



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

February 2016 Newsletter

What's On.....

February:

Thursday 4th Meeting at Jordan Hill

Topic: 3D Printing

Sunday 7th Scale & Sail

Sunday 14th Fiesta Round 1

Sunday 21st One metre Round 1

March:

Thursday 3rd Meeting at Jordan Hill

Sunday 6th Scale & Sail

Sunday 13th Fiesta Round 2

Sunday 20th One metre Round 2

April:

Sunday 3rd Scale & Sail

Thursday 7th Meeting at Jordan Hill

Sunday 10th Fiesta Round 3

Sunday 17th One metre Round 3

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To start the year we will look back on yachting during 2015:

Pictured on the right, Fiestas jockey for position at the start of the next race, then round the buoy on the last turn toward the finish and perhaps victory.

The class which started in the club, developed by life member David Swain & others, continues to be popular with as many as twelve boats taking part in each monthly race morning.

SPECIAL FOR FEBRUARY 4th MEETING

A Talk and Demonstration of 3D Printing

Arranged By Charlie Newman

This will be a great opportunity to learn about 3D printing & see it in action. 3D printers are becoming more affordable and therefore more attractive. This should not be missed by anyone wanting to make model boat fittings.

This will take place after a short club meeting.

A Talk and Demonstration of 3D Printing

STARTING AT 7:30pm on FEBRUARY 4th

At Jordan Hill



Now for a few photos of yachts, brought together in pairs for your delight and entertainment. I start with two smaller designs, Alan Struth's mini pond yacht Gennie modified to hoist an effective double jib sail set, twinned with my HFM 575 sporting an over deck sail winch arm.



Dave Harrison's trimaran is based on the J Class type hull and has proved to be stable to sail and answers well to the rudder. Alan brought his out of the box Cat down to the pond often during last season, showing off its very individual ping pong ball masthead recovery aid.



Last but not least, we have Paul's scratch built pond yacht under way and Mike Robinson's One Metre class racing yacht. The Metre class has been enjoying something of a comeback in the club, with a gradually increasing fleet last season.



Enjoy your sailing during 2016, see you at the pondside. Dave.....

Member's projects:

Paul's Stalwart

Following the initial tests of this amphibian I found the two jet drives gave plenty of speed and much better steering than I expected.

Whilst entering the water & sailing around the pond were fine, getting out of the water was not so satisfactory, partly due to the amount of algae on the slipway (my excuse). Also whilst attempting to climb the grass bank, the tyres looked very flat & the wheels spun inside the tyres.

The tyres were removed and the soft foam filler was replaced with high density closed cell foam.

It's now possible to climb out of the water (sometimes) and to drive right up to the foot path!



Secretary's update: There are two calendar corrections needed, the Watermead Open Day is now on 11th September so the club Scale morning will be on 4th September. My mistake shows round 7 of the IOM series on Sunday 26th October, should have been 16th!

HAPPY NEW YEAR
See you soon at Hinksey Park