



MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

October 2021

Hi All,

This newsletter is a quick write up of sailing events which have taken place over the last few months, details of the Boat Club Dinner & Prize Presentation and also notice of the Annual General Meeting.

This year we have decided to hold the Dinner & Prize presentation at the Bradda Glen cafe in Port Erin on Saturday 27th November. The start time is 6:30pm for 7pm and the cost to members and guests is £25 per person. Towards the end of this newsletter you will find a menu and reply slip which needs to be returned to Jason Fleming as soon as possible so that we can confirm numbers. The menu is a 3 course meal based on a kitchen served Carvery with a choice of meats and seasonal vegetables plus vegetarian option. We will be holding our usual raffle at the dinner in aid of club funds and any prize donations will be gratefully received.

Our summer sailing season has come to a close and I have to say that I think every event has run to schedule with good weather and good attendance from members. We did reduce Mannanan to just one day and we haven't attended a UK event this year, but hopefully everything will be back to normal again next year. In the meantime, Sunday sailing will continue throughout the winter at Silverdale starting at 10am. Even if the weather is inclement there will usually be a gathering of members having a chat sheltering under the trees or having a cup of tea in the cafe (when it is open).

Happy Sailing, Jason Quayle



Images from the Vintage Yacht sailing at Ramsey and Venetian Evening held at Onchan Park

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 24th November 2021 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 24th November 2021 starting at 7:30pm. 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) Banking Arrangements *
- 7) Election of Club Officials for 2022 (Secretary, Treasurer plus committee members).
- 8) Proposed Fixture List for 2022.
- 9) Mannanan Regatta 2022.
- 10) Any Other Business.

** In relation to item 6 on the agenda, the Isle of Man bank, who the club has banked with for many years, has decided to introduce transaction charges on accounts for clubs and societies. This was originally due to be implemented this year, but has been postponed for 12 months. These charges could be significant for the club and the committee would like to discuss various options with members regarding making alternative banking arrangements for the club account.*

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.

Vintage Yacht Sailing

This was the second yacht event of the 2021 season and was better supported with six yachts in attendance albeit two awaiting restoration!

Unfortunately we have been isolated for the last 18 months so have greatly missed sailing at Fleetwood. However, last week end made up with it with a lovely sunny and calm day—too calm!





The usual regulars arrived, four Marbleheads and a 36R. I had my 'Bluebird' under its top suit but with single rudder control as did the other yachts with the exception of Danny Kneale's 1957 'Windsong'. Danny was still 'free-sailing' with vane and newly fitted varnished terylene sails [courtesy of Nylet!] There being no constant wind he did manage a large circular route as though under radio! All the other boats plied backwards and forwards in the flat calm conditions for over half an hour before taking a coffee break and having a good natter.

Over the summer some 'new boats' have appeared, one of which is a 'four footer' ex the now defunct Ramsey club. Two other boats have also appeared in a derelict state but redeemable. They are not 'class' boats but are quite old. A very early 36R has also come into my possession, again an ex Ramsey boat.

Hopefully this winter will allow normal activities to take place although the weather often precludes sailing. However this does encourage building and restorations. It will be interesting to see what appears next summer!

Brian King

Venetian Evening

How fortune favours the brave! The Club committee decided to go for the Sunday evening despite the forecast and how it turned out. A gorgeous evening and little wind with a great turnout of club members and models. Seventeen boats took to the water after the static scale judging by our two guest judges, David Ramsbottom and Malcolm Magee.



The 'warm up" feature had been provided by Bill Callow when he put his partly built large Tyne on the water for its sea trials. It went so fast it blew his superstructure off! Having recovered his composure, and the superstructure, the boat had a much more subdued good trial run. However, during full power trials against the wall, the coupling sheared and the excitement subsided. Bill will live to fight another day!

Back to the Venetian Evening proper and as dusk was falling there were a couple of near misses when lights were misinterpreted. It was good to see Bernie Hinds 'Brittannia' back in action thanks to Dave Costain. There were some other new boats on the water, including Mike Buss with his tug 'Taroo Ushtey' and barge complete with towing lights. A good night was had by all and the judges had great difficulty deciding on results but eventually they came to a decision as follows.

Static judging for the Onchan Shield

- 1st Sealight owned by Dave Kettlewell
- 2nd Ben Ain owned by Brian Swinden
- 3rd Parat owned by Jason Quayle

Racehorse Lighthouse award

- 1st Taroo Ushtey & barge sailed by Mike Buss
- 2nd Fairey Huntsman sailed by Jason Quayle
- 3rd Britannia sailed by Dave Costain



A selection of images from the Venetian Evening held at Onchan Park

Return of Trophies

For anybody who still has a boat club trophy, can you please return it to Brian King as soon as possible so that he can arrange the engraving for this years winners.

BRADDA GLEN

— café —

Manx Model Boat Club Menu 27th November 2021 6:30pm for 7pm

Starters

Leek and Potato Soup (V)

Fanned Melon, Fruit Coulis

Main Course from the Kitchen

Roast Turkey or Honey Mustard Glazed Ham, Roast and Mashed Potatoes, Pigs in Blankets, Sage and Onion stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy

Brie, Chestnut, Cranberry & Mushroom Parcel (V)

Mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables

Desserts

Very Berry Crumble

served with vanilla ice cream

Lemon Meringue Pie

served with Cooil Bros. double cream

Tea/Coffee/Mints

£25 per person

Annual Dinner and Prize Presentations 2021

Our Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation will be held at Bradda Glen Cafe on **Saturday 27th November 2020 6:30pm for 7:00pm**. The cost of the dinner is **£25 per head**.

Please return the form below with your meal choices along with your payment.

Name _____ Contact number _____

Email _____

Number attending _____ Total enclosed £ _____

Please indicate menu choices below.

Starter Soup _____ Fanned Melon _____ Fruit Coulis _____

Main Turkey _____ Glazed Ham _____ A bit of both _____

Brie, Chestnut, Cranberry & Mushroom _____

Sweet Berry Crumble _____ Lemon Meringue _____

Cheques should be made out to "Manx Model Boat Club" and returned to Jason Fleming, Treasurer Manx Model Boat Club, 22 South Barrule Avenue, Ballakilly, Port Erin, Isle of Man, IM9 6DT

Please ensure your return is received by the Monday 20th November at the latest, thank you.