



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

December 2016 Newsletter

What's On.....

December:

Thursday 1st Annual General Meeting at Jordan Hill

There are no further planned events this month

January:

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February:

The events for this month & the rest of 2017 will be shown in later newsletters & the club calendar.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 1st December at Jordan Hill

The agenda and details of some proposals have been circulated via email by the club secretary. There will be a lot to discuss and a good turnout of members will be very welcome.

The meeting will start a 7:30pm.

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Sunday 6th November – Scale & Sail by Tony Hughes

There was another good turnout on a fine and breezy day; calm enough for scale craft but windy enough for the odd yacht. I had limited time at the pond as I was on dog walking duties due to my Wife's broken leg so not all of the models present were sailed while I was there.

Dave was sailing his c1905 torpedo boat destroyer which is now radio controlled. The advent of the torpedo in the mid-19th century changed the face of naval warfare, making battleships vulnerable to small cheap torpedo boats. Initially torpedo cruisers, armed with small calibre weapons, were deployed to protect the fleet against torpedo boats but these were ineffective because they were too slow. The first torpedo boat destroyer, HMS Daring, was commissioned in 1895, displacing a mere 290 tons (the latest HMS Daring displaces over 7000 tons!) and armed with one 12 pounder and three 6

pounder guns. She was able to achieve the necessary high speed due to the use of water tube boilers driving steam turbines. As the design of these craft was developed, they could also attack the enemy fleet with their own torpedoes and carry out other duties such as reconnaissance.



Ian brought his MTB but this was not sailing due to a faulty speed controller.



Dick was sailing his scratch built Fairwind yacht and Nick had his Sun Tug on the water.





Terry was again sailing his fire tender (now complete?)



and, as usual, Michael had his lake cruiser out. Doug Green's model of an icebreaker was also on a stand.



and Alan was sailing his high speed miniature cabin cruiser.



I was amazed that motor, speed controller, servo and battery could all be fitted into such a small model.

Sunday 13th Nov. – Fiesta Round 10 - by Mike Robinson

Another bright sunny morning but as usual high pressure meant light wind. We set a course parallel to the near bank as there was a lot of floating debris on the far side of the lake. The main disadvantage was that we were looking straight into the sun which reflected off the water making visibility difficult. Initially I didn't wear sunglasses so was at a

disadvantage however Dick lent me a spare pair but it was too late for me to improve my position.

This was the last event in the series and the overall trophy was up for grabs. I won't declare the final positions as this will be done at the AGM. Needless to say the outcome could not have been closer.

The full result:

1	Iain Smith	(25)
2	Paul Izzard	(29)
3	Dick Skinner	(31)
4	Peter Pulford	(33)
5	Mike Robinson	(48)
6	Nick Panter	(59)
7	John Cox	(60)

Sunday 13th Nov. – IOM Round 8 - by Mike Robinson

Today saw the conclusion of the series and despite the freezing cold weather and the brisk wind the turnout of eight skippers was the best of the year. Everyone except Nick started off with working suits however seeing the advantage this gave him we all changed up during the mid-session break. First places were then shared between Iain (5), Nick and Mike (2) and Dick (1).

The overall series winner and most improved will be announced at the AGM – just wait for a big surprise!

The results were

1	Iain Smith	(24)
2	Mike Robinson	(27)
3	Nick Panter	(30)
4	David Woodford	(45)
5	Dick Skinner	(52)
6	Keith Barney	(57)
7	Peter Pulford	(61)
8	Rory Abbott	(64)

CLUB FEES:

These are due to be paid at the AGM. If you are not able to attend this, you should send your payment to the treasurer:

FEES: Members £20.00; Family £30.00; MYA £14.00

Cheques should be made out to 'Oxford Model Boat Club'

And sent to: Roy Noble
Wilcote Barn
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If you want to make payment by BACS please email Roy at:

treasurer@oxfordmbc.org.uk

For the bank details. Once you have made your payment, please send Roy a confirmation email.

Hope to see you at the AGM.

OMBC Meeting November 3rd 2016

Apologies:

David Harrison, John Cox & Merlyn Coats
There were 11 members present.

Chairman's Report Paul Izzard

Many thanks to Greg who has kindly sorted out the website, it went down whilst he was suffering from appendicitis and was not at all well after his surgery.

It had been suggested to the chairman that part of the reason that members were loath to come forward and take up committee positions were because the club's constitution does not limit the time that can be served. The chairman broached the possibility of changing the constitution to limit the time a member can serve on the committee. After extensive discussion the members indicated that they thought this was unnecessary so the proposal was dropped.

The chairman suggested that we absorb the cost of printing & posting the newsletters to the few members that do not have access to email. Because we will save more than this amount in the reduced cost of our new pond weed treatment. The treasurer said that changes to club fees would not be made this year.

Secretary's Report Terry Gregory

Terry reminded the members of the forth coming events.

Race Day went well, decision on how to run race. Spare props etc.

Reminder that the AGM will be electing the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, sail, scale, race secretaries.

Events this month

Scale 6th November

Fiesta on the 13th November round 10

One meter 20th November Round 8

Race Boat 27th November 2nd Race day

Treasurer's Report Roy Noble

The current bank balance is £405.00

Membership fees for 2017 will remain at £20.00 & £30.00 for families.

MYA membership fees will remain at £14.00.

Scale Secretary's Report Tony Hughes

Tony reported about the 'use of the pond email that was sent out to members his concerns were that scale members are being limited to one Sunday. After discussion on how this might be resolved. Tony agreed to put his thoughts into an email to the secretary for further discussion at the AGM.

Any Other Business:

David Woodford asked if another 1 meter race could be during the month or week and that our meeting often clashes with Watermead. Members agreed if it can be organised by members who would like to partake.

Rory Abbott asked about advertising the club for new members, Paul Izzard included his experience with the archery club who went to local venues to advertise and getting good response and increase in members. Terry Gregory added that a 'Fun in the park' event could be another way of advertising the club in areas such as Oxford and Abingdon

The meeting ended 9pm