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Manx Model Boat Club Newsletter 2001

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Chairman's Chat

Welcome to the latest edition of your newsletter.

With Mannanan 2001 fast approaching there are a few items I would like to draw your attention to. The first is The Dinner and Prize Presentation which is to be held at the Groudle Hotel on Monday the 25th of June. I would be most grateful if you would fill in your meal forms as soon as possible and return them to me so I can confirm numbers to the restaurant.

Secondly Raffle Prizes for the Dinner & Prize giving, any items that you could donate will be much appreciated.

The third item is to remind you all that a frequency control and transmitter pound will be set up for the three day festival. You must register your frequency and hand in your transmitter when you arrive at the venue and are only allowed to turn on when it is your turn to participate, testing is at the discretion of the radio officer.

Unfortunately the scale event which was held at Silverdale on 6th May was not very well attended with only three members turning up. It is embarrassing to arrange these events and ask other people to judge our efforts and members not turn up.

On a lighter note there is good sailing to be had on Thursday & Sunday nights or any night that takes your fancy (see editors notes) Your chairman's mishap has not yet hit the press. I will turn on the receiver next time.

I hope to see you all at the Mannanan festival and celebrations and GOOD LUCK to all who compete.

Doug Wheeler

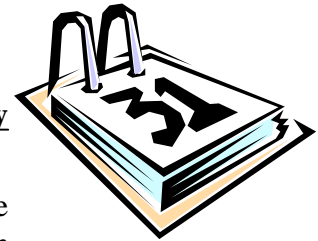
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Dates for Your Diary!

One Meter Yacht Championship - Friday 15th June - Ramsey Mooragh - 7:00pm.



This yachting event is held on a Friday evening at Ramsey Mooragh. Please make sure you turn up in time to make a prompt start. The race is for 1m yachts and is held over several laps of the Mooragh lake, depending on wind conditions.

Mannanan 2001 - Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th June.

The Mannanan event is the same as last year with a Steering Competition at Onchan Park on Saturday, Scale Competition at Ramsey Mooragh on Sunday and Tug Towing / On the Water & Fun Competitions on Monday. Entries have been a little bit slow coming in from members, so we have included another entry from with this newsletter for those who have forgotten. Please return your entry forms to Graham Norman as soon as possible, or telephone him on 862300 for further details.

We will be looking for members to act as stewards for each of the three days. If you can spare a little bit of time to help with stewarding, please let one of the committee members know at each venue.

A menu and reply form have been included with this newsletter for the evening meal which is to be held on Monday 25th June at Groudle Hotel. If you would like to attend the meal, please complete the reply slip and return it to Doug Wheeler as soon as possible. There will also be a social evening held on Saturday 23rd at the new Douglas Yacht Club on the tongue. Meet at the venue from 8pm onwards for a social evening taking about all thing to do with Mannanan and Model Boating.

Traditional Boat Weekend - Saturday 7th to Sunday 8th July.

This is our annual static display as part of the Peel Traditional Boat weekend. The club display will be located in the Seaman's Shelter, which is located at the junction of the Promenade and East Quay. Setting up will be from 10am on Saturday, we will require a roster of members to man the stand during the weekend. Lets hope that we have a good selection of boats to put on display.

Venetian Evening & Barbecue - Saturday 14th July - Onchan Park - 9:00pm.

We had a good turn out for this event last year and the first taste of Alan Harpers Bangers & Burgers for about three years! If you boat has lights fitted, come along and have a sail in the dark. The competition is for the best illuminated boat on the water. Even if you don't have an illuminated boat, come along and sail while there is still some daylight and help support the Club barbecue.

Fun Competition - Sunday 22nd July - Onchan Park - 9:00pm.

This event is just another excuse for club members to play dodgems with the polystyrene floats! Why not turn up and have a go, or just have a general sail on a summers evening.

Port Erin RNIL Day - Sunday 19th August - 1:30pm.

This event is not officially attended by the club, however individual members are invited to turn up and put their boat on static display at the Port Erin lifeboat house.

UK Events

There are a couple of UK events which some of our members attend each year. The **Southport Model Lifeboat Rally** is to be held on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th July at Southport. Howard Quayle has some entry forms if you want to enter your boat. A party of members will be attending the **Ellesmere Port Model Boat Show** on the August Bank Holiday weekend. The club has a display stand at the show, and we will be taking a van load of boats with us again. Howard Quayle has some entry forms for the David E Owen scale competition if you want to enter a boat.

