



# MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

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## Chairmans Chat

Hello to Everyone,

Where do I begin? At the beginning; Yes, Yes, I Know! Well it has been an eventful - get it - and wet time since the last Chairman's chat. On the event side, the Spithead Review was well attended, well done to all those who braved the windy conditions and I hope that those who did attend have stopped laughing by now. Pedalo and the Chairman are not compatible in my case! Thanks to Howard for rescuing my Osprey from the bottom of Silverdale lake.

On a totally different track we have the AGM coming up in November and I urge all members to have their issues debated, apart from, possible event changes or alterations. I have an issue to resolve and am not sure how to go with my options as I am sure other members have too. Please remember that it is your club so make your views known so as we can deal with them.

Well enough blubber, I'm off to dry out now. Happy Sailing and fair winds, hopefully.

*Alan Gough*

## Remaining Events for 2010

**Sunday 19th September, 6:30pm**

**Onchan Park**

Onchan Commissioners Trophy, Venetian Evening & Barbecue (This is the wet weather alternative date due to poor forecast on the Saturday evening).

**Sunday 3rd October, 2:00pm**

**Onchan Park**

Tug Towing Competition.

**Sunday 10th October, 2:00pm**

**Onchan Park**

Tug Towing Competition (Wet Weather Alternative Date).

**Friday 12th November**

Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation.

(The exact date and venue for this event has still to be finalised, but it is likely to be one evening over this weekend. Details to follow in the next newsletter).

**Thursday 25th November, 7:30pm**

**Archibald Knox Meeting Room**

Annual General Meeting.

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## Web Site

For up to date details of sailing events, model boating information, past newsletters and photographs of our model boating activities, please visit the web site at [www.manxmodelboatclub.org](http://www.manxmodelboatclub.org). You can also e-mail any enquiries and items for inclusion in the newsletter to [mmbc@manx.net](mailto:mmbc@manx.net).

# Competition Results from Mannanan 2010

## Steering Competition

<b>Mini Class</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jason Fleming Avabash	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cameron Watterson Girl Lynne
<b>Under One Metre</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jason Quayle Parat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Alan Gough TID	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jason Fleming Tito Neri
<b>Over One Metre</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Cameron Watterson Golden Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alan Gough Osprey

## Scale Competition

**Static Class** 1<sup>st</sup> Cameron Watterson Kavandah

## **Rescue and Lifeboats**

**Kit Class** 1<sup>st</sup> John Peet Gough Ritchie 11

## **Work Boats**

**Kit Class** 1<sup>st</sup> Cameron Watterson Torben

**Semi-kit** 1<sup>st</sup> John Williams HM Customs 2<sup>nd</sup> John Williams Lady Jane

**Scratch** 1<sup>st</sup> Brian King Tarroo Ushtey

## **Naval**

**Kit Class** 1<sup>st</sup> Alan Gough Osprey

**Semi-kit** 1<sup>st</sup> Alan Gough PCF

**Super Class** 1<sup>st</sup> Brian King Wendy Ann 2<sup>nd</sup> Cameron Watterson Vervine

**Best In Show** 1<sup>st</sup> Brian King Wendy Ann

## On the Water

**Under One Metre** 1<sup>st</sup> Roy Watterson Scorpion 2<sup>nd</sup> Cameron Watterson Vervine

**Over One Metre** 1<sup>st</sup> Jason Quayle Glasgow 2<sup>nd</sup> Roy Watterson Sea Spray

## Tug-Towing

**Under One Metre** 1<sup>st</sup> Cameron Watterson Torben 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Waterson Tito Neri

**Over One Metre** 1<sup>st</sup> Brian King Wendy Ann 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Quayle/ Cameron Watterson

## Fun Competition

1<sup>st</sup> Float Jason Fleming Most Floats Jason Fleming  
Last float Paul Brassington

Although this years Mannanan Event passed successfully and was enjoyed by all who entered, there was a notable reduction in entries for some competition classes and a reduction in numbers of visitors attending from the UK. The department of Community, Culture & Leisure have also advised us that their financial grant for the event will be stopped next year.

