



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

August 2010 Newsletter

EVENTS in July:

Sunday 4th July

A pleasant sunny, if slightly breezy day presented itself for the July Scale & Sail day at the Hinksey Lake off the Abingdon Road in Oxford. A theme for the day might be the first serious outing for many of the boats which were brought along by their owners.



Ernie Smith's Thames Barge the James Piper of Rochester, together with the traditional crew of one man a boy & his dog, seemed to enjoy the days sailing, making its way round under both power & sail. Ernie had no problems as the barge heeled over making headway on the wind (save for shipping a little water), no doubt held stable by the 14 lb keel fitted.



Peter Gilpins Schnellboot looked fully recovered after its recent damage, I believe for a first outing since its repair.

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Nic Panter's wife Brenda was another first timer with her seaport workboat, which seemed to settle down after a few initial problems.



Dave Harrison's debutant was a red & yellow speedboat making its busy way about the pond. This model was scratch built in quick time from a plan modified to his own liking.



The yellow & white speed boats were brought along by Graham Brookes.



My warship, made from a free plan in Model Boats mag. had its first full outing and behaved itself despite my apprehension with regard to stability of this type of hull. So far so good!

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Also at the pond side were skippers Nic Panting, Paul Izzard, John Cox and Ian Smith. Ian was enjoying himself with his submarine now he has sorted a couple of problems with it

It is not possible in these few notes to give full credit to the boats which turn up at the pond side on these Scale & Sail days, or mention every boat brought along, but I will do the best I can.



Blue & Green should not be seen
Without some water in between! Ed.

If anyone would like to write a short piece about their boat, I can take some pictures to go with your words if required, I'm sure Paul will be able to find space to fit it in the Newsletter. Dave.....

EVENTS to Come:

Sunday 1st August	Scale & Power morning
Thursday 5th August	Club Meeting at Jordon Hill from 7:30pm <i>Bring your Fiesta if you need to weigh it before the Nationals</i>
Sunday 8th August	Micro Magic Open Morning (Bring your Fiesta, etc.)
Sunday 15th August	Fiesta Nationals at Watermead
Sunday 22nd August	One Meter Inter-Club at Watermead
28th, 29th & 30th August	Inland Waterways Show at Beale Park (our try a boat sessions)
Thursday 2nd September	Club Meeting at Jordon Hill from 7:30pm
Sunday 5th September	Scale & Power morning
Sunday 12th September	Roman Way Show <i>including the George Wren Trophy competition.</i>

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On the 3rd & 4th July, Noel, Dennis (07), Terry (181), Greg & Josh went to the Midland One Metre Ranking event. They sailed in a field of 50 entrants including some of the top UK sailors. The King family did very well with Terry finishing 15th on day 2; and Dennis managed to get into the B fleet at one point. Noel could not stay for the whole weekend, but sent me the following photos.



HEAT C		HEAT B		HEAT A	
77	WILLIAM PLAYS 40.715	102	JEFF BYRLEY 24	42	BOB GIBSON 40.845
31	SEAN SHARROCK 24	72	FRANK GIBBS 24	181	TERRY KING 24
98	LEWIS ELLIOTT 24	14	BOB GIBSON 24	44	JOHN CURVE 24
122	JOSH KING 40.965	12	HELENE FIDELLE 24	21	SHAW HARRIS 24
94	LISA REEVES 24	139	MARK DEAKINS 40.765	51	JOHN TUSHMAN 24
27	LISA REEVES 24	55	GREG KING 24	49	BOB SPENCE 24
66	MARK DICKS 24	36	NEILSON GIBSON 24	82	ROBERT WORTH 24
11	MIKE CLIFTON 24	38	IAN THURLOW 24	20	DAVID POTTER 40.815
02	DAN CHURCHMAN 40.825	41	RICHARD BURTON 24	83	KEN CLINKS 24
96	VICTORIA MC NULTY 40.825	75	TERRY EDWARDS 40.855	95	GRAHAM BASTOCK 40.875
177	ALF REYNOLDS 24	7	DENNIS PRYCE 24	22	MARTIN ROBERTS 24
142	ALF REYNOLDS 24			67	DEREK PRIESTLEY 24

Thanks to Noel Donaldson & 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 1st July 2010.

Apologies

- Apologies were received from; John Cox, Dennis Payne, Eric Hoare, John Smith & John Foreman.
- There were 10 members present.

Matters arising from the meeting on 6th June 2010

- The Buoys have been ordered at a total cost of £64.39 for eight green buoys 9 inches in diameter. There will be a couple of weeks delay before these are delivered. Dick Skinner will provide 6 brake discs to anchor them. We need to get rope and counterweights for them. When all is to hand a working party will be arranged.
- 'Have A Go Boats' at Beale Park Inland Waterways Show. Guy Morgan has confirmed that we can make what arrangements that suit us with regard to the time & duration of our sessions. It was suggested that we do a session of one and a half hours in the morning and afternoon; say 11:00 to 12:30 and 14:30 to 16:00. This will give us time to charge batteries, etc. Power will be available in the MTMBC tent for charging. The secretary will make a list of volunteers and produce a schedule for the event.
- Sale of donated engine, this raised £36.00 after the deduction of eBay's charges.

Reports

- The chairman commented on the renewed interest in scale models and complimented Dave Smith our Scale Sec. on his efforts. Dave said that he was very pleased with the number of members coming to the scale sessions and the variety of boats, many newly built, that they bought along.
- The secretary reminded us of the program of events for the next month and expressed his thanks to Dave Smith & Mike Robinson for their reports for the newsletter and congratulated the one metre sailors on their success at Watermead, particularly Mike who won the event. As the treasurer was not able to attend the meeting the secretary reported that the club funds now stand at £1019.07 after paying for the new buoys and receipt of the engine money.
- The Scale secretary reminded us that next Sunday, 4th July, is Scale Morning and encouraged us to attend. He reported that he and the secretary were planning to construct a simple dock to allow members to try their skill at manoeuvring! Maybe in time these tests could be competitive. It was hoped that this could be ready for the August scale morning.
- The next monthly meeting will be on the 5th August 2010.

Any other business

- John Smith sent contact details for the Roman Way Show on 12.09.2010; the secretary will follow this up.
- Terry Richards asked if the George Wren trophy for scale models would be contested at the Roman Way Show and it was agreed that it would and that this would be arranged by the secretary & Scale secretary.
- The chairman reminded us about the Fiesta Nationals to be held at Watermead on 15th August and hoped that all Fiesta sailors will take part.

The meeting closed at 20.20