



# OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

## May 2017 Newsletter

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

#### May:

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Jordan Hill

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Scale & Sail

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Round 4

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> One metre Round 4  
Tug Morning

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Hinksey 400 Round 4

#### June:

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting at Jordan Hill

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Scale & Sail

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Fiesta Round 5

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> One metre Round 5  
Navy Morning

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Hinksey 400 Round 5  
IOM Extra Round 3

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#### NEWSLETTER CHANGES:

From now on newsletter will be sent out after the club monthly meeting, probably on the following Monday. This is being done so that members will be aware of changes due to decisions taken at the meeting. This month there are two sets of minutes from last month & this.

The club's event calendar will be shown for two months any changes to events will be shown with a pink background; please note these on your club calendar.

#### SCALE SCENE:

2<sup>nd</sup> April. Scale & Sail by Tony Hughes

The highlight of the scale and sail day on 2<sup>nd</sup> April was the appearance of Terry's new dock, manufactured from square plastic tubing and assembled in minutes. Thank you to Terry for this welcome addition.

There was a good turnout on a calm, sunny but chilly morning with a number of craft sailing which have been featured in previous newsletters including Nick's Flower Class corvette Snowberry, Roy's car ferry Bigga, Dave's tug Joffre and Terry's fire tender.

The photographs show some of these models berthed or entering/leaving Terry's dock.



David brought down his model of a "Pan Boat" which he saw for hire on his holiday last year to the Philippines. The hull is manufactured from 1/16" ply on a simple frame.



Another new visitor to the pond, at least in my time, was Paul's model of a German fishing smack Elke Finkenwerder. This is a restoration; as the boat was donated to the club a few years ago and was recently put into working order.



Finally I would like to remind everyone that we are repeating last year's "tug" and "navy" days and these are on 21<sup>st</sup> May and 18<sup>th</sup> June respectively.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> April One Metre Extra Series Round 2 - By David Woodford:

Light North Westerly breeze greeted the 2nd IOM Extra series race morning.

There were five races before coffee the honours being split between Ian, Peter & Dick.

The second half of the morning was dominated by Ian who revelled in the demanding & challenging shifty light wind, winning all five races.

Third IOM Extra planned for Sunday June 25th

The full results were:

1. Iain Smith (14)
2. Dick Skinner (27)
3. Peter Pulford (35)
4. Dave Woodford (36)
5. Keith Barney (39)

#### 9<sup>th</sup> April Fiesta Round 3

by Mike Robinson

Today was the hottest day of the year but this meant high pressure and invariably light wind conditions. By 10 o'clock there was just enough breeze to set a traditional triangle and sausage course.

Eight skippers had entered the event and it was Paul's turn to take the lead followed by Keith, Iain and Mike with only two points separating them.

After the mid-morning break we shortened the course to one triangle and a half sausage with a down-wind finish. Paul continued on his winning ways to earn a well-deserved first place.

The full results:-

- 1 Paul Izzard (25)
- 2 Keith Barney (30)
- 3 Iain Smith (31)
- 4 Mike Robinson (32)
- 5 Peter Pulford (53)
- 6= Alan Struth (62)
- 6= Nick Panter (62)
- 8 John Cox (72)

**11th April Night Sailing**

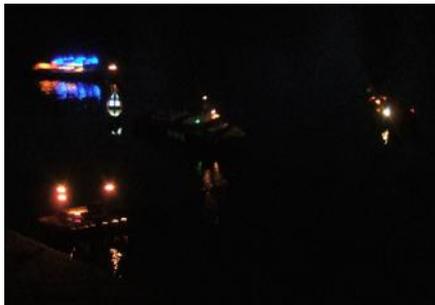
by Paul Izzard

Seven members forgathered at 7:30pm for an evening sailing our illuminated models.

A few stakes, safety tape & a row of LED 'tea lights' completed our safety precautions and we were as they say these days: 'Good to Go'

The sun set about 10 minutes to 8 and we launched our boats. Dave had his Seaplane Tender, Paul his Fiesta with LED lights on the deck shining up on the sails, Michael brought along his Windermere steam launch, Nick's monitor HMS Kyte had a working cannon & Charlie two restored models built long ago by his Father.

Not easy to photograph, Dave & Nick had a go. Here are a few of their photos:



We would have liked to see more boats, perhaps we can try again in the autumn.

**23rd April IOM Round 3**

by Mike Robinson

Why is it that every time race day comes around, the wind disappears and, worst still, it turned foggy! However, we made use of the situation as Peter had donated an inflatable dinghy so we re-instated buoy No.5 and re-positioned buoy No.4. By this time there was a slight breeze blowing and we were able to set a course. After five race and a break we shortened the course as the wind had almost died so after Race 6 we called it a day.

The top three places were closely contested. The full result was:-

- 1 Mike Robinson (20)
- 2 Iain Smith (24)
- 3 David Woodford (27)
- 4 Keith Barney (38)
- 5 Peter Pulford (45)
- 6 Rory Abbott (58)
- 7 Nick Abbott (67)

**30th April Hinksey 400 Round 3**

by Paul Izzard

Hosted by Mid Thames MBC we held the 3rd round at Beale Park as part of the entertainment during their open day.

There were five entrants raring to go at the appointed hour.

Racing on a new course posed it's own problems but we did our best!

A fair amount of damage was caused but nothing serious; one split seam, one broken nose, one broken motor mount, two lost spray rails & a broken propeller. All easily fixed I'm glad to say.

The final results were:

- 1 Paul Izzard (14)
- 2 Terry Gregory (15)
- 3 Alan Struth (16)
- 4 John Cox (20)
- 5 Doug Green (29)

In addition to those mentioned above David Harrison also came to help and other members who made an appearance were John Foreman and Steve Stuart who brought along two lovely old sail boats. We had a good time meeting old friends

Dave took the following photos:



## **Oxford Model Boat Club** **Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Attendance: 14;** there were no apologies.

**Chairman's Report**                      Paul Izzard:

**Pond Treatment:**

Dave & I applied the Dyofix product to the pond two weeks ago, time will tell if it has been successful. I purchased enough initial treatment & monthly top-ups for 5 months. The total cost of this was £72.00 versus the £240.00 for the Swarm that we have used for the last few years.

**PARKING at Lake Street Entrance:**

Our contact at the Parks Department has responded:

Apparently the only access officially granted to the club is the subsidised parking permits for the public car park. Also Councillor Bob Price has given both us and the Farmers Market permission to use the Lake Street entrance although the Parks department don't have any formal/written agreement for this. They suggest we try to negotiate with the Farmer's Market.

Terry & I will look into this but first we need to establish what our parking needs are. We don't want to make things worse.

Our membership of the South Oxford Community Association has been renewed at a cost of £15.00 until March 2018.

**Secretary's Report**                      Terry Gregory:

I have looked over the listing for park events where we can promote the club, the only suitable one listed on the Oxford web site is the Florence park festival. I will continue to contact other park organisers such as Cutteslow.

Reminder of Beale park one day event 30th April (Hinksey 400 race day)

The Night Sail proposed by Charlie will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Marshals and preparation was agreed for the evening to include rope of area and lighting.

We were reminded of this months events.

**Treasurer's Report**                      Roy Noble:

The current assets are £375.20; there are no liabilities.

**Scale Secretary's Report**              Tony Hughes:

The scale report will appear in the May newsletter.

**Any Other Business:**

Dave has suggested that we have a couple of special events as we did last year such as Tug and Navy days.

This was agreed to be Tug day on the 21<sup>st</sup> May and Navy day to be 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**Item outstanding from the April meeting:**

**Emergency contact number for pond side.**

The chairman will deal with this in time for the May meeting.

**The meeting closed at 8.15pm**

## Oxford Model Boat Club Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Attendance: 9;** Apologies were received from John Cox

**Chairman's Report**                      Paul Izzard:

Beale Park:

We had a good day at Beale Park, we could have had more members there. John Foreman & Steve Stuart were welcome additions to the gathering. Special thanks are due to Doug Green & David Harrison for bringing the gazebo & tables which involved much effort loading & unloading Doug's car.

Tug & Navy mornings.

These were arranged to be held on the Scale & General mornings in May & June, these are also IOM race mornings. The Sailing Secretary has since suggested two alternative mornings 4th June for Tugs and 16th July for Navy as these dates would not interfere with existing events.

The members were asked if there were any other thoughts about this, the general opinion was that it should be left as it is.

**Secretary's Report**                      Terry Gregory:

Park Events / Festivals

Further investigation showed that all the events investigated were asking for stall holders that offer visitors the chance to participate in an activity which in the absence of a pond we can't do.

The meeting then considered the proposal that we hold an open day at Hinksey Park. It was decided that we would proceed to arrange this the chosen date being Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Further information will be sent to members as soon as possible.

We were reminded of this months events.

**Treasurer's Report**                      Roy Noble:

The current assets are £390.20; there are no liabilities.

**Scale Secretary's Report**              Tony Hughes:

The scale report will appear in the May newsletter.

**Any Other Business:**

**Item outstanding from the April meeting:**

**Emergency contact number for pond side.**

The chairman apologised for neglecting this & will deal with this as a matter of urgency.

**The meeting closed at 8.15pm**