



Manx Model Boat Club

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 15th November 2023 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 15th November 2023 starting at 7:30pm. All existing members and prospective new members are welcome to attend.

Agenda

- 1) Apologies for Absence.
- 2) Minutes from last year's Annual General Meeting.
- 3) Matters Arising from the Minutes.
- 4) Review of the Year.
- 5) Treasurer's Report.
- 6) Election of Club Officials for 2024 (Secretary, Treasurer plus committee members).
- 7) Proposed Fixture List for 2024.
- 8) Mannanan Regatta 2024.
- 9) Any Other Business.

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.

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Annual Dinner information.

Date	: Saturday 25th November 2023
Location	: Palace Hotel, Douglas
Time	: 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Cost	: £22.95 for threes courses

As at the Manannan dinner attendees makes their choices and pay on the night as well.

ALL that we require is notice of numbers attending, email to Secretary, Jason Quayle at mmbc@manx.net giving name and how many attending, as soon as possible please.

Failt ort or welcome to another Newsletter reporting on events of the last three months or so. As you have seen the AGM and Annual Dinner information precedes this page. Please contact Jason Quayle via his email or the Club's email with name and numbers attending as soon as possible.

Once again I encourage any news items that you may have to please pass along for inclusion, be it general comment, information or an event that you attended and your personal experiences. We do get approaches from interested persons at events who may just want some advice, or as recently have models that they wish to be able to renovate and be able to sail with us. It's in this way we gain new members.

In this NL we cover Vintage Sailing, the Spithead Review, Tug Towing, the Venetian evening sail and finish with the Blackpool Show.

Happy reading, or in Manx 'goaill soylley.' (enjoy)

A welcome find, Lake District

Following the Blackpool Show Theresa and myself took some time to visit the Lakes and explore a little. Very surprised to find this in Keswick, Hope Park, beside Derwent water, a small shelter and shallow pond for pay as you sail radio controlled boats, £1 a go.



Vintage Yachting August 6th Mooragh Lake

Another near perfect weather day for the Vintage yachts to enjoy. The true wind was NW about 3 to 4 but with the location we use at the Costa end the apparent wind was SE, about 3 with some gusting. Very nice for the yachts as we could beat and reach across our chosen area with ease.

On arrival, just after 1pm, I found John McDermott and his wife seated, as well as Brian King lounging on the grass, all enjoying the sun. The park had been taken over for the day by the Mason's and there were various activities about, including 'live music' under the covered area.

We soon set about rigging, John with his IOM, Brian with Jackie Ball's old 36R and a Marblehead favourite, myself with a repaired 36R from the last outing (remember it nearly sank) and a youngish



(60 year old) “Lady Betty 36” for display. [Forgot the sails really!] Once again using the magic of modern phones, Billy Bumpus joined us from the far corner with his IOM. A nice fleet soon sailing up and down. Jason Quayle came along and took some more fine photographs.

Danny Kneale arrived a little bit later with his fine large vane yacht, not yet rigged for r/c rudder so was going for true free sailing. He delayed launch until he had family to attend the catching on the far side. A fine sight indeed. On the off Danny had set what he hoped would be a course across the lake, sailing North of the Island. The actual course was a little bit different. His yacht went first with the wind N, then gybed to the E and away to the side, then an abrupt full tack around almost re-tracing the course, then another tack to take a S course up towards and passing the Island on the W side to finally and gracefully sail to the feet of Danny standing waiting. After some adjustments he let it go again!! He did get it back though... There are more pictures on the website gallery.

Passing interest from many, and a lot of questions about the yachts, their history, age and control kept us all busy. Two enquiries of note. Brian discussed assisting a Port Erin visitor with his large model of the *Orca* made famous in the film *Jaws* by Quint and company famous for its line “I think we need a bigger boat!” This model is big. [Brian has now completed the job and we have a new member as well.]



Danny Kneale's Vane marblehead

I myself got into conversation with a Ramsey local, retired sea Captain, Capt Chris, and his old sailing model acquired from a shop in Greenwich old town, London a while back. It looks like a two masted schooner with very long boom. The original sails are with it and he wants to get it to sail on the Mooragh. He estimates it to be 4 to 5 foot long with 4 foot masts.

He then informs us, much to our envy, that he is soon off to San Diego to sail on the Star of India on her annual USA sea worthiness run [November]. Of course we can help him. By the way, Capt Chris has a sea shanty singing group looking for additional members, you have been warned.

