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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

(Acting) Chairmans Chat

For my sins, but more than likely my advancing decrepitude making it difficult to duck fast enough, it would appear that you have yours truly as 'Acting' Chairman until the AGM. The collective sigh of relief I hear from you all does little for my ego.

Since the last Newsletter we have had the Mannanan Festival, this year condensed to a 2 day event, with single round competitions in each of the categories. I know the Editor is publishing a list of winners elsewhere in this publication, but a number of observations if I may. Comments by our members and visitors suggest that the revised format is more relaxing and enjoyable and that in general they appreciated the changes which had been made. This does not mean that mistakes did not occur but these have been noted and will be corrected in future, in particular the venue for the Prize Giving Dinner. The meal was a great disappointment, so our apologies to those concerned. All the people who worked so hard to make this such a great event did the Club great credit and to them all I offer my sincere thanks.

It has also been suggested that the event should be renamed as 'The Mannanan Watterson Family Boat Festival' and that if Jason Fleming can reproduce the spectacular conflagration of his model in the fun event next year we should be able to double the public attendance!

The fun never ceased and in short succession we had the Ramsey RNLI 'Have a Go' display team alias Kim and Jason Q, followed by the Queenie Festival 'Have a Go' team in aid of the RNLI, at Port St Mary, The Tynwald Day Display, The Traditional Boat Weekend at Peel and finally the Port Erin RNLI and Port St Mary RNLI 'Have a Go' display teams, again raising funds for the RNLI. A lot of hard work for all concerned but the success and growth of the 'Have a Go' project, plus the pure delight on the kids (and many of the Adults) faces made it more than worthwhile. I consider that you have all enhanced the public's perception of our hobby and Club, and as a result of which we are attracting new members. Nothing succeeds like success - long may it continue.

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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. You can also e-mail any enquiries and items for inclusion in the newsletter to mmbc@manx.net.

We also have a club area set up on Google where members can upload their own photographs of events. If you are interested, drop me an e-mail and I will let you have the necessary instructions.

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The culmination of our activities (which I am sure will be reported in more detail elsewhere) was the Model Boat Convention this year held at Haydock Park. After 4.00a.m. start, the entire junior population of the IOM was on the Seacat, three fairly portly gentlemen in a black van full of models (kept changing gear with Cameron's knee) started the weekend well. Then we somehow acquired a very large box trailer (for the 'Have a Go' project) then onwards to Haydock Park. Club stand looked great, did us proud and 'WOW' what a result, Howard Quayle won the Diorama category with his Hafen Diorama plus the kit class with his Queen Mary 2. Cameron Watterson won the junior semi kit class with his Maid of Erin and then Kim Holland won the Best on Stand trophy with MV Crusader. Four mainstream prizes from little old us BRILLIANT!!!

Congratulations and very well done to you all. The hotel was interesting, full of oddly dressed young people in wellies who allegedly were participating in a nearby Rock Festival in a wet ploughed field. Their joyous mating calls throughout all hours of the night aided refreshing sleep and gay repartee at breakfast.

Coming back I said that as we are dragging this rather large trailer around we would take the motorway route through the Wirral then via the tunnel to the Pier Head. Now the Wattersons are not as good at reprogramming Satnavs as they are at boat building, as a result we took the fun route into Liverpool via the suburbs. Our fun was increased when in the centre of the city we found that it was closed (for another ***** festival) but nobody had told our Satnav, which persisted in taking us down closed one way streets. I suppose the absolute highlight was when we ended up IN Lime Street Station, with trailer and no valium. The Coup de Grace on a great weekend was finding that the wellie brigade from the Hotel has all decided to go to the Isle of Man on the Seacat and then (after an altercation with a security man 'Wots in the Boxes Laaa') we finally got onto the landing stage only to be approached by a vision of Scouse beauty who in her delightful Liverpudlian accent informed us that 'Yous cant gerron the boat yet cos its tooo Bouncy'

Moments like these should be cherished!!! Enjoy the rest of the season and ALL come to the AGM.

