



# MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

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## Manx Model Boat Club Notice of Annual General Meeting

Thursday 25th 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 25th November 2010 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) Chairman's Report.
- 5) Treasurer's Report.
- 6) Election of Club Officials for 2011 (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, + 5 Committee).
- 7) Proposed Fixture List for 2011.
- 8) Proposed amendments to the format of Mannanan 2011.
- 9) Any Other Business.

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

In relation to the proposed amendments to Mannanan 2011 (item 8 in the agenda above), the Mannanan committee have been working for some time on proposals to update the event both in terms of its duration, format and rules. The committee have taken on board comments from members, competitors and judges, and will present the proposals to the club at the AGM for discussion and approval such that we can start putting in place the necessary arrangements for next years event.

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### Web Site

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](http://www.manxmodelboatclub.org). You can also e-mail any enquiries and items for inclusion in the newsletter to [mmbc@manx.net](mailto:mmbc@manx.net).

## **Return of Trophies**

Can members who currently have club trophies please return them to Brian King as soon as possible so that he can arrange for the engraving of names for next years winners. Brian can be e-mailed at kingb@manx.net, or telephone 628156.



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## **Boating on the adjacent Isle!**

For those of you who sail to Cumbria via Heysham, can I recommend putting a boat in the boot of your car and call in to Barrow Model Boat Club. I did just that recently and had a lovely morning's sailing on Barrow's Park lake. The 'Furness Club' as it's called sail most afternoons but mainly on a Sunday morning. Dave Jacques is the secretary and he welcomed me there after I had made contact via the website. They have a lovely little clubhouse alongside the lake with tea-making facilities, magazine library and easy chairs. The lake is about half the size of the Mooragh and in a lovely setting with hire boats going out in the afternoon.! There was a mixture of boats on the water when I got there, scale sailing yachts, pusher tugs, steam launches, and submarines as you would expect in Barrow. For those of you at Birchwood, Dave Jacques had the large blue submarine on display on the Submariner's Association stand. It was a scale model of Barrow's new experimental sub. Later on in the morning some very fast electric speedboats turned up. I spoke to several club members some of whom had connections with the Island.

There is also a 'Dock' museum in Barrow which is a maritime based and well worth a visit. It is based over the top of a dry dock into which you can go down.. There is a classic large sailing yacht in it, one that often raced from the Island to Barrow in the days of classic sailing. There are also some very large dockyard models of warships there and they well worth seeing.

To complete the visit I would suggest a visit to Furness Abbey, which although roofless is very impressive. Rushen Abbey is mentioned in the reception museum as it was an offshoot of Furness Abbey under the Cistercian monks.

I tried to find out what had happened to the Windermere Steam Museum but apparently it is not yet open after it's refurbishment.

So, if you go to the Lake District may I suggest a diversion and subsequently a good sail and a warm welcome.

*Brian King*

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## **Venetian Evening and Onchan Commissioners Shield**

After having postponed the event from Saturday due to torrential rain it was a 'touch and go' situation on the Sunday evening. It was just about dry with odd light rain, which meant boats were in and out of cars. However there was a good turnout although one or two stayed in the cars. With 15 boats on the water at one time it was quite impressive as it was quite dark early on and all had their lights on straight away. Our guest judges were Brian Stowell [Chairman of Onchan Commissioners] and Terry Black another member of the Commissioners. Mike Buss turned up with the usual beef burgers and managed to keep the fire burning and stomachs full!

With the judges once again opting for boats that have not won before, they chose John William's Vigilant for the Commissioners Shield and Roy Watterson's Vervine for the most realistically lit up boat. They chose John's boat as being the most nostalgic of a bygone era [complete with list in the breeze!] and Vervine again as being so typical of the Island harbour scene and the lights being so realistic of a working boat.

Well done to all who turned up despite the weather and made it another successful event.

*Brian King*

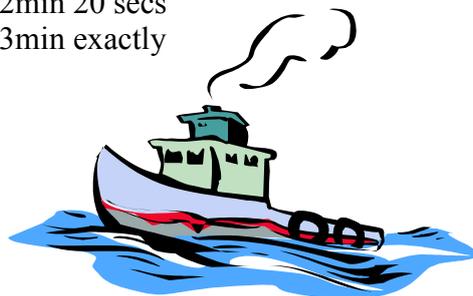
## Tug Towing Results

This being the last event of the season, the forecast for the weekend was rain, rain and more rain. However the forecast said it would stop by Sunday lunchtime and sure enough it did and we had a lovely afternoon with a very light wind, in fact ideal conditions. 13 boats were entered with 7 in the under one metre and 6 in the over one metre.

Mike Leece, Cameron and Roy got clear first rounds in the under one metre with a couple of others close behind on 1 point. On the second round Roy dropped one point while Cameron and Mike got round clear again. After two rounds and both clear there had to be a tie-breaker, so it was a third round but timed. Cameron went first and got round clear in 3 minutes exactly. However, Mike took off on what looked like racing lines and completed the course clean in 2min 20 secs!

### Under 1m Results

1st	Mike Leece	3 clear laps	2min 20 secs
2nd	Cameron	3 clear laps	3min exactly
3rd	Jason Fleming	1 point	
4th	Roy Watterson	2 points	
5th	Alan Gough	3 points	
6th	Jason Quayle	6 points	
7th	Brian King	9 points	



In the over one metre there were 6 entrants with some big powerful tugs competing.

The best first round went to Brian with Wendy Ann scoring 2 points with Cameron lying second with 3 points lost. On the second lap however Brian 'lost it' with another 15 points while everybody else improved with the exception of Jason Fleming who had to retire with a burnt out motor. Cameron got round in 4 point making him the winner with a total of 7 points lost.

### Over 1m Results

1st	Cameron	7 points
2nd	Alan Gough	12 points
3rd	Roy Watterson	13 points
4th	Brian King	15 points
6th	Juan Vernon	22 points

The event finished at around 3.30pm which left plenty of time to have a play in the lovely conditions. The two Jasons spent some time experimenting with pair towing to some great hilarity while everybody else 'stooaged about' just enjoying the sailing. There were several interested visitors during the afternoon and the club subsequently gained some publicity. Altogether an excellent afternoon to finish the season.

## Surplus Radio Gear Parts

Hi Jason - due to a series of happy misunderstandings I now own a couple of ratchet gizmos for HiTec Tx's AND ditto for Planet Tx's, so could you put it about in case anyone might need one They are terribly expensive --£1.73 and £1.00 ea. respectively. By mistake I've also got a "stick-centralising set" for a Planet Tx as featured recently in one of the comics - again-if anyone's interested. Similar price.

*Bob Bagshaw*

## 25th Anniversary Dinner & Prize Presentation Sunday 14th November



This year to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the club, we are holding a Celebration Dinner and Prize Presentation evening at Views Restaurant in Onchan Park on Sunday 14th November. The event starts at 7pm for a 7:30pm meal.

In addition to members and their guests, we will also be inviting back a number of ex-members of the club and also various competition judges who have helped us out over the years.

In recognition of the event, the club Treasurer has broken into the piggy bank and decided that the 2 course meal will be free to members, with guests and partners being asked to contribute a reduced rate of £10 per head. Attendees are welcome to choose a desert from the menu and pay for that separately on the evening if desired.

Please see to the attached menu for your meal choices.



To help us determine numbers, we would be grateful if you could complete the attached reply form and return it to the Club Treasurer along with your menu choices and payment by Monday 1st November at the latest.



The dinner will be followed by the presentation of prizes and awards to this years competition winners, and there will also be the usual club raffle.



### 25th Anniversary Dinner & Prize Presentation Sunday 14th November

(this form to be returned by Monday 1st November at the latest)

Members Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Starter Choices \_\_\_\_\_ Main Course Choices \_\_\_\_\_  
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Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed at £10 per guest \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form, along with your payment to the Club Treasurer, Mike Buss, Fairmount, Somerset Road, Douglas, IM2 5AE. (Please make cheques payable to Manx Model Boat Club).



**Manx Model Boat Club 25th Anniversary Dinner**

**Sunday 14th November 7pm for 7:30pm**

**Starters**

**Chef's Soup**

Winter warmer vegetable soup served with bread

**Chicken liver pate**

Garnished and served with garlic bread

**Melon Gondola**

Honeydew melon garnished with Fresh Orange and maraschino cherry

**Mains**

Oven Roast Chicken

Served with sage & onion stuffing, Chipolata sausage

Or

Lamb

All served with fresh seasonal vegetables roast and new potatoes

Or

Vegetarian choice

**Beverage**

Coffee and Mints

As we are celebrating the club's 25th Anniversary, members will not be charged for the dinner, however partners and guests will be charged a reduced rate of £10 per head. Anybody wishing to purchase a dessert is welcome to choose from the dessert menu on the evening and pay separately.