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# MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

## Chairmans Chat

For those members who are not aware of recent events, Howard Quayle has decided for various reasons to stand down as the club Chairman. It was with some sadness at the August committee meeting that his resignation was reluctantly accepted.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the club members, committee and officers to pass on our thanks to Howard who has steered the ship on a steady course over recent years in his role as club Chairman and prior to that in various roles including the organiser of Mannanan.

In the interim period for the next couple of months until the AGM, I have agreed to pick up any of the clubs Chairman's duties which are required. We will however be looking to elect a new Chairman at the AGM, so any club members wishing to volunteer are most welcome to stand.

Our normal sailing events for the year have now been completed, although we intend to keep sailing on an informal basis at Silverdale on Sundays for anybody who is interested. I will endeavour to keep the weekly e-mails circulating just to remind everybody of the date & time. We understand that the café owner intends to keep opening over the winter period which should make the sailing more bearable as the weather get colder (more cups of tea, less boating)!

Of particular importance in this newsletter is the reply slip for the Annual Dinner and Prize presentation which is due to be held at Silverdale on Saturday 14th November and the Club AGM followed by a Bring & Buy sale on Thursday 26th November.

*Jason Quayle (club secretary)*

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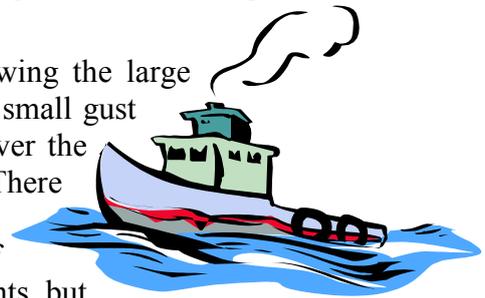
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Visit the Manx Model Boat Club web site at [www.manxmodelboatclub.org](http://www.manxmodelboatclub.org) for more information and photographs of recent events.

## Tug Towing Competition

Somebody is up there looking after us because yesterday was a howling gale but it dropped away to nothing today and we even had the sun out at times. With a good turnout of tugs for both classes it looked like a good competition.

There were six competitors in the Over One metre, all towing the large barge. It was a tight course for this class and the occasional small gust caught people out, often occurring at a critical time. However the wind could be used to advantage with the tight corners. There were a couple of problems with batteries and getting jammed around buoys but they were quickly sorted out. At the end of the first round both Alan and Cameron were tying on six points, but on the second Alan improved and Cameron deteriorated and nobody else managed to catch up.



### **Over One Metre Results**

1st	Alan Gough	Niartal	9 points lost
2nd	Cameron Watterson	Sea Spray	20 points
3rd	Jason Fleming	Manchester Ship Canal Tug	22 points
4th	Jason Quayle	Glasgow	23 points
5th	Juan Vernon	Eldergarth	25 points
6th	Roy Watterson	Sea Spray	28 points

In the under one metre the competition was much closer and the points lost much less as would be expected with the smaller tugs and the small barge.

On the first round Robin went clean until the last obstacle when he lost one point. Cameron lost one point on each of the first obstacles but none thereafter. Alan also lost 2 points in the first round. Jason Fleming had the only clear first round.

However it was again the second round that went much better for Cameron, with a clear round. Robin got round with a one as did Alan. Jason however lost 4.



### **Under One Metre Results**

1st	Robin Rose	Norton Cross	2 points lost [furthest clean]
2nd	Cameron Watterson	Torben	2 points
3rd	Alan Gough	TID	3 points
4th	Jason Fleming	Tito Neri	4 points
5th	Roy Watterson	Torben	6 points
6th	Brian King	Kingsman	11 points
7th	Jason Quayle	Yessir	11 points
8th	Mike Leece	Cabbyl Mary	16 points
9th	Brian Swindon	Wyeforce	retired with steering problems

*Brian King*

## **Annual General Meeting - Thursday 26th November, 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 Thursday 26th November 2009 starting at 7:30pm. All existing members and prospective new members are welcome to attend.