John Williams A.K.A. Grumpy

Remaining Events for 2011 Season

<u>Date</u>	<u>Competition</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
02/10/11	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:00pm
09/10/11	Tug Towing Competition - Wet Weather Alternative	Onchan Park	2:00pm
T.B.A.	Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
24/11/11	Annual General Meeting	Archibald Knox	7:30pm

As you can see, we are quickly approaching the end of another very busy season. The final sailing event is the Tug Towing on 2nd October, to be held at Onchan park (10th October is the alternative date is the weather is inclement). There will be classes for single tug towing, under 1m and over 1m. If time permits, we may event have a go at informal double tug towing.

The date and venue for the Annual Dinner will be advised to members in due course.

Mannanan 2011 Results

Event 1 Steering Competition Onchan Park

Micro Class

- 1st Roy Watterson (Alfie)
- 2nd Cam Watterson (Alfie)
- 3rd Jason Fleming (Jordan / Drew)

Under 1 Metre

- 1st Cam Watterson (Scorpion)
- 2nd Jason Fleming (Tito Neri)
- 3rd Brian King (Taroo Ushtey), Brian Swinden (Wyeforce) & Jason Quayle (Parat)

Mini Class

- 1st Cam Watterson (Maid of Erin)
- 2nd Brian Swinden (Janeve) & Jason Quayle (Dornoch)

Over 1 Metre

- 1st Cam Watterson (Golden Sun)
- 2nd Paul Brassington (Sub R38) & Jason Quayle (Loyal Watcher)

Event 2 Tug Towing Competition Onchan Park

Under 1 Metre (results after re-run)

- 1st Cam Watterson (Torben)
- 2nd Jason Fleming (Tito Neri)
- 3rd Brian Swinden (Wyeforce)

Over 1 Metre

- 1st Alan Gough (Mann Towing)
- 2nd Cam Watterson (Golden Sun)
- 3rd Jason Fleming (Sea Griffon)

Event 3 On the Water Scale Competition Silverdale

Under 1 Metre

- 1st Cam Watterson (Vervine)
- 2nd Brian King (Taroo Ushtey)
- 3rd Doug Wheeler (HMS Snowberry)

Over 1 Metre

- 1st Brian King (Wendy Ann)
- 2nd Alan Gough (Osprey)
- 3rd Roy Watterson (Golden Sun)

Event 4 Static Scale Competition Silverdale

Kit Class

- 1st Howard Quayle (Diorama)
- 2nd Keith Jewell (Armed Cutter)
- 3rd Howard Quayle (QM") & Keith Jewell (Shareen)

Semi Kit Class

- 1st John Williams (Vigilant)
- 2nd John Williams (HMS Chatham) & Cam Watterson (Vervine)

Scratch Built Class

- 1st Peter Iddon (Mona's Isle)
- 2nd Brian King (Taroo Ushtey)
- 3rd Alan Gough (Defiant)

Event 5 Fun Competition Silverdale

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| 1 st Float back | Jason Fleming |
| Most Floats collected | Jason Fleming |
| Last Float Back | Roy Watterson |
| Most points scored (23) | Cam Watterson |
| Most absolute, total impressive failure | Jason (Smokey) Fleming |

Onchan Commissioners & Venetian Evening Results

The weather forecast on the Friday before this event was for 'frequent' showers on the Saturday, so we decided to postpone the event until the Sunday evening. Sunday evening turned out to be fine if a little chilly, but a good turn out of members and models with at least 20 boats on display.

June Kelly, who is the current chairperson of Onchan commissioners, came along with a few of her commissioners to help judge the event, and Mike Buss & family did their part by cooking up a feast of culinary delights on the barbecue.

The judging started whilst we still had daylight available for the Onchan Commissioners Shield with this event being open to all models on display, and the judge looking for the best model 'with a little character'. The eventual winner of this category was Les Quayle with his model of the Douglas Head Ferry 'Thistle'.

As it started to go dark, the lake was transformed with all vessels now running with navigation and deck lights clearly visible. The eventual winner of this class for the Venetian Lighthouse Trophy was Mike Dean and his model of the Shell Tanker.

The evening finished with a brief presentation and a few words of thanks to Onchan Commissioners for continuing to support the club, before everybody hurriedly packed up to head for home and get warm again.

Jason Quayle

Haydock Park Show

John Williams has already provided a brief description of the event which was held at Haydock Park (previously held at Birchwood), and a comprehensive list of winners from the club.

I thought it best to just leave you with a couple of photographs showing a few of the boats which we had on the impressive club display.



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