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Manx Model Boat Club Newsletter 2003

Chairman's Chat

Fellow club members.

As the sailing season is at an end and the building season about to start, it is time to reflect on the success or otherwise of this year's events. Many of these events were highly successful especially Mannanan. Sadly the fun competition at Onchan was rained off, luckily only two members got wet! The club sailing on Thursday nights at Onchan does not seem to be very well used with only the same few members attending; it would be nice to see more members utilising this facility.

Some matters have been raised about the use of radio frequencies and the peg board; these and other matters are being addressed by the committee and will be resolved as soon as possible.

This years A.G.M. will take place at the Manx Arms on the 27th. November. In my last year as Chairman can I ask as many members as possible to attend as there are some very important decisions to be made.

After three years as Chairman it is my turn to stand down and let someone else take over the chair. Alan Harper after ten years of devotion to duty is standing down as treasurer, also Alan Gough is standing down as temporary secretary. Our thanks go to both of them for their hard work.

Also due to commitments Graham Norman will be unable to serve as a committee member and to organise the Mannanan Festival. We offer our sincere thanks for all his hard work in the past and hope to see him at the lakeside when he is able.

So as you can see there are a lot of matters to discuss and positions to fill.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 15th November for the Annual Dinner and prize presentation and also on the 27th for the AGM.

Regards

Doug Wheeler

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TUG TOWING COMPETITION 2003

This years tug towing was held on a bright sunny afternoon with an occasional cloud and sudden gust of wind.

There were four entries in the over 1 metre class. Mike Leece was first off with his small tug struggling manfully to pull the tanker against a gusty breeze and did well to only lose 11 points on his first round. Jason and Brian's superior engine power made a considerable difference, both only losing 3 points. Alan's TID did well with his conventional rudder to only lose 4 points. Brian was the first to prove the last obstacle was possible by managing a tight turn despite the proximity of the pool side. In the second round, all made more mistakes as the wind became stronger. Brian and Alan both lost 5 points, but Brian's first round score made him the winner by 1 point.

Finishing scores -	1 - Brian King	Kingsmann	8 points lost
	2 - Alan Gough	TID	9
	3 - Jason Quayle	Yessir	11
	4 - Mike Leece	Tug	21

There were six competitors in the over 1 metre class, the biggest [Robbe's Odin] being sailed by the youngest competitor, eight year old Cameron. Nigel Latham was first off with his traditional tug, and did well to get round very smoothly to lose only 3 points. Alan's large tug Niartal, also got round to only lose 3 points, while Juan Vernon's Eldergarth was close behind with a loss of 4 points. Cameron lost 12 while Kevin and Doug lost 13 each.

On the second leg, Nigel lost only 2 points while Allan lost 4. Cameron did exceptionally well to only lose 5 while Juan lost 9, Doug 11, and Kevin 15.

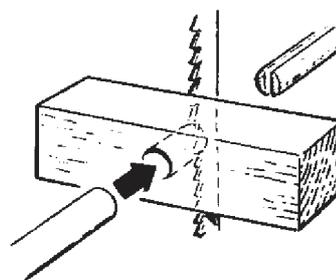
Finishing scores	1 - Nigel Latham	Heather Jill	5 points lost
	2 - Alan Gough	Niartal	7
	3 - Juan Vernon	Eldergarth	14
	4 - Cameron	Golden Sun	17
	5 - Doug Wheeler	Freya	24
	6 - Kevin Kinnin	Tug	28

Altogether a very good afternoon and good to see a fair distribution of entries between the two classes, but an exceptional performance by Cameron, who at eight showed great manoeuvring skill with the big tug and large tanker around what was a much trickier course than previous years.

Top Tips

DOWEL SPLITTER

A split dowel around the gunwale of a boat makes a very practical rubbing strip. A drilled block clamped just in front of the jigsaw or band saw blade will help you split a length or round dowel exactly in half.



Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Manx Model Boat Club will be held on Thursday 27th November 2003 starting at 7:30pm at the Manx Arms Public House on Onchan.

Agenda

- 1) Apologies for Absence.
- 2) Minutes of last years Annual General Meeting.
- 3) Matters Arising from the Minutes.
- 4) Chairman's Report.
- 5) Treasurers Report.
- 6) Election of Officers for 2004 (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, + 5 Committee).
- 7) Proposed Fixture List for 2004.
- 8) Mannanan 2004.
- 9) Any Other Business.

Due to the large number of club officials which require electing this year, a nomination paper has been included with this newsletter. If you would like to participate in the running of your club next year, fill in the form with your name, proposer and seconder and return it to the present club Chairman, Doug Wheeler, by Monday 17th November 2003. Nominations will also be taken from the floor on the evening of the AGM.

ROUND THE ISLAND YACHT RACE

This, the last official event of the season, was held on the Mooragh in what started off as 'blustery' conditions. There were nine starters with the first leg downwind on a run past the island to the far depth pole. Shortly after the start the wind dropped and by the time the pole was reached the yachts were lolloping in a strong lop but no wind. All the boats were bunched on the turn and eventually the lucky ones got away into some wind. Conditions continued to be variable until well clear of the island where Dave Foulis pulled clear with Juan Vernon and Jackie Bell fighting it out for third.

Results

1 st	Dave Foulis
2 nd	Juan Vernon
3 rd	Jackie Ball
4 th	Graham Norman
5 th	Roy Corkill
6 th	Mike Wallace
7 th	Nigel Thompson
8 th	Brian King
9 th	Alan Watson

