



MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

September 2018

Hi All,

Welcome to your September newsletter. The summer seems to have 'flown by' with some superb weather. The Mannanan Festival went very well, with many members and visitors welcoming the revised format which gave the whole weekend a more relaxed feel.

Unfortunately the weather was not on our side for the Agricultural show where a huge effort by a number of volunteers to set up and run the Av-A-Go boats only resulted in a handful of visitors over the weekend. The weather also affected the yacht sailing at Ramsey at the end of May where there was too much wind for sailing and we also had to postpone the Spithead Review.

The good news was that we had a superb evening for the 'Big Night Out' event with lots of models on the water and interest shown by members of the public.

The remaining events for this year are listed on the next page with the main events being the Venetian Evening at Onchan Park next Saturday 22 September and our attendance at the Blackpool Model Boat Show in October. Details can be found further down this newsletter. Hopefully we will reschedule the Spithead review for another date to be advised.

Don't forget that regular sailing continues at Silverdale on Sunday mornings throughout the year starting at 10am and running through to about midday. Even if the weather is not too promising, the regular members still meet up on a Sunday morning for a cup of tea and chat in the cafe.

You can always find information about the boat club on the website which also includes more photographs of club events. www.manxmodelboatclub.org.

Happy Sailing,

Jason Quayle

2018 Fixture List

Saturday 22 nd September (or Sunday 23 rd if wet)	Onchan Commissioners Shield & Venetian Evening	To be held at Onchan Park starting at 6:30pm.
Sunday Morning (postponed from earlier in the year; date to be advised)	Tug Towing Competition	Silverdale
Saturday 20 th October 2018	Club attendance at the Blackpool Model Boat Show.	Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool.
Sunday 21 st October 2018	Club attendance at the Blackpool Model Boat Show.	Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool.
Thursday 29 th November 2018	Annual General Meeting.	To be held at the Archibald Knox in Onchan starting at 7:30pm.

Blackpool Model Boat Show



The club has now confirmed its attendance at the Blackpool Model Boat Show on 20th & 21st October 2018. We propose to hire a van to transport models to the show and put on a display similar to what we have previously done at the Warwick show.

In order to help plan the display we now need to know which members are proposing to travel and which members will have models for display. Hopefully we can group models together in themed areas such as Manx boats, workboats, Steam Packet, Lifeboats etc with

corresponding back drop displays. If you intend to travel and display a model can you please e-mail me at mmbc@manx.net so that we can collect details.

Most members are looking to travel to Heysham on the Steam Packet either on Thursday 18th October or Friday morning 19th October. Setting up at the venue will be on the Friday afternoon with the show open to the public on the Saturday and Sunday. Members are generally booking accommodation at the Bispham Premier Inn which is a couple of miles away from the show venue at the Norbreck Castle.

Big Night Out

This was a new event for this year and was introduced to celebrate the return to sailing service of HMS illustrious. This model was originally built by Keith Jewell, but had been laid in dry dock for the best part of 20 years until Mike Kelly volunteered to clean it up and get it running again.

The event was aimed at all the large models in the club. These models tend to be the most difficult to store, transport and launch and therefore tend not to sail at club events that often. However, once one on the water they look absolutely superb sailing just like the real vessel.

The event was very well attended on a beautiful evening on Onchan park with up to a dozen models on display and sailing on the water. In addition to HMS Illustrious, Jason Quayle had brought his Paddle Steamer Waverly (recently fitted with passengers and crew), Kevin Kinnin had his new Torpedo boat (winner of Best in Show at Mannanan 2017), Brian King was sailing his Seasider tug and Gough Ritchie lifeboat and the Royal Yacht Britannia was sailed by Dave Costain (model originally built by Bernie Hinds).

To finish the evening off after the lake had been cleared, Mike Hodgson had a 'blast around' with his powerful fast electric speed boat. How the battery and brushless motor technology has moved on – it only seems like a handful of years ago when a fast electric boat would run out of battery power after only 2 or 3 laps of the Onchan lake!





A selection of images from the "Big Night Out"

Commodores Challenge 2019

Bob Bagshaw has announced that his Commodores Challenge for next year will be Straight Running at Silverdale. Although details are still to be finalised, it is likely there will be two classes for radio control models and models with some form of automation. The idea will be to sail to the far side of the lake under radio control then turn your model and start it running between a set of buoys. As soon as you pass the buoys your transmitter must be placed on a table and the model must continue by itself and pass through another set of gates on the near side of the lake. The gates have points allocated to them depending on how close to a straight your model has run. Further details will follow when they have been finalised.



Yacht Sailing at Ramsey

Although the vintage yacht sailing at Ramsey Mooragh was cancelled in May due to the winds, the second event on 9th September did go ahead in what appeared to be fine and sunny conditions. Brian King has sent a few photographs through from the event.



Alan Postlethwaite receiving the Nobby prize for the best restored boat



First time in the water for 75 years, Pocohontas design Marblehead, restored to sailing condition by Brian King



A selection of vintage Marbleheads and skippers!