost of the beefburgers and baps and provided good sustenance to all present.

Thank you to everybody who turned out to make this a successful event.



Mike Kelly sailing his Azwaz modern tug



Peter Iddon receiving his Onchan Commissioners trophy from the judges



A selection of models on display at Onchan Park for the Venetian Evening



Tug Towing at the Venetian Evening!



Models sailing at Onchan Park during the Venetian Evening event.



A new model barge addition to the fleet

Autumn 2017 Vintage yacht 'sail-in'

After having postponed our Spring Sail-in it was vital that we went ahead with this date in spite of the forecast. Unfortunately it clashed with the 36R championships at Bournville which both Kim and I would have participated in.

We were 'trailing' a new approach, not dissimilar to that being planned for the Bournville weekend.

Having approached the local council, they gave us their full support with advertising and use of the lake as well as ensuring it was full to the brim making sure it was easy to reach the boats from the concrete surround. The council promised us even more support for an event next year with an exhibition of vintage boats in the Town Hall prior to the event,

Kim and I raised over 10 small yachts for display and use by families visiting the venue, Other members arrived with their vintage yachts for sailing. As the venue is a centre for families it was easy to offer 'free' model boating to anybody who wanted a 'go'. With the boats 'set-up' for a broad reach it was great to see the children dashing round the lake followed by Dads and Mums, all laughing and smiling and commenting 'we used to do this when we were kids'. Of course, the boats went off course and the rescue boat was used on two or three occasions!

We had 3 Marbleheads in attendance, one with vane and two with Braine steering. However, the wind swirls played havoc with directional sailing but there were occasions when the boats flew along to the admiration of the interested spectators.

Kim and I decide on the winner of the 'Nobby' award and we both decided that Danny Kneale should be the recipient this year for his efforts in getting his Marblehead back in working order complete with the vane. The award itself is 'vintage' being a 100 year half model of a Manx nobby.

Pity we missed Bournville but we felt we had to hold our own event in order to keep our home vintage momentum going. We look forward to a bigger event next year which should be in the Spring.



A selection of Vintage Yachts available for sailing at Ramsey Mooragh during the event.

Commodores Challenge

This years commodores challenge to build Pop Pop boats has been a resounding success encouraging significant numbers of members to have a go at building and sailing a Pop Pop boat and drawing a large crowd of interested onlookers. The event was set up on a separate table during Mannanan and there were boats busy pop popping around the pool virtually all day long!

Don't worry if you didn't get the chance to compete this year as we have decided to run the event again at Mannanan next year. We will also probably set the pool up on a couple of occasions at Silverdale on a Sunday morning during the winter season for anybody who wants to have a practice!

Bob has indicated that next years commodores challenge will involve sailing tethered electric model boats in circles around the pool at incredibly fast speeds! (Sounds dangerous). Full details will be published when Bob has finalised the rules.

