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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

Chairmans Chat

Hello Everyone.

We seem to be progressing through the sailing season quite well, we have been very lucky weather-wise compared with the U.K. The Mannanan festival was completed successfully thanks again to Brian and his team.

Also the Sunday morning sailings at Silverdale seem to be well attended, this gives us a chance to sail and help each other with any little headaches which pop up now and again, this is what the Club is based around, *mutual assistance* we each have a working knowledge of various aspects of our hobby or know some who can help.

By the time you are reading this newsletter we will have fulfilled two more of the Club events, the Traditional Boat Weekend in Peel and the Spithead Review at Silverdale, the Club will also be making an appearance at the Birchwood Model Boat Convention, (used to be Ellesmere Port), and judging by the number of models going we should produce a display the Club can be proud of.

I will stop my prattling now and let you get on with reading the rest of the newsletter.

Howard Quayle

(Please note that the Spithead Review is still to come - next weekend Saturday 15th July.)



One of the more unusual sights at Mannanan this year was Kim Holland's wheel along truck stacked 7 high with models!

The 7 boat stack!

Top IOM (1)

Cheop's sun boat (2)

on another IOM (3)

Phigit class (4)

Viking Long Boat (5)

Thames Barge (6)

with on deck its dinghy (7)

For up to date details of sailing events, model boating information, past newsletters and photographs of our model boating activities, please visit the web site at www.manxmodelboatclub.org. You can also e-mail any enquiries and items for inclusion in the newsletter to mmbc@manx.net.

Next Events for 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
15/08/09	Spithead Review (Naval Display)	Silverdale	6:30pm
29/08/09	Birchwood Model Boat Show	Warrington	9:00am
30/08/09	Birchwood Model Boat Show	Warrington	9:00am
19/09/09	Onchan Commissioners Trophy & Barbecue	Onchan Park	6:30pm
20/09/09	Onchan Commissioners Trophy & Barbecue (Wet Weather Alternative)	Onchan Park	6:30pm
04/10/09	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:30pm
11/10/09	Tug Towing Competition (Wet Weather Alternative)	Onchan Park	2:30pm
14/11/09	Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
26/11/09	Annual General Meeting	Archibald Knox	T.B.A.

Don't forget that in addition to the above organised events, we also have general sailing at Silverdale on Sunday mornings at 10am and also Thursday evenings at Onchan Park after the motor boats have finished (usually about 7:30pm).

Spithead Review

Saturday the 15th August sees one of the Clubs Competitions, "The Spithead Review" this time it is at Silverdale, the start time is 18:30, but it may be better to arrive before that for setting up. The criteria for the Competition is for *Navy Vessels Only* hence the name, the models can be sailed and will be viewed by an invited Judge both on the water and on the tables, static models and dioramas will by nature be judged on the tables

As the event is for Navy Vessels only; Members bringing other models **can sail but priority must go to models in the competition**, a peg board will be in operation and I ask you to respect its use.

Tony, the cafe proprietor, has told me he will remain open for tea/coffee and hot snacks, with this in mind I look forward to a good turnout of models and Members, the Trophy awarded is the Don Mackay Trophy, in memory of one of our founder Members. "See you at the waters edge".

P.S. I have some tables but again if you can bring one with you it will be a bonus.

Howard Quayle

Birchwood Model Boat Show

The show is on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th August, with setting up on the afternoon of Friday 28th August from about 4pm onwards. Birchwood Park is located near to the M6 / M62 junction just outside Warrington. Please let me know if you need directions.

Those members who have asked for entry tickets should have already received them, or received an e-mail from me saying that I have them.

Mannanan 2009

Once again this year, Mannanan 2009 turned out to be a very successful event which was well attended by members and the usual visitors with a good range of models taking part and on display. The weather was kind to us, and the various minor changes such as holding the meal & presentation at Silverdale worked well. The results of the various competition classes were as follows:-

Steering Competition

Over One Metre

1st Cameron Watterson Golden Sun 2nd Brian King Crash Tender 3rd Paul Brassington R38

Under One Metre

1st Jason Fleming Monasquan Islet 2nd Jason Fleming Tito Neri 3rd Cameron Watterson

Mini Class

1st Jason Fleming Jordan Drew 2nd Cameron Watterson Girl Lynne 3rd Paul Brassington Duck

Scale Competition

Static Class

1st Bob Bagshaw HMS Tynwald 2nd Bob Bagshaw Ben My Chree 3rd Bob Bagshaw Boat 2559

