



# OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

## February 2017 Newsletter

### What's On.....

#### February:

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting at Jordan Hill

Topic: Batteries

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Scale & Sail

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Round 1

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> One metre Round 1

Scale & General

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Hinksey 400 Round 1

#### March:

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting at Jordan Hill

Topic: TBC

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Scale & Sail

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Round 2

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> One metre Round 2

Scale & General

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Hinksey 400 Round 2

#### April:

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Scale & Sail

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Jordan Hill

Topic: TBC

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Round 3

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Scale & General

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> One metre Round 3

Scale & General

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Hinksey 400 Round 3

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#### Letter from the editor.....

Our hard working Secretary; Terry Gregory tells me that some members are under the impression that he is editing the newsletter, but it's still me!

This newsletter is only as good and interesting as its contents so this is a plea for contributions. If anyone would like to write a regular column or write a one off article on an aspect of model boating it would be most welcome.

Now we have started our Hinksey 400 race series a regular article about their antics would be particularly welcome.

If you receive the newsletter by email & would like to continue to receive it please email me on:

[ombeditor@aol.com](mailto:ombeditor@aol.com)

Contributions to the same email address please.

Best wishes for 2017 – *Paul Izzard*

#### Message from the chairman.....

Yes it's me again.....

2016 has been a pretty good year for the club. Most of the sailing events went ahead with little difficulty. There were good turnouts for the scale mornings. The George Wren evening was well attended although the number of models on display was down on last year. Our stand at Beale Park was well supported on two days. Our treatment of the pond has given us another year free of weed. To round off the year Terry organised a Christmas dinner that well attended and enjoyed by about 20 people; many thanks Terry.

2017 promises to be a good year for our activities. We now have three race series taking place; 2 for yachts, IOM & Fiesta and the Hinksey 400 fast electric, okay not that fast but entertaining.

We have reserved the spare Sundays for Scale & General boating to prevent the racing activities monopolising the pond.

There is some interest in another IOM race series, entirely separate from the present one. If this makes the club more attractive to IOM sailors it can only be a good thing.

To maintain or perhaps increase the club's membership I thought that we

could hold a public open day in the spring to let the public know about our activities. It would be a good use of our 'have a go' boats & we could put on demonstration races of Fiestas & Hinksey 400s on the pond and one metres on the lake. We could put on a display of models, if we each were to display half of the models we own; it would be a super show.

If nothing else it should be good PR.

I hope we can arrange a topic for each of our monthly meetings, I'll start the ball rolling with a session on batteries & chargers; with emphasis on Lipo use & safety. If any of you can contribute something similar please let me know.

Please remember it's your club.

*Paul Izzard*

#### 2016 Yacht Racing Summary

The year ended with the prize giving at the Annual General Meeting.

In the Fiesta series, only eight out of the ten rounds were sailed and the overall winner was Iain Smith with Mike Robinson runner-up. The trophy for the most improved skipper went to Peter Pulford.

In the 1M series, all eight rounds were held and after two discards were taken into account the top two places could not be separated and the trophy was shared between Mike Robinson and Iain Smith. The trophy for the most improved skipper went to Nick Panter.

Stuart Wilkins' full score schedule is shown on page 3 of this newsletter.

Before Christmas we spoke about servicing the buoys on the lake & replacing the missing one if it can't be found. This is not the best time to do it but could the 1M sailors have a think about how we should proceed.

Best wishes for 2017 – **Mike Robinson**

#### Hinksey 400 Racing:

From our experience the following will serve as the rules for now:

1. Each race will be of 5 laps, there will be 6 races with an interval after 3 races to change batteries.

2. If there are more than 7 entrants the fleet will be split into two and each fleet will complete 4 races. The 2 fleets will race alternately, changing batteries as required whilst the other fleet is racing.

3. If the participants agree there will be an extended brake at half time for refreshments. (bring your own).

4. To ensure that boat numbers are readable they shall be displayed on an upright fin and must be visible from the starboard side. Single digit numbers should not have a leading zero.

5. The starting positions should be swapped end for end at each race so that any advantage is ruled out.

6. All boats that do not finish should have same score as last place in the largest fleet (example 5 racing; NF = 5).

7. We have made no suggestion of any penalty for missing a buoy, to do this would require people to note who had missed a buoy & we don't have people to spare. So it's up to us to avoid this. Do not try to re-round a missed buoy, just keep going & DON'T do it again!

8. We must avoid the wild fowl at all times, if there are any in your way SLOW DOWN. If there are a large number of birds on the pond we should consider feeding them to keep them out of the area we are using.

All comments and questions from those with a Hinksey 400 are very welcome. We have a long way to go before we have a fully fledged race series in progress.

This is Paul's suggestion for the race number:

It uses two 80mm squares of 1mm plasticard mounted 1cm from each side of the hatch & 2cm from the transom.

All boats should be the same in the spirit of the 'one design'.



Our first race of 2017 will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Hope to see you there.

