



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

May 2016 Newsletter

What's On.....

May:

Sunday 1st Scale & Sail

Thursday 5th Meeting at Jordan Hill

Sunday 8th Fiesta Round 4

Sunday 15th One metre Round 4

Sunday 29th the club will be attending the
Beale Park Model Boat Show

June:

Thursday 2nd Meeting at Jordan Hill

Sunday 5th Scale & Sail

Sunday 12th Fiesta Round 5

Sunday 19th One metre Round 5

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NEWS:

At our meeting on 7th April 2016 there were changes to the committee. Terry Gregory has taken over from Paul Izzard as secretary and Paul has taken over from John Cox as interim chairman. If anyone is interested in taking on the chairman's role on a permanent basis please contact Paul.

Paul will continue to edit this newsletter & post hard copies to members who do not have email facilities. Terry will distribute the email version.

SCALE SEAN

Sunday 3rd April Sail & Scale by Tony Hughes

Scale day on 3rd April was fine and warm (by this year's standards!) and, consequently, we had the best turnout of the year so far. Nick sailed his Ant class gunboat, HMS Kite. According to google she was commissioned in 1872 and was finally sold in 1920 for conversion to a dredger. Powered by a

triple expansion reciprocating steam engine, she was armed with one 6" and one 4.7" gun.



Dave brought down his model of the WW2 Town class cruiser HMS Sheffield. Sheffield was involved in the pursuit of the Bismarck and had the unenviable distinction of being attacked in error in poor visibility by swordfish torpedo bombers from HMS Ark Royal. Fortunately there were no hits. Sheffield was one of the last WW2 cruisers to serve in the Royal Navy, finally being sold for scrap in 1967.



Also sailing were Michael Prentice's passenger boat which looks very similar to those used to provide a ferry service on Derwent water but he explained that his model was a combination of ideas from various sources.



Roy's model of the car ferry BIGGA, which provides a service between the Shetland Isles. looked very impressive but unfortunately the bow door let in water causing an early close of play!



Paul's replica of another of Sir Malcolm Campbell's speedboats the K4 which took the world record in 1939 at 141.74 mph. Shown here is the real thing at speed on Coniston Water!



The previous Thursday, Paul brought his restored miniature paddle steamer to the pond. The motor is mounted in a transverse position amidships with the paddle shaft driven by a belt drive reduction from the motor shaft. Paul explained that the model originally had stability problems because the superstructure was made from metal and he had to rectify this before he could sail it.



That's it for now, Hope to see you at the pond on 1st May if not before, Tony.....

Sunday 13th March - Fiesta Round 3 by Mike Robinson

A bright sunny morning with a light breeze greeted us at lakeside. Eight skippers turned out to race although we had to delay the start as Iain had forgotten it was a race day so went home to get his Fiesta.

We set a triangular course starting from the left hand bank. I got off to a good start winning the first race but my luck ran out when in the second race the rudder servo went hard over and I could only watch everyone else pass me by. That was the end of my morning's racing so I helped Stewart on the finish line.

Half way through the morning the wind shifted through 180 degrees so we had to re-set the course starting from the near bank sailing to the far buoy still with a triangular course but in the opposite direction.

Star of the day was Paul who managed to stay in front nearly every race with Iain not far behind.

The full result was:

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| 1 | Paul Izzard | (27) |
| 2 | Iain Smith | (33) |
| 3 | Dick Skinner | (40) |
| 4 | Keith Barney | (45) |
| 5= | Nick Panter | (46) |
| 5= | Alan Struth | (46) |
| 7 | Peter Pulford | (52) |
| 8 | Mike Robinson | (82) |



Photo by Dave Smith

At the pond someone asked what the font was for the Fiesta F on the sail, it's *Brush Script Std.* There are many sources of cut vinyl lettering, I get mine on ebay. Paul.....

F *Fiesta*

Sunday 20th March - IOM round 3 by Mike Robinson

A bright but cold sunny morning with a light breeze blowing diagonally across the lake which made course-setting easy with a traditional triangle and sausage layout finishing in front of the jetty. Six skippers turned out to race, the notable exception being yours truly as my boat was once again laid up due to a winch failure the previous day when I entered the Reading Sailing Club Open Event.

We welcomed a new skipper, David Woodford, who joined us for the first time having decided to give up full-sized sailing. He soon got to grips with handling a model yacht and finished the morning a creditable third place. Iain and Dick traded places all morning. If only I had been able to join in!

