



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

April 2010 Newsletter

EVENTS in February & March:

Sunday 28th February

The second Rose Bowl event for IOM was well attended with 8 boats on the water.

Sunday 7th March

Ice covered half the pond for the second **Scale & Sail**, but this didn't deter the dozen or so skippers from enjoying a good morning's action.

Quite a crowd of onlookers were entertained by the variety of boats on display which ranged from a North Sea drifter and inshore fishing boats, to the Thames tug Sun XII, which put on a show of barge towing, and a Thames sailing barge making stately progress under sail.

Add to all that the green speed boat Kermit, and a couple of Club 500 race boats, together with my refurbished liner, and you get a taste of the mornings boating.



More from Sunday 7th March

The navy was well represented by Peter Gilpin's HMCS Corvette Snowberry, and Nick Painter's dashing MTB.



Roy Nobel brought his model of the Russian ship **The Alexsayi Maryshev**, this is a work in progress, Roy says:

In 2008 we were lucky enough to go on a 14 day expedition to Spitsbergen which is about 500 miles north of Norway and only 500 miles from the North Pole. The aim of the expedition was to circumnavigate Spitsbergen on board a modified Russian polar exploration ship - the Alexsayi Maryshev. The trip was scheduled for July with 11 days on the ship with 40 other passengers from several countries and a Russian crew.



As we sailed in sunshine and fog, ice and snow, wind and calm I fell in love with the ship. She braved the cold, cold sea, navigated close to glaciers, moored overnight in desolate coves, enabled us to go ashore each day in Zodiacs, welcomed us back on board to warmth and good food.



She is an ice 'pusher' rather than an ice breaker. The hull is reinforced but, at only 2000 tonnes, lacks the

weight to rise onto and break through the ice. As we rounded the north cape of Spitsbergen at 80 degrees north we encountered pack ice which was being compacted by a strong North Easterly wind of minus 10 degrees! Eventually the ice became too dense for the ship to make any more progress. The captain made the decision to retrace our route rather than risk being stuck in ice for the winter! A wise move!.

While on board I decided to build a model on my 'new love'. By pacing the decks, making a metre rule to estimate heights, taking loads of photographs and scrounging a small drawing from the captain it was possible to make scale drawings - near enough anyway. You can imagine the odd looks from some of the passengers as this odd chap walks up and down the decks toe to heel counting every step. Very odd - must be English!

More from Sunday 7th March

The Alexsayi Maryshev

During the winter of 2008 I built a 1 to 90 model in ply etc. This was a first attempt at model boat building and the result showed it! She was a bit top heavy and the hull buoyancy was insufficient to take the required ballast. So she has become a static display model competing for space with flower vases and bits of china.

During 2009 I decided to build another Alexsayi Maryshev to 1 to 48 scale and the photographs are of that model. At about 60 inches long and a 9 inch beam the buoyancy should be sufficient (so the rudimentary calculations tell me). To be on the safe side parts of the superstructure are being made from lighter weight materials. In the search for realism a bow thruster has been made, sound cards of the diesel engine and fog horn are being installed and , hopefully the anchors and life boats will be lowered and raised via the radio. The main motor is a 12V Johnson driving a 45 mm propeller via a 2.25:1 toothed belt reduction. Not a lot of power but, hopefully, sufficient for her scale speed of 12 knots.

There is still a lot of work to be done and I will be grateful for any hints. The aim is to launch her during the summer of 2010 (probably when nobody is looking !!)

The next official date for Scale & Sail is May 2nd; but Dave says “*whilst Easter Sunday, 4th April, may prove difficult for parking, I’m going to give it a try, maybe you will to, if not see you Sunday 2nd May*”. If you have anything that’s scale, power or just a fun boat; please bring it along. Projects & works in progress are always interesting.

Sunday 14th March

About a dozen skippers turned up with their boats for the second Fiesta competition of 2010. This time there was no ice and we all had a great mornings sailing.

Sunday 21st March

There were 11 boats on the water for our inter club event with Watermead the wind was generally favourable and the results were:

1	Greg King	7	Dennis Payne	
2	Josh King	8	John Cox	
3	Mike Robinson	9	Clive Bardel	Watermead
4	Ian Smith	10	Geoff Clark	Watermead
5	Noel Donaldson	11	Peter Stevens	Watermead
6	Syd Hunt		Watermead	



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EVENTS to Come:

Sunday 28th March	Club's third 2010 IOM Rose Bowl competition.
Thursday 1st April	Club Meeting at Jordon Hill from 7:30pm
Sunday 4th April	Easter Sunday (<i>scale & power - parking permitting</i>)
Saturday 10th April	Micro Magic ranking at Keightly
Sunday 11th April	Third Fiesta Competition
Sunday 25th April	Club's forth 2010 IOM Rose Bowl competition
Sunday 2nd May	Scale & Power Morning
Thursday 6th May	Club Meeting at Jordon Hill from 7:30pm

New Products

Howes, the local model shop, have introduced a new range of 3 'nearly ready to go' yachts with fibreglass hulls. The models measure 800, 900 and 1000 mm respectfully. All come with 27 or 40 Meg radios and drum winches. The hulls are fully finished and only require assembly of masts and rigs plus the batteries.

Three display models have been sailed on the Hinksey Lake and showed promising performance. The models are not 'Class Yachts' but offer a pleasing appearance and would fit in well in the semi scale area of model boating. An experienced modeller would want to refine the interior arrangements, rigging & sheeting, etc. to get the best performance and reliability. At £120, £140 and £150 the yachts appear to be a good starting point if you do not want a recognised class boat.

Thanks to Roy Nobel & Dave Smith for their contributions 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 4th March 2010.

Apologies.

- Were received from John Smith

Members present.

- There were 21 members present.

New member.

- The chairman welcomed a new member, Peter Huntley of Swindon.

Chairman's report.

- The chairman opened with an amendment to the AGM minutes.
- There will be a meeting of Fiesta skippers at this venue on 25/03 (later amended to 18/03) to discuss rules and trimming of the Fiesta class yachts.
- Lists of members and spare calendars are available from the Chairman.
- The 'Scale Sunday' has proved a great success and members are urged to continue support of this feature of club activity.
- Although the ice on the lake has proved troublesome, we were able to sail the Fiesta 2 due to the ice breaking efforts of 'Dusty'
- The second News Letter is in circulation. Members were reminded of the Micro Magic ranking event at Watermeade on 27th March.

Treasure's Report.

- Club funds stand at £961 51p.
- 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 resurfacing of Lake Street over the coming week. This might well curtail Thursday afternoon sailing.
- The club website continues to attract 'hits' through the efforts of Greg King who maintains the site.
- If anyone has articles for the 'News letter' PLEASE do not be afraid to approach the secretary with offers.

Scale Secretary report.

- The second 'Scale Sunday' was very well supported with a number of models on the water having not been seen for some time. The scale secretary will be at the lake on Easter Sunday should any members feel inclined to attend.

Any other business.

- Mike Robinson expressed concern over the lack of attention to Fiesta rules. At the moment there appears to be no consistency between the Fiesta Owners, the MYA and the original rules as conceived by David Swain and Stuart Wilkins. This is part of the reason for calling the meeting between Fiesta skippers.

The meeting closed at 20.20