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# MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

## Chairman's

Greetings fellow modellers.

Now that the clocks have moved forward, the opportunity to have a quiet sail at Onchan Park opens up again.

Some of our Members have already had models on the water, let us hope the weather improves and we can again enjoy our Thursday/Sunday night get together.

Not to put a dampener on the sailing, but the Onchan Commissioners have again requested that we wait until the motor boats have finished for the day, our members are normally very good, but a number of *non members* have been using the water earlier, creating problems for ourselves.

On a more cheerful note. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March saw the first of our competitions from the event calendar, the Scale Steering Comp at Onchan, unfortunately I was off the Island, but my spies say that it was a good turnout of models and competitors; the weather was blustery but dry, and a successful afternoon was achieved.

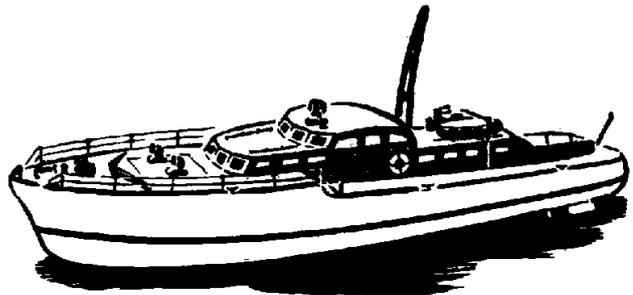
Our next event will be the Scale Competition at Silverdale on **Sunday May 1st** not the 8<sup>th</sup> as per event sheet, start times remain the same. Things go quiet for practice and race week, leading on the Mannanan Festival, you should have your entry forms now but if you don't please contact me (see details inside).

*Howard Quayle*

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Visit the Manx Model Boat Club Web Site at [www.manxmodelboatclub.org](http://www.manxmodelboatclub.org) and see the latest photographs from the Steering Competition.

## **Mannanan 2005**

Just a quick update on the Mannanan Festival, the event is progressing nicely and the venues are all in place, as mentioned in the Chairman's chat your entry forms should be with you and it would help us immensely if you could return them **as soon as possible**, this allows the data to be processed on computer which in turn helps the days events to be run as smoothly as possible.

This year a prize will be awarded to the best junior members model in the Sunday Scale Competition at Ramsey, our junior modellers are a credit to the Club and this is our way of showing our appreciation.

Once again the Prize presentation and Dinner will be at the Welbeck Hotel, Douglas, we have increased the choice of menu, (pick & mix) and the meal price has been held to the same as last years.

Please return entry forms and dinner slips with cheques made out to Manx Model Boat Club to.

Howard Quayle.

Further copies of dinner menus are available or copy your original.

Good luck.

*Howard*

## **Don Mackay**

Members will have learnt in the last issue of the newsletter of the sad passing of Don Mackay. Don was a prolific builder of model boats and the club has been asked to help find new owners for a lot of his models.

The attached fly sheet provides details of the proposed sale of his models, and we request that members wanting to make enquiries speak with Howard or Brian only as we do not want any callers to his house before the sale.

## **Modelling Timbers**

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Manx Model Boat Club members note that Howard Quayle has a number of samples of the various timbers on offer and can order timbers on your behalf.

## **Ellesmere Port Convention**

A big thank you to Barry Kerfoot for transporting model boats too and from Ellesmere Port over the years. Barry has given the club many years of service, but has advised us that he will not be taking his van this year.

The Manx Model Boat Club have booked a stand at this years event and we do know of a number of members who are taking boats using their own vehicles.

The club has had the offer of an alternative van this year, but we need to establish how many members are intending to go to Ellesmere Port and require transport for their models.

Could members who intend to visit Ellesmere Port and require transport for their model please contact the Competition secretary, Brian King on 628156 as soon as possible so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

## Steering Competition at Onchan Park

This was the first event of the 'season' and had a fair turn-out of members on a fine, sunny, but gusty afternoon.

There were seven entries in the under 1 metre class, although Les Quayle and Bernie Hynes had to retire through technical difficulties. All competitors had two rounds and most lost quite a few points on their first run mainly due to the sudden gusts on wind, but also because most 'skippers were 'rusty'.