With this in mind, the committee feel that it is time to review the Mannanan event to see if it can be 'freshened up' or adjusted to better suit current circumstances and attendance. We are therefore seeking your views and ideas on the future of the event and also looking for volunteers to form next years Mannanan sub committee.

We are due to discuss these issues at the next committee meeting which is to be held on Thursday 30th September at the Archibald Knox starting at 8pm. Members who would like to get involved with running the event, or who have a view on the format of the event are invited to attend the committee meeting on 30th, or e-mail their thoughts to the secretary at [jason\\_quayle@manx.net](mailto:jason_quayle@manx.net).

Hopefully we can have some constructive dialog such that any proposed changes can be thought through and put before the main club membership for approval in time for the AGM.

## Items for Sale

If there is room within the next newsletter can you put a section in regarding the availability of Superglue; three types, *thick, medium and thin* in 20gram bottles @ £2 per bottle, also I have a limited supply of plastic weld in 500ml tins at £14 per tin, a considerable saving on single bottle purchase. To complement the superglue I also have in stock a superglue activator which speeds up the setting times @ £3 per tin, these are the large aerosol can and are normally £6+.

I also have a number of fittings and cords as sold by Keith @ Modelling Timbers. Having a stock of the regularly used items here on the Island saves on the postage for small orders. I can be contacted for a list on 481202.

The savings on all these items are considerable as I buy in reasonable quantities and bring them onto the Island myself.

I was at the Workshop for the disabled today and they now have two computer laser cutting devices, these are ideal for individual special item for your models.

Cheers.

*Howard.*

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## Spithead Review

A good turn out of members attended the recent Spithead Review event at Silverdale in sunny, but unusually breezy conditions at Silverdale lake. The main emphasis of the event was for Naval vessels, however we do allow other boats to come along and have a sail albeit not in competition. The event also attracted a good number of spectators and passers by.

Having judged the naval vessels which were on display, the winner of the event was announced as HM Customs Cruiser 'Vigilant', built by John Williams. John was quick to point out that the original Vigilant had inspected the fleet at Spithead in 1911 to celebrate the coronation of King George V!

One of the more amusing episodes of the evening involved our very own Chairman, Alan Gough. Whilst towing his armoured trawler 'Osprey' around the lake with his TID tug, a sudden gust of wind capsized the tow and Osprey quickly sank to the bottom of the lake. Alan climbed aboard one of the pedalo boats and proceeded to the wreck site whilst Howard donned his waders to assist. Whilst trying to salvage his boat, a second capsize occurred and Alan was unceremoniously tipped into the lake in front of many amused spectators! The incident had a happy ending with both Alan and Osprey being successfully recovered from the water.



The moment that disaster struck!



A successful salvage.



## In Need of Some TLC

Jason,

I attach some pictures taken of a a model lifeboat, scale possibly 1:12 to 1:16, of Port St Mary's original Arun class lifeboat "Gough Ritchie".

This model is at the Ramsey RNLi shop and was given to them to raise funds by selling the boat, or holding an auction.

The boat has suffered some bashes, but I think most of it is complete. There is running gear inside and two batteries but no radio gear. The paint work needs re-doing etc and overall the model is tired looking. I believe it is a kit model – probably no longer available so that might make the model more a collectors item.

So saying, I estimated a value in the range £40 to £60 as it is.

Another possibility is for someone to take it on and re-furbish the model, either donating time and materials to the RNLi on completion, or negotiating with the shop manager a return of costs if and when sold.

Also in the shop, high on the wall, just to the left of the counter, over a doorway, is another model for sale. This is either an armed trawler, or small corvette (I'm not naval minded) WWII, which the shop has had for some time, also for sale – tag £275 but again open to possible negotiation with the shop manager.

