



# OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

## November 2015 Newsletter

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

#### November:

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Scale & Sail

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Jordan Hill

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Fiesta Round 10

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> One metre Round 8

#### December:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> **AGM** at Jordan Hill

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#### Committee:

Several members of the committee want to retire this year at our AGM on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

The positions being vacated are:

**Chairman:** John Cox

John does not want to continue past the AGM.

**Secretary:** Paul Izzard

Paul is willing to continue as Newsletter editor but like John would prefer not to continue as Secretary past the AGM.

**Scale Secretary:** Dave Smith

Dave is not willing to continue as Scale Secretary past the AGM.

The ideal situation would be to find some willing volunteers to take over these positions from this year's AGM in December. In the case of John and Paul a hand over period of a few months may be possible.

The current duties of these positions include the following:

#### Chairman:

The duties of the Chairman are to hold the club's General meetings and oversee the running of the club together with the other officers. At present John also takes the minutes of the meetings and delivers these to the newsletter editor for inclusion in the following month's issue.

#### Secretary:

Deputising for the Chairman when he is unable to attend the club's meetings.

Maintaining a list of club members and circulating by email or post, messages regarding the club's affairs & activities, including the newsletter.

The distribution of the club's rules & any amendments to these & the constitution.

#### Scale Secretary:

Organising the monthly Scale & Sail mornings, recording details of models & taking photographs.

Writing a monthly article for the club newsletter.

The following members have kindly agreed to continue to serve on the committee for another year.

**Treasurer:** Roy Noble

**Sailing Secretary:** Mike Robinson

**Sailing Results:** Stewart Wilkins

Any member who is interested in joining the committee in any of the positions mentioned above should contact the Chairman or Secretary.

#### Club Constitution & Rules

These have been sadly neglected in recent times. Searching through old documents only yielded one page that appeared to be an index of the rules and a Constitution.

The Chairman and I have drawn up a new set of rules from the index that I found. These will be distributed with this newsletter & will be discussed at our club meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Any proposal to change any part of these must be sent to the Secretary before this meeting.

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October

##### Sail & Scale by Dave Smith

This month I thought I would open with steam power. There is something about the sight and sound of a steam engine in full flow, perhaps it is the rhythmic clickety clack sound or the sight of exhaust steam trailing from the smoke stack when under way, whatever, they seem to hold a universal fascination.

Terry gave his Imara a first outing after rebuilding one of its two engines, all worked well making enough steam to give us several blasts on its shrill whistle.



A second steamer on display was Nick's North Sea Drifter Lydia Eva, caught trailing steam at the pond on Scale & Sail morning, steam and sail together on one beautifully built model.



It's a while since Dave Harrison has shown his launch, based on pictures seen in a magazine. Dave drew up the plans after taking measurements from what information he could find on the Irish built boat before coming up with his unique model, it performs well and certainly makes for a change at the pond.



After making numerous tours around the pond, providing endless admiring glances from visitors to the park, I have included a family portrait of Mike Prentice's Edwardian passengers celebrating what appears to be a birthday party judging by the cake on the table,



perhaps a small slice could allowed for madams maid?

As an end piece, I have included a picture of the back/business end of Paul's James Bond Lotus.



Also in shot are the all important dive planes. An ingenious and fascinating working model.

Dave.....

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**Fiesta Round 9** by Mike Robinson

Once again there was high pressure over most of the country so despite being a nice bright morning there was little or no wind. Course setting caused a few problems. Initially we sailed one large triangular course but after one race we changed to a straight left to right sausage which we used for the remainder of the morning. Even then, races were taking over ten minutes to complete.

Turnout was the best of the year with ten yachts joining in. This

inevitably caused some problems with yachts jostling for position around the buoys. John Cox had made some new sails for his yacht and they set very nicely, so much so that he was first overall closely followed by Paul and Iain.

With just one round to go in the series the overall winner is still up for grabs!

The full result:

- 1 John Cox (28)
- 2= Paul Izzard (32)
- 2= Iain Smith (32)
- 4 Mike Robinson (47)
- 5 Dick Skinner (48)
- 6 Keith Barney (56)
- 7 Alan Struth (64)
- 8 Eric Hoare (67)
- 9 Nick Panter (74)
- 10 Robert Craddock (86)

With six yachts taking part, the start was not easy with everyone jostling for position all the way to the first buoy. The next leg was easier however the last leg to the finish was once again into the light airs.

Iain and Mike made the most of the conditions. We welcomed Keith into the 1M fleet sailing Stewart's KRCAR which went well mid-week but suffered in the light airs. Dick was also having a bad morning so with ten races taking almost two hours we were all pleased to call it a day.

The full result being:

- 1 Mike Robinson (23)
- 2 Iain Smith (24)
- 3 Nick Panter (39)
- 4= Keith Barney (40)
- 4= Peter Pulford (40)
- 6 Dick Skinner (50)

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**IOM Round 7** by Mike Robinson

Yet again high pressure dominated the country so it was no surprise to find that there was next to no wind on the lake. The only movement on the water was on the far side so course setting was not going to be easy. In the end we settled for one large triangle with the apex in front of the jetty.

**Note from the editor:**

Please try to contribute to our club newsletter, any photos, construction articles, hints & tips would be most welcome.

I can't fill the pages with my own wild imaginings!

If I am to continue as editor I can only do it with your help.

Paul Izzard.....

Terry Gregory's IMARA TUG



**Oxford Model Boat Club.  
Minutes of meeting held 01.10.15**

Members present.

There were 12 members present.

Apologies.

Apologies were received from Roy Noble (Treasurer) Iain Smith, Allen Struth and Dave Smith (Scale secretary)

Chairman's report.

The chairman reminded members that the Club AGM would be held at the December Meeting. The chairman informed the members that the secretary would stand again for the position this coming year, if elected, but WOULD give up the position on the expiry of that term. The chairman also indicated that he would like to retire at the forthcoming meeting. (However he would not leave the club in the lurch if no candidate is forthcoming.)

Secretaries report.

The George Wren Trophy competition was a success although some models were misplaced in their categories; some slight adjustment will hopefully clarify the situation before the 2016 competition. The result for this year will be announced at the AGM together with the results from other competitions held this year

Members were reminded of 'Scale Day' this coming Sunday.

The secretary informed members of a recent incident when a member lost the cover of his model while sailing on the small pond. The cover subsequently sank but could be seen clearly from the bank. As no waders are available, the member, Allen Struth, waded in to recover the cover. It was suggested that membership approve purchase of waders which would cost some £60. At this point John Diestler offered the club a set of chest height fishing waders made of modern materials and in practically new condition. This offer was gratefully received and are now in the club's possession. They will be kept in the storeroom.

Treasurer's report.

In the absence of the treasurer the current account was read by the secretary.  
Funds stand at £761.00 with no out standings.

Due to the absence of the Scale Secretary there is nothing to report on this front.

Any further business.

The chairman drew to the attention of members that he had lent the keys to the gates/storeroom to a member whose name escapes him! Would members check any keys in their possessions. They are on a plastic band holding the three keys. The one to the yard gate is essential and is impossible to get a replacement from the Council.

John Diestler reminded members that a forthcoming round of the Americas Cup would be shown on TV in the near future.

The meeting closed at 20.10