



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

March 2017 Newsletter

What's On.....

March:

Thursday 2nd Meeting at Jordan Hill

Topic: TBC

Sunday 5th Scale & Sail

Sunday 12th Fiesta Round 2

Sunday 19th One metre Round 2

Scale & General

Sunday 26th Hinksey 400 Round 2

April:

Sunday 2nd Scale & Sail

IOM Extra Round 2

Thursday 6th Meeting at Jordan Hill

Topic: TBC

Sunday 9th Fiesta Round 3

Sunday 16th Scale & General

Sunday 23rd One metre Round 3

Scale & General

Sunday 30th Hinksey 400 Round 3

May:

Thursday 4th Meeting at Jordan Hill

Topic: TBC

Sunday 7th Scale & Sail

Sunday 14th Fiesta Round 4

Sunday 19th One metre Round 4

Scale & General

Sunday 26th Hinksey 400 Round 4

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6 One Metre Yachts at the start on 29th January

29th January One Metre Extra Series Round 1 - By David Woodford:

Grey skies and little wind greeted those that arrived at the lake early. By the start of race one the wind had filled in a little to approx. 6-8 mph.

A simple triangle was set with a beat to buoy 1, a close fetch to buoy 4, run to buoy 6 and a beat to the finish line, this was extended for the later races by a sausage leg.

The morning was dominated by Ian Smith who showed everybody a clean pair in all but one race which was won by Dick Skinner.

The final positions were:

1. Iain Smith (10)
2. David Woodford (18)
3. Dick Skinner (27)
4. Nick Panter (31)
5. Rory Abbott (40)
6. Peter Pulford (42)

Thanks to all that came on a chilly moist morning.

SCALE SCENE:

5th Feb. Scale & Sail by Tony Hughes

There was a good turnout for the first scale day of 2017. Peter sailed his

replica steam tug Nancy Blackett (a fictional character in Swallows and Amazons). The original was registered in Whitehaven but I could find no further information.



The photo below shows the large amount of detail on this model.



Dave had his WW1 model on the water. He has added a third funnel and some more detail over Christmas.



John brought down his miniature model of a Victorian Picket Boat.



These craft were operated by several navies and often carried by larger ships. 19th century British Picket Boats were 50ft long and typically armed with a Hotchkiss 3 pounder. The P1000 Class Picket boat is the current RN boat which was formerly carried on destroyers but is now used only for training. Many years ago I was able to drive one on manoeuvres when at CCF Summer camp. John's model is still in build but already has much detail including lights.

Alan brought his unusual model of a Canadian canoe.



It is still in build and all the paddling is currently done by the gentleman!

To complete the picture, Terry had his fire tender on the water and John (Cox) brought down his model of a crocodile chasing a goose.

12th Feb. Fiesta Round 1 by Paul

There were six brave souls who got under way just as I arrived, delayed by heavy traffic on the A40. Iain had a little radio problem but it did not stop him from taking first place.

We all suffered from a very fluky wind which never rose to the 12 – 15 MPH promised. We spent several minutes

stationary as it dropped to zero in almost every race.

Mike could not make it as he has recently had a pace maker fitted and is still in recovery mode.

We were eventually beaten by the weather as it began to snow; after 5 races we gave up and headed for home.

The results were:

- 1 Iain Smith (19)
- 2 Keith Barney (26)
- 3 Paul Izzard (28)
- 4 Dick Skinner (34)
- 5 Alan Struth (42)
- 6 Nick Panter (57)
- 7 Peter Pulford (62)

19th Feb. IOM Round 1

By Mike Robinson

Yet another cold morning with an onshore breeze which meant the far side of the lake was in wind shadow. We managed to set a course starting by No.6 buoy and going 1-4-6-2-6 (finish). Due to the still air around the Number 1 and 2 buoys the yachts inevitably come together.

Before racing started I passed over the 1M trophy to Iain Smith to keep for the year as I am getting fed up with dusting it!

I am still recovering from having a pacemaker fitted so had to spend the morning sitting down to prevent any dizziness so no one was more surprised than me to finish at the top of the leader board. Dave Woodford has a fast yacht and when he doesn't get tangled up with the fleet, is a force to be reckoned with.

Let us hope that the weather improves in March so sailing will become more enjoyable.

The full results:

- 1= Mike Robinson (29)
- 1= Dave Woodford (29)
- 3 Iain Smith (34)
- 4 Dick Skinner (38)
- 5 Robert Craddock (47)
- 6 Peter Pulford (49)
- 7 Nick Panter (62)
- 8 Keith Barney (73)

26th Feb. Hinksey 400 Round 1

By Paul Izzard

There were eight of us braving the chilly wind on the first of our proper Hinksey 400 race mornings. There were several boats that had not yet got their race numbers displayed properly.

We divided ourselves into two fleets of four and proceeded to have four races for each fleet.

There was some close racing with a few regrettable incidents: one boat lost its race number, several were inverted, & one sustained a holed hull.

The results of the morning were:

- 1 Rob Craddock (4)
- 2= Nick Panter (8)
- 2= Paul Izzard (8)
- 4= Alan Struth (10)
- 4= Terry Gregory (10)
- 6 Iain Smith (11)
- 7= John Cox (15)
- 7= Keith Barney (15)

In future we will have to mix up the fleets after each race; so that every one gets a chance to race against every one else we will sort out a scheme for doing this before next month.

To ensure that the scorer can identify each boat as it comes around the boat's number must be displayed so that it can be read from the Starboard (right) side.

We noticed that the boats without numbers performed better than those with them. So this must be attended to. Stewart suggested that we could use a single vertical number 'plate' on the starboard side of the deck. I will look into this and send pictures of my solution shortly. **So don't do anything about this yet.**

One boat was damaged when having finished the race it strayed into the racing line & was hit by another boat. Once you have passed the finish line, please keep clear of boats still racing.

That's enough for this month; see you all in March.....

We have been invited to

The Mid Thames

Model Boat Club

Open day on

Sunday 30th April

Normally this would be the "Beale Park Model Boat Show" but sadly the Kent Model Boat Club Display Team can't partner with us this year, but they will be present as a visiting club.

OMBC Meeting 2nd February 2017 Agenda

Apologies : Eric Hoar, Dave Harrison

Attendance : 12

Chairman's Report Paul Izzard

The first 'EXTRA' IOM race morning was a success with six members participating.

The pond is currently clogged with surface debris, submerged small branches & some very large branches. Can we have a work party to try to clear this before the next Fiesta race morning.

I have informed the Parks department & Sculling School of all our activities on the lake & pond for 2017.

Secretary's Report Terry Gregory:

We were reminded about the events planned for the coming month.

Treasurer's Report Roy Noble:

Reported £530 in bank.

Members who are sailing away from Hinksey Park will require a signed insurance certificate which can be secured from Roy

Scale Secretary's Report Tony Hughes : no report. First event this month.

Any Other Business:

Charlie requested another night run; he will come back to the club with a date. Sometime around the clock change (April)

Terry will speak to local council (Jo Huntley) to see how the club could attend the local fun in the park days to boost the club membership.