**Terry Gregory**



Here is Michael's tug TITAN seen at the pond before Christmas it has a 'bread & butter' constructed hull & was started when Michael was a teenager & only recently finished.

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**An IOM Extra Race Series**

If you would like to race your IOM more than once a month then please register your interest now.

Please send your details to:

email: [caissedevin@btinternet.com](mailto:caissedevin@btinternet.com)

text: 07811 410 122

The extra races would be held at Hinksey Lake on Sunday mornings so as not to conflict with the currently scheduled IOM & Fiesta races.

**David Woodford**

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**Merlyn Coates:**

We were saddened to hear of the death before Christmas of life member Merlyn Coates.

Merlyn & his wife Betty did a lot for the club in earlier times and will be much missed by those that knew them.

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**Peter Gilpin:**

Peter's widow, Helen died a few months ago & his family are clearing their family home in Burford ready for sale.

During this process they found a lot of warship drawings & information. These were of very large scale so I decided to pass them on to the 'Surface Warship Association' archive.

Also found were two large folders of plans & construction details of models saved from magazines over several years.

I am presently cataloguing these & will distribute a list so that members may borrow any that they might like to build.... Paul.

About 3 months ago we were given 4 incomplete model boats: An RAF RTTL built from a 70's Veron kit, a Sea Commander built from an Aerokits kit & two small hulls of unknown origin.

I have an interest in RAF boats so took on the Rescue & Target Towing Launch which was unpainted & needed minor repairs & a drive train installing. Here's how it looks now:



Dave took on the Sea Commander & has sent me this photo.



The other two are in progress & should be seen on the pond soon.

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Please send any articles, photos, wants or items for sale to me at:

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

FIESTA SERIES.

| NAME            | 1     | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5 | 6    | 7    | 8 | 9    | 10   | BESTS | Posn. |
|-----------------|-------|------|------|------|---|------|------|---|------|------|-------|-------|
| IAIN SMITH      | (100) | 28   | 33   | (49) | - | 32   | (51) | - | 33   | 25   | 151   | 1     |
| MIKE ROBINSON   | (66)  | 37   | (82) | 45   | - | 35   | 21   | - | 25   | (48) | 163   | 2     |
| PAUL IZZARD     | 38    | (56) | 27   | 33   | - | (55) | 44   | - | -    | 29   | 171   | 3     |
| DICK SKINNER    | 54    | -    | 40   | (64) | - | 45   | (62) | - | 26   | 31   | 196   | 4     |
| PETER PULFORD   | (48)  | 42   | (52) | (56) | - | 37   | (60) | - | 43   | 33   | 203   | 5     |
| KEITH BARNEY    | -     | 54   | 45   | -    | - | 32   | 38   | - | 39   | -    | 208   | 6     |
| NICK PANTER     | 47    | (69) | 46   | 47   | - | -    | 57   | - | (69) | 59   | 256   | 7     |
| ALAN STREUTH    | 64    | 63   | 46   | (78) | - | 59   | 65   | - | -    | -    | 297   | 8     |
| TOMMY COX       | 22    | 29   | -    | -    | - | 69   | -    | - | -    | 60   | -     | -     |
| ROBERT CRADDOCK | 55    | 69   | -    | 62   | - | -    | -    | - | -    | -    | -     | -     |
| ERIC HOARE      | -     | -    | -    | 38   | - | -    | 43   | - | -    | -    | -     | -     |
| TONY HUGHES     | 91    | -    | -    | 90   | - | -    | -    | - | -    | -    | -     | -     |
| BOB ABBOTT      | -     | -    | -    | -    | - | -    | -    | - | 46   | -    | -     | -     |

IM SERIES.

| NAME            | 1    | 2    | 3   | 4   | 5    | 6   | 7    | 8    | BEST<br>6 | Posn |
|-----------------|------|------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|-----------|------|
| MIKE ROBINSON   | 24   | 15   | (1) | 26  | 23   | 23  | 18   | (27) | 129       | 1 =  |
| IAIN SMITH      | 24   | 32   | 14  | 21  | (37) | 14  | (43) | 24   | 129       | 1 =  |
| DICK SKINNER    | 36   | (50) | 20  | 26  | 29   | 29  | 41   | (52) | 181       | 3    |
| NICK PANTER     | 27   | 41   | (-) | 35  | 30   | 22  | (-)  | 30   | 205       | 4    |
| PETER PULFORD   | 54   | 35   | 45  | (-) | 45   | 53  | 36   | (61) | 248       | 5    |
| KEITH BARNEY    | (68) | 52   | 45  | 44  | 46   | (-) | 26   | 57   | 270       | 6    |
| ROBERT CRADDOCK | 49   | 54   | 55  | 58  | -    | -   | -    | -    | -         | -    |
| DAVID WOODFORD  | -    | -    | 34  | -   | -    | -   | -    | 45   | -         | -    |
| BOB ABBOTT      | -    | -    | -   | -   | -    | 51  | -    | 64   | -         | -    |