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# MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

## Milntown Jubilee Pageant

The Milntown Jubilee Pageant was organised by Kim following a discussion with Commodore Bob to see if we could recreate the 'Pageant on the Thames' in miniature by staging our own event at Milntown House lake. The intention was to try to get at least 60 models sailing on the water with the very real possibility of numbers approaching 100 models if everybody turned up.

Unfortunately just like the 'real' event in London the heavens opened and we had one of the wettest Saturdays of the summer to contend with. Despite the conditions, members got to work early erecting the tents and tables which provided a degree of shelter from the weather and starting to assemble the 'fleet'. The conditions on Saturday were at a complete contrast to the previous day when Kim and Jason set the buoys up on the lake in blistering sunshine - just typical of the Manx summer!

The Pageant was due to set off in the afternoon however as the morning wore on there appeared to be no let up in the conditions and with not many spectators present it was eventually decided to reschedule for another day rather than let everybody get too wet. One or two members did venture onto the lake to give a display of sailing including Cameron Watterson and junior members Josh who both gave an excellent demonstration of tug towing.

Thank you very much to those members who turned up and helped on the day. Milntown are still very interested in staging an event with the club and we hope to include a date in next years calendar.



Wet conditions greeted members at Milntown Lake for the Jubilee Pageant



Junior member Josh showing a few 'old hands' how Tug Towing should be done!

## Events List 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Competition</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
07/10/12	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:00pm
T.B.A.	Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
29/11/12	Annual General Meeting	Archibald Knox	7:30pm

- ◆ The remaining sailing event for this year is the Tug Towing Competition on Sunday 7th October at Onchan Park starting at 2:00pm. This event is open to all members with classes for under 1m and over 1m tug boats towing a casualty around a course whilst trying not to lose points by touching or missing buoyed gates. It would be helpful if members can turn up early to help set up and to allow us to make a prompt start.
- ◆ The club annual dinner and prize presentation is due to be held in November. Exact details regarding date, time and venue will be advised to you when it has been confirmed.
- ◆ The Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 29th November at the Archibald Knox public house meeting room in Onchan. A formal notice and copy of the agenda will be circulated to members in advance. If you feel that you would like to make a contribution to the running of the club by joining the committee then please have a word with an existing committee member so that your name can be put forwards at the meeting.
- ◆ Don't forget that Sunday sailing will continue throughout the winter period at Silverdale Lake on Sunday mornings starting at 10am, weather permitting. All members and prospective new members are welcome to join us for a sail, a chat and a cup of tea.

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## Venetian Evening & Onchan Commissioners Shield Event

Saturday evening 8th September saw the Onchan Commissioners Shield event, Venetian Evening and club barbecue at Onchan Park. Having endured a summer of rather mediocre weather, this evening turned out to be ideal with dry, calm and relatively warm conditions. We had a good turn out of about 20 members and at one point we must have been sailing with about 30 models on the water either being sailed by a members, by a spectator or by being towed by another vessel.

Mike Buss served up his usual selection of bangers & burgers from the barbecue which was very much appreciated by the members—well done Mike.

News must have got out that this event would see the launching on Grumpys new tug boat “Parallax” because the crowd just continued to build as the evening went on. At one point we must have had between 100 and 150 members of the public watching — certainly the best turn out for a model boat event at Onchan Park this year. (Actually, I think the crowds were helped by the rather good advertising that the club is now producing — all thanks to Teresa & Kim).

The judging was undertaken by a members of Onchan Commissioners who eventually decided to award the Onchan Commissioners Shield to “Vervine” sailed by Cameron Watterson. As the darkness approached the models appeared at their best lit up on the water, although there was one model which “shone above the rest” - you guessed it — the lighthouse trophy was awarded to John Williams with his new tug boat “Parallax” adorned with a million LED lights and batteries to match!

Thanks to all who turned up to make this one of the best attended events which we have has this season.

*Jason*

## Vintage Yacht Rally – Mooragh Park Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

What a change to have glorious weather for an event, especially this one on the lakeside in Ramsey's Mooragh park. This event had been postponed from earlier in the year when we had fallen foul of RTC and not obtained permission from them to use either Park or Lake, and our event coincided with another on our chosen day.

Still it all worked out very well. Brian King was lead organiser, assisted by me in a small way, and he had attracted a goodly number of yachts and people. We had organised for attendees to obtain parking permits and for the use of the Lakeside covered area in case of rain.

On the day, as it was so nice we arranged ourselves on the grass just up from the children's play area. Sufficient depth at the lakeside for launching, and ample room to wander after the yachts. There were quite a few boats present, several one meter class, and quite a few older ones, back through 36R, 50's (Marblehead's), and small ketch, and a 1910 20 rater recently restored by myself. All told I estimate about 30 boats present.

During the afternoon we had lots of interested spectators either looking round the static yachts, or watching several single lap races round the buoys for any radio controlled yachts present. Indeed it was our purpose, and we succeeded, in getting total beginners to “have-a-go” at radio controlled yachting. Worryingly some of these novice sailors did quite well! We also sorted out some owner's boats with set up problems.

Jason Quayle, dark horse that he is, brought along his free sailer, sorry no idea of class, and spent most of his afternoon chasing it around with a pole in his hand. It went mostly where he wasn't. Another chap new to us also demonstrated his vane controlled yacht and showed how unpredictable they can be in “flukey” winds, indeed sufficient to get Brian K away in his “rescue” pedalo to try and return it to base. (The yacht actually managed it itself.)

Big thanks from Brian and myself to ALL club members and others for the turn out, it was really appreciated to see so many “motorised” boaters come along and see the sailing – indeed I think we might have persuaded a few to give it a try. We also gained some members and have a request from the viewing public (and RTC) to put on more yacht events – they loved it!

Thank you to Brian for the pictures.

*Kim.*



Vintage Yachts at the Mooragh circa 1960



Vintage Yachts at the Mooragh 2012

## **A Good Home Wanted**

Many members will recall HMS Ark Royal which was built and sailed by the late Bernie Hinds and which has won numerous competitions throughout the years. Following Bernie's garage sale I took the model and over the last couple of months I have tidied up the internal wiring and had her sailing again. Unfortunately the model is now taking up space in my boat yard so I am looking to



see if there is anybody who would like to take the model to look after it and occasionally sail it. The model comes complete with 40MHz radio gear, motors, batteries, working lights and radar, all ready to sail.

If you are interested then there is no charge however the model must remain in the club and it would be nice if you can give her a sail every now and again.

Please e-mail me [jason\\_quayle@manx.net](mailto:jason_quayle@manx.net) or telephone 660323 if you are interested.

## **Return of Trophies**

Can members who currently have club trophies please return them to Brain King as soon as possible so that he can arrange for the engraving of names for next years winners. Brian can be e-mailed at [kingb@manx.net](mailto:kingb@manx.net), or telephone 628156.



## **Haydock Park Show**

Once again the club attended the annual Model Boat Convention at Haydock Park over the August Bank Holiday weekend. This year the theme was "Tug Boats" and we had come prepared with what we thought would be an award winning display depicting tugs through the ages towing a rather large tanker (see photo).

Unfortunately we didn't get the award for the best display (we was robbed!) however members did have some success in individual competitions with Howard Quayle picking up an award for his Submarine Diorama and John Williams collecting the Best Model on Stand award with HMS Chatham.



## **E-Mail Addresses**

Most members now receive all their club information and newsletters by e-mail, although we do still post copies of newsletters if required. Please let me know if you have recently set up or changed an e-mail address so that you can be added to the list. You can contact me at [jason\\_quayle@manx.net](mailto:jason_quayle@manx.net).