I spent the morning running the start line and one observation I had was to remind skippers that the triangular area bounded by the start line and the windward mark is out of bounds once the countdown has started. This is to prevent yachts dipping over the start line from the windward side which causes havoc to the rest of the fleet. Lecture over!

IOM round 3 continued:

The full result:

1	Iain Smith	(14)
2	Dick Skinner	(20)
3	David Woodford	(34)
4=	Keith Barney	(45)
4=	Peter Pulford	(45)
6	Rob Craddock	(55)

Dave Smith's Project:

ARIADNI.. the rebuild of an early Destroyer.

When I was asked if I would be interested in a hull donated to the club, a few months ago, I must admit I had to give it some thought, I was nearing the completion of HMS Sheffield and was wondering did I need another Grey Navy model.



The hull as presented was in sound condition but in need of a complete rebuild, only the fore and after deck remained of the superstructure and the hull would require stripping back and repainting. The old ELCO electric motor would also need some attention. Two large brass props seemed to be in good order, as was the small rudder with its operating mechanism hidden under the after deck. This was all contained within a hull using the early “bread and butter” construction pointed towards a Straight Runner, a system in use during the early days of model power boating, and seldom seen today. With all this in mind, I decided a rebuild using what I could recover, and as close as I could to how Ariadni was originally. With no plans, and only a few deck components to remove and refurbish for reuse it would have to involve a fair bit of artistic license, but I did manage to find a couple of photos taken around the 1920s which were useful as a guide.



When the two decks were removed, work started on rubbing down the old paintwork, a job I was glad to see the back of, sanding down through years of over painting and creating quite a mess in the process. Now could be seen the way the engine mounting was held in place by drilling through the hull bottom and running bolts through from the outside. The repaint was just a matter of base coat, then grey and black to match the original finish.

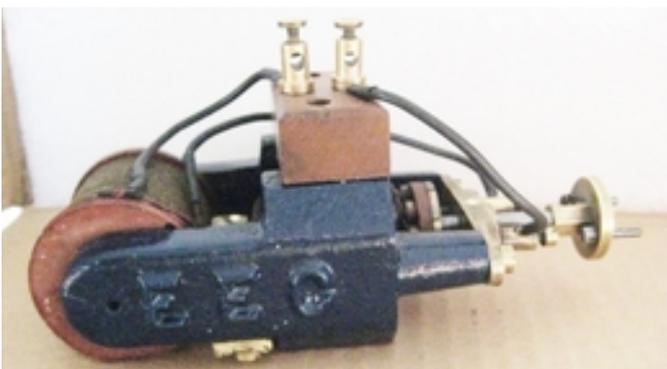


With the rear deck removed the mechanism which operated the small tab rudder could be seen, a feature which I intended to keep. I decided to leave the interior paint work, and large metal ballast weight bar as they were.



The next job will be to replace the two smaller decks, made from ply, not the thin sheet of the original which split when being removed, making them no good for reuse. Following this I will make a start on the design of the main central section of the superstructure, more about this next month.

The engine, which has been refurbished by Paul, and is the subject of a separate article, will be reused if it proves okay.



Oxford Model Boat Club

Minutes of the Club Meeting held on 7th April 2016

Apologies were received from: John Cox

There were 12 members attending.

Chairman's Report As the Chairman is indisposed there is no report.

Secretary's Report Paul Izzard.

Change of Officers:

Secretary:

Member Terry Gregory has offered to take over as secretary from Paul Izzard.

This change was proposed to the meeting by Paul Izzard & was seconded by Dennis Payne

A vote was taken & was carried unanimously.

Chairman:

John Cox is currently indisposed but wants to retire as chairman, Paul Izzard offered to take over as interim chairman until another member steps forward.

This change was proposed to the meeting by Roy Noble & was seconded by Dick Skinner.

A vote was taken & was carried unanimously.

The meeting expressed their thanks to the retiring chairman & Secretary for their contributions to club activities over the many years of their service, particularly that of the chairman who has held the position so long that nobody can remember from when.

The meeting was reminded of club events for the coming month.

Treasurer's Report Roy Noble.

The clubs bank account stands at £604.00. The only major expenditure planned this year is £250.00 for the application of the anti-algae "SWARM" solution later in April.

Scale Secretary's Report Tony Hughes.

The weather was kinder to us this month & there were seven scale models on the pond, mostly new to me.

Any Other Business:

We discussed the Beale Park show & decided to attend on 29th May, six members wanted to go.

Swarm, as soon as the temperature of the pond is above 10°C the SWARM will be ordered. A working party will be needed to apply it. The secretary will let members know when help will be needed

The meeting closed at 8 pm