



MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

November 2020

Hi All,

This newsletter is a quick round up of events which have taken place over the last few months (thanks to Brian King for the write ups) and thanks to members for their support.

It's been a different sort of season with a reduced number of organised events due to the Covid lockdown, but with Sunday morning sailing being well supported throughout the summer. We have been fortunate in that we have been able to hold events without restrictions since mid June, although I understand from Paul Brassington he has managed to get out sailing quite a few times in the UK despite not being able to travel to the island. Hopefully we can all meet up again at Mannanan next year.

Organised events are now finished for the year, but sailing will continue throughout the winter at Silverdale on Sunday mornings – even if the weather looks a bit inclement, we will still try to meet up for a chat and cup of tea in the cafe.

The Annual Dinner & Prize presentation is due to be held on Saturday 14th November. I have previously sent out a menu and replay slip for the dinner which you should have all received. Numbers are currently being finalised so if you still want to go can you please contact Jason Fleming as soon as possible so that he can try and squeeze in any late bookings. Don't forget that we have a raffle on the evening so any prizes will be gratefully received.

Finally, the Annual General Meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 25th November at the Archibald Knox in Onchan starting at 7:30pm. Please note the change of day to a Wednesday evening which was due to a booking problem at the pub following the Covid lockdown. The committee would like to encourage as many members as possible to come along to the AGM and support the club. With a reducing membership over the last few years and ever increasing costs of insurance the committee would like to discuss a number of important items with the membership at the meeting.

Happy Sailing,

Jason Quayle

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 25th November 2020 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 25th November 2020 starting at 7:30pm. All existing members and prospective new members are welcome to attend.

Agenda

- 1) Apologies for Absence.
- 2) Minutes from last years Annual General Meeting.
- 3) Matters Arising from the Minutes.
- 4) Commodore's Report.
- 5) Treasurer's Report.
- 6) Election of Club Officials for 2021 (Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer plus committee members).
- 7) Proposed Fixture List for 2021.
- 8) Mannanan Regatta 2021.
- 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.

On the Water Competition.

This was the first competitive event of the season due to the corona virus restrictions early on. With a fair turn-out, and with Stan Basnett and Malcolm Magee as our judges it was 'all systems go'.

With two classes for the OTW comp, all were asked to sail in a clockwise direction and perform any scale-like manoeuvre in front of the judges plus any special functions. Many of the models had realistic engine sounds and 'steam' coming out of their funnels making a very realistic scene. There were several 'accidental' spectators who



Black Pearl, built & sailed by Kim Holland

had turned up for walks in the glen but were distracted by the models. The other competition taking place at the same time was for the 'Heritage Trophy'. This was for models with a Manx connection.

We had a professional photographer in attendance in the form of Steve Woodley who is a keen model flyer but was interested in the models. He took many photos and they are available for viewing and purchase on www.stevewoodley.com 'Order Online' register access code "mmbc". As a result of the judging John Hancox won the



Ben Ain sailed by Brian Swinden

Under One metre with his 'cardboard' tug 'Independent' while my Tyne lifeboat 'Sir William Hillary' took the Over One metre class. In the 'Heritage' competition, Jason's Mannin dredger took a well deserved first place. A great start to the season even if a little late.

Brian King

Venetian Evening

After a slow start, the cold wind dropped and more members arrived who were supplemented by some interested passers-by. There was a real mixture of boats with one or two of the faster life-boats causing waves literally! As the night moved in so the lights came on, some more than others! Mike Corkill's tug, enhanced by fairy lights outshone everybody and would have caused havoc if used by real boats! At long last we had a member of Onchan Commissioners present, Chairman Derek Crellin, who had to make the decisions for the Onchan Shield and the Racehorse Award.



Winner of the Onchan Commissioners Shield, Shannon Class Lifeboat built & sailed by Bill Callow

With a tie between Brian's Tyne and Billy's Shannon, the Onchan Shield went to Billy, his first award for some time rewarding his recent 'building and sailing' participation.

For the 'Racehorse lighthouse' award, Mike's 'Xmas tree' took top spot. Will this set a precedent for next year?

An excellent night was had by all who took part despite there being a few regulars absent.

Spithead Review

This being the last scheduled event of the shortened season, we were blessed with lovely weather, bright and sunny and little wind. The only drawback was the number of autumn leaves on the water which did cause one or two problems with propellers. However, there was a good turnout of naval vessels which was much appreciated by Ken Johnson [RN Lt. Commander ret.] He spent some time asking questions of individual skippers and watching the models on the water.



Kevin Kinnin's winning 'S' Boat

Kim had his Landing craft on the water [ex Norman's] including the tank mobilising along the bank. Brian Swinden brought along Bernie's ex aircraft carrier, much tidied up including the internal wiring, although work to do. The sound effects were excellent, especially the jet take-offs! Kevin Kinnin had forgotten it was the Spithead review but had luckily come along with his S boat! Dave

Costain's Japanese warship was in fine fettle—I should have hung on to it! It was good to see he had done such good refurbishment. Nigel Latham had unloaded his fine Bismark from its box and chanced it on the water where it was investigated too closely by a duck but no damage was done!

I had brought along my Canadian gunboat for a blast round the lake while keeping away from the leafy end. When the battery went low it was off the water and RAF 206 took its place.

While the RN was having 'its day' there was some action and the top end of the lake where Robert was 'tugging' away accompanied by 'newbie' Neal with partially completed American 'Elco' while his grandson chased around with a 'ready made' battleship. Both possible new members.

As far as I can remember that was everyone but if I missed anybody—my apologies.



Kevin Kinnin being presented with his trophy by Ken Johnson

After much consideration, Ken decided that Kevin's research and model of the 'S' boat deserved to win and he was duly awarded the Don Mackay trophy.

A good day was had by all.

An Update from Paul Brassington

Hi Jason,

First things first, I have posted the Kath Award for the floats back to Jason F. just in case you need it for the dinner coming up next month and it's half for Brian King. An excellent menu at the golf club - Very sorry we haven't made it this year.

Your Venetian evening must have gone well, it was a good weekend.

Now don't feel sorry for us, we went to Grange over Sands that weekend for three nights, only to be told Barrow was a no-go for our submarine event. Mary enjoyed the change as we spent a pleasant time walking around Grange which we had neglected on previous trips.

Yes the boat sank several weeks ago and friend has bought a waterproof wired camera which we are having fun trying to find the boat. The Liverpool Pilot is now fitted up with an adjustable arm to raise and lower the camera and a buoy release mechanism for the next attempt this weekend just in case we find it.

In spite of things, so far we are fine, Mary is doing her best with a 3K jigsaw - we must have been it for several weeks, off and on. I have managed to sail most weekends either here or Buxton.

All the very best,

Paul and Mary.

Caledonia Model Train

This year we have seen variety of new models on display at Silverdale, and it is interesting to see that a few members are diversifying their modelling interests and building models of other subjects besides boats. This photograph is a superb model of the Manx Northern Railway locomotive 'Caledonia' built by Nigel Latham.

