



# OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

## June 2011 Newsletter

### Events in June:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June:

#### Scale Sail & Power by Dave Smith

Back to Hinksey for this months Scale & Sail, on what for this year, was a reasonable day weather-wise.



Among the eight skippers at the pond side was Ernie Smith, making a first appearance this year with his Thames Sailing barge, always an impressive performer.



New member Mike Fallowfield brought along his fast Service launch, which he has been developing over the last couple of months.

Nick Panter took a break from his 1 metre sailing activities, to show off his Sun tug.

**OMBC**  
**Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**is our next**  
**Scale - Sail &**  
**Power Day**



Events in June:

The now familiar Perkasa of John Cox put on another lively performance around the lake.

Doug Green came with his Guardsman harbour tug which ran smoothly as ever. He was accompanied by his grandson who was sailing his yacht.

My contribution to the morning was the King George V Battleship, and the American WW2 Destroyer.



Dick Skinner rounded up our number, sailing his customised Fairwind yacht and a Fiesta!!

In the 18 months or so since re-starting the Scale – Sail & Power days there has been an increase in the number of boats turning up at the lake on non designated days. Many of which are scale models, my own included.

This is a good sign, which should auger well for the future.

Hope to see you at the pond side very soon.

Dave .....



Events in June:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June:

**Interclub 1 Metre event; Watermead.**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June was the interclub IOM event at Watermead. Unhappily only three OMBC members were able to make it i.e. Dennis, Iain and John. Noel sailed on behalf of Watermead, his new club since moving house.

The event has expanded now to include the Three Island MBC from Milton Keynes and in fact 16 skippers came to the line.

The wind on the day was very unsteady with periods of complete calm followed by violent gusts. The course set was very long and took the form of a beat to the first mark, then a full 360° with a downwind run to the next mark which took the form of a gate; there skippers could choose either of the two buoys to return to the first mark and then repeat the course finishing on the start/finish line halfway between the buoys. Sounds complicated but was a very simple course in practice.

Due to wind conditions the fleet spread out very quickly and provided those frustrating conditions where some boats stood still while others in close proximity had the benefit of a full blow and disappeared into the distance! This had the effect of spreading the fleet out very quickly. As the wind gusted and changed direction some yachts were standing on their nose while others sailed past with a good spread of sail and travelling at high speed.

Ten races were completed but the event was marred by rain showers that necessitated wet weather gear and transmitter protection. Several yachts got entangled up over the morning and a couple had sails carried away but all managed to finish the ten races.

Dennis and Iain put up good performances but John with his new yacht was not in the running; a year or so away from 1 metres shows!

**RACE LIST SUMMER SERIES Oxford + 2Island**

**DATE: 12/6/11**

NAME	SAIL No.	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	RACE 6	RACE 7	RACE 8	RACE 9	RACE 10	RACE 11	RACE 12	TOTAL	Discounts	FINAL TOTAL	POSITION
Bill Brooks	13	14	13	13	14	16	16	16	16	16	13			147	32	115	16
Peter Stevens	17	16	15	16	16	13	15	13	16	14	12			146	32	114	15
Noel Donaldson	29	12	7	4	13	5	8	3	4	3	5			64	25	39	5
Clive Bardell	55	9	11	8	8	6	5	14	16	16	16			109	32	77	12
Sid Hunt	71	10	8	7	11	3	3	5	5	9	10			71	21	50	6
Dave Isitt	122	2	4	1	3	4	2	8	8	2	3			37	16	21	2
Geoff Clark	140/91	13	6	15	5	9	13	15	12	12	6			106	30	76	11
Mike Clifton (2I)	02	7	2	6	7	2	4	2	3	6	4			43	14	29	4
John Clifton(2I)	51	15	13	14	12	15	10	10	11	11	8			119	30	89	14
Geoff Byerley	14 AUS	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			19	11	8	1
Keith Coxon(2I)	55	5	10	11	8	8	5	6	16	7	11			87	27	60	9
Paddy	62	6	9	12	9	10	12	12	9	10	14			103	26	77	12
Mike Shillington(2I)	110	3	3	3	2	14	7	4	2	4	7			49	21	28	3
Ian Smith(Ox)	87	4	12	2	4	7	6	11	6	13	16			81	29	52	7
John Cox (Ox)	28	8	14	9	15	11	11	9	10	8	9			104	29	75	10
Dennis Payne(2I)	7	11	5	5	10	12	14	7	7	5	2			78	23	55	8
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Well done to all OMBC skippers there were still six others behind you.....Ed.....