Vintage Yachts September 10th

This was our fourth planned sailing event for the season and the attendance was superb. At one time there were twelve boats on the water enjoying what was to be the last of the grand summer weather, it actually rained about midway through causing most to hurriedly pack and leave. Our radio gear was not that water proof.

There are lots of excellent pictures on the website gallery, most taken by Mike Kneale's son, so showing things and happenings from a different aspect with some novel close ups and unusual angles highlighting the beauty some of these boats have.



Mike Kneale had completed the big boat conversion to full radio and was outing her for the first sail. He also had a radio converted 36R as well. Danny came along with his vane operated Marblehead

and BK and myself had two 36R each plus BK also had his two ancient free sailers, and marblehead which John Moore took charge of.

Even Wils was with us again with his wee 10" yacht. Good job too as it turned out.



Mike Kneale's big restored Yacht and Brian King's marblehead

Our place of sailing is good for parking but poor for a true wind direction. Unfortunately some of the true free sailing yachts decided to attached themselves to the Island, namely Wil's little un, BK's Fenella and Danny's vane Marblehead.

You can see some of them clustering the Island in this shot. Luckily the Wils persuaded the helm of the lake boating rescue craft to come and rescue them and return them to shore.





But Fenella, seen here , being over a century old freed herself and made her way back serenely, as the rain started, to the lakes side almost exactly to the spot Brian had launched her from 40 minutes previously.

A really grand afternoon messing about on the water, let's hope for many more such events next year. Eventually the rain stopped, so nearly everyone went for a coffee and a yarn or two. Of course we may well arrange a winter meet, who knows?

Also a great big thank you to all that have joined Brian and myself on these Vintage sail days. We really appreciate the company and interest shown. We do have spare boats...

Venetian Evening October 1st Onchan Park

Much indebted to Brian King for this report, another good evening at Onchan with a fine display of illuminated boats to finish. Again more pictures on the website gallery.

Entrants

Police boat	Nigel Latham
FV Rose	Brian King
Black Pearl	Kim Holland
Pilot Boat	Sam Lewis
PS Glasgow	Jason Quayle
Fairey Huntsman	Jason Quayle
Rother LB	Dave Costain
((Alice Upjohn)	
RY Britannia	Brian Marsh
SFB Catherine	Scott Booth
Tyne lifeboat	Brian King
(Sir William Hilary)	



Onchan Commissioners Shield/Venetian Evening

Held last Sunday evening at Onchan Park, this turned out to be an excellent evening despite a slow start. The breeze settled down quickly and most got their boats on the water well before the judges arrived, Brian was first on the water with 'Rose', his recently built steam drifter from the Mountfield Models kit. Nigel Latham's pilot boat followed and then Lewis'/Sam's boat was next. In the end there were nine boats on the water while a couple stayed 'dry'. David Ramsbottom and David Quayle from the now defunct IOM world Ship Society were the judges and after considerable consultation adjudged Jason's [Quayle] paddle-boat the winner of the Onchan shield.





Dusk [sunset was 18:47] was falling nicely by now and there wasn't a ripple on the water, ideal for the lights to be reflected on the mirror-like water. Again with nine boats [8 actually, Glasgow and Rose not present] on the water, all lit up, it was ideal for photography which hopefully will accompany this report. Brian was having his large Tyne rushing about and was having difficulty seeing the perspective distances which resulted in a couple of near misses with the fountain surround! Great fun was had organising a 'rafting-up' for the group photograph which again hopefully will accompany this report! Sam's boat stood out like a beacon [no pun intended] and he handled it so well in

the encroaching darkness. It was very appropriate that his boat was adjudged the winner of the 'Racehorse Light'. Well done Sam! A good evening was had by all.



Both **Tug Towing** and **Spithead Review** are suffering adverse weather. There will be further attempts to get them run this year hopefully. I'll have to add them into a later NL.

Blackpool Show 14/15 October 2023

Another year and another show successfully attended by the Club. Over the years the Club has perfected its preparations for such events. We do rely very heavily on Jason Fleming who stores the main bulk of Club items to be available, to load the van with gear and boats and travel with us to erect, lay out, take down, re-pack and return all the above back to store. So a great big thank you from all of us. We do know you enjoy it too, even if you have taken up hover craft!

The van with gear and driver plus two left for Blackpool Thursday morning [12/10] luckily on the Manxman. They were inside the venue by 10am the next morning setting up and assisting the organisers as well. Other attendees arrived throughout the morning/afternoon and by 5pm our stand was again up, built ready for inspection. All dispersed to various lodgings this year.



