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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

Chairmans Chat

Hello everyone, by the time you receive this newsletter we will have made a good start on the Events Calendar, a number of competitions are under our belt the stories of these can be found inside.

This year we have a number of new members; so can I say a special hello and welcome to our, or shall I say your Club, the events that we organise are competitive but I hope encourage friendly rivalry. We can continue the Sunday morning sailings at Silverdale but the use of the paddle boats must take priority.

Good Sailing.

Howard Quayle

Mannanan 2009

Look out for your Mannanan 2009 entry form which will be arriving in the post within the next couple of weeks. Please complete and return the form to Brain King as soon as possible after you receive it.

Birchwood Model Boat Show

This year the club has booked a number of display tables at the Birchwood Model Boat Show, which is located near the M6 / M62 near Warrington. The show is on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th August, with setting up on the afternoon of Friday 28th August.

I need to submit names of members who are attending in advance so that passes can be made up for each day. **Can you please let me know if you want a pass by the end of June at the latest**, otherwise you may end up having to pay an entry fee each day.

There are also a number of competitions classes running at the event (Kit, Scratch, Semi Kit, Best Mountfleet model and Junior classes) and an opportunity to attend a judging course. Your committee has decided that it would be a good opportunity to introduce new members to judging and have offered to pay the entry fee if you would like to attend. Entry forms are required for the competition classes and the judging course, so can you let me know if you require one as soon as possible.

For further details telephone Jason Quayle on 660323 or e-mail mmbc@manx.net.

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. You can also e-mail any enquiries and items for inclusion in the newsletter to mmbc@manx.net.

Next Events for 2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
27/06/09	Mannanan 2009 Steering Competition	Onchan Park	10:00am
28/06/09	Mannanan 2009 Scale Competition	Ramsey Mooragh	10:00am
29/06/09	Mannanan 2009 On the Water, Tug Towing and Fun Competitions	Silverdale	10:00am
06/07/09	Tynwald Fair Exhibition	St. Johns	09:00am
26/7/09	Port St. Mary Lifeboat Day	Port St. Mary	T.B.A.
08/08/09	Traditional Boat Weekend Display	Peel	T.B.A.
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15/08/09	Spithead Review (Naval Display)	Silverdale	6:30pm
29/08/09	Birchwood Model Boat Show	Warrington	9:00am
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19/09/09	Onchan Commissioners Trophy & Barbecue	Onchan Park	6:30pm
20/09/09	Onchan Commissioners Trophy & Barbecue (Wet Weather Alternative)	Onchan Park	6:30pm
04/10/09	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:30pm
11/10/09	Tug Towing Competition (Wet Weather Alternative)	Onchan Park	2:30pm
14/11/09	Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
26/11/09	Annual General Meeting	Archibald Knox	T.B.A.

Don't forget that in addition to the above organised events, we also have general sailing at Silverdale on Sunday mornings at 10am and also Thursday evenings at Onchan Park after the motor boats have finished (usually about 7:30pm).

Scale Competition & On the Water Competition at Silverdale

The lead up to the Sunday for the Competition was fraught with doubts on the weather, but when the day dawned it was a nice dry and not so windy morning. The tables were laid out at the lakeside and a relatively simple course consisting of two channels with an area of open water on the far side of the lake was put in place.

It was not long before the tables started to fill; I thank everyone who brought a table as the Club only has two, this would have been totally inadequate as we ended up with more than thirty models on display a credit to all the members who attended.

The Scale competition commenced with the on the table Judging, for this we had the services of two retired Steam Packet Captains, Captain Jack Ronan and Captain Roger Moore, they commenced their onerous task about ten O'clock and were still studying almost an hour and a half later.

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The Scale Competition was split into three sections Kit, Semi-Kit and Scratch, as this is a Club competition only one first winner in each section is used, the winners are.

Kit class.

1st place. Jason Quayle, paddle tug Glasgow. 2nd place. Howard Quayle, static model Queen Mary 2. 3rd place. Howard Quayle, H.M.S.Chaser.

Semi-Kit.

1st Place. John Williams, Steam Trawler Formidable. 2nd Kim Holland, Thames Barge Theresa Mary. A joint third place ensured between John Williams steam boat Lady Jane and Dave Hanscome's tug Rosegarth.

Scratch Built.

1st place, Jason Quayle, steam dredger Mannin. 2nd place, Bernie Hinds, H.M.Y.Britannia.
3rd place, static model H.M.S.Ajax.

The on the water competition commenced almost immediately as the lake would be needed for the paddle boats during the afternoon, again the Judges were Captain Ronan and Captain Moore. 23 entries were received and with the help of all the competitors things went reasonably smoothly, only one lap on the course was used and the judges had to decide who handled their vessel in the most seamen like fashion.

The judges had their work cut out as a lot of the competitors were old hands at this event, this was reflected in the high scoring achieved, a total of fifteen points were capable of being won, and the top three were Jason Fleming with 14.5 Sailing *Watchman*, again Jason Fleming sailing *Paula III*, with 14 and Jason Quayle sailing his new model of the paddle tug *Glasgow* with 13.5 points.

This year we have introduced a prize for the model with the best local interest, this was judged to be Jason Quayle's fine model of the steam dredger Mannin, which was programmed to give displays of the steam crane and the grab bucket working picking up debris!!! From a container alongside and dropping it into the hopper.

My thanks go to everyone who attended and brought model not in competition but just to put on display, this gave the public who came to the venue a chance to see some of the best model boats on the Island.

A mention must go to our newest member young William Price who only joined the Club recently, he achieved a creditable 12.5 points out of fifteen in the on the water competition, well done William.

Howard Quayle

Items For Sale

Alan Gough has got a selection of acrylic tubes available in various sizes. These are the types of tubes which are commonly used for model submarines. Contact Alan for more details on 614216.

Launching Trolley

A number of members have recently shown an interest in a collapsible launching trolley which Bob Bagshaw has acquired. These are available by mail order from Maplins at a very reasonable price. You can get further details from Bob Bagshaw on 822774, or Kim Holland on 815624.

Steering Competition at Onchan Park—Sunday 29th March

The morning of the competition was dry, but the wind was quite strong, the course was laid out using the clubs marker buoys, at one of the recent Club meetings it was decided that the same course was to be used by all competitors over one metre, under one metre also the mini class but the mini class models would be timed should a tie occur.

The number of competitors was slightly down on previous years but the sailing was made that little bit more difficult with the strong and variable wind; and with two runs each it was quite an entertaining event.

The over one metre had six competitors and the combined score of 10 points lost made Roy Watterson the winner with the tug boat Golden Sun.

Seven competitors attempted the course in the under one metre, with two not completing a second run due to the freshening wind the winner in this class was Jason Quayle with his model tug Yessir losing only a very creditable 3 points overall.

The mini class was graced with five competitors, two of whom were using the now popular Thunder Tiger model fishing boats, these are all under the regulation 610mm but are rather tender when sailed in the strong wind, the winner in this class was Cameron Watterson with his Boat Girl Lynne, the decision earlier to use the timed method proved beneficial as two of the competitors tied on points but the winner was decided on the fastest overall time.

The results are.

Over one metre class.

1st Roy Watterson, Golden Sun. 2nd Nigel Latham, Blazer. 3rd Jason Quayle, Envoy.

Under one metre class.

1st Jason Quayle, Yessir. 2nd Nigel Latham, Nancy Raymond. 3rd Cameron Watterson, Torben.

Mini Class.

1st Cameron Watterson, Girl Lynne. 2nd Jason Quayle, Dornoch, 17 points 5:38 minutes. 3rd Roy Watterson, Girl Lynne, 17 points 6:38 minutes.

Howard Quayle

Easter Sail In

This year saw the return of the sail in on Easter Sunday; it was not a competition, purely a get together with a group of members bringing their models down to Silverdale in the morning.

The lake was free from the paddle boats so a number of marker buoys were laid in a random course, nothing too ridged just somewhere to aim for when sailing, we managed to stay on the water for a couple of hours, with intermittent breaks for the now mandatory cups of tea and for some a bacon butty.

The suggestion for this get together was raised at one of the club meetings and I think it could well become an established part of the event calendar; your views on this would be very much appreciated, it is nice to just sail our models and put the world to right.

Some photographs were taken and if you have any you would like to see on the website please contact Jason Quayle, he will advise on the format needed for the entry.

Howard Quayle