Can you post these items in next Club issue, giving my name as well as interested parties contacting the shop directly, which is open every day. Number in the phone book or call Ramsey boat-house for number.

Thanks, *Kim Holland.*



## **Birchwood Briefs**

*or (unfounded rumours of Warrington) or (news from over there for those who did or did not go!)*

*What follows may be based on some truths, it may corroborate some tales and it might start some new ones – at least it was a very successful trip by one and all and the Club was seen in a very good light due to the numbers of boats and members attending.*

This is a brief round up of happenings over the Bank Holiday weekend while across at the Birchwood Model Boat Convention. Not all the competitions involved model boats, read on.

A tricky start for one attendee, even though getting a 4am wake up call and warning of early start, previously also warned using the phrase “see you at stupid early o'clock” and having the check-in time and boat departure printed on his ticket, our esteemed van loader managed to put in a full days work at PE boat house before arriving at Douglas check in for the 6am sailing – at 7:30! But Jason managed to catch the afternoon boat, travel with the family Watterson and meet up with us all just as we finished dinner.

*An even earlier start by another couple, an extra day early in fact, ensured that they missed the superb calm mirror glass like conditions of Thursday and Friday, sailing on Wednesday after seeing the dreaded forecasters predict a big low moving in. Luckily it went down South and spoiled their w/e fully, not ours. A pity the site for the camper was not all to be desired, but Patricia and John still enjoyed the ambience of the Premier for meals with boys.*

The Boat competitions went well for those that entered (and one who didn't), with three gaining a third each in different classes (scratch, semi, kit, and diorama) – ah, four that was. (Odd we kept out of each others areas! And someone even added Jason's (the other J) magnificent win as best model on the MMBC stand! Curiously, each Club stand had a best on stand too.....

*Not to be outshone, our vintage competitor in the now annual “hotel shower wrestling” events came an astounding second to a new design (though many thought it was a good way to get two chamber maids in one's room whilst wearing pjs in the rain, an early morning what.... do I hear?). His comments regarding the equipment should be noted for future entrants though; “I was beaten to the floor by the force of the sodding water” said Bob, “my jim jams were thoroughly soaked through and who ever thought to make the control as a big round tap with ON/OFF written on the back plate – and to put the offending spray head some 10 feet up the wall pointing out to the floor – well – I tried my best! I even managed to change into dry vest and pants before the girls arrived, though the water was about 2 inches deep behind the closed bathroom door.”*

Our entrant in the “sporting wear at breakfast” event did well, quietly occupying a corner table on the first run, then breaking out those old shorts for the second – nearly loosening his sausage after inadvertently mislaying his briefs. “I blame the power of the shower too,” said Les. “I thought they were with me!” They were Les.

*There were two entrants in the van packing each in the same medium van class. Jason was holding onto a strong lead with the number of boats stuffed in in three layers, together with Kim's additional rammings assisted by Theresa and some ropes and bindings till strong rumours circulated that Billy, together with Howard were actually having to consider Ray's single mattress challenge (a bonus 10 points) if it, the boats and the three of them could all get in and drive back. Little known to them, and still a secret, a similar smart manoeuvre was attempted by Brian at a model shop in Frodsham. Theresa's “and where's that going to go” together with Judy's long distance time lock out on Brian's wallet (and Brian realising he was trying to spend) stalled the attempt of squeezing in a rather large flying thingy into an already crowded loading space, so the chance to spend was lost.*

Talking of spending, in this event there could only be one winner, a front runner right at the start, in fact before the show was officially opened. Cameron descended on the boats for sale tables like a seagull to fish guts and purchased a FV for himself – 9:36 and “all's spent.” Roy though, was ready with reserves and was on hand to encourage another foray in the other show hall where Cameron was proudly showing all his new “Frey” (hull only at present). A late run in this event by Brian saw him stuff an unknown hull (bubble wrapped to avoid detection and id) into the van at shows end. Oh wait till I let Judy know – or Brian leaves this about to be read.....

*There was a limited entry (as far as I know) in the wind events on the lakeside bank. Our competitor guffed into the wind, so gained marks only for noise and nothing for content, thankfully. Cameron was most embarrassed to be position alongside, whilst sailing, and Kim was near knocked off his feet as he was close behind Howard!*

The open food events had several participants; JW for the shortest retention of a fish and chip supper, which included an attempt at the toilet marathon (retired relieved at 2am after an early start), Jason and the “lets bugger up the toaster for everyone” was spotted so failed, Brian in the “lets get tomato sauce in odd places” (whilst wearing socks in open toed sandals), and Bob in the “spray it with ice cream reminiscences” thoroughly enjoyed by all about him.

*A new event this year, introduced on the fly by JW and Howard was the animal handling, teddy bears excluded. Here an old member and trader at the other show achieved a double llama turn over to take gold – our first medal. There was a stewards enquiry – but Shareen was allowed to take photographs for blackmail purposes ( or was it side betting) and kept Keith happy later, whilst he Llama humped (or was that hunted?) Ask why????*

The final event spread the competitors over two days, called “getting home”. The introduction of a new rule, Chinese whispers, certainly made the early starters think (especially as they were being passed the info by tomorrows travellers) – which boat was where and when would they be going or coming from Belfast etc. Even the SP phone line joined in with really muddled timings – enough for Cameron to try to play a wild card and get to stay another night – overruled by mum – and the Wattersons travelled back with the boat van at 20:30. Rough? No – Cameron's worries regarding regurgitation were unfounded – he hung on to all his food as far as I could see. I assume all returned or will return safely – anyone hear anything about that mattress?

### **Late news.**

The Premier Inn at Junction 21 Warrington has just posted that it is shutting for the next two weeks due to severe flood damage by agents unknown, though reports of a short, wet, pyjama clad elderly person scuttling away on foot assisted by two young ladies are common.

The same hotel have found a new mattress stuffed in their front hedge and wonder whether any recent boarders know anything. A pipe was also found near by, apparently bitten in two.

Event organisers at Birchwood are investigating reports of a flying Buss being seen, though Jean was still trying to find ways to stop the free one outside. This new one apparently came with rails?

Congratulations to Billy, gold in the Dortmund cross country, 23 minutes from form receipt, to completion and payment in full for 2011 – beating the early depositors by a goodly amount..

The van is back at JW's, and Cameron has reunited his new boat with its transmitter – nasty granddad put it in the Vervine box whilst the boat went in the car, so Cameron had nothing to play with Bank Holiday.

Officially the big scratch down the drivers side of the black van does not exist, nor does the dent in the bonnet caused by a thrown llama, nor the twist to the rear door caused retaining a large flying thingy jammed hard in – so don't tell JW they were ever there, cos they weren't. Now that's a rumour guaranteed to fly.

**AND finally -**

Thank you all for a great enjoyable trip, we done good, put on a creditable performance, and flew the flag for club and country. I also think we may have made some bridges as fellow modellers were expressing ideas of coming over for our June event next year.

This news brief will most probably be discussed at Silverdale, next sailing, and the facts put right or distorted even more – be there or be defamed again!

*Kim Holland*



As a footnote to Kim's very informative report from Birchwood, I can report that this has probably been one of the most successful years attendance at the event. A very good selection of models on display and a haul of awards by competing members. Congratulations to:-

Brian King who came 3rd in the Scratch Class with Wendy Ann.

John Williams who came 3rd in the Semi-Scratch Class with Vigilant.

Kim Holland who came 2nd in the Kit Class with FV Consul Pust.

Howard Quayle who came 3rd in the Diorama Class with his Hafen Diorama

Jason Quayle who won the Best on Stand award for the MMBC stand with the Mannin Dredger.

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