



MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

February 2024

Hello and greetings.

Here we are into February already. Sorry I'm a bit behind with reports and things, but hopefully this will get everybody up to date.

Another reminder to start with, that subs are due, and everyone should have received a reminder and renewal form recently from the Secretary via email.

Without further ado, here's the final event report of 2023, late but...

Spithead Review Sunday morning 5th November



Finally, we got a lucky break in the weather, though only just. Whilst Silverdale was dry and pleasant the rest of the Island was experiencing heavy showers and quite gusty winds over the high ground.

Several hardy souls attended the event, though numbers were well down on previous years.

We also had a few onlookers, namely Nigel Latham, Barry Kermode and John McDonald.

The judge was David Hanscombe RN retired, he that once commanded HMS Illustrious no less.

A very laid-back approach viewing the entries on the tables, then on the water led off by Brian King with his speedy Canadian gunboat which the judge had a turn controlling. Unfortunately, Dave Costain had problems with his boat which appeared to be glitching and then opting for failsafe mode, which on the Planet set he uses is full astern on Ch 1, DC boat's port engine!

Successfully recovered but the cause was still unknown, DC uses a separate battery for Rx power so unless both batteries tried were failures then cause as yet to be established.

The trophy was awarded to Robert Molesworth, D70 HMS SOLEBAY. David Hanscombe commented he was very impressed with Robert's enthusiasm, control and the sound unit on the destroyer was really very authentic indeed.

This was Robert's first trophy with the Club, congratulations and well done!

It's not usual but I did a follow up on Robert's model boat as initially I did not have the full name, so contacted Martin for further information for the NL report.

Here's the reply and chuffed they both were.

Hi Kim

The name of the Battle Class Destroyer is H.M.S. SOLEBAY.

Norman very kindly gave it to Robert probably 4 years ago now, when he had his sale of boats, all credit goes to Dave Costain for the refit so you could argue it is a win for Dave also and our grateful thanks for this should be acknowledged to all 🙌🙌 thank you Dave 🙌🙌.

So really all credit should go to Norman for his generosity and Dave for his time and effort for refitting and making it what it is today 🙌.

Thanks 🙌 hope this is useful 😊

Martin, Sharon and Robert

AGM 15 November 2023. A brief report

Held at the Archibald Knox, Onchan. Twelve members attended with apologies from three others.

Club treasurer Jason Fleming reported that our financial status looks good and stable, with 23 full members, 3 off Islanders and 2 juniors, and proposed no change to membership fees, and this was agreed by all.

Your Club officers for 2024 were returned by vote, the same persons as last year.

Three important dates were discussed for 2024 as follows.

Blackpool Show is 19th and 20th October this year, that's a week later than normal.

Mannanan 2024 dates are the 29 and 30th June, to avoid the Parish Walk.

Ramsey Courthouse display again this year will be on a Sunday, 24th March to avoid possible clash with the Saturday Market. The display will place emphasis on model lifeboats to celebrate the 200th year of the founding of the Institution, the RNLI. Other boats can be displayed as well, more details will follow shortly via email.

Other matters discussed included cost of trophy engraving, and the condition of some of those items. Membership cards and whether these are now needed, and storage of Club property. We also noted that various club members are custodians of items, mostly models, donated to the Club and a list should be collated of who has what and where is to be initiated.

The meeting closed shortly before 9pm and was followed by the usual quick 'bring and flogit' sale.

Icebreaker December 31st Silverdale.

The icebreaker event was held on the last Sunday of December so as not to clash with New Year Day dips and other commitments. A few hardy souls turned out, some with boats as well. Luckily, though cold, the water was clear to use unlike 4 weekends before when it was all frozen solid.



December 3rd 2023 a typical Sunday sailing day!

Website update 2024

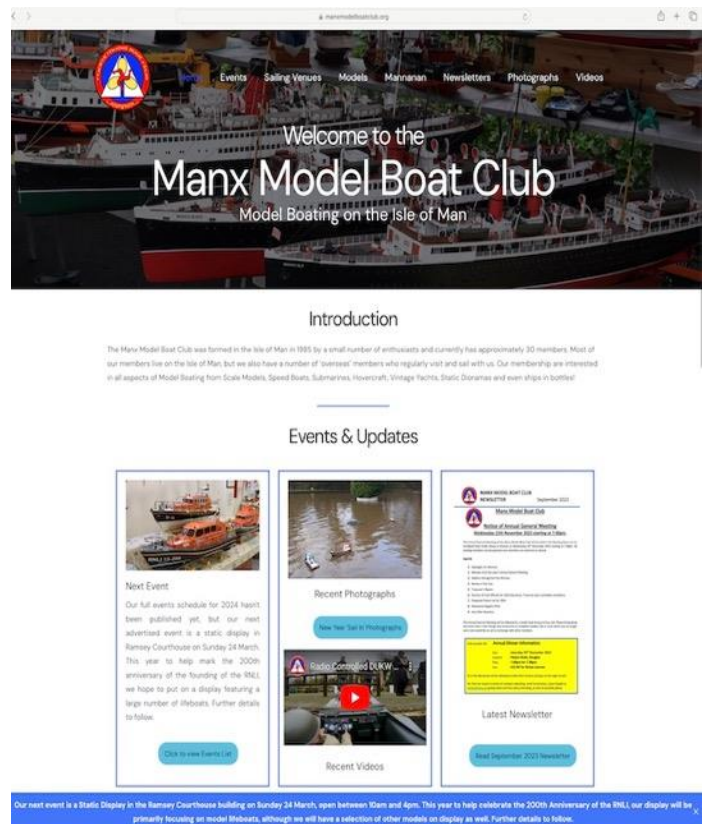
Hard at work behind the scenes, secretary Jason Quayle has updated the whole of the Club's website. It seems a much better experience using it, quicker and friendlier too.

Indeed, if you go to it now, you'll find the new events calendar already on it, emphasising the next event at Ramsey Courthouse on March 24th.

We never got to the tug towing last year, the weather was against us after such a good run all year. We have moved the tugs up the calendar to ensure we get them fitted in this year.

The Spithead was also suffering with weather, but it did get done.

Thank you Jason, I'm sure that all took some considerable effort and time to do.



This years events

Date	Event	Location	time
Mar 23	Set up Saturday afternoon	Old Courthouse, Ramsey	
Sun 24	Static display at Ramsey		10 to 4
31	<i>Easter Sunday</i>		
April 7			
14	Vintage Yachts hw 14.55/8.1	Mooragh Park	14.00
21			
28	Steering Comp	Silverdale	10.00
May 5			
12	Tug Towing	Silverdale	10.00
19			
26	Big Night OUT	Onchan Park	18.00
27	<i>TT start</i>		
June 8	<i>TT ends</i>		
9	hw 12.52/8.8		
16	Onchan free sailing evening	Onchan Park	18.00
22/23	<i>Parish Walk w/e</i>		
29	Mannanan 2024 OTW & Free etc	Silverdale	
30	Mannanan 2024 Scale & Fun etc	Silverdale	
July 7			
14	Onchan free sailing evening	Onchan Park	18.00
21			
27/28	<i>Southern Show</i>		
Aug 4	Onchan free sailing evening	Onchan Park	18.00
9/10	<i>Royal Manx Show</i>		
11	Vintage Yachts hw 14.59/8.0	Mooragh Park	14.00
18	<i>MGP start</i>		
26	<i>MGP ends</i>		
Sept 1			
8	Spithead Review	Onchan Park	18.00
14/15	<i>FOOD and DRINK Festival</i>		
15	Venetian Evening ss 19.33	Onchan Park	18.30
22	Vintage Yachts hw 13.43/9.3	Mooragh Park	14.00
29			
Oct 6			
13			
19/20	Blackpool Show weekend	Blackpool	
27			

Vintage Yacht dates are provisional and will be confirmed prior to date. Tides L'pool GMT
 Other Island events of importance are included for information.