Important Notice

We have received a letter from Onchan Commissioners reminding the club that we are only permitted to use their lake after motor boats have finished for the evening. During the summer months this usually means after 9:00pm, although the boats are sometimes tied up earlier than this. It would appear that one or two members have been "jumping the gun" when waiting to get onto the water, although we are aware of some non members who are also using the lake during the evenings. We rely on the good will of Onchan Commissioners each year, obtaining their permission to use the lake, and to avoid any difficulties arising in the future can we please remind all members to wait until the motor boats have finished before they start sailing.

Report from Easter Egg Yacht Race

Six yachts took part in the Easter Egg Race at the Mooragh Lake.

With a good steady wind and everyone using the second suit of sails.

The course was the usual round the island (clockwise) with a good beat to the top of the lake.

With a no incident start but with quite a few port and starboard tactics coming into play until the fleet spread out.

With Dave and Graham in front having a good battle to the top mark.

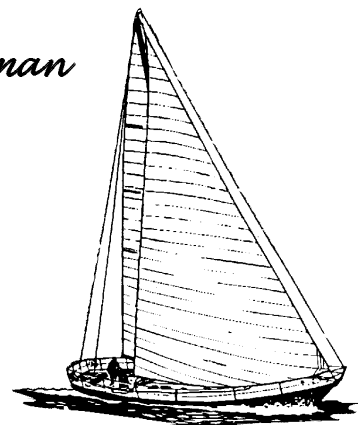
The run down from the top mark gave Daves Widget a good lead with Roy, also sailing a Widget now closing on Grahams Oscar

First over the finish line was Dave Foulis for the Easter Egg and the booby prize went to Vince Walmsley with a mini egg

The final order of the race

<i>Dave Foulis</i>	<i>1st</i>
<i>Graham Norman</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Roy Corkill</i>	<i>3rd</i>
<i>Jackie Ball</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Mike Wallace</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>Vince Walmsley</i>	<i>6th</i>

Graham Norman



Report from Steering Competition

Held under very cold and damp conditions, there were 7 competitors in the under one metre event while only Alan Gough came prepared to enter the over one metre.

Doug started off with his M.G.B. under top speed and nothing else! Graham went next to beat Dougs score of 11 with a score of 6. Jason, Alan and Brian went next to score 3, 3, and 2 respectively. Our only Junior entrant went next and lost 8 marks despite this being his first ever competition and having speed controller problems. Howard started off but had to abort fairly early on with battery problems despite being on charge all week--the battery, not Howard!

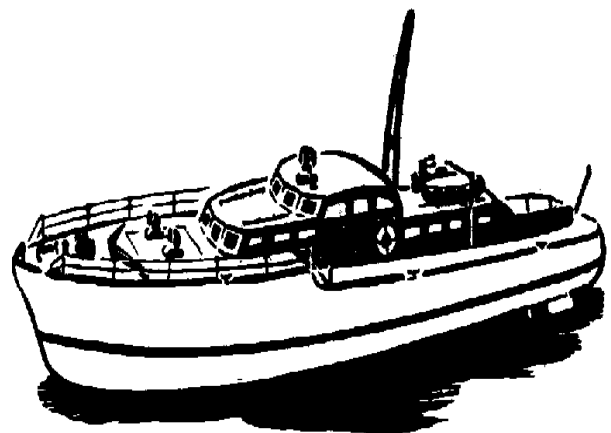
Despite the cold and now constant rain, all started the second round. Dougs second round was a bit of a bumper car episode with the same problems as the first lap. Graham had to abort his Teskoa with electrical problems, while Jason and Alan improved on their first rounds with 2 and 1 points lost respectively. This left Brian to get Kingsmann round in another excellent round, but unfortunately the

cold and damp spoilt his concentration [that's his excuse!] and he lost 4 points. Interestingly enough, the best lap scored was equalled by young Mark who only lost one point on his second lap.

