



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

August 2011 Newsletter

Events in July:

Sunday 2nd July:

Scale Sail & Power by Dave Smith

A good crowd came along to the midsummer scale & sail Sunday in July, maybe the good weather had something to do with it.

Doug Green brought three boats down, two work in progress, a Hong Kong patrol boat HMS Magpie and US style single stack destroyer of the Gridley/Simms type produced early in WW2, pictured alongside my model of the same class. It should be interesting trying to get some photos of these two on running together in the future.

John Shinton's Huntsman launch is pictured at rest on the water waiting its turn to be put through its paces on a busy morning, action pictures on another day.



Action pictures for today feature Nic Panters Riva Aquarama, a beautifully crafted speed boat which features real leather upholstery!! Nic provided us with some splashing entertainment, with the Riva going through high speed manoeuvres on the water as you can see.

I hope Paul is able include Roy launching his Icebreaker from the transporting/launching trolley he has designed for his model. Roy is able to move his model from his car to sail off the trolley, without having to manhandle. At the end of the sailing, reverse the order back to the car, simple isn't it. The model itself is nearly complete, and dominates the pond when underway. What's next, I bet Roy has something in mind.



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A more sedate air was shown by two yachts, the Dragon of Eric Hoare and J type of one of our newer members Don Naybour. Both of these elegant boats feature the sweeping hull lines of early racing yachts, although very different in size at full scale, the J type racing for the Americas cup in its heyday whilst the Dragon class provided sport at a more affordable level. I think that these must be amongst the most attractive looking yachts whatever the scale.



In the launch category, we had both ends of the scale, with John Cox who turned up with Daffy Duck a cutie built up from a hull and deck picked up at a show last year. This is Johns second small model, remember his sailor last month?

Paul arrived with his new steam launch, a real cracker this complete with dad mum and the family. After the usual steam power preparation we were off for a cruise round, until a whiff of smoke & then some flames! called for swift action to be taken to prevent fire aboard. All was well and Paul was able to continue during the morning. His boiler did not seem to be able to keep up with the demands of the engine and frequent stops were needed to get up pressure before proceeding.



Events in July:

That was a good morning, lots of boats, some new projects to look forward to, and one or two ideas for the winter build. I might even get to build that British Cruiser, I've got the plan somewhere just need to get started. In case of emergency we can always call on Allen Struth's rescue boat for assistance. I thought it was a Lifeboat, but Allen says the kit people were barred from using the title, looks like a lifeboat to me!



The north sea drifter Formidable was to be seen working its way through the herring shoals in the pond at Hinksey, under the command of its Captain Ernie Smith, nice one.



Stewart Wilkins Susie Q (OX 6) now in the hands of Paul who has replaced the speed controller & installed a 3 cell LiPo battery showed a good turn of speed with super stabile handling.



See you at the lakeside on August 7th.

Dave.....

Events in July:

Sunday 17th July:

Fiesta Round 5 by Mike Robinson

We were greeted by an overcast day with showers forecast and that is what we got. The wind for the first few races was fairly constant but then it dropped making sailing far more of a lottery.

Initially I got off to a good start with three wins closely followed by Dennis. However, when the wind dropped so did my sailing position and, Dennis being more consistent, pulled ahead. Iain Smith posed a threat at times giving both me and Dennis a hard time with some close-quarter sailing.

The final result being:-

1	Dennis Payne (15)	2	Mike Robinson (18)
3	Iain Smith (20)	4	Dick Skinner (34)
5	Dave Smith (38)	6	Nick Panter (45)

The next event scheduled is due to be the Fiesta Open on 14th August. However, as I have only one entry from outside our club I have decided to bring forward Round 6 of our own Club Fiesta series as we are possibly going to Kensington Round Pond on 18th September.



(Pictured: Iain Smith & Dusty Miller battling it out on the pond recently!)
(Little & Large?)

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Thursday Sailing:

We are now back to Thursday afternoon sailing as the Sculling club have stopped using the pond for their beginners training.

I hope that next year we can get proper information on when the pond & lake are to be used by the by them; as this year they were not always using the pond when they said they were.

Coming Events:

Thursday 4 th Aug.	Monthly meeting at Jordon Hill from 7:30pm
Sunday 7 th Aug.	Scale Morning from 10:00am
Sunday 14 th July	Sixth round of the Fiesta competition, brought forward from 18 th Sept.
27 th & 28 th July	One Metre Nationals at Gosport
Thursday 1 st Sept.	Monthly meeting at Jordon Hill from 7:30pm
Sunday 4 th Sept.	Scale Morning from 10:00am

NOTE: the one metre interclub at Watermead on 21st Aug. had been postponed to 4th September.

Thanks to Mike, Dave & John for their articles & photographs.

Oxford Model Boat Club.

Minutes of meeting held 7th July 2011.

Apologies.

Apologies were received from John Foreman, Eric Hoare and John Smith.

Chairman's report.

- Eric Hoare has suffered a stroke in recent days but is happily making good progress. The secretary will forward members Good Wishes.

Secretary's report.

- Plans are progress for the council to implement charges for parking at Hinksey Park. Nothing has yet been decided but things look ominous. The secretary is in contact with the council to clarify matters.
- The algae treatment question is ongoing but the Council official concerned is intransigent; the secretary will continue to press for a sensible answer.
- The open Fiesta (termed 'The Fiesta Nationals' by the Fiesta Owners Association) has yet to receive any entries.
- New and extremely tough buoys have been purchased at a cost of £60 and are in place in the small lake.
- Members were reminded of the events that are forthcoming in the current month.
- The secretary has manufactured 'windscreen badges' to assist with identify club vehicles to the Park Rangers.

Treasurer's report.

- Club funds stand at £1004. 65p and we have recruited three new members.

Scale Secretary's report.

- The Sunday event for July produced an extremely good selection of boats and the event continues to be very popular; **please continue to support club officers' efforts.**

Any other business.

- Members were reminded that OMBC is 25 year old this year and some form of celebration might be appropriate. The Secretary and Chairman have discussed the matter and suggest that a visit to the Round Pond in Kensington Gardens to coincide with the MYA centenary event to be held on 18th September might be appropriate. Hire of a bus subsidised from club funds might be an option and perhaps Fiesta yachts taken to the event. Wives would be welcome to make up numbers and help justify any outlay. Subject to the sufficient support the Secretary will start negotiations and report back. A number of members indicated their support and the Secretary felt there was sufficient interest to justify further investigation.

The meeting closed at 20.10