



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

May 2010 Newsletter

EVENTS in March & April:

Sunday 28th March

The Third Rose Bowl event for IOM was well attended with 8 boats completing the course. The finishing order was:

1 Greg King, 2 Ian Smith, 3 Dennis Payne, 4 Noel Donaldson,

5 Mike Robinson, 6 John Cox, 7 Josh King, 8, Dick Skinner.

Sunday 4th April

Easter Sunday proved to be the best day of the Holliday, and a number of members brought their boats down to the Lakes, the emphasis being on Sail & Power.



Paul Izzards Green Racing hull Kermit together with his small speed boat cutting their way round the pond started the entertainment.



Merlyn Coates came along with his ingeniously designed Quarter Scale Laser, built from an old Robbe Jollie kit. His model came complete with crew whose gymnastic gyrations help to stabilize the yacht under sail. Watching the Laser with the crewman hanging out over the side, then twisting back inboard trying to keep the boat stable is something I've tried to show in the pictures, but really you had to be there.

More from Sunday 4th April



Dave Harrison brought his own design, scratch built Junk. He tells me his wife Joy painted the model, as well as making the distinctively shaped sail. This is Dave's second own design boat with a far eastern influence, his twin hulled Junk seen previously at the pond is still in development.

Sunday 11th April

The good Fiesta turnout continued with about a dozen boats for the third Fiesta competition of 2010. The event was well organised thanks to Stewart's preparation.

EVENTS to Come:

Sunday 2nd May	Scale & Power morning
Thursday 6th May	Club Meeting at Jordon Hill from 7:30pm
Sunday 9th May	Micro Magic Open Morning (we can join in with Fiestas & similar)
Tuesday 11th May	Social Evening at Sandford Lock
Sunday 16th May	Club's fifth 2010 IOM Rose Bowl competition
Sunday 23rd May	Forth Fiesta Competition
Thursday 3rd June	Club Meeting at Jordon Hill from 7:30pm
Sunday 6th June	Scale & Power Morning

Thanks to Dave Smith for his contribution this month

To make this newsletter worthwhile we need contributions from you; any of the following will be welcome:

Sales – Wants – Ideas - Tricks of the trade – Photos - Articles, etc.

Please email them to me at pizzard110@aol.com

Oxford Model Boat Club.

Minutes of meeting held 1st April 2010.

Apologies.

- Apologies received from John Cox & Mike Ledger

Members present.

- There were 18 members present.

Chairman's report.

- The chairman spoke about the meeting of Fiesta skippers on 18th April to discuss rules and trimming of the Fiesta class yachts. The meeting went well although it was not well attended, partly because of the change of date from 25th April. Those present thought a repeat of the evening would be welcome.
- A voting form on the change of 3 Fiesta rules (touching buoys, rounding buoys & minimum weight) was distributed this is to be returned to the secretary by the meeting on 6th May when the results will be announced.
- The April Newsletter is in circulation; it was discussed briefly and those present felt it was useful and would like to continue to receive it.

Treasure's Report.

- Club funds stand at £1,021.
- There are no outstanding payments to be met.

Secretary's report.

- There was nothing to report from the secretary but members were reminded of the activities during the coming month.
- The battle of the parking seems to be over, thanks to the efforts of John Cox. The council has agreed that we can have extended parking in the public area by displaying our 'OMBC Member' badges by the side of the normal 2 hour ticket. There is to be a 12 month trial.
- The Newsletter article on the Alexsaiy Maryshev by Roy Nobel was very much appreciated. If anyone else has articles for the Newsletter PLEASE see the secretary as they will be most welcome.

Scale Secretary report.

- The third 'Scale Sunday' was very well supported. Despite the ice covering half the pond; there were still a number of models on the water. The scale secretary will be at the lake on Easter Sunday should any members feel inclined.

Any other business.

- Peter Gilpin told us of a potential new member, John Histon. The secretary will contact Peter about this.

The meeting closed at 20.10