



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

July 2014 Newsletter

What's On.....

June:

Sunday 29th Fiesta Spare Round

July:

Thursday 3rd Meeting at Jordon Hill

Sunday 6th Scale & Sail

Sunday 13th Fiesta Round 5

August:

Sunday 3rd Scale & Sail

Thursday 7th Meeting at Jordon Hill

Sunday 10th Fiesta Round 6

September:

Thursday 4th Meeting at Jordon Hill

Sunday 7th Watermead Regatta
A Good Day Out!

Sunday 28th One metre Round 6

Sunday 1st June : Scale & Sail – by Dave Smith.

We are in the middle of a spell of fine sunny weather which began at the June Scale & Sail day, as I write these notes, long may it continue!

First up this month, Mike Fleetwood shows off his new model a canal Long Boat. Built from a kit, Mikes boat shows off the traditional paint work and sign writing used on these barges.



I managed to catch Lady Mary, and Iain's J class in close company early on when the faint zephyr of a breeze wafted across the pond, later with her sails filled with the increasing blow, the Americas Cup racer was able to show off her graceful lines (and new cabin) to the best advantage.

For some time, I have watched the development of Alan Struths latest forage into the model boat world. Taking a star baby hull as the start point, Alan has conjured up a Xebec of the type used by the pirates on the Barbary Coast. A three mast rig of lateen sails is, to say the least unusual, to that add a Pirate flag which can be run up the mast on demand and a working stern lantern. Alan has plans to include a pirate crew and cannon to complete the scene, but at the moment is content to enjoy sailing her. What will he come up with next?



It has to be said that some models create a stir both on and off the water. This is certainly the case with Jasons latest, the Graupner Atlantic Challenger, water jet propelled, this model of Richard Branstons boat, which was built to win the fastest crossing of the Atlantic, looks an awesome beast covered with the sponsors logos. At the moment the boat is running on a fairly low key motor set-up, but Jason has plans to fit it out with brushless motors and lipo batteries.

Thats it for this month, the Suns still shining and good weather forecast for the rest of the month, it must be Summer.

Dave.....



Sunday 8th June - Fiesta Round 4 – by Mike Robinson.

Once again it was a lovely bright morning with a fresh breeze blowing from right to left across the small lake which means that the second leg of the triangular course was partially in wind shadow from the trees.

Roddy Maddocks made his first appearance in the Class sailing one of John Cox's old boats No.8 which went very well and once Roddy can learn to read the wind on the more challenging legs of the course, it will become one of the front runners. I had a senior moment in one race thinking I had crossed the finish line in first place only to be told that I hadn't completed the sausage leg so I came last in the race! Peter had some radio problems so could not take part in every race hence his low score but the rest of the scores were close and reflected by the number of first places shared between four of the six skippers.

The full result being:-

1	Mike Robinson	(23)	2 firsts
2	Iain Smith	(28)	3 firsts
3	Paul Izzard	(32)	3 firsts
4	Roddy Maddocks	(34)	2 firsts
5	Dick Skinner	(37)	
6	Peter Pulford	(61)	

PLEASE NOTE THE FIESTA 'SPARE' Morning on 29th June

Sunday 8th June – IOM Rose Bowl Round 5 – by Mike Robinson.

An overcast sky and light breeze greeted us by the small lake. The large lake was unsailable due to weed so just as well we had the option of the small lake, the only downside bring shallow water in places and the buoys could easily catch the keels of the 1M yachts if one sailed too close as several of us found to our cost. With the wind blowing diagonally to the shore line we set an anticlockwise course to the far buoy and then two large triangles, however there was a wind shift after the first five races so we sailed the same course in a clockwise direction.

Only five skippers entered the event so with a fairly short course due to the size of the lake, there was some close racing and first places were shared between three of the five skippers. Iain was having a bad day by his usual standard and found his sails badly creased so was unable to get the best out of his yacht. Peter now has a competitive boat and featured near the front of the fleet in most races. However, I still managed to hold off the opposition for most of the morning.

The full result:-

1	Mike Robinson	(17)	5 firsts
2	Iain Smith	(21)	3 firsts
3	Peter Pulford	(25)	2 firsts
4	Paul Izzard	(39)	
5	Dave Smith	(48)	

PLEASE NOTE: Due to low numbers from immediate effect we will not be competing in the Inter-Club IOM series at Watermead. Perhaps if club interest in IOM sailing increases we might try again.

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Minutes of Meeting held on 5th June 2014

Apologies received from John Cox & Eric Hoare

There were 17 members attending.

Chairman's Report No report this month.

Secretary's Report

John Cox:

John had his hip operation on Tuesday 27th May, he had a bit of a set back with pain control but is now doing pretty well. He is home now and is doing some gentle walking, He is still tired after the operation and anaesthetic, etc.

Eric Hoare:

Eric had a fall whilst out walking his dog and has injured his arm & shoulder.

The secretary will convey the members best wishes to John & Eric.

The meeting was reminded of this months sailing events.

Treasurer's Report The account currently stands at £949.26

Scale Secretary's Report No report this month

Any Other Business:

Boat Hull for Sale:

Harry Webster has an 'A' Boat hull for sail, he told me it is a fibreglass hull with ballast, etc. Harry said that the deck fitted is too thick / heavy & would have to be replaced. Price £45.

The Meeting closed at 19:50