



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

August 2017 Newsletter

What's On.....

August:

Sunday 6th Scale & Sail

Sunday 13th Fiesta Round 7

Sunday 20th Scale & General

Sunday 27th Hinksey 400 Round 7
IOM Extra Round 3

September:

Sunday 3rd Fiesta Round 8

Thursday 7th **GEORGE WREN**
Model display & competition

Sunday 10th **Scale**
Watermead Cancelled

Sunday 17th IOM Round 6
Scale & General

Sunday 24th Hinksey 400 Round 8

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GRORGE WREN EVENING

7th September – Setup at 7pm

Time to start thinking about your entries to this years competition.

So bring along those boats and let us all admire them. New or old they are all welcome.

Boats for Display Only are welcome, even if you don't want them judged it's good for us to see them.

Full information is included at the end of this news letter.

Just remember

7th September at 7pm

Hinksey 400 by Paul Izzard

We had a good turnout of these boats on the Open Day, more than we have seen together before.

I have been asked about rules, up to now we have tried to keep it simple. We just race around the buoys for 5 laps and record the finishing positions. The results of 8 races are used to calculate the mourning's positions. (in the same way as used for yacht racing). We do not currently penalise those that 'miss' buoys.

'Proper' fast electric racing do things a bit differently:

Races are over a fixed time & the number of laps completed are recorded; each time a buoy is 'missed' one lap is deducted from this total. Making it far more important not to miss a buoy.

For us doing it properly poses a problem, we don't have enough people to keep watch on the 4 buoys & it's not too easy to identify the errant boats.

So it's over to the participating members. How do you suggest we tackle the problem?

More importantly the recent monthly race mornings have been a bit short of boats, one with 4 & another with only 3 boats.

There was a lot of enthusiasm about the project, 17 members have kits and at least 9 of them have competed at an event.

Please think about what you would like to do with your Hinksey 400. Let me know if you have an unused kit.

Sunday 9th July Fiesta Round 6

by Mike Robinson

So far this year, out of the six rounds, we have had snow (Round 1), little or no wind on four occasions and only once a decent breeze. This Sunday was as usual a light wind but sunny and warm. We waited around until after 10 o'clock in the hope that things would improve but they didn't so we decided to race with a shortened course but with five races taking 90 minutes to complete

we called it a day and Stewart adjusted the scores accordingly.

Iain and myself contested the top places and could not be separated so the full result was as follows:

1=	Mike Robinson	(17)
1=	Iain Smith	(17)
3	Paul Izzard	(31)
4=	Peter Pulford	(40)
4=	Nick Panter	(40)

Sun 23rd July Hinksey 400 Round 6

by Paul Izzard

A nice bright morning brought out seven entrants for the Hinksey 400 racing.

We all got on pretty well but still had a few inversions; due mainly to trying to jump over a buoy or two!

There were a few collisions, the rubbing strip helped to prevent any damage; but boats coming together side to side can hook over the strips and they then go along in pairs.

The final results were:

1=	Terry Gregory	(22)
1=	Paul Izzard	(22)
3	Keith Barney	(31)
4	Nick Panter	(32)
5	Alan Struth	(34)
6	Iain Smith	(48)
7	John Cox	(54)

Alan and Iain had only one battery each so ran out of steam in the second half. A properly charge 2S 2.2Ah battery will last for eight 5 lap races but with much reduced power during the last four. John had lost his motor mounting screws which stopped him after the first half.

NEWSLETTER

Please send me any photos or articles for the next newsletter by Sunday 27th August.

Items for sale or wanted can always be displayed.

..... Paul

Oxford Model Boat Club Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd August 2017

Attendance: 11; Apologies were received from Eric Hoare.

Chairman's Report Paul Izzard:

Club Website:

I have had a long chat with Terry King & he says Greg is happy to continue with the site management, so that's a great relief! I have made a list of the changes needed & will send it to them shortly.

Terry also offered to come along one evening to talk about tactics & competitive yachting in general, we did not talk about an evening for this but I thought our October or November meeting could be good. I will discuss it with him.

Missing Buoys on Lake

4 new white buoys have been purchased & Iain Smith has prepared them for installation in the lake. Mike Robinson has made anchor weights for them. If we can get enough volunteers we will install them on Thursday 17th August.

Hinksey 400

We had a good turnout for the race morning which was very pleasing. Thanks for your support.

George Wren Evening:

Plans are in place for this event. Many thanks to Iain Smith who has offered to arrange the buffet.

Secretary's Report:

Terry reminded the meeting of the events for the coming month.

Treasurer's Report:

Roy told us that after:

Deducting the payments for: Open Day Banners; Lock-up Keys and Buoys.

And adding: one new members fee received.

The accounts stand at £ £249.18

Scale Secretary's Report:

Tony said he was encouraged by the increased number & variety of boats on the pond recently & that his report on the last scale morning will appear in the August newsletter.

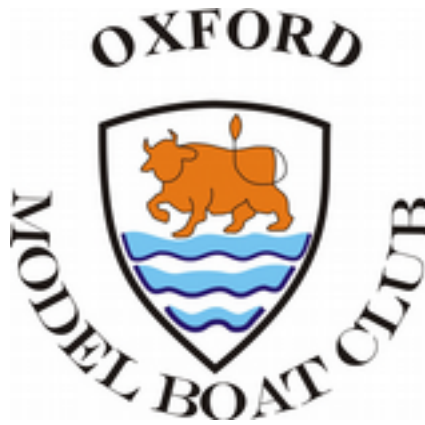
ANY OTHER BUISINESS:

Doug Green told us that he has an invitation from the *Harrow & Wembley Society of Model Engineers* to their weekend event on the 26th, 27th & 28th August.

The plan is for the club to go on Sunday 27th. If anyone would like to go to this please let the secretary know as soon as possible; not later than Thursday 10th August as they need to know the numbers coming. Their sailing water is very shallow, only 7 to 8 inches so no yachts or deep draft boats.

Their website address is <http://www.hwsme.org/>

The meeting closed at 8 pm



George Wren Model Display Evening

Thursday 7th September 2017 at Jordan Hill from 7pm

Rules:

There will be two classes of entry:

Finished Models - will have **WHITE** numbers & entry forms.

Work in Progress - will have **PINK** numbers & entry forms.

Members may enter two models in each class. Only models that have not won before may be entered.

How to Enter:

Take a number of the appropriate colour for each model entered.

Select the Entry Form **WHITE** or **PINK** for the class you are entering, write your name, the number you have taken and the boat's name & type of vessel for each model entered.

Voting:

Write your name on the entry slip & enter your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choices in the area for each class **WHITE** for Finished Models & **PINK** for Work in Progress .

Place the slip in the voting box.

Trophies: These will be awarded at the AGM in December as follows:

The **GEORGE WREN Cup** for the Best Finished Model

The **JOHN COX Bullet Trophy** for Best Work in Progress.