



# OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

## June 2014 Newsletter

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

#### June:

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Scale & Sail

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Jordon Hill

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Round 4

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> One metre Round 5

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 1m Inter-club at Watermead

#### July:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting at Jordon Hill

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Scale & Sail

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Round 5

#### August:

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Scale & Sail

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Jordon Hill

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Round 6

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 1m Inter-club at Watermead

### Meeting Topics:

On May 1<sup>st</sup>: Stewart Wilkins talked to us about Model Yacht racing rules with reference to sailing the Fiesta.

A lively discussion ensued between some members over the differences between the full racing rules and the simplified rules for the Fiesta class. Stewart's parting advice was that we should all practice our penalty turns so that we are used to performing them in a safe & timely manner!

**Beale Park Boat Show 6, 7 & 8 June:** See how the Big Boys do it!

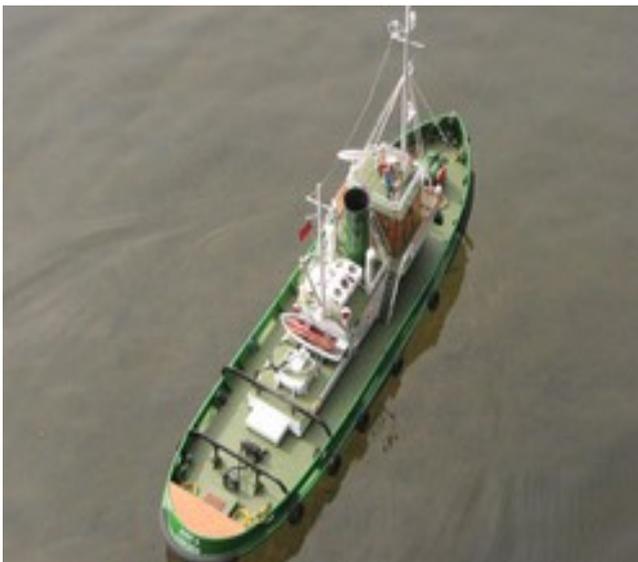
Details from: [www.bealeparkboatandoutdoorshow.co.uk](http://www.bealeparkboatandoutdoorshow.co.uk)

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Scale & Sail – by Paul Izzard

We had a super morning with some sun and enough gentle breeze to waft the five yachts along. We had a good turnout with eight members bringing models.

I had my little Bluebird K7 which went very well, only once turning on its side to the amusement of all! I had also modified my prototype rib by fitting a rubber spray strip to stop it filling with water like it did last Thursday; it kept the water out but ran bows up so more work needed.

Peter brought along a recently purchased tug 'Judy V' which looked very nice on the water.



Doug's paddle boat made another appearance and its 'tank' steering seemed more manageable or perhaps Doug is getting better at it, either way it's a nice little model

The five yachts were Mike's 'Dragon'; Dick's 'Fairwind' hull with scratch built upper works & rigging, Peter had an 'Explorer' similar to a 'Dragon' but with a fibreglass hull. Stuart brought his Fiesta No 1 with a modified rig & sails with a 'wavy' edge to the leech for a smoother airflow. Doug put his yacht 'Star Baby' on the pond towards the end of the morning but suffered a malfunction and was helped home by Dick with his 'Fairwind'



It was nice to see Mike Prentice's 'Lady Alice' on the pond again. All in all it was a very good morning. I shall be pleased to hand back to Dave next month. Paul.....

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**More on the scale scene:**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May Charlie Newman brought along his restored Aerokits launch; it went extremely well, requiring little trimming. Charlie said: It is extremely quick on half throttle, though at high speed, she Dutch rolls a bit if disturbed (turning into her own wake, for example). I will try increasing the keel area to see if that helps, though I am open to advice on this. The other problem we had, was the enormous bow wave, which has a tendency to flood the front hatch. I intend to try a temporary spray rail on the chine at the bow, plus re-engineering the fitting of the front hatch so that it does not act as a sump!

Considering that this model was originally built to entertain me in the early 60's and consistently failed to do so for decades, its current transformation to a complete hooligan, only goes to show that patience really is a virtue! The motor is a 15 sized brushless Turnigy 2632, with a 35mm diam high speed two blade prop, direct drive, fed from a 1300mah 11.1 v lipo pack.

More investigation is required to solve the 'Dutch roll'. The lights \*(navigation, strobing running, and servo driven searchlight) are all fed from a separate battery pack, which could be reduced in weight which might help.



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Fiesta Round 3 – by Paul Izzard**

It was very dull & windy when I left Ducklington, there was rain on the way but it had cleared up by the time I arrived at the park. Initially we thought the gusts might be too much for our Fiestas but by the time 10am came round it had steadied a little.

We had six members competing and in the varying conditions those leading the fleet changed frequently with four skippers winning at least one race. A good time was had by all; although four skippers had technical problems during the morning, all managed to finish the session.

Here are the results :

1 <sup>st</sup>	Iain Smith	(16)	4 <sup>th</sup>	Nick Panter	(34)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Cox	(25)	5 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Barney	(54)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Izzard	(27)	6 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Pulford	(58)

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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May - IOM Rose bowl – Round 4 – by Mike Robinson**

A lovely bright morning with a steady right to left breeze which made for easy course setting. Eight skippers joined in the event and there were some close encounters throughout the fleet. Top places were shared between Mike (6), Iain (3) and Nick (1) and Dick Skinner had the occasional good result with three third places.

I suffered a battery failure after the eighth race, however Paul fortunately had his rescue boat to hand and pushed me back to the jetty where I was able to replace the battery for the last two races. Peter came out with yet another yacht which showed some promise and Dave, who is still learning to get to grips with one metre sailing, enjoyed the experience.

The full result:-

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mike Robinson	(17)	5 <sup>th</sup> =	Dick Skinner	(49)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Iain Smith	(19)	5 <sup>th</sup> =	Eric Hoar	(49)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nick Panter	(46)	7 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Izzard	(62)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Pulford	(47)	8 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Smith	(71)

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A Rescue In Progress

**Oxford Model Boat Club.**  
**Minutes of meeting held 01.05.14.**

Apologies.

Apologies were received from John Simpson and Roy Noble.

There were 16 members present.

Secretary's report.

The secretary gave a résumé of events scheduled for the coming month.

The secretary related an incident on the big lake, during and after a round of a 1 metre event. This consisted of a non member running a **VERY** fast 'fast electric' boat. During its brief operation the boat turned over and there was no immediate help to recover the model. In fact the owner finally swam to the casualty and was able to return safely to the bank, despite very cold water. The speed of this model gives rise to concern over both noise and danger to wildlife. The situation will be monitored, but there is danger of issues being raised with the Parks Authority, which could be detrimental to the club.

Treasurer's report.

Due to the absence of the treasurer the secretary read the current financial position.

Funds stand at £941.

Scale secretary's report.

There are no issues outstanding from the aspect of scale activities. Scale participation continues to flourish in very satisfactory way.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising and the meeting closed at 20.00.

The chairman made hurried apologies, leaving early to attend to domestic matters.