Rigged and Sail Semi-Kit

1st Kim Holland Theresa May

Rigged and Sail Scratch

1st Allan Gough HMS Defiant

Rescue and Lifeboats Semi-Kit

1st Brian King RAF Crash Tender

Rescue and Lifeboats Kit

1st Brian Swinden G and M Lifeboat

Workboats Kit

1st Jason Fleming Wacht am Rhein 2nd Jason Quayle Glasgow Tug 3rd Bernie Hinds Raznow

Workboats Semi-Kit

1st Cameron Watterson Vervine 2nd John Williams Formidable 3rd Peter Iddon Mona's Queen

Workboats Scratch

1st Brian King Wendy Ann

Naval Kit

1st Howard Quayle HMS Chaser 2nd Alan Gough Osprey

Naval Semi-Kit

1st Doug Wheeler Scnellboot 2nd Alan Gough PCF

Super Class

1st Howard Quayle Vliestroom 2nd H.Quayle QM 2 3rd Jason Quayle Envoy Tug

Best In Show

John Williams Formidable

On the Water Competition

Under One Metre

1st Allan Gough 2nd Roy Watterson 3rd Cameron Watterson / Jason Fleming

Over One Metre

1st Cameron Watterson 2nd Kim Holland / Jason Quayle

Tug Towing Competition

Under One Metre

1st Brian Swinden 2nd Brian King 3rd Jason Fleming

Over One Metre

1st Cameron Watterson 2nd Juan Vernon 3rd Jason Fleming / Jason Quayle

Fun Competition

Most Floats

Jason Fleming

1st Float Back

Brian King

Last Float

Jason Fleming

The Royal Navy Today Presentation, 10th March 2009

I accepted an invite to a presentation at the Mount Murray Hotel given by Commodore John Madgwick OBE, Royal Navy, Naval Regional Commander Northern England. Thinking this would be frequented by ex matlots and likewise interested enthusiasts, I dressed appropriately in pole neck & jumper.

On arrival at the front door I was welcomed by a very senior ranking Dripping Gold Braid and showing my invitation to a lesser Gold Braided Wren I entered the reception room to find half, if not the lot, of the I.O.M. Government quaffing drinks, nibbling on bickies and canopies, three piece suits and accompanying evening gowns abound, I sailed forth. After half an hour, knowing no one, we were eventually invited to take our places in the main room. I took my place aware of the side ways glances of said personages.

The presentation was undoubtedly Naval Self Promoting but nevertheless interesting. Lasting a good hour plus, informative, interesting, blah, blah blah. At the close we were invited to ask questions.

There was some hesitation followed by some mediocre questions, whence I could no longer hold back and on behalf of all you MMBC members I, as you know, didn't hold back. (As I usually do!!) with both torpedo tubes loaded I fired off a two part question (1) Tri-Forced Amalgamation and (2) Deployment on Board and Operation of the two new carriers, The Queen Elizabeth and Prince of Wales. Bullseye! The answer was vague as to be unanswered. This ended the presentation.

As we stood up I was approached by the captain of the visiting Minesweeper who invited me to a Keel-Hauling party – sorry quiet explanation or answer to my question. He was forthcoming and honest.

We then returned to the main reception for more drinks and nibbles. I chatted with the honorable MMBC comrade and MHK David Quirk and discussed model boats, after which I beat the retreat at 10pm. An interesting evening you could say - can't wait for my invite to the army do!

Anchors Away.

Alan Gough.

Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation

Following the success of the Mannan dinner at Silverdale this year, we have made a booking at the same venue for the Club Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation to be held in November. Nearer the time we will be circulating a reply slip to determine how many members want to attend, but in the meantime there is an opportunity to book a small 16 seat coach from the Onchan / Douglas area which can pick members up on the way down to Silverdale and drop them back after the event. The cost will be about £4 per head and bookings will be made on a first come first served basis. If you are interested in booking a seat please contact Howard Quayle.

Sky Tube

Alan Gough has a quantity of Sky Tube available for members if they are interested. Sky Tube is used in buildings to bring light down from a roof into a lobby area and is like a very thin polished litho plate.

Committee Meeting

Due to some members travelling away to Birchwood and due to a clash of dates with MGP practice, it has been decided to postpone the next committee meeting until 3rd September and hold it at the Horse & Plough in Braddan. Normal start time 8pm.