Here's the stand set up and being completed by Jason and his helpers.

Note the stand is empty, and the shot shows the size and the dim lighting of the display hall, and why we use spot lamps on the stand.

This stand is erected from twelve tables supplied, and our extras to establish a 3-tier display.



Here's one side of the stand populated with all the boats, vehicles and buoys.

Near the same angle as the empty shot before.

This is the end of the stand, by taking an end slot in the row and creating the tiered staging we can create three sides to display from, not just the one that other Clubs stick too.

This also means we do not have a row of glum faces seated behind the boats munching on sarnies and drinking tea from thermos flasks.



And here's the other side. Our members circulate around the display and are therefore available to talk and discuss the display and answer questions too.

Each boat has its own description card as well carrying information regarding build type, source of kit/plans, builder and what the boat is.

The Saturday was quite busy with visitors. The Show had several new exhibiting boat



Clubs, some from Scotland and also more and improved entrants in the vehicle and tank Clubs. Indeed there was mixing of genres which was most welcome. Also there seemed to be a few more trade stands.

Time on the water this year was in allocated slots and better organised.

We attended the pool with amphibious outfits, LCM plus tank, Stolley and amphibious car all using the double ramp system invented by us last year. Video on the website. We also shared our slots with the North West Tank and Military Vehicle group, they trialling for their first time our ramp and their LCM and DUKW plus a Sherman tank in a bag! An ingenious idea used during WW11 for tanks D-Day landings and successfully too it seems.

Our team consisted Jason Fleming, Brain Marsh and Brian King (all in the van), Bill Callow, Jason Quayle, Nigel Latham, Brian and Dianne Swinden, Dave Costain and Jane Peters, Kim and Theresa, David and Sandra Sherwood, Kevin Kinnin (thanks for the assist with setting up etc), with guest appearance Kevin Fleming and Paul and Mary Brassington.

Our wishes of a speedy recovery to Dave Costain and Jane, Dave was taken ill whilst away with us and he did return but we all hope he recovers soundly from it.

Also, a stalwart supporter, visitor and off Island member, Peter Iddon has been very unwell of late, and again the Club would like to hope you a speedy and full recovery too. We did have one of your boats on display with us, thank you.



During the Show there are a variety of "Pot" spots voted for by the Clubs attending. A mixture of subjects covering best warship, Fishing boat, working boat, Club stand etc.

The results are announced at 2.30pm on the Sunday just prior to take down. We have in the past picked up best Club display and are proud of that achievement.

My amazement when the subject 'Best Other' [comedy/fun] announced Black Pearl, and my name. Well strike me down with a feather, chuffed is the word.

Also during the Show the local Club, Blackpool man a bring and buy room for any gear/boats/stuff to sell on, taking 10% fee to donate to

charities. The Club had decided to try and sell a steam plant that we had been donated as part of a gift of boats, and raised a good sum to put towards the cost of van hire etc.

The IOMSPCo also sponsored our trip, half price fair for the van etc. All we agree to do is fly their banner.



Then there's that group of members that have decided to create a new branch of Club interests, I am referring of course to Brian Marsh and his now gang of fellow Hover craft builders and soon to be fliers on Island.

I'll not name them yet, but they are not hard to spot humming away with their skirts in the air, cuddling large cardboard boxes...



A good Show, enjoyed by all, and getting back to being busy again with Clubs and attendees. On behalf of the Manx Club I'd like to thank Ian of Component Shop for taking on and sticking with this Show. It has potential to become bigger and better when lots of other such events are pricing themselves out of the market.

Thanks for your company fellow members, we enjoyed it.

Finally if you got to here then remember

- 1 AGM date 15th November 7.00pm Archibald Knox, Onchan
- 2 Annual Dinner date and names to Jason Quayle email
- 3 Tug towing and Spithead to be re-schedule

Bits and Bobs

Remember that "Free yacht to any takers."

You'll be pleased to know that this yacht has been taken up by Nigel Latham and he has completed it. He was witnessed at Silverdale coming to grips with it recently. Good luck, the donor is delighted that the boat remains on Island and is to be used.

Model Boat give away, to complete.

A previous member of ours, David Hanscombe has a model of HMS Tiger to give away to a new home. The model is partially built, is big at 69 inches long, fibreglass hull, plastic and resin superstructure, motors and fittings kit all included. Photographs are available from editor of Secretary. David has modelled HMS Tiger after she was converted to a helicopter carrier.

All members were emailed, but if interested contact David directly 825572 or email dchandscombe@outlook.com.