Manx Model Boat Club

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 18th November 2026 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 18th November 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 2027 (Secretary, Treasurer plus committee members).
7) Proposed Fixture List for 2027.
8) Mannanan Regatta 2027.
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.

Please note, annual subscriptions become due at the AGM.

The **Annual Dinner and Prize Presentations** will take place this year on
Saturday, 28th November 2026 at the Colby Glen, 6.30 for 7.00pm

A carvery-based meal with a choice of four desserts and including tea /coffee at £29 per head. A vegetarian option can be selected if required from the Colby Glen main menu (BUT let JF know on the return form all your selections.)
Jason Fleming has once again volunteered to collate the necessary.

A return form for the dinner accompanies this Newsletter, and a copy of it is also the last page of this Newsletter.

Failt ort, hello from me once again.

BLACKPOOL Show Saturday and Sunday 12/13th September 2026

Thank you to Jason Quayle for the following report and pictures.

This year's Blackpool Model Show was held earlier than normal on the weekend of 12 & 13 September at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool. In addition to being earlier, the event was also reduced in size with only one display hall in use. To fit everybody in the pool was replaced with two smaller areas for the model car / truck / construction machinery clubs to display in.

The Manx Model Boat Club had decided not to have a display at this year's event - mainly because the regular attendees were not available for that week to transport the models and set up the display. I had decided to attend the event on the Saturday as a regular visitor, incorporating it into a longer break in the UK. Brian Swinden was also attending and UK members Kevin Fleming & Peter Iddon had models on display.

There were 12 traders in attendance alongside 28 model clubs plus a number of individual exhibitors. The first thing that stuck me when going into the show was that it was much quieter than I have seen it on previous years, with Saturday morning probably being the equivalent of a normal Saturday afternoon attendance. Despite the reduced number of visitors, the quality of models on display was still very good. The show is predominantly model boat clubs, but there are an increasing number of other modelling disciplines on display such as model trains, trucks, cars, construction machinery and a very interesting display of working Meccano models.

Although the main event hall seemed quieter, the 'Bring & Buy' room was as busy as usual with a large selection or models available to purchase ranging from the good to the not so good! Brian Swinden had brought a couple of items to sell and these both went to new homes on Saturday, with a partly built Taymar lifeboat actually being put on display in the main hall by the new owner.

Overall, the show was good to attend but noticeably quieter than previous years. The show organisers have already booked the venue for the next 3 years - moving it back to its traditional October slot on 23 & 24 October next year and promising 'bigger and better' so possibly moving back to two halls again.

Venetian Evening **Sunday 20th September 2026 (***again thank you to Jason Quayle for this report.)*

The Venetian Evening was held on Sunday 20 September in ideal conditions at Onchan Park. I think this must be the first summer for many years where the weather has been with us and we have been able to run every scheduled event on its appointed date! Initially we thought that there may not be many entries, but at 6:30pm approached everybody turned up and we had 12 models on display. The models ranged from Steam Packet boats to coasters to lifeboats to lightships and Jason had brought along John Williams steam launch 'Ballabeg' to display. It was good to see one or two new faces amongst the regular members plus quite a few members of the public calling past for a look at the models.

The first competition was for the Onchan Commissioners Shield which was judged on the tables before the models were launched. We had our regular judges David Ramsbottom and David Hanscombe who diligently worked their way along the line of models trying to find a winner. Eventually they picked the winner of the Onchan Commissioners Shield which was Peter Iddon with his Steam Packet boat 'Mona's Isle'.

After the static judging was completed, skippers were given the instruction to launch their models and sail them with their lights on. As it got progressively darker the models really started to look good lit up on the water, particularly as the lake was like a 'millpond' with the lights producing long reflections on the water. This time there were 9 models sailing for the judges to choose between.

As the night grew darker, an older style tug boat 'Sun XXI' caught their eye and was declared the winner of the Lighthouse trophy. This model was sailed by new

member Jonathan Clarke and this was the first competition that he had entered! More remarkable, Jonathan had still been soldering wires on his lights at 6pm - half an hour before the event started! Well done.

Thanks to the judges for their work on the evening and all the members who attended the event.

Ed. I have included this image of a Trinity House light ship, as I know it will interest one of our off Island members. This vessel, No15, ***Trinity****, saw service in the Bristol Channel as well as Morecombe Bay just over the water.*

I'm not sure who owns it, or built it but will find out.

Vintage Yachting, Sunday afternoon, September 27th 2026

Well, it had to happen. Both me and Jason Q had mentioned how this year we had the weather onside and had run every event according to the calendar. Well, this Sunday the weather was quite wet and I had the wisdom to call it off on the Saturday prior due to the forecasts all indicating a poor cold wet Sunday afternoon.

The day was wet and windy, but as it turned out, by half past two that afternoon the sun was shining, the wind had settled to a good breeze and we could have got some sailing done. Weather!

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!"

MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB
ANNUAL DINNER and PRIZE PRESENTATION 2026

The annual dinner will be at the Colby Glen Pub, Colby. Please return this form either by post or by email to the Treasurer **as soon as possible**.

Date : **Saturday 28th November 2026**

Time : **6.30 for 7.00pm**

Cost : **£29 per person**

Dinner will be a Carvery, with a selection of meats, and vegetables, etc.
(If a vegetarian option is required it can be selected from the Colby Glen menu.)

Followed by a choice of one of four desserts as listed below.
Finish off with a choice of tea or coffee

I_____ wish to attend dinner

mob :	email :

There will be [*enter number of persons attending in box*] ☐

My/our choices are (number in lower box).

Carvery	Vegetarian	Biscoff Cheese Cake	Sticky Toffee Pudding	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Vanilla Ice Cream

If you wish to pay electronically then please tick this box, and use the bank details shown below. ALSO email this form to the Club treasurer jjfleming@manx.net ☐

You may also send the form by mail with a cheque to the address below, cheques made payable to the **Manx Model Boat Club**,.

Account Name : Mx Model Boat Club
Sort Code : 55-91-00
Account number : 12273147

Treasurer :
Jason Fleming, Apt 5 Bridson House, Bridson Street, Port Erin, IM9 6AN
07624 480682