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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

Chairman's

Hello everyone.

A special welcome on board to all our new members.

Our Club is keeping a constantly high membership, this speaks volumes for the friendliness and co-operation of all members. Our hobby is constantly changing, new electronic equipment, new manufacturers and best of all new ideas. I have reason to believe that some very interesting new models have been appearing at the various events recently.

We have in the next few weeks our three day Mannanan Festival, I look forward to meeting everyone again; hoping that the weather is kind to us and we all have a successful weekend.

Can I ask that you please send your Mannanan entry forms and Dinner slips in as soon as possible this will be a great help to me. Extra forms are available, also non competition models are most welcome on all days, as the Festival gives us a chance to show the public what our hobby is all about.

Safe sailing.

Howard Quayle

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Visit the Manx Model Boat Club web site at www.manxmodelboatclub.org for all the latest club news and photographs from recent events. Please let me know if you have any ideas, photographs or articles which you would like including on the web site.

Steering Competition Report

With a forecast of impending rain, the competition had an air of urgency which, combined with a penetrating cold, [despite a relatively light wind] caused some skippers to rush things and make mistakes. There was a fair turn-out with 6 entries in the Under 1 Metre, 7 in the Over 1 Metre and 2 in the mini class.

With an interesting course design by Brian featuring some difficult obstacles, competitors only completed one lap before the rain came down and the second lap was abandoned. There were a couple of technical retirements, although just about everybody completed a run.

Results

Over 1 metre

1 st	Roy Watterson	Golden Sun	3 points
2 nd	Cameron Watterson	Golden Sun	4 points
3 rd	Brian King	Monarch	7 points
3 rd	Jason Quayle	Loyal Watcher	7 points
5 th	James Whitelegg	Amsterdam	9 points
6 th	Kevin Kinnon	T.I.D.	15 points
7 th	Ian Gray	Coaster	retired

Under 1 Metre

1 st	Cameron Watterson	Guardsman	3 points
2 nd	Nigel Latham	Blazer	5 points
3 rd	Brian King	Kingsman	5 points
4 th	Robin Rose	Crash Tender	7 points
5 th	Brian Swinden	Trent Lifeboat	9 points
6 th	Roy Watterson	Scorpion	11 points

Mini Class

Draw for first place with Cameron Watterson's Lifeboat and Jason Quayle's Dornoch sharing 3 points each.

A very satisfactory event despite the weather, with the Wattersons dominating the event. It must be in the genes! Well done!

For Sale

1m Erica racing yacht, 3 suits of sails, radio gear, sail winch & batteries.

£375

Contact Alan Watson

Spit Head Review

This is a new naval event, due to be held on Sunday 13th August at Onchan Park starting at 6pm.

The club has invited the Governor to attend the evening and inspect the fleet. The competition itself will be judged by the Governor for the best naval vessel, and we intend to hold a grand 'sail past' with all vessels running in the same direction around the lake with an accompanying commentary over a PA system.

To assist with the running of the event, we require a list of all the naval vessels (RN & other navies) which will be attending the event along with the radio frequency and a brief description of the vessel which can be used as part of the commentary. Can you please send this information to Brian King as soon as possible.

We also need help with setting up tables (please bring a table if you have got one) and erecting the marquee, so it would be helpful if some members could turn up early to help. For further information, contact Brian King.

Although this event is intended to be a naval event, all models are welcome to help with the static display. With the Governor being a navy man, we expect him to be interested in all aspects of the models, both on and off the water. As a result of some members having more than one naval vessel, there may be more vessels available than skippers to sail them, so we may be looking for volunteer captains!

Report from the Scale Competition

Held in lovely weather, a great contrast to the previous Sunday evening's event (steering competition), it was sheer pleasure to be at Silverdale.

There was a good turn out with a good variety of models, some of them new to the club competition. Brian had his new Fairmile 'B', Doug had the German counterpart - the 'E' boat and Dave Quirk had his 'Perkasa'. Cameron had his new 'Guardman' recently completed by Roy from the hull presented to Cameron at the last awards evening. Phil Walker, who was judging, had brought along his Steam Packet paddle 'Empress Queen' steamer built some years ago and had not been in the water for the same period. Very nice it looked on the water too. New member, Brian Swinden, had brought along his newly completed Trent lifeboat - the first model he has built. Les Quayle had been unable to attend but Jason had brought along his Douglas Head ferry for him, its first competitive outing. The other judge for the day, Dave Harding, had brought along his newly acquired 'Rosegarth' which he had spent the winter renovating and looked great with its plated and riveted hull, a la Mobile Marine Tugology! With other 'regular' scale boats there were over 20 entries for the various classes.

Just to clarify a point, it must be remembered that once a boat has won a class in this annual competition it cannot be entered again for the same award. The difficulty is remembering 4-5 years on as Alan unfortunately found out. We will have to address this question before next year. A 'super' class as per Mannanan may be the answer.

The results were as follows—

Best 'Scratch built'	Les Quayle	Douglas Head Ferry 'Thistle'
Best 'Semi-kit'	Doug Wheeler	German 'E'boat
Best 'Kit'	Brian Swinden	Trent lifeboat
Best 'On the Water'	Kevin Kinnon	T.I.D. and barge
Best 'Junior'	James Whitelegg	Amsterdam.

Ellesmere Port

The club has just recently learnt that the Ellesmere Port Model Boat show which was due to be held on the August bank holiday weekend may be cancelled this year. The exact reasons for cancelling the show are not clear, but there is a web site discussion forum at www.modelboatmayhem.co.uk which contains some information.

There are currently various suggestions for replacing the event in August or September, but as the newsletter went to print we have no firm details. Keep an eye on the web site and we will endeavour to keep members informed if we receive any further information.

Steam Packet Boat Hulls

Over the last few months, a couple of club members have been involved in producing a plug for making fibreglass hulls of the post war Steam Packet Boats.

Brian King has now succeeded in getting the hulls manufactured and they are now available for members to buy. The hulls are suitable for producing one of five Steam Packet vessels built after the war, drawings are available and a fibreglass superstructure is currently being designed.

Please contact Brian King for further information.

EVENTS CALENDAR 2006

Sat/Sun 17/18th June	Model Lifeboat Rally Southport	Southport	
Saturday 24th June	Mannanan Steering Competition	Onchan Park	10.00am
Sunday 25th June	Mannanan Scale Competition	Ramsey Mooragh	10.00am
Monday 26th June	Mannanan Tug Towing / On the Water	Silverdale	10.00am
Wednesday 5th July	Tynwald Fair Display	St Johns	9.00am
Saturday 8th July	Static Display	Onchan Stadium	1.00pm
Sunday 6th August	Fun Competition	Silverdale	7.00pm
Sunday 13th August	Port Erin R.N.L.I Display	Port Erin	1.00pm
Sunday 13th August	Spithead Review	Onchan Park	6.00pm
Sun/Mon 27/28 August	Ellesmere Port Exhibition	Cancelled ??	
Saturday 9th September	Onchan Commissioners Cup and BBQ	Onchan Park	7.00pm
Sunday 10th September	<i>Alternative Date for Onchan Commissioners Cup and BBQ</i>		
Sunday 24th September	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2.00pm
Sunday 1st October	<i>Alternative Date for Tug Towing Competition</i>		
Sunday 8th October	Round the Island Yacht Race	Ramsey Mooragh	2.30pm
Sunday 15th October	<i>Alternative Date for Round the Island Yacht Race</i>		

Forthcoming Events

- ◆ The main events coming up in the next few months are the 3 day Mannanan event on 24th June at Onchan Park, 25th June at Ramsey Mooragh and 26th June at Silverdale. Howard has already reminded you to get your entry forms completed and returned as soon as possible.
- ◆ The Mannanan event is followed by a static display on Tynwald day at St.Johns. The exact details of where we are displaying the models is not known, but it generally involves setting up before the main road closes to traffic. Contact Brian King nearer the time for details.
- ◆ We have another static display at Onchan park on 8th July, this time in the middle of the Stadium. The club always tries to support Onchan Commissioners where it can, so a good display of models is always welcome.
- ◆ Unfortunately we have had a clash of dates on 13th August and the Port Erin RNLi display is on the same date as the Spithead review. Both events are included on the calendar, and members are welcome to attend both, however we will be treating the Governors event as the priority. Although the event is scheduled for a 6pm start, it would be beneficial if members can turn up early to help set up and also make a prompt start.
- ◆ We have marked the Ellesmere Port event as cancelled, with no alternative event advertised at the moment. - keep tuned to www.modelboatmayhem.co.uk for details.
- ◆ The summer evening barbecue and Venetian evening has been moved to 9th September and combined with the Onchan Commissioners cup event. Both competitions for the best model on display and the best illuminated boat will be judged on this evening.