	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>1st Run</u>	<u>2nd Run</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Allan Gough	T.I.D.	9pts	2pts	11 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cameron Watterson	Scorpion	9pts	4pts	13 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brian King	Kingsman	8pts	6pts	14 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Doug Wheeler	Snowberry	10pts	7pts	17 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Roy Watterson	Salto	12 pts	5pts	17 points

There were 6 entries in the over 1 metre with again two aborts with technical difficulties. Ryan Forgie's big Amsterdam tug ran out of power on the second lap while Jason's new 'Mannin' suddenly decided to do some dredging and the crane began to lift and lift until the crane arm broke off at the base! It looks great on the water though!

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1 <sup>st</sup>	Allan Gough	Shetland	6pts	6pts	12 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nigel Latham	Heather Gill	9pts	6pts	15 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Juan Vernon	Eldergarth	13pts	6pts	19 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cameron Watterson	Golden Sun	12pts	10pts	22 points

Brian, as comp. sec. would like to thank everybody for their help in getting the course ready, clearing away after, and helping to judge. It is one of the pleasures of the club that the members all 'muck in' with running events.

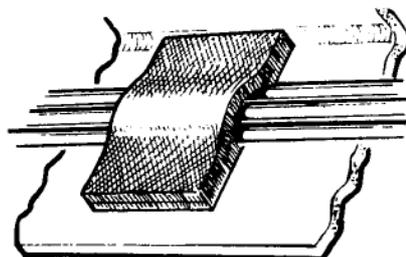
*Brian King*

## Top Tips

### Tidy Up Your Wiring

Stick a piece of Velcro to a suitable place in your hull, then neatly arrange your wiring on it and trap the wires with the mating Velcro piece. Wire connections are then held firmly in place and are less likely to become damaged.

Velcro with double sided sticky tape is available for easy fixing to the hull, and this method can also be used to hold small items of equipment such as receivers and battery packs.



## Events List

There have been a couple of changes to the events list from the one which was published in the previous newsletter.

- The first change concerns our next event which is the Scale Competition, which is now to be held on Sunday 1st May starting at 10:00am at Silverdale. The alternative wet weather date remains unchanged.
- The second change concerns the Onchan Commissioners event which is to be held on Saturday 9th July. This has now changed to a static display inside the stadium at Onchan Park during the afternoon followed by our barbecue in the evening around the pool.
- Please contact the competition secretary, Brian King, if you require further information concerning events. Sailing also takes place on Thursday & Sunday evenings during the summer at Onchan park after the motor boats have finished.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sunday 1st May	Scale Competition	Silverdale	10:00am
Sunday 15th May	Alternative date for Scale Competition	Silverdale	10:00am
Sunday 12th June	One Meter Yacht Championships	Ramsey Mooragh	7:00pm
Saturday 18th June	Model Lifeboat Rally	Southport	
Sunday 19th June	Model Lifeboat Rally	Southport	
Saturday 25th June	Mannanan 2005 Steering Competition	Onchan Park	10:00am
Sunday 26th June	Mannanan 2005 Scale Competition	Ramsey Mooragh	10:00am
Monday 27th June	Mannanan 2005 On the Water Competition,	Silverdale	10:00am
Monday 27th June	Mannanan 2005 Evening Dinner Presentation		
Monday 27th June	Vintage Yacht Racing	Ramsey Mooragh	6:00pm
Tuesday 5th July	Tynwald Day Display	St.Johns	
Saturday 9th July	Onchan Commissioners Static Display during Afternoon & Barbecue in Evening	Onchan Park	
Sunday 10th July	Alternative date for Barbecue	Onchan Park	
Sunday 17th July	Fun Competition	Onchan Park	8:00pm
Sunday 21st August	Port Erin RNLi Display	Port Erin	11:30am
Sunday 28th August	Ellesmere Port Model Boat Convention	Ellesmere port	
Monday 29th August	Ellesmere Port Model Boat Convention	Ellesmere port	
Saturday 10th September	Venetian Evening & Barbecue	Onchan Park	7:00pm
Sunday 11th September	Alternative date for Venetian Evening &	Onchan Park	7:00pm
Sunday 25th September	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:00pm
Sunday 2nd October	Alternative Date for Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:00pm
Sunday 9th October	Round the Island Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	2:30pm
Saturday 12th November	Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation		