



# OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

## Christmas 2011 Newsletter

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### **A** message from our Chairman – John Cox

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have made this another bumper year for model boating in Oxford. There are many aspects to our club and each has its own member leading the way. Those deserving mention are:



**Stewart Wilkins & Mike Robinson:** for arranging & running the Fiesta & One metre sailing competitions. Particularly Stewart's work in the computation of the improvement results for the Fiesta Bowl & One metre Rose Bowl awards.

**Dave Smith:** for his persistent efforts to encourage more scale modelling. His monthly reports & photos are well received by our members. These, plus member articles on their scale projects have done wonders for this activity.

**Greg King:** for his work running & maintaining the club website; [www.oxfordmbc.org.uk](http://www.oxfordmbc.org.uk) Thanks to Greg we have a popular public presence where our activities can be followed by enthusiasts around the country and where potential new members are encouraged to make contact. As a result of the website I had an e-mail from Australia asking advice on Brain steering gear for a restoration project. This was quickly referred to the MYA Vintage section!

**Roy Noble & Paul Izzard** bring up the rear with Roy keeping us in the black! And Paul sending out our news letters & leading the war on weed!

The only regret that I have is the reduced numbers of members sailing One metre yachts, I understand why; but it would be good to see more. There must be quite a few unused boats stored away in members' lofts, if these were offered at the proper price to other members we might be able to increase the numbers competing in this class. It would gladden my heart to see a fleet of a dozen or so on a Sunday morning.

*Best wishes for Christmas and the coming year, John*

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Here are a few pictures from 2011:



Fiestas on a chilly morning in February

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More pictures from 2011



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### Dates to Remember:

No Jordon Hill meeting in January.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan.      One metre Rose Bowl – Round 1

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.      Meeting at Jordon Hill from 7:30pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.      Scale, Sail & Power morning

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.      Fiesta – Round 1

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.      One metre Rose Bowl – Round 2

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar.      Meeting at Jordon Hill from 7:30pm



Here are the results of the 2011 sailing competitions:

FIESTA	ANCHOR		BOWL	
Name	Pts.	Pos.	% diff	Pos
T King	91	1	-1.36	10
M Robinson	114	2	6.79	1
I Smith	146	3	-1.16	9
P Izzard	184	4	6.17	4
J Cox	193	5	-7.56	14
D Smith	243	6	6.65	2
N Panter	268	7	4.01	6
D Skinner	275	8	-6.13	12
J King / 4	97	#	-2.40	11
E Hoare / 2	82	#	5.31	5
D Payne / 2	95	#	-6.56	13
D Naybour / 2	136	#	6.25	3
D Miller / 2	138	#	1.67	7
P Huntley / 1	54	#	-0.42	8



### ANCHOR

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### BOWL

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2	D Smith	6.65%
3	D Naybour	6.25%

ONE METRE	SHIELD		ROSEBOWL	
Name	Pts.	Pos.	% diff	Pos
D Payne	130	1	7.22	5
M Robinson	132	2	1.21	8
I Smith	142	3	10.85	4
N Panter	216	4	16.20	2
J King / 4	99	#	11.04	3
D Skinner / 4	240	#	3.47	7
J Cox / 3	65	#	32.78	1
E Hoare / 3	130	#	5.14	6
G King / 2	62	#	-7.92	9
N Donaldson / 1	34	#	-8.13	10

### SHIELD

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### ROSEBOWL

1	John Cox	32.78%
2	N Panter	16.20%
3	J King	11.04%



# **Oxford Model Boat Club.**

## **Annual General Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011**

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### **Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Peter Gilpin, John Smith, 'Dusty' Miller & Peter Pit- Pulford.

There were 26 members present.

### **Chairman's address.**

The Chairman's overview of the year's activities touched briefly various matters affecting the club such as the weed/algae problems that prevented sailing for about two months during midsummer.

