



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

March 2016 Newsletter

What's On.....

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

May:

- Sunday 1st Scale & Sail
- Thursday 5th Meeting at Jordan Hill
- Sunday 8th Fiesta Round 4
- Sunday 15th One metre Round 4
- Saturday & Sunday 28th & 29th Beale Park
Model Boat Show (to be confirmed)

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Sunday 7th February – Sail & Scale by Tony Hughes

The winter months are usually a quiet time for scale down at the pond and January/early February was no exception what with strong winds and/or rain putting all but the hardiest off on many sailing days.

Dave did venture out with one of his destroyers on Thursday, D86 is Dave's take on the Battle class Destroyer which came in to service at the end of WW2. The model is 36 inches long, easy to transport, and large enough to give an impressive performance on the water. More stand off than actual scale, but all in all a decent model. I had to bring my little Captain Class Frigate in after a short time and revert to my Fiesta as the wind increased.



Dave's D86 Battle class Destroyer

The first "Scale and Sail" of the year took place on 7th February and Peter was to be found readying his Dido class cruiser promptly at 10-00. He was joined shortly afterwards by Paul with his little speedboat.



Peter's Dido Class Cruiser

Although there was a bit of chop and a gusting wind, both models handled the conditions well. Peter explained that he had sealed the access to the aftermost compartments which he rarely needed to open and the forward compartment was protected by a combing which rose up and fitted inside the removable superstructure, thus providing extra height and a labyrinth path to minimise water ingress.



Paul's Speedboat is fitted with a water cooled 400 electric motor and an external battery disconnect loop, which apparently is a safety requirement with 'Fast Electric' racing craft & is a convenient 'battery switch'.

Finally, some of you may have seen the picture of drone zapping eagles that are being trained in Holland. Rumours that ducks from the pond are being sent for similar training to zap model boats are unfounded! However, I wonder whether the swans on the big lake could be trained to retrieve errant 1m yachts!!



That's all for now, see you at the pond on 6th March, Tony.....

Sunday 14th February - Fiesta Round 1 by Mike Robinson

A bright sunny morning at lakeside for the first event of the season.

However there was a biting north easterly wind blowing which meant starting from the right hand bank which was in shade. Stewart positioned a long diagonal start line which meant all yachts had to start on starboard tack and with an entry of ten boats there were no incidents on the line.

There were however a number of casualties, the first being Dick who missed the first three races due to broken wires inside the hull. Next to go was Iain who having won the first race then had TX battery failure but not to be beaten he went to a local shop for replacement batteries only to find that he was without funds!

I had four wins out of five before the mid-session break however after launching my yacht for race 6, I realised that my sail winch had stopped functioning so that was the end of my racing.

While all this was going on, John Cox took advantage with some good results followed by Paul, Nick and Peter. For Iain and myself it was a day to forget however I am sure we will bounce back for Round 2.

The full result:

- 1 John Cox (22)
- 2 Paul Izzard (38)
- 3 Nick Panter (47)
- 4 Peter Pulford (48)
- 5 Dick Skinner (54)
- 6 Robert Craddock (55)
- 7 Alan Struth (64)
- 8 Mike Robinson (66)
- 9 Tony Hughes (91)
- 10 Iain Smith (100)

Sunday 21st February - IOM Round 1 by Mike Robinson.

On an overcast but very windy morning, seven skippers turned out to race. A few of us put our yachts on the main lake with working suits, however we decided that in the event of a mishap it would not be wise to launch the rescue boat in the conditions so we re-located to the pond which, although a little more sheltered, was still challenging.

After my disastrous start last week, I could not believe that lightning could strike twice when after three races my TX started bleeping, indicating low battery power. However by delaying launching until 30 seconds before the start I managed to complete nine races then in race 10 it gave up so my score of 8 points for a DNF would be added to my total. Iain, meanwhile, was sharing the lead with me with Nick not far behind. Our two new skippers, Keith and Robert, were at times struggling in the windy conditions.

The one disadvantage of the pond is the variable depth of water and occasionally yachts were grounded on the bottom which was frustrating.

The full result:

- 1= Mike Robinson (24)
- 1= Iain Smith (24)
- 3 Nick Panter (27)
- 4 Dick Skinner (36)
- 5 Robert Craddock (49)
- 6 Peter Pulford (54)
- 7 Keith Barney (68)

Paul's Winter Project:

Miss Wahoo – A 1956 Sport Class Hydroplane



Gluing on the deck



What it should look like -eventually!!

Right, my take on the RR Merlin engine, made from scraps of wood & metal.

I'm building from a plan found online, mainly from ply & 'liteply' to keep the weight down. Hope to run her in April. Paul...



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB.

Minutes of meeting held 04.02 2016.

Members present.

There were 21 members present including a guest speaker.
No apologies had been received.

Chairman's address.

The chairman welcomed members to the first meeting of 2016 reminding those present that this was his last year in office.

Secretary's address.

The secretary addressed the meeting generalizing on the recent club events which consisted of variable sailing conditions that disrupted some events but generally kept members alert.

Members were then brought up to date with the coming months events that were to start the new season.

The club had been approached by the MYA who are fund raising for Sports Relief. Members were asked opinion on a contribution of £25 to the cause. There were no dissenters therefore the Treasurer was asked to raise a cheque for the suggested amount; this will be forwarded to the MYA.

Treasure's address.

The club insurance premium has been paid amounting to £350. Once the MYA Sports relief contribution has been deducted club funds stand at £245.

Club membership for the 2016 season stands at 36 paid up members.

Any other business.

Iain Smith informed the meeting that the buoys on the big lake were in need of refurbishment.

It was suggested that the current weather situation was really against such action at the moment and that the subject be raised at the next meeting

This was agreed.

Charlie Smith then introduced Mr. Graham Klyne a computer programmer by profession. Graham had developed an interest in 3D printing and had built two machines which he explained & demonstrated. Several members were very interested and the secretary is taking bets on who will be first to dip into their wallet!

Overall a very interesting evening.

The meeting closed just after 9pm.