

August 2015 - Summer Newsletter

Scale Captain's Chat

Hi Folks...

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter, I hope you have all been enjoying sailing at Setley despite the weather being so changeable. I would also like to extend a welcome to our new members and hope that you will all make them feel at home.

I must apologise for the short notice in postponing the Navy Day at the lake but the weather forecast was so bad we did not feel that the attendance would be good and in the event the weather was terrible .

Its great to see such a variety of models on the water. I see also with interest that the "Shellducks" still appear to be breeding!!!

Can I put in a plea to fast boat operators to please take care when running amongst other models (I have witnessed some close shaves on several occasions) and also to keep to the speed area which is clearly shown on your events programme. You might consider operating fast boats whilst stood in the side area half way up the right hand side of the lake to enable you to have better visibility when operating in the fast boat area, it is difficult to judge distance from other boats whilst standing at the launching end of the lake? Thank you your consideration it will be much appreciated.

On September 5th we will be holding our Annual Charity Exhibition in Milford On Sea in aid of the RNLI and Hampshire Air Ambulance and once again thanks to Lorna Soffe and Paul Nixon we have obtained sponsorship from HSBC and Wightlink, a big thanks to both of you. We will be setting up on Friday 4th from 4pm until 7pm and I would request that models for exhibiting are delivered between those times; we need to be set up the afternoon before, as it is not possible on the Saturday morning. At the time of writing we still have space for more exhibits so please contact me by email or phone if you would like to participate .

On 13th September we will be holding the Steering Competition for the Setley Cup so come along and have a go, it is all just for fun , but you might win a prize ?

My thanks to Peter Taylor for his continuing management of the Club's excellent website and for editing the Newsletter, don't forget that he is always pleased to receive your contributions for both so please give your writing and photography talents a try, Peter will always edit them if required.

Finally it is with great sadness that I have to tell you that David Gollin passed away on Monday 29th June 2015 at Countess Mountbatten Hospice. He bore his illness (Aggressive Systemic Mastocytosis) with great courage. Our sympathy goes to Dianne and the family.

See you at the lake,

David

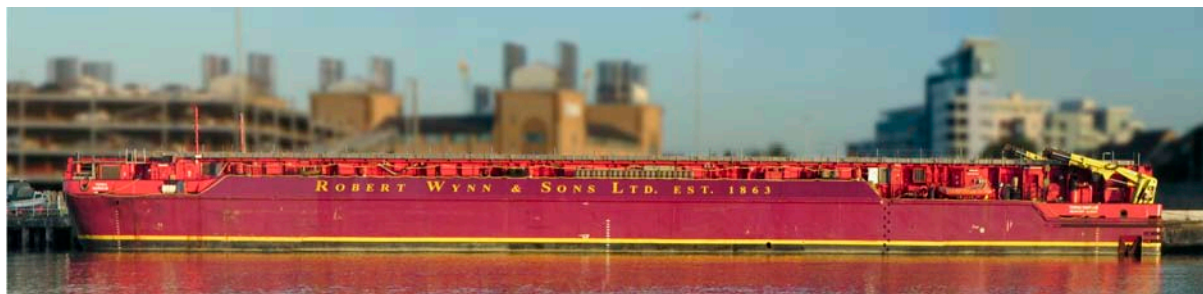


Exclusive: The Scale captain was recently implicated in an E-boat attack on British shipping in the Portsmouth area.

Dates for Your Diary

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| Saturday 5th Sept. | Annual Charity Exhibition, All Saints' Church Hall in Milford on Sea, SO41 0SQ (set up on Friday 4th from 4pm to 7pm) |
| Sunday 13th Sept. | Solent Cup: Steering Competition, Setley Pond, 9.30am to 12 noon, entries available until 11am |
| Saturday 12th Dec. | Xmas Lunch: South Lawns Hotel, Milford-on-Sea; 12.30 for 1pm |
| Sat. 12th March 2016 | Highcliffe Exhibition: in aid of the RNLI; Methodist Hall, Highcliffe, 10am to 3pm |

Editorial: A Challenge for Modellers!



When I go out sailing I pass part of Southampton Docks and sometimes I see some remarkable vessels. Perhaps the most remarkable has been the *Terra Marique* (pictured above) which was moored in the Eastern Docks in July - you can see the Oceanography Centre behind it. "But it's only a barge!" you might say....

A glance at the Robert Wynn & Sons web site will convince you otherwise. The deck forms an hydraulic roadway which combined with a variable ballast system allows the "barge" to self offload on varying quay heights and riverbanks. A specially strengthened hull means she can act as a "landing craft" allowing direct delivery of cargo to coastal and waterway sites. The Terra Marique can semi-submerge to act as a mobile dry dock or ship lift; she can transport smaller vessels up inland waterways avoiding the need to trans-ship cargoes. This "barge" is truly a multi-function vessel which can radically transform itself to undertake a wide variety of roles. To construct a fully working model of the Terra Marique would certainly be a real challenge for a modeller.

It's just unfortunate that, after all your labour, your model will look like... a barge!

Recent visitors to the pond will have noticed that the pond sign has disappeared. The photo left shows how it looked in the winter of 2013/14 when the water really was deep. Apparently vandals uprooted the sign and burnt it, the remains of the posts have been dumped in a nearby gorse clump (right).



According to Jayne Albery at the Forestry Commission the Warden has caught the culprits who have also been cutting up and burning sections of fencing and the matter is being placed in the hands of the Police .

Members are reminded not to approach vandals, fishermen and overnight caravans - just take the registration numbers of the vehicles involved and pass them to the Scale Captain for action.



Peter Taylor... your Editor.

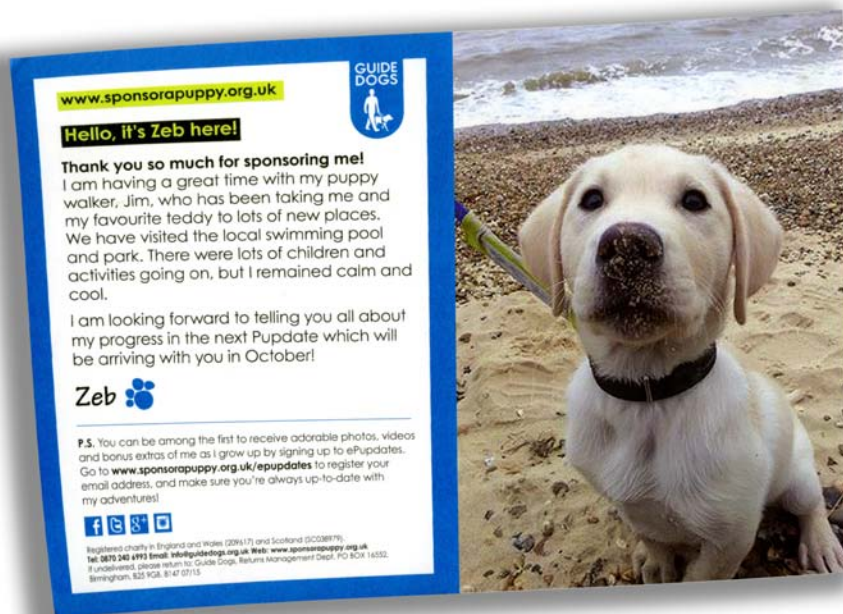
Navy Day 2015



Memories of Navy Day 2015! (photos by Anne Shannon and Peter Taylor)

Navy Day 2015, postponed to the 2nd August, proved very successful with warm, sunny weather in contrast to the previous weekend's rain and gales. Scale Section Captain David McNair-Taylor commented afterwards... *"thanks to everyone who supported Navy Day today (the best one yet), great weather, great models and great company. Hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. A special thank you to all those of you who helped set up and take down at the end."*

Postcard from Zeb



(Following a proposal at the Club's 2015 AGM, which received enthusiastic support by members, the SRCMBC is now sponsoring a Guide Dog puppy "Zeb".)