New parking restrictions and charges at Hinksey Park have been put in place by the Council & these appear to be working correctly, but the Park Wardens are ruthless in enforcing the rules!

The cancelation of the Roman Way show was a blow but the matter was completely out of the hands of the club. The Club has bulk membership at Lake Street Community Centre and our tenure of the newly decorated store room appears assured. An 'open day' at the centre, which the club had been invited to attend, was postponed until the New Year; the George Wren trophy had been scheduled to coincide with the event but that has now been put 'on hold' and will be rescheduled during 2012.

Certain problems arose with the Sculling Club over conflicting use of the lakes facilities. A meeting with the Chief Coach resolved the matter to everyone's satisfaction.

Membership of the club remains fairly static with an influx of new members counteracting any departures. Generally speaking the Club's year has been very successful with a full programme of events being carried out.

The Thursday and Sunday 'general sailing' days are well supported with a mixture of both power and sail models taking to the water.

The club might well be invited to take a stand at a new(ish) Model Show at Long Marston Airfield which is about 30/40 miles north of Oxford. When further information is to hand members will be informed.

At this stage the club is in a strong position to go forward in the coming year.

### **Secretary's report.**

- The News Letter has been well received and it is hoped that it will continue to keep members informed of various club events and activities. It can only continue if members help by providing material.
- The George Wren Trophy will be re-scheduled to a date to be decided.
- The suggested algae treatment to the small lake has been given the go ahead by the City Council and negotiations are under way with the sculling club to divide the cost. The Council will not subsidise the treatment despite the minimal cost they would be asked to provide. Certain work and safety schedules have to be provided to the Council to satisfy bureaucratic procedures; this is in hand. The potential cost to the club could well total £600 but the benefits from both sailing and health might well outweigh the costs.
- At this stage Paul Izzard proposed that the club go ahead with the scheme; this was seconded by David Smith. A show of hands carried the motion with only two against.
- A total of 7 new members joined the club during 2011 but at this stage it is not known how many will not continue membership in 2012.

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### **Treasurer's report.**

- At the moment club funds stand at £950.18. It is anticipated that this figure will rise to approximately £1800 once the 2012 subscriptions are in.
- The continued use of the University Press Club premises used for the monthly meetings has been negotiated and the fee paid.
- Club insurance is in the process of being paid.

### **Sailing Secretary's report.**

- The full schedule of the various events was completed and the 'spare days' not needed.
- A new schedule for the coming year has been worked out and already inserted into the 2012 calendar. Provision has been made should any amendments be necessary.
- The MYA association fee has been raised from £10 to £11.
- Stuart Wilkins as the club scorer presented the various results which were read by the secretary and the various trophies presented.

### **Scale Secretary's report.**

- Club activity in the scale section continues to grow from what was a limited interest some two years ago, to a thriving activity at present. Over this period a number of new models have appeared ranging from the simple to the complex, justifying the efforts made by the club officers to promote use of the small lake. A number of new models are in the pipeline with steam and 'lipo' batteries starting to figure in the overall interest. Overall the spread of models throughout the club continues to provoke interest from both members and the public. There must still be models tucked away somewhere that just need a change of battery and a bit of maintenance to get them up and running!
- The success of this side of club activities is entirely down to membership and it is hoped that this support will continue.

### **Any other business.**

- Iain Smith raised the question of a slight falling off in purely sail interest.
- It was suggested that several factors have contributed to this situation such as Noel Donaldson, who was so pro active, having moved house and is now nearer an excellent sailing water, also the rise of the King boys in National events (so ably supported by father Terry) are rightly, aiming to achieve higher things within the MYA and thus have limited time to spend at Hincksey.
- Terry King raised the question of possible pollution through the small lake outfall should the proposed water treatment go ahead. The secretary has carried out a lot of research both nationally and within the Council remit; the answer is that the treatment is non-polluting and in fact beneficial to fresh water crustaceans and various invertebrates.
- The meeting closed at 2030.