## Events in June

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June:**

### **Fiesta Round 4 by Mike Robinson**

Summer has arrived at last. It must have been the hottest day of the year however, and there always has to be one, with high pressure over the country, the wind was almost non-existent.

There was an excellent turnout for the event with ten skippers taking part and we welcomed one newcomer, Don Naybour, sailing one of the new South Coast Fiestas. Don needs to do some serious tuning to improve the boat's performance. Dave Smith is now appearing towards the front of the fleet and is one to watch!

The final result was:-

1	Mike Robinson (25)	6	Josh King (39)
2	Paul Izzard (30)	7	John Cox (46)
3	Terry King (34)	8	Nick Panter (53)
4	Iain Smith (35)	9	Dusty Miller (66)
5	Dave Smith (38)	10	Don Naybour (78)

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## News

The damaged buoys have been replaced with some that are intended to be used as floats to keep the mouth of trawl nets open at depths up to 1800 metres! They are also sold to zoos as toys for big cats so should defeat the errant dog. We purchased four buoys but have only put three on the pond at the moment as we do not often use the one by the swimming pool.

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## Coming Events:

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Scale Morning from 10:00am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Monthly meeting at Jordon Hill from 7:30pm
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Fifth round of the Fiesta competition
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> July	<a href="#">One Metre Veterans Championship at Eastbourne</a>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Monthly meeting at Jordon Hill from 7:30pm
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Scale Morning from 10:00am

**NOTE: the one metre interclub at Watermead on 21<sup>st</sup> Aug. had been postponed to 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

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Thanks to Mike, Dave & John for their articles & photographs.



Steam Yacht Gondola on Lake Coniston June 2011

# Oxford Model Boat Club.

## Minutes of meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011.

### Apologies.

- Apologies were received from, Roy Noble, Noel Donaldson, John Hunt, Stewart Wilkins.
- There were 18 members present.

### New Member.

- Mark Parterton, a potential new member indicated his interest in sailing and scale.

### Chairman's report.

- Weed is rapidly increasing on the big lake and will curtail sailing for the next three months.

### Treasurer's report. (read in absence.)

- Funds stand at £1005.54 with cheques to value £40 awaiting banking.

### Secretary's report.

- Cholsey Model Show organisers have been informed that OMBC will not attend due to lack of club support.
- There is still no progress with the council on the use of dye as a weed prevention measure but negotiations are progressing. (Elaborated upon)
- The temporary removal of the stores has been completed and unused equipment/items disposed of.
- The Fiesta Owners Association has designated Oxford as the Nationals Venue; to be held 14.08.2011 (unknown to the club) Assistance will be required. Fiestas will have to be not less than 1500g.
- Four buoys on the small lake have been destroyed by a dog and will require replacement. New and more robust items will be sought.
- The MYA centenary events at Bourneville will be held on 25 June and at The Round Pond, Richmond on 18<sup>th</sup> September.
- Events in the coming month were presented and members requested to support them.

### Scale Secretary's report.

- The Scale Secretary reported on the Mid Thames event that replaced the club 'Scale Sunday'. It is hoped that the forthcoming Scale Sunday to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> June will receive more support from Members.

### Any other business.

- Merlin Coates described an unfortunate incident when a Mid Thames Club member was injured in a battery charging incident when a battery exploded and caused burns to the person concerned and damage to adjoining property.
- The Chairman hopes to attend the Beal Park Boat Show in the hope of locating 'dog proof buoys'

The meeting closed at 20.25.