WightLink Raffle

Sponsored by WightLink, the raffle draw will take place at the Milford Show on 5th September, which is in aid of the RNLI and the Air Ambulance. Two prizes of £50 Wightlink Travel Vouchers are to be won! Raffle tickets are now on sale at 50p per ticket or £2.50 per book.

Buy your tickets from Lorna at the pond or at the Show!



Club Calendar for 2016

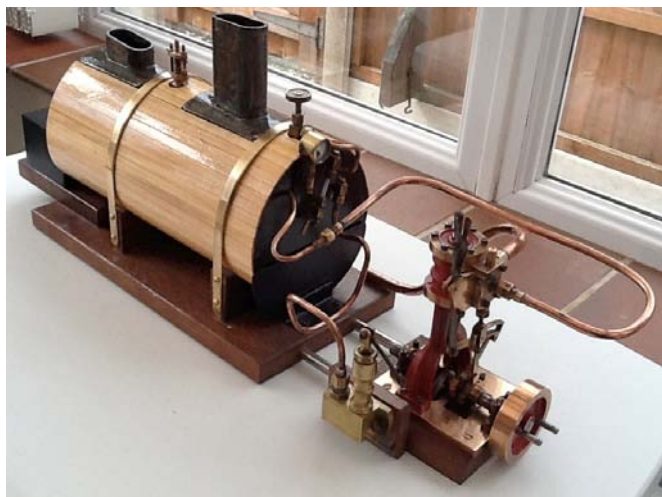


Next year's 2016 Club Calendar will be a Desk Calendar similar in format to the one for this year (shown in the photograph) which SOLD OUT!

Priced at only £4.00 each they will be sold at Setley Pond and also at the Milford show. To make sure of your copy you can reserve one by contacting Lorna... send an email, phone, or see Lorna at Setley Pond.

Contact Details below!

Members adverts



Live Steam Engine with copper boiler, single cylinder with forward and reverse. Engine cleaned and tested on air pressure, copper boiler enclosed in metal case with copper tubes.

Offers Invited!

Contact: Ken Dyer

Phone: 01425 627244

Email: kdyer@srcmbc.org.uk

All Timber Scale Models by Mel Crocker (phone: 01202 499243)

Long standing Club Member Mel Crocker is offering the following three sailing vessels for sale. These are fine all timber, scratch built, authentically detailed scale models.

(1) "H.M. Mercury", 12 Gun British Naval Brig, 1840. Scale: 1/4" to 1 ft (1:48), Hull Length 39"; Price £400 o.n.o.



(2) Thames Barge "Alice Laws" circa 1913. Scale: 1/2" to 1 ft (1:24), Hull Length 42"; Price £400 o.n.o.

(3) "Jolie Brise" famous pilot cutter, 1913. Scale: 3/4" to 1 ft (1:16), Hull Length 40"; Price £400 o.n.o.



Club Contact Details

For Raffle Tickets, 2016 Club Calendar, Club Merchandise, and Membership Matters (if your address, email, or other membership details change) :

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Contact: Lorna Soffe, 1 Stoneleigh Avenue, Hordle, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 0GS.

Email: membership@srcmbc.co.uk. Phone: 01425 615305

The Newsletter and Club Web Site (www.srcmbc.org.uk):

Contact: Peter Taylor, 84 Priory Road, St Denys, Southampton, SO17 2HS.

Email: info@srcmbc.org.uk. Phone: 023 80554670 (leave message on answering machine!)

Photos and Articles for the web site and the Newsletter are always welcome! Send them to me and I will do any necessary formatting and art work. You don't need to know computer programming to get your work displayed on the web for the world to see!

For Other Club queries etc. :

The Scale Section Captain: David McNair-Taylor,

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Model Boat Show

10am to 4pm - Saturday 5th Sept.

**All Saints' Church Hall
Greenbanks Close, Milford-on-Sea
SO41 0SQ**

Refreshments Available

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