



OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

October 2015 Newsletter

What's On.....

October:

Thursday 1st Meeting at Jordan Hill

Sunday 4th Scale & Sail

Sunday 11th Fiesta Round 9

Sunday 18th One metre Round 7

November:

Sunday 1st Scale & Sail

Thursday 5th Meeting at Jordan Hill

Sunday 22nd Fiesta Round 10

Sunday 18th One metre Round 8

December:

Thursday 3rd **AGM** at Jordan Hill

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From the Editor:

The 'GEORGE WREN' evening was well attended by 20 of us, including one guest.

Judging was a bit chaotic with the two classes, next year we will have a colour code to distinguish between them.

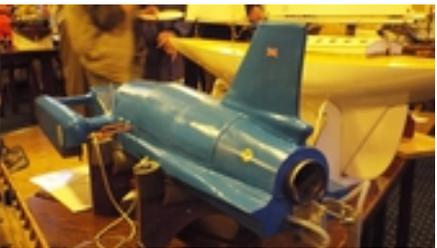
There were nine finished boats and eight examples of 'work in progress' plus several models for display but not for judging.

The results of your judging will be announced at our AGM on 3rd Dec.

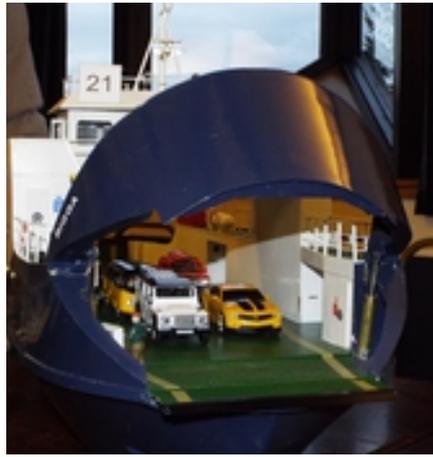
Charlie Newman kindly took photos of them all, some of which are shown here:



More George Wren Photos:



Many thanks to Charlie for taking the pictures.



**Sunday 6th September
Watermead Open Day**

I met Doug Green, at nine o'clock to put up the club stand for the Watermead Open Day.

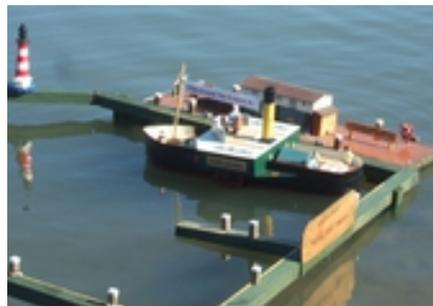


Once again the event was blessed with fine weather as, for most of the day, the Sun shone down from a clear blue sky.

I must own up here to only taking a few photos during the day as I found myself navigating my models around the Harbour and Iceberg!!



A couple of years ago I decked out Delta Queen with the banner Trips round the Iceberg 10/- which suited the paddler as it set out from the harbour on its trip to the frozen peril.



The deeper water at Watermead allowed Alan a chance to test dive his new sub to around one and a half metres, no chance to do that at Hinksey, and it remained in control, though out of sight.



In its bright yellow finish the sub is easy to pick out, and in home waters has been spotted making menacing passes under friendly shipping. Paul bought his restored Susie 'Q' & outboard rib.



Our thanks are once again extended to the Watermead club for their invite to the Open Day, very enjoyable.



Back on home waters, Nick seems to have sorted his Bluebird, making some extremely fast passes across the pond which I had some difficulty catching.



It was good to see the George Wren evening so well attended and with a great display of both models and projects to be judged and talked about.
Dave.....

Sunday 20th September

Fiesta Round 8 – by Mike Robinson

The day started with fog and no wind but by the time I had reached Oxford the fog had dispersed but there was little or no wind. We set a traditional triangle and sausage course but in the light airs the skippers getting the best start usually managed to win the race.

With a nine boat fleet there were the inevitable clashes. I wish skippers would remember the basic rules. Please re-read my report for Round 4 where I explained the basic rules.

Iain did not make a very good start but came good during the second half. I made steady progress throughout the morning which made a change from the previous event. John Cox had to leave early so missed the last two races but his earlier successes gave him a third place on the day. Nick was disappointed that we had made an early start so missed the first two races. He was however compensated with average scores for the races he missed.

Still with light airs, we continued racing until nearly 12 noon so on occasions we need to be available before 10 o'clock so we can complete the schedule in time so it would be appreciated if skippers turned up before 10 o'clock to give the option to start earlier if necessary.

The full result:-

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| 1 | Iain Smith | (22) |
| 2 | Mike Robinson | (25) |
| 3 | John Cox | (44) |
| 4 | Alan Struth | (50) |
| 5 | Eric Hoare | (51) |
| 6 | Paul Izzard | (58) |
| 7 | Keith Barney | (61) |
| 8 | Nick Panter | (64) |
| 9 | Robert Craddock | (75) |

Sunday 27th September

IOM Round 6 – by Mike Robinson

With high pressure forecast over most of the country the signs were not good. The early morning mist had cleared giving way to a sunny sky but, as predicted, very little wind.

When I arrived at lakeside Peter had managed to get his yacht hooked up to the No.3 buoy so before anything else we had to get the rescue boat out to retrieve it. Only four skippers turned up to race and with the very light breeze we opted for one large triangular course. Racing was very slow and took over fifteen minutes to complete one race so after the mid session break we opted for only another two races before calling it a day.

The good thing was that despite the yachts being evenly matched there was not one protest and it was a case of being very observant to see which course to sail – I seemed to have got it right!

The full result:-

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| 1 | Mike Robinson | (11) |
| 2 | Iain Smith | (26) |
| 3 | Nick Panter | (30) |
| 4 | Peter Pulford | (35) |

Minutes of Meeting on 6th Sept.

Apologies were received from: John Cox & John Foreman.

As the arranging of models for the George Wren judging was pressing, it was decided to postpone any business until the October meeting.

A few nice boats to fill the page:

