

August 2010 Summer Newsletter

Scale Captain's Chat

Hi Folks,

My chat will be a little short this time as you will see there is a letter attached to you all regarding the Lymington Masonic Hall Charity Show, we really do need as much support as possible to make this a success. ***Please take time to read the letter and do support the club if you can.***

I must thank everybody who took time to attend our Navy day at the lake, we had some great models on show although I was a little disappointed at the number of boats that were actually sailed. My thanks to Andrew and Lorna for helping in transporting tables etc. to the lake, although my car is known as a "tardis" it was not possible to get all my models in and the harbour, tables etc.

We had a fantastic turnout for the Lymington Lifeboat Open Day with over 40 models on display, my thanks to all of you who supported the club. We handed over £39 from our RNLi box and Peter Taylor handed over £60 from the sale of Peter Gagan's paints etc. for which the RNLi were very appreciative. The exhibition was certainly very busy and we have received a letter of thanks for all the Club's efforts.

Please remember that we have the Solent Cup Steering Competition on Sunday 22nd August, come along and have a go it really is just for fun. Starting from 9.30am but you can come along later if you wish, I even lent out a boat last time!!

Just a reminder for those of you with fast boats (myself included) please ensure you respect the speed limit area when other boats are on the lake; if you cannot judge distance from the car park end please operate from the yacht racing control area by the boards on the right of the lake - this will also ensure that you keep within the correct area. Remember if you do collide with anyone else when operating fast or slow models apologise and check for any damage caused to either party, thank you.

On a more serious note I am sorry to say that Peter Soffe has been in hospital and although back at home will not be able to participate in club functions so much for some time. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him all the best for a speedy recovery. And to his wife Sheila we also extend our best wishes as she has also been in hospital.

I must apologise for the lack of frequency board at the lake on some club days, this was partly due to my being out of action following my operation and Peter Soffe being unwell. The Club only has two frequency boards and so it is not possible for all committee members to have one, however I am sure the old pen and paper method can be used in dire emergency. We have now arranged for Arthur Shannon to hold the Thursday board and myself the Sunday board, and hopefully we can now ensure a board at the lake at least 90% of the time. We are currently arranging storage for the harbour parts etc. held by Peter Soffe which he can no longer store for us (looks like my garage roof will now be turned over to Solent MBC storage even more).

Welcome to our new members, we hope you enjoy your time sailing with us. Can I ask all members to ensure that they have read the new rules which were amended/updated at the AGM? If you do not have a copy and would like one please ask me?

That's all for now, *David*



The Scale Captain must have been reading the Christmas lunch menu included in this newsletter!

Dates for your diary: 2010 Club Events

22nd August (Sunday): Steering Competition - Solent Cup, Setley Pond 9.30am start.

4th September (Saturday): Club Charity Model Boat Show in the Masonic Hall, Lymington High Street (see end of newsletter).

18th December (Saturday): Christmas Lunch / Social, South Lawn Hotel, Lymington Road, Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, SO41 0RF, (see menu included in this newsletter).

in Memoriam: Tony Bradfield

Sadly we have to tell you that Tony Bradfield has passed away. Tony joined the club in 2005 and loved the peace, tranquility and company the club and Setley pond offered. Unfortunately health problems meant that model making was becoming difficult to cope with even at that time. During the present year his health had been declining as a result of a stroke, and he recently had entered a nursing home. Our sympathy to his widow, Kit Bradfield, who derived a large measure of comfort from knowing that Tony enjoyed his visits to Setley.

Editorial

I'd like to echo David's plea that members exercise care when operating fast power boats on Setley Pond. Many of the members who sail yachts habitually stand part way down the pond, away from the car park area. We do not do so to be anti-social! It's just that we find it much easier to sail our boats when we are standing closer to them. In contrast, while some of the model power boats are capable of speeds (and inflicting damage) much greater than our yachts, they are normally operated from the relatively distant car park area. When we yachties observe a power boat accidentally colliding with a moored and, one might assume, easy to avoid buoy, do you blame us for fearing for the safety of our sailing boats!

I've been spending more time recently involved with some larger "model boats" (see right) so have not been to the pond quite as much as usual. But that does not necessarily mean that contributions to the web site or these news letters must decrease! The web site and the news letters are for you, the club members both to enjoy, but also to contribute to. Please send contributions to me at the address shown later in this news letter... and thanks to those who have contributed to this issue!

Peter Taylor, Your Editor.



My other boats are... smaller than this!

Hints and Tips: the Lighter side!



1. Transport to the pond

Here is a picture I took at this year's Farnborough air Show. There was an organisation called Aircraft Restoration Co. that displayed three 2nd World War aircraft. Each exhibitor had a Smart car painted in the colours and marking of the aircraft represented in their display.

At Farnborough