### **Agenda**

- 1) Apologies for Absence.
- 2) Minutes of last years Annual General Meeting.
- 3) Matters Arising from the Minutes.
- 4) Chairman's Report.
- 5) Treasurer's Report.
- 6) Election of Club Officials for 2010 (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, + 5 Committee).
- 7) Proposed Fixture List for 2010.
- 8) Mannanan 2010.
- 9) Any Other Business.

Please note the start time of 7:30pm which is earlier than for our normal committee meetings.

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*Following the formal AGM business, it is intended to hold a **Model Boat Bring & Buy Sale** where members can bring along anything which they want to sell or give away to a good home. Anything will be considered such as items of building materials, tools, right up to full kits, ready built models, batteries, radio equipment, servos, fittings and so on. Please feel free to bring along whatever you like to hopefully make this a more enjoyable part of the evening. (Buyers also welcome)!*

## **Onchan Commissioners Shield & Venetian Evening**

With the summer drawing to a close, this event was almost postponed because of rain, but lo and behold, half an hour before the start the sun came out and the wind dropped away to nothing. With over 15 boats on the water, the three judges from Onchan Commissioners had great difficulty deciding on a winner for the Onchan Commissioners Trophy which is awarded for the most impressive and scale-like model. After discussion they decided that they would like to award the trophy to a boat that had not won in previous years and this discounted one or two boats that were in the 'winning frame'. This left Kim Holland's Thames barge, Roy's 'Vervine' and Alan Gough's TID towing the BYMS. After much more discussion Alan's boat was adjudged the winner.

As darkness came on, so did the lights. The still water highlighted the lights with its reflections and it was decision time for the club's Racehorse Trophy. With again great discussion amongst the judges, it came down again to 3 boats, Kim's barge, Roy's 'Vervine' and Bernie's Manxman. In the event, Bernie's came out the winner and should feature in the Manx paper as John Maddrell took the opportunity of the fine evening to get some great light reflections from the models.

Mike Buss performed the culinary arts as previously and most people enjoyed a hot beefburger in various forms. Thank you Mike.

Another great evening following on from the previous 3 years similarly good weather.

*Brian King*

## Return of Trophies

Can all members who won trophies and awards last year please return them to Brian King as soon as possible so that we can arrange for the engraving of new names for this years winners, in time for the Prize Presentation evening.



## Winter Events

Following on from a couple of events which we held a few years ago, we hope to arrange a number of new winter modelling events to be held after the committee meetings on the last Thursday of every month. This will probably cover a 3 or 4 month period during the winter until the nights start getting a bit lighter and more sociable for sailing again.

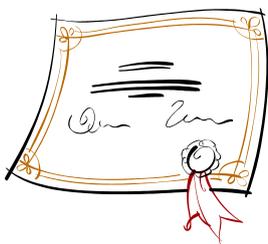
The exact details of the events are still to be finalised, but one or two ideas which we are working on are another Scale Judging evening, a session on Radio Gear & Model Electronics, a "Ships's Doctor" session where you can bring along any problems which you may be having with your model and we will try to solve them.

If members have got any other ideas of winter events, or if you want to volunteer to come along and give a talk about some aspect of model boating, or show some photographs, or perhaps a video evening then please let us know and we will see what we can fit in.

The first session will probably be in January, and we will circulate details to members in advance.

## Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation - Saturday 14th November 7:30pm for 8:00pm.

This year the Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation will be held on **Saturday 14th November** at the Silverdale Restaurant starting time 7:30pm for 8pm. The meal will be a carvery similar to what we had for the Mannanan dinner in June.



The cost of the meal will be £11 per head, and you are requested to complete the attached booking form and return it to Mike Buss **as soon as possible**, along with your payment, so that we can determine numbers. The dinner will be followed by the presentation of prizes and trophies to all this years competition winners.



## Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation Saturday 14th November

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed at £11 per head \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form, along with your payment to the Club Treasurer, Mike Buss, (Please make cheques payable to Manx Model Boat Club).