



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

April 2013 Newsletter

What's On.....

April:

Thursday 4th Meeting at Jordon Hill

Sunday 7th Scale & Sail

Sunday 14th Fiesta Round 2

Sunday 21st One metre Round 3

May:

Thursday 2nd Meeting at Jordon Hill

Sunday 5th Scale & Sail &
Beal Park Show

Sunday 12th Fiesta Round 3

Sunday 19th One metre Round 4

June:

Sunday 2nd Scale & Sail

Thursday 6th Meeting at Jordon Hill

Sunday 9th Fiesta Round 4

Sunday 16th One metre Round 5

Sunday 23rd InterClub at
Watermead

Sunday 3rd March – Sail & Scale Morning:

After the Fiesta skippers were left frozen to their trannies last week, the weather relented for March Scale & Sail day, and provided us with a decent morning.



Peter Pitt-Pulford showed up with a new model to the pond in the form of a huge and impressive lifeboat, which was brought into action during the morning more of which later. I didn't get any details, but hope to put this right next time it shows up.



It's some time since we saw a paddler at the pond, so I decided to give Delta Queen a run. This simple design, crewed by a motley assortment of charity shop figures, makes quite a change from the conventional prop driven boats, and takes a little practice before mastering its steering properties.

Showing a more slippery turn of speed, Miss Great Britain, Alan Struths 1930s speed boat provided us with the morning's water churning. This is a great little model, well worth a close look if you can catch it at rest.



Despite my opening, the lake was frozen, and the large yacht skippers joined us on the pond which led to the incident involving the lifeboat, mentioned above. Yachts don't come much bigger than Dick Skinner's R10 racing machine, but unfortunately, Keels are seldom deeper all of which led to Dick's yacht going firmly aground in one of the ponds shallows. Call out the lifeboat to the rescue and Peter managed to nudge the beached yacht to safety.

We often attract a crowd of interested spectators on our Sunday morning sail ins, but I think Jason's Liner Queen Mary had the largest for some time. See, there is still a following for boys and their toys.



Last but not least, three in a row



See you in April, fooling around at the waterside.

Dave.....

Sunday 17th March – One Metre Rose Bowl – Round 2 by Mike Robinson

Oh dear, yet another disaster! I left home en route to Oxford with sleet in the air but by the time I reached Farringdon it was snowing hard so I did an about turn and returned to Swindon. A phone call to Paul Izzard and Iain Smith confirmed that it was also snowing heavily at Oxford so we agreed that the event should be cancelled.

I also rang Stewart Wilkins and made a suggestion that the scoring system should be amended to take 50% of the events held plus one. This would save the need to slot in additional events at the end of the season. Stewart agreed to discuss this proposal with all skippers before making any change.

Now that all inter-club events will be held at Watermead; If there is any doubt about the weather, skippers ring Clive Bardell on 01296-580607 to confirm whether or not the event is going ahead.

Sunday 24th March – One Metre Inter-Club – Round 1 - at Watermead by Mike Robinson.

Yet again we were beaten by the weather. On this occasion the overnight snow had mostly gone but the biting easterly wind kept the temperature below freezing all day.

After a telephone call to Iain and Nick, we all decided to stay indoors - after all we are supposed to enjoy our chosen hobby not freeze at lakeside all morning. I notified Clive of our discussion and he quite understood our problem.

Watermead will be holding their 1M Spring Series on 7th April so I suggest that we join them. Perhaps skippers will let me know if this is OK and then I will ring Clive to confirm.

Model Shows – Beale Park – Sunday 5th May 2013

We have received an invitation from Ian Hughes, Chairman of Mid Thames Model Boat Club, inviting our club to this boat show. There is up to 10 free entry tickets per club for exhibitors.

There will be a full complement of trade stands in the Beale Park centre, e.g.: Models By Design, Macs Mouldings, Deans Marine, Mastman, Speedline Models, Miskin Models, Hunter Systems, Barry's Model Lettering, Dateline Marine, A Model World and Model Sounds Limited. These are just a few so far.

For the first time there will be a bring and buy stand and have-a-go boats for the children.

All of the above have been organised by Debbie and Alan of '*A Team Boatyard*'. They will have on display their 16ft, 1:32 scale, Type 45, destroyer. As you may be aware ATB will be starting their big Thames Cruise from Beale Park on Monday 6th May, so this is a chance for you to come and talk to them and see the model before it does its epic journey, up and down the River Thames, over the following two weeks.

We are expecting extensive media coverage of the show and the subsequent event.

The *A Team Boatyard* feel that if they can make this day a success, there is a good chance that they can approach Beale Park and reinstate the two day May and October shows. This event is being run purely on a charity basis, so if you are free please come along and support the show.

We can apply for tickets and if enough OMBC members want to go then we can take our gazebo and set up a display of our members boats. Volunteers will be needed to take & erect the gazebo and we will need about 5 pasting tables.

We will discuss it at the next club meeting on 4th April at Jordon Hill. In the mean time if you are interested in going please email Paul to so that he can see how much interest there is.

New Products: from ModelRadioWorkshop

This firm has full servicing facilities for radio control. They also have a range of special control modules; one of particular note is their MRW10 Servo End Point Adjuster at just £12.50; essential for use with winches and radios without the facility to make these adjustments.

Details from: Mike Ridley 07708 436163 (9:30am - 5:00pm - Mon-Fri) or:

Email: mike@modelradioworkshop.co.uk

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Minutes of meeting held 7th March 2013.

Apologies.

- Apologies were received from Merlin Coates: 16 members were present.

Chairman's report.

- The chairman had nothing to report other than the bankruptcy of the well known German Company, Graupner. The company has been taken over but will exist as a vastly smaller enterprise.

Secretary's report.

- Three parking permits have been renewed. All members are urged to check upon the validity of their permits.
- 2 Buoyancy aids have been purchased as an essential item for those manning the rowing boats.
- In future all 1 metre interclub events will be held at Watermead owing to the decline in interest of IOM boats at OMBC.
- New keys have been purchased for the inner doors of the Community Centre.
- There are currently 13 Fiestas in member's ownership with 7 active skippers.
- The secretary will be out of immediate contact for an indefinite period due to medical treatment. The news letter etc will continue to be produced.

Treasure's report.

- The club currently has £1,153 deposited in the bank account.
- The yearly insurance has been paid with an acceptable increase of 5% on the premium.
- There are 38 paid up members of OMBC.
- Some £150 contribution will be necessary for treatment of the small lake once temperature exceeds 10°

Scale secretary's report.

- Weather has been a continue issue over the winter but Scale Sunday continues to be well supported. Long may this continue!

Any other business

- The secretary informed members that he was having problems with storage of the 'Have go boats' the treasurer agreed to take over the storage and the Chairman to charge batteries when necessary.
- The Wychwood Forrest Fair will be held on 1st September 2013 and OMBC are invited to attend as last year; members agreed the club should take up the option.
- The club still retains membership of South Oxford Community Centre which is essential if we are to retain use of the storage facility.
- The Secretary produced an amount of extruded plastic items donated to the club by the late Peter Gilpin and was free to members.
- The Secretary has renovated a model galleon on behalf of the 'John Masefield – Leonard Cheshire Care Home' near Dorchester and has been presented with a book entitled 'Ships and sailing' this is an illustrated book with a potted history of the evolution of boats in general and also of fixtures and fittings. Of interest to scratch builders in particular and at the moment is in possession of the chairman who should be contacted should members require loan of the book.
- It is hoped that a short talk on finishing/ refurbishing of models will be presented by John Shinton at the next meeting. It is hoped that the talk will assist any one building new models.

The meeting closed at 20.00