



MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER

December 2025



Failt ort, hello once again.



Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

'Tis the season, so the song goes, so Merry Christmas to you all, may your stockings be full of boaty bits and Santa remembers you on his rounds.

The events calendar for 2026 is within, with our first get together the New Year Ice breaker planned for January 4th. As usual you are encouraged to bring along any remaining mince pies etc to share around, and, perhaps a flask of something warm, oh, and perhaps a boat or two.

A couple of reports on events and trips included within, and some items for sale.

Manx net emails – most important

Those using manx.net emails are, or should be, well aware that their future use is to be charged for. The Manx net website lays out the costs together with a timeline for the change to being charged to keep your current email address. There is a date, 21st April 2026, when the account will be permanently deleted if you do not register and pay.

The committee have decided to change the email address for the Club website [not paying £65 annually] and the secretary has already created a new email for the website with "gmail". This email creates a link from the website to the secretary for any enquiries, so is very important to the Club.

New Club email address is manxmodelboatclub@gmail.com and is now in use on the website. The old email address mmbc@manx.net is still active but will NOT BE REGISTERED NOR PAID FOR, so will be deleted/cancelled after the 20th April 2026.

If you decline to pay for a manx.net email address and change to another please let the Club secretary know as soon as possible, he will then inform the Treasurer and myself, Newsletter editor of your new email address. We are currently the only three committee members with access to that data.

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2026 MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Events

| Date | Event | Location | time |
|---------------|--|---------------------------|---------|
| Jan 4 | New Year Ice breaker | Silverdale | 10:00 |
| Apr 5 | # <i>Easter Sunday</i> | | |
| 12 | Steering Comp | Silverdale | 10:00 |
| 19 | *Vintage Yachts | Mooragh Park | 14:00 |
| 26 | Steering Comp reserve date | Silverdale | 10:00 |
| May 3 | Tug Towing | Silverdale | 10:00 |
| 8/9 | # <i>Manx Car rally</i> | | |
| 10 | Tug Towing reserve date | Silverdale | 10:00 |
| 17 | *Vintage Yachts | Mooragh Park | 14:00 |
| 25 | # <i>TT starts</i> | | |
| June 6 | # <i>TT ends</i> | | |
| 14 | Big Night Out | Onchan Park | 18:30 |
| 21 | *Vintage Yachts | Mooragh Park | 14:00 |
| 20/21 | # <i>Parish Walk w/e</i> | | |
| 27 | Mannanan 2026 | Silverdale | All day |
| 28 | Mannanan 2026 | Silverdale | All day |
| July 5 | # <i>Tynwald Day</i> *Vintage Yachts | Mooragh Park | 14:00 |
| 6 | # <i>Tynwald day PH</i> | | |
| 6/9 | <i>Southern 100 races Billown</i> | | |
| 12 | Onchan Park sail-in | Onchan Park | 18:30 |
| 19 | Spithead Review | Silverdale | 10:00 |
| 25/26 | # <i>Grand Fondo cycling</i> | | |
| 25/26 | # <i>Southern Show</i> | | |
| Aug 2 | *Vintage Yachts | Mooragh Park | 14:00 |
| 7/8 | # <i>Royal Manx Show</i> | | |
| 9 | Onchan Park sail-in | Onchan Park | 18:30 |
| 16 | # <i>MGP starts</i> | | |
| 28 | # <i>MGP ends</i> | | |
| 30 | | | |
| Sept 6 | | | |
| 12/13 | Blackpool Show weekend | Blackpool, Norbreck Hotel | |
| 19/20 | <i>The BIG Manx Feast [food festival]</i> | Nobles Park | |
| 20 | Venetian Evening | Onchan Park | 18:30 |
| 27 | *Vintage Yachts | Mooragh Park | 14:00 |
| Oct 4 | | | |
| 11 | | | |

NOTES

*Vintage Yacht dates are provisional and will be confirmed in week prior to date.

Other Island major events are included as they impact travel about Island

Radio Controlled yachting takes place on the Mooragh every Sun, Weds and Fri pm's during the Spring, Summer and Autumn. All and any interested just turn up and express an interest.

Av-a-Go date at Silverdale 11 to 3 with the Club's small boats. Hopefully for visitors etc.

No Dates as yet...



Road trip to Germany 31 October – 2 November 2025

Many of us have heard how wonderful the model shows are on the continent, and several of us have had the pleasure of visiting some, especially Dortmund.

Well, a couple of weeks before the Blackpool Show, four Club members took off on a trip to the *Faszination Modellbau Friedrichshafen 2025*, in Germany.

Jason Quayle has put loads of images and some video onto the website, and quite a show it appears to have been. There's a lot of YouTube clips available as well on-line. If you ever consider a trip have a word with any of those that went, Jason Quayle, Jason Fleming, Nigel Latham or David Costain.

Here's David using one of the many indoor steam train rides to get about the vast area of the show.

The show is for modellers of any subject, and includes boats, cars, planes in almost any type of material.

The group travelled by road through most of Germany as Friedrichshafen is located

on the border between Germany and Switzerland, on the lakeside to the NE of Zurich. Yes, you can fly, but having a vehicle enables lot of goodies to be purchased and bought back. No doubt some will emerge during 2026 for us to see.