The final scores were

1st Alan Gough 4 points lost. 2nd Jason Quayle 5 points lost, 3rd Brian King 6 marks lost

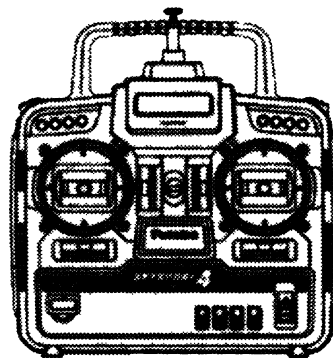
Brian King



Radio Frequencies

We have included with this newsletter the table showing what radio frequencies are currently being used by club members. Can you please check through the list and inform Brian King if the information is wrong so that he can bring the list up to date.

Unfortunately, we have had one or two radio clashes this year, which has resulted in some boats performing erratically on the water. Every member is required to check the frequency which they are using is free **BEFORE** turning their transmitter on. If the peg board is in use, collect your peg first. If a clash does occur at an event, it can usually be sorted out by arranging with the person you clash with to share the time on the water, or alternatively by changing crystals.



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Report From Scale Competition

This event was held on Sunday 6th May in gorgeous conditions at Silverdale lake. Unfortunately only 3 members of the club actually turned up. We were outnumbered by judges, who had been arranged by Malcolm Magee from the World Ship Society.

The club had the use of the lake during the morning up to midday, and with so few entries it was decided to scrap the static scale judging and concentrate on the sailing.

Alan Gough had brought along his new Osprey model, which looked magnificent on the water. He also sailed his Brig for part of the morning. Graham Norman had brought along his TID and Teskoa whilst Jason concentrated on sailing his submarine.

The conditions were absolutely ideal for sailing and before long the judges each had a transmitter in their hands sailing a few of the boats. Whilst the sailing was going on, the judges were deciding on a winner for the 'On the Water' competition. With six boats to choose from, they eventually decided that Alan's Osprey deserved the prize.

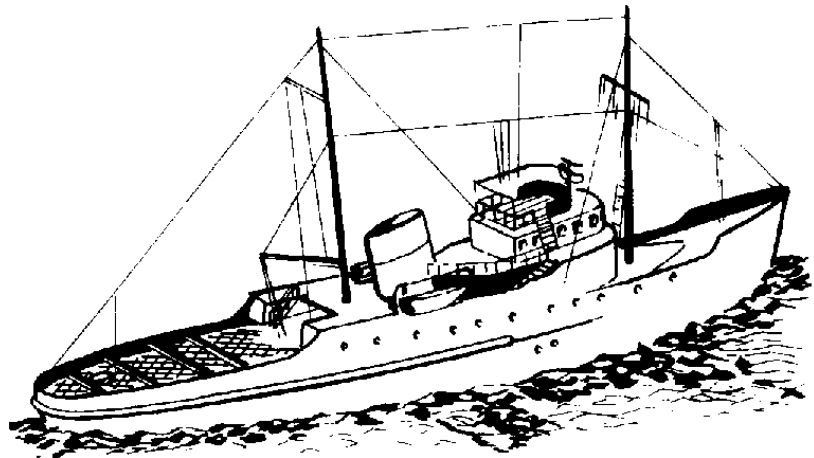
The committee will have to decide if the static judging will be held at a later date, let's hope that there is a better entry next time.

Jason Quayle

Battery Safety

Dave Foulis informs us that his boat recently caught fire for no apparent reason. Upon closer investigation he has discovered that there is a problem with some of his 'AA' size radio batteries. Dave is not the only person to have experienced difficulties, apparently this issue has also affected some modellers in the UK.

The problem is with 'AA' size rechargeable batteries with 'CP' or 'GP' marked on them. If you happen to have some of these batteries, you would be well advised to replace them with a different brand before your boat goes to Valhalla!



Club Sweatshirts

If you attended the AGM, you will be aware that the club has decided to standardise on the sweatshirts and T-shirts which it wears at events. The committee felt that this would give us a better identity, especially at events such as Ellesmere Port, where we are only one amongst many clubs.

We have chosen a light grey for the garment, with the club logo embroidered onto it. Approximately half the club members have now purchased a T-shirt or sweat shirt, so we should be putting on a good display when the sailing season starts. If you would like further details about purchasing a T-shirt or sweat shirt for yourself, please contact Howard Quayle on 626737.