



# OXFORD MODEL BOAT CLUB

## September 2010 Newsletter

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### EVENTS in August:

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August

This Sunday was the 6th Scale & Sail day of 2010, and once again a good crowd of skippers brought along their boats.



Two sailing craft linked the Thames Estuary and the Orient in the form of Ernie Smiths Thames Barge, and the Oriental Junk built from his own plan by Dave Harrison. They made for a good picture, after some nifty positioning.

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The latest addition to Howes model boat range was put to the test by John Cox. The Vosper Perkasa MTB in 1:32 scale, built from the Hooben kit by John is, I understand, to be the subject of an article in a forthcoming edition of Model Boats magazine.



John Walravens, skipper of the QE II, found time to show off his other model , the even smaller Russian Icebreaker with its distinctive black hull and orange superstructure. I didn't get the name of Johns friend who brought along the black speed boat, which presented a somewhat sinister black mantis shape on the lake.



With speed boats, warships, fishing boats, and a sub added to the above list, there is certainly no lack of variety at this now established Sunday morning meeting in the clubs calendar.

Dave.....

## EVENTS in August:

### TOXIC ALGAE:

Due to the toxic algae in the lake & pond the Micro Magic Open Morning was cancelled.

### Breaking News:

The long awaited Pontoon for the Sculling Club is under construction. The builders are at work as I write! A foundation trench for the ramp that will lead to the floating pontoon has been dug and this initial work should be finished on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>. The pontoon itself will be delivered and assembled during the following week. This will make launching & retrieving boats from the lake much easier & safer.



### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August:

#### Fiesta Owners Association Championship 2010 Report by Mike Robinson, Race Secretary

The above event took place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at the Watermead Club Lake near Aylesbury. Twelve skippers had pre-entered on what was to be a testing day, as the wind strength was on the limit for these small yachts. The weather remained dry all day with the sun breaking through on occasions.

We scheduled sixteen races with three discards to decide the overall result. Racing got under way just after 10 a.m. and with a few enforced breaks due to gear problems in the strong wind, we managed to complete eleven races before taking a well-earned lunch break. My own pathetic performance was brought about by not being able to cross the wind to tack so I was forced to gibe round which meant that I travelled a far greater distance before returning to the proper course. I can only think that my rudder servo was being overpowered in the conditions so I will be changing it for the next event. The final straw came at the lunch break when a visiting dog decided to pinch my last sandwich out of my lunch box!

Four skippers retired after lunch leaving eight to battle on for the final honours. Predictably the two Kings, father Terry and son Josh, were handling the conditions better than most although even they occasionally got it wrong at the windward mark when the wind strength made tacking almost impossible.

It was nice to welcome back Richard Haas from Corby, Roger from Hull and also two skippers from Hove who were quite at home in the conditions saying that their sea-front lake at Hove was often subject to strong winds. The final outcome was a win for Josh over Dad Terry with Les Baker (Hove) taking third place. Prizes were presented in the car park with Josh collecting the Cup and Medallion.

Our thanks go to the Watermead Club for doing the scoring all day and particularly to Geoff Clark with the lap top which enabled me to declare the full result almost immediately after the last race.

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| 7  | Iain Smith     | 06  | Oxford    | Fiesta 2.4 | 64.0  | 2.0  | 13.0 | 7.0  | 5.0  | 10.0 | 7.0  | 4.0  | 7.0  | 6.0  | 5.0  | 1.0  | 2.0  | 7.0  | 4.0  | 7.0  | 9.0  |
| 8  | Eric Hoare     | 07  | Oxford    | Fiesta 2.4 | 102.0 | 1.0  | 7.0  | 13.0 | 6.0  | 7.0  | 4.0  | 7.0  | 8.0  | 3.0  | 8.0  | 12.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 4  | Clive Bardell  | 115 | Watermead | Fiesta 885 | 48.0  | 3.0  | 3.0  | 6.0  | 3.0  | 2.0  | 5.0  | 3.0  | 11.0 | 8.0  | 2.0  | 6.0  | 8.0  | 3.0  | 5.0  | 5.0  | 2.0  |
| 1  | Josh King      | 148 | Oxford    | Fiesta 935 | 21.0  | 6.0  | 2.0  | 5.0  | 4.0  | 1.0  | 1.0  | 1.0  | 2.0  | 1.0  | 1.0  | 2.0  | 1.0  | 2.0  | 7.0  | 2.0  | 1.0  |
| 2  | Terry King     | 167 | Oxford    | Fiesta 955 | 36.0  | 5.0  | 1.0  | 1.0  | 1.0  | 6.0  | 3.0  | 6.0  | 3.0  | 5.0  | 7.0  | 3.0  | 5.0  | 1.0  | 1.0  | 1.0  | 6.0  |
| 6  | Richard Haas   | 212 | Corby     | Fiesta O/Y | 63.0  | 11.0 | 5.0  | 2.0  | 8.0  | 3.0  | 9.0  | 8.0  | 4.0  | 4.0  | 6.0  | 5.0  | 3.0  | 5.0  | 3.0  | 8.0  | 7.0  |
| 12 | Mike Robinson  | 267 | Oxford    | Fiesta 845 | 147.0 | 12.0 | 10.0 | 8.0  | 10.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 11.0 | 10.0 | 12.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 5  | John Cadenhead | 403 | Hove      | Fiesta 665 | 54.0  | 4.0  | 4.0  | 3.0  | 2.0  | 5.0  | 6.0  | 5.0  | 5.0  | 2.0  | 4.0  | 7.0  | 6.0  | 6.0  | 6.0  | 3.0  | 5.0  |
| 11 | Peter Huntley  | 481 | Oxford    | Fiesta 925 | 137.0 | 10.0 | 9.0  | 13.0 | 7.0  | 9.0  | 10.0 | 10.0 | 9.0  | 9.0  | 13.0 | 12.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 10 | Roger Bacon    | 506 | Hull      | Fiesta 985 | 124.0 | 8.0  | 11.0 | 4.0  | 9.0  | 8.0  | 8.0  | 9.0  | 6.0  | 10.0 | 13.0 | 12.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.0 |
| 9  | Paul Izzard    | 574 | Oxford    | Fiesta 2.4 | 110.0 | 9.0  | 8.0  | 9.0  | 11.0 | 12.0 | 13.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 11.0 | 9.0  | 8.0  | 7.0  | 8.0  | 8.0  | 6.0  | 4.0  |
| 3  | Les Baker      | 594 | Hove      | Fiesta 2.4 | 46.0  | 7.0  | 6.0  | 13.0 | 13.0 | 4.0  | 2.0  | 2.0  | 1.0  | 7.0  | 3.0  | 4.0  | 4.0  | 4.0  | 2.0  | 4.0  | 3.0  |

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## Some Naval Signals..... from Peter Gilpin

Naval Signal: from an extremely fussy destroyer flotilla captain to destroyer about to go to sea for exercises.

HOW LONG DO YOU EXPECT TO BE AFTER LEAVING HARBOUR?

From destroyer:

310 FEET AS USUAL

From Flagship to private ship:

WHAT ARE YOUR WASH CLOTHES HANGING UP FOR?

Reply from private ship

SUBMIT TO DRY

From Flotilla Leader to US destroyer which has sunk six Japanese submarines in twelve days

DAMMIT HOW DO YOU DO IT?

From destroyer escort

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT WORKED WITH SMOOTHNESS OF WELL OILED CLOCKWORK. AS A RESULT OF OUR EFFORTS RECORDING ANGEL IS WORKING OVERTIME CHECKING IN NIP SUBMARINERS JOINING HONOURABLE ANCESTORS

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## EVENTS to Come:

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| <b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>                                 | <b>One Meter Inter-Club at Watermead</b>                      |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> &amp; 30<sup>th</sup> August</b> | Inland Waterways Show at Beale Park (our try a boat sessions) |
| <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>                             | Club Meeting at Jordon Hill from 7:30pm                       |
| <b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>                               | Scale & Power morning   |
|  | <b>Met &amp; Southern IOM Ranking</b>                         |
| <b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>                              | Roman Way Show (and George Wren Trophy)                       |
| <b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>                            | <b>36R Nationals at Bourneville</b>                           |
| <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>                              | Sixth Fiesta Competition                                      |
| <b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>                              | Club's third 2010 IOM Rose Bowl competition                   |
| <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>                                 | Scale & Power morning   |
| <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>                               | Club Meeting at Jordon Hill from 7:30pm                       |

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Thanks to Peter Gilpin, Mike Robinson & Dave Smith for their contributions this month

If you have any contributions; 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](mailto:pizzard110@aol.com)

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# Oxford Model Boat Club.

## Minutes of meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

### Apologies

Apologies were received from Noel Donaldson & David Smith. There were 13 Members present.

### Secretary's report.

In view of the chairman's absence an abbreviated report on the month's activities was given by the secretary.

Fiesta 5 was held on 25th July and attracted 9 entries.

In the Veterans 1 metre National event Noel Donaldson was placed a very creditable 4th

The 'Scale and Power' event held on 4th July attracted a good number of entrants. This Sunday morning activity is gaining popularity.

The next 'Scale and Power' event will be held 1st August. Members were reminded that this is an unrestricted event and is very much a 'bring what you like' activity.

The 'Fiesta Nationals' will be held at Watermead on 15th August and is open to all Fiestas over 1.5 kilos.

The 22nd July will see the inter-club 1 metre event at Watermead.

The secretary reminded members of the August Bank Holiday event at Beale Park where the club is committed to attending with the 'Have a go' boats. Any help will be appreciated.

The club will attend the Roman Way Model Flying display on 12th September and it was agreed that any proceeds from the 'Have a Go' boats be donated to the RNLI.

### Treasurer's report.

The club funds stand at £994.52 with no outstanding commitments.

The treasure reminded members that he will be standing down at the next AGM.

The meeting closed at 20.10