Blackpool Show 2026 12/13 November 2025

A change of date due to a change of ownership of the Norbreck Hotel meant a November trip to Blackpool for attending Club members.

Jason Fleming headed up the arrangements and display, being responsible for transporting various boats in the Club hired van. The IOMSPCo once again sponsored the trip with a discounted fare for the vehicle.

Accompanying Jason in the van were Brians' King and Marsh. Billy Callow travelled with his model and van, and Kim and Theresa also travelled with more boats. Joining us at Blackpool and very much appreciated for his help in setting up was Kevin Kinnin. The stand display was also honoured with a boat from Peter Iddon and an Alligator head [now fully repaired] from Paul Brassington.

Friday afternoon, as usual, is setup, and Jason had his crew there as the doors opened as they like to assist the whole show, thereby gaining a few extras, like bigger/better tables, cables and even floor space... The stand was only on two levels this year, in its customary location at the end of a



row, giving the stand three sides for display area. Yachts occupied one side, and a variety of model boats the other two, as can be seen in the images. We also ensured that our sponsors name was up front and centre using their large banner and upstand advertising unit.

And this hearty gentleman below also assisted by claiming to be part of the community (Peter Iddon helping and trying to get a discount for sea travel.)



The end display area dominated by a frog driven Hover Craft, attracted lots of comment.



However, Brian and I had lots of room for Vintage Yachts and were continually engaged in deep conversations with fellow enthusiasts. Being November, it was not the best of weather, and somewhat cold inside the hall. As in other years, most of the model vehicles were in the adjoining display room and it was crowded, lots of action and noise. The larger hall was mostly boats and traders, but one large stand for military vehicles of all types was also present.



Only twelve traders were present, less than previous years: Cleveden Steam, Macs Mouldings, Deans Marine, Models for Heroes, Component Shop, Mountfleet Models, Meccano, Orion Mouldings, Vanguard Models (period ships), prop Shop, SLEC and the Hovercraft Man. Saturday started quite busy, but soon tailed off, which could be blamed on the weather. Sunday again started quite well but soon dwindled. Stands were being packed away before the prize presentations at 3pm.

We attempted tugboat football on the pool, which was a three-sided challenge. Unfortunately, our smaller tugs were not up to the game, at one point all five of our boats were capsized at the same time. The opponents now all use the slightly larger Pollux II tugs, slightly bigger than our own set of Av-a-Go boats., whereas we were using the smaller 686 tugboats. Still, word is that there will be no pool next year, the new management of the Hotel are banning it, insurance reasons apparently, concerns about use, leakage and safety.

The dates for the show next also present a problem. They have brought the date forward into September, w/e 12/13 to be exact. That's just post MGP/Classic and some of us present this year have commitments during September. Some traders also have reservations about these dates, and some Clubs also have joint get togethers already arranged. We wait and see.

The Club once again achieved a class win; best pleasure craft was awarded to the JW steam yacht that Jason Quayle built for him. Well done, Jason.

AGM 2026 Archibald Knox 29 November 2025

I was only returning to the Island on the AGM date so missed all the action. I am led to understand that the committee was re-elected without change or addition. The amended rule change went through as expected, we are trying to reduce risk where we see it. Exposed propellers are dangerous.

Subscriptions remained at the same rates as previous years.

Annual Dinner and Prize presentations Colby Glen Hotel 29 November 2025

A carvery meal was arranged at the Colby Glen Hotel and quite a good turnout made for a nice pleasant social occasion. Good to see Pat coming along too. Though we do not have a Chairperson, Brian made a short speech regarding a successful 2025 season of events and completed that with some praise and acknowledgement for Jason Fleming and all his hard work organising the Blackpool trip and display. Brian King then choreographed the presentations, persuading Peter Iddon to present them, both eventually getting the appropriate trophies to the correct winners. Peter, under Janet's orders to be helpful, succeeded we think.

Jason Fleming, as always, handled the raffle very well, again using Peter to draw tickets when needed. Lots of donations of prizes, all eagerly sort after. A short speech followed from Jason,



thanking all for their support and reminding everyone that the raffle raised much needed funds for the Club and its expenses.



Some more boats for sale

Recently, Scott Booth has put up some boats for sale, so listed here.
All these boats are ready to run, and have radio gear

Please contact Scott Booth if you are interested mobile 405769, e-mail mail to:

sbooth401@googlemail.com

Sentinel £150



F335 triple hull stealth boat £250



Destroyer £180





Editors doodles

I couldn't resist this image of an abandoned FV in St.Malo harbour inner reaches. The original colour still show through though the graffiti artists have still been at work.

I suppose it could be described as fit for a keen DIY project, though where would you start.

I've been working away on a couple of projects myself and know a couple of you have new builds underway as well.



I'll also take the opportunity of wishing you all a **Happy New Year**, and fine weather for all our sailing on which ever waters we are gathered in what will be our 41st year.

*Aye, Kim
Editor*

Any errors are always mine, proof reading is a chore, no matter how many times I read through I'll always miss errors and mistakes... like with the last Newsletter – "as my old headmaster used to put on my school reports "can do better!"