



# MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

May 2024

Hello and greetings once again, here's this year's second issue. Happy reading.

A really good display at Ramsey for our first official event of this season. This was held the week before Easter, and although a Sunday we still had a fair attendance. After Easter our first Vintage Sailing event on the 14<sup>th</sup> April was cancelled due to forecast poor weather. Then at month's end the engine boats were at play with a steering competition at Silverdale followed two weeks later by tug towing. At the end of May the big boats had their Big Night Out at Onchan.

Details regarding Mannanan 2024 and proposed itinerary for that weekend are included within.

**Ramsey Model Show Sunday 24th March**

*Many photographs on website*



**The old Courthouse, Ramsey**

Big thanks to Peter Iddon, making recovery from illness, for allowing display of his Mona's Isle again. Actually, a great big thank you to all members for your help and assistance in set up and creating what was a fine display.

This was the third year the Club have put on such a display. Held in the Old Courthouse in the middle of Ramsey Town, courtesy of Ramsey Community Hub who control the use of the venue.

This year being the bicentenary of the founding of the organisation that became the RNLI, the Club obviously featured lifeboats, but any boat by any member was also permitted, though entries were under control of yours truly [Ed] none were turned away.

Two privately owned Lifeboats joined the display, the owners being delighted to add them, both of different Ramsey Lifeboats. The first an Oakley lifeboat, *James Ball Ritchie*, and the second, a Mersey lifeboat the *Ann and James Ritchie*.

I had booked the hall immediately following last year's event, opting for the Sunday to avoid clashing with the Farmer's Market present on Saturdays and also not being on a month's end [clash with Crafter's market].

Getting publicity is always a problem. Social media does work, the local Town Hall also copy posters and put about their boards and use is made of the What's on guides on all local radio/news sites. I considered Newspaper adverts this year as well, but the cost is prohibitive. If anyone has ideas how to extend our appeal the committee would be glad to hear from you.

Work for the Show starts in earnest the week of the Show, collecting banners and stuff from Club stores. Liaison with the Hub enables us earlier access to put in borrowed tables and pre deposits display boats.

This year, and luckily for me, Jason Fleming brought the tables up on the Saturday prior and we were able to set out the full hall with all the display tables and have most members also bring their models as well.

By 16:30 everything was ready, with known boats being delivered Sunday morning already allocated space their space.

Show day, and no rush to open up, 8:30. Erected the banner on the Palm trees outside and with the last boats arrived we were ready to greet the first visitors from 10.



**The grand Lifeboat display stand.**

A steady trickle of visitors through out the day kept members busy, discussing boats, explaining how things work and generally having a good chin wag. Normally the afternoon ends early, but this year we had a good final 45 minutes with lots of people popping in.



Take down is always a marvel at any show. It is quite amazing how quickly an entire room full of models on tables suddenly becomes an empty space. I think it took about an hour for every thing to be cleared.



**Geoff Gell's HMS Agamemnon at 1/64 scale**

Geoff's huge model was delivered complete in a display stand and is the first time it has been seen outside of his house since he completed it.

There are lots more photographs on the new website, and indeed almost all our events usually have some pictures taken during the activity, though sometimes it is hard to judge, participate and hold the camera all at the same time.

Same again next year, I'll think about it?

## **Vintage Yachts Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April, Mooragh lake, Ramsey**

Sometimes we get things slightly wrong, and unfortunately the weather forecast for this Sunday was decided to be too windy and wet, so was postponed on the Saturday, but, of course, as it turned out we would have been able to have had the meet as the expected strong winds failed to arrive and the rain held off till about 6pm.



## Steering Competition Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, Silverdale

What an excellent morning sailing with plenty of competition and plenty of entries too. At times there were lots of interested spectators passing through as well. Competition made a bit more difficult due to low water level as work was being done on the sluice up river and the Lake feed had been interrupted.

Nigel Latham and Robert Molesworth donned waders to set up the course, which was a repeat of last years, though I suspect no one noticed. A series of simple gates/obstacles which enabled at least two boats at a time to be on the course. Points are lost for touching any buoys and a maximum penalty of 5 points if a gate/obstacle is missed.



The table below shows the boats, skippers and points against. In any class where there are skippers on equal points a run off is made over the same course BUT it is against the clock. Points can still be lost, so it's a skipper's decision whether speed or accuracy is to win.

### Over one metre

Boat	Skipper	Points lost	Time 2 <sup>nd</sup> run	Position
Blazer	Jason Fleming	1	nr	1
Envoy	Jason Quayle	2	nr	2
Azwaz	Robert Molesworth	7	nr	3

### Under one metre

Boat	Skipper	Points lost	Time 2 <sup>nd</sup> run	Position
Catharina 5	Nigel Latham	1		
Av a Go	Lewis Long	5		
Trent LB	Brian Swinden	1		
Pilot Boat	Sam Long [jnr]	3		1 jnr
Wacht Am Rhein	Jason Fleming	1		
Titan	Brian King	1		
Nancy Raymond	Nigel Latham	0 and 0	56 sec	1
Nudger	Kim Holland	0 and 0	1 min 14 sec	2
Goldfinger	Scott Booth	0 and 0	1 min 30 sec	3
Ramborator no 1	Jason Fleming	0 and 0	1 min 33 sec	
LCM 6	Kim Holland	0 and 0	2 min 32 sec	
Parat	Jason Quayle	0 and 1	1 min 36 sec	

### Mini class

Boat	Skipper	Points lost	Time 2 <sup>nd</sup> run	Position
Dornock	Jason Quayle	0 and 0	1 min 29 sec	1
Manxman	Brian King	0 and 1	1 min 9 sec	2
Vital Spark	John Hancox	1		
Janeve	Brian Swinden	1		
Work boat	Robert Molesworth	2		

## Micro class

Boat	Skipper	Points lost	Time 2 <sup>nd</sup> run	Position
Tugboat 686	Kim Holland	nr	nr	
No other entrants, Class not run				

A busy good competitive action packed day. Congratulations to the winners, Jason Fleming, Nigel Latham, Sam Long (junior) and Jason Quayle.

Lots of pictures on the website, courtesy of JQ.

Special thanks to Nigel and Robert for wearing the waders, twice and to Jason F for bringing along all the necessary gear ensuring a quick start.

Also big thanks to the members for supporting the event, especially to JF for bringing the gear.

## Tug Towing Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Silverdale

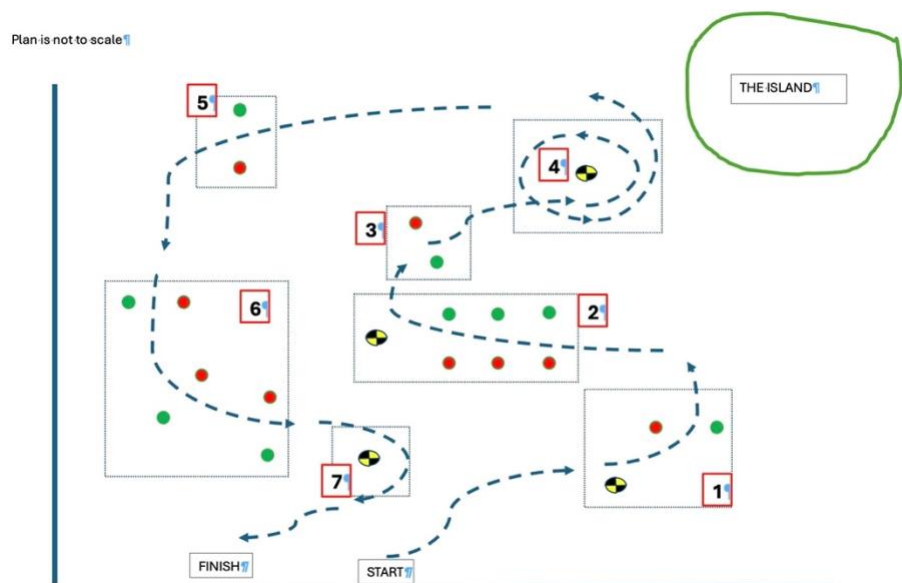
Another of those glorious days for this event. Silverdale now restored to something like acceptable in terms of water levels etc.

The Island tree has been chopped down, leaving a desultory 4 foot stump with a surround of branches, but opinion suggests that the tree will die as is. Once again Robert donned the waders ably assisted this time by Jason Quayle to set up the course, devised by myself. I've included the course for reference, though it looks far more challenging on the water.



Only 9 boats entered in the two classes, three over one metre, and six under, presented by seven skippers. Brian King did really well with the big Wendy Ann and big casualty, dropping just two points on Kim's curious new design of course, with some quite tight turns.

The under one meter class winner had his team mechanics to thank. Robert Molesworth managed to reverse over his tow rope after clearing obstacle 5 which sheared off the propeller blades. Nifty rescue work by Nudger got his boat to shore where Martin, his dad, Brian Swinden and Dave Costain stripped away the remains of the old propeller and fitted another getting Robert back on the water to complete his circuit with a clear run. This was the only clear so Robert was also the winner.



Under one meter                      Skippers choice small or big casualty

Boat	Skipper	Points lost	Time 2 <sup>nd</sup> run	Position
Wyreforce	Brian Swinden	3	*	
Nudger	Kim Holland	1	*	
Yessir	Jason Quayle	2	*	
Dawen Sten Tug	Robert Molesworth	0	*	1
Titan	Brian King	dnf	aborted run	
Mike	Dave Costain	dnf	aborted run	

Over one meter                      BIG casualty

Boat	Skipper	Points lost	Time 2 <sup>nd</sup> run	Position
Independent	John Hancox	10		
Wendy Ann	Brian King	2		1
Azwaz	Robert Molesworth	dnf	aborted run	

Another enjoyable event and so good to report how members assist each other when things go wrong. I think Brian King had engine control difficulties which Brian Swinden advised on.

## Big Night Out Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Onchan

A nice turn out for a Sunday evening. The weather played ball and stayed dry with little wind, which helped keep the temperature pleasant enough, just about warm. This was the Sunday before TT practising started but the pre TT races down South caused slight detours for our Southern members.

Mostly all large boats, though Brian Marsh also had a small **Riviera** type speed boat dashing about. Jason Quayle sailed **PILAT** for the first time, a Rhone river French paddle wheel tugboat acquired from Norman Cadwallader's fleet. Brian King had a first trip out for another Hospice Shop find, a Mountfleet Models herring drifter **DANNY BOY** (I think) which he had had to repair extensive damage to the stern area as it had been dropped on its aft end at some point! It sailed nicely, though requires some additional ballasting.



Nigel Latham was out with his new pusher tug, **CATHARINA 5** now complimented with a 3D printed barge complete with pristine 3D printed containers. Dave Costain had a Japanese destroyer afloat, the **MINEGUMO DD116** and Scott Booth arrived with his large **NORTH ROCK** tug boat. Dave Kettlewell with a large Puffer, **SEALIGHT** and yours truly with a ramborator, **NUDGER**, and large push barge. To complete the list Brian Marsh also floated **HMY BRITANNIA**. Also present was an original Club member from it's early days, he mentioned being at a founding meeting at the Majestic Hotel. I believe his name to be Ian Cherry, who also brought along a **TITANIC** and for display a 3D printed modern 21<sup>st</sup> century Destroyer warship. Titanic was not put on the water as he had r/c problems, no reverse, perhaps an ESC program adjustment needed.

Also watching were Mary and Les Quayle, my wife Theresa, Kevin Kinnin and Mike Corkill.





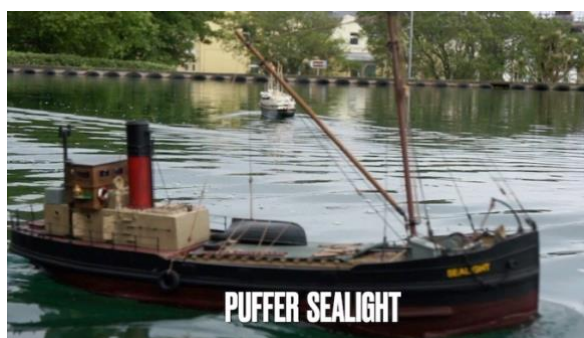
MINEGUMO CLASS JAPANESE DESTROYER



NORTH ROCK



RAMBORATOR NUDGER WITH BARGE



PUFFER SEALIGHT



PILAT RIVER RHONE PADDLE WHEEL TUG



CATHARINA 5



DANNY BOY



RIVIERA SPEED BOAT



21ST CENTURY DESTROYER



HMV BRITANNIA

## Mannanan 2024

Dates are the Saturday 29 and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, to avoid the Parish Walk.

Planned events will be as last year, a bit more detail below, with a Mannanan dinner and presentation Monday evening at the Palace Hotel, Douglas. Details of this will follow.

Obviously set-up will be needed, 8am on Saturday and 9am Sunday with an optimistic start time both days to be 10am.

**Saturday morning** is the On-The-Water sailing competition, with independent judge(s).  
Enter on the day.

Skipper can enter any boat/craft in their care, not necessarily built or owned by them.  
As part of this event there is a Manx National Heritage award. Eligible boats/craft must have a stated Manx connection declared when making the entry.

**Saturday afternoon** is free sailing, we can have the casualty vessels handy as well for tugs etc.  
This is also an opportunity to let interested others have a go sailing your boats.

**Sunday morning** is the Scale competition. Please can we have entrants all in by 9.30 to assist the judging team.

Any entry must be the product of the entrants own work, scratch, semi-scratch, kit and diorama classes are included. Ready to run items are not eligible to any class.

*Simple guidance notes. Please do give some details about the entry, scale is so important. Also for any class, some notes and jottings about the creation of your work can gain points and makes a judges work simpler. For scratch builds state what you've built, not what you've purchased and stuck on.*

**Sunday afternoon**

Free sailing for a time

About 3 to 3.30pm the float competition. Entrants on the day.

## Blackpool Show

is 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October this year, that's a week later than normal.

We have once again been invited and the Club have accepted and made an entry for this show, details and arrangements will follow in due course. As usual we will hire a van to take the bulk of exhibits across, the idea for this year will be a focus once again on Lifeboats and the Manx connection for year 200.

Please make your own arrangements for Blackpool stay over. We'll be asking who is going and who wants what boats taking in the van closer to the date.



Interesting news item from Dave Kettlewell.

Can't believe the price, under £10 for this on Ebay, that essential item that's always the last thing you make! Or make wrong!

UNIVERSAL MODEL BOAT STAND. (for models up to 24") These unique and very practical stands can be used on most models with a V or flat bottom hull. The kits are self-assemble, comes complete with bolts, washers and nuts & foam strip. Assemble the 4 frames, glue to a board and adjust the support to the angle required to fit the boat hull. The base board is not included, this gives you the freedom to use a board of your own choice of size and material. (The components are laser cut from ply sheet. The small tabs holding the parts in the sheet need to be cut, and components glued together.) Now made from 4mm ply not 3mm.



I had a look see myself, there's also a large version and it seems a small as well.

*Well, that's another Newsletter done I think. Time to get it sent out.*

*Aye, Kim  
Editor*

*Any errors are always mine, proof reading is a chore, no matter how many times you look you'll always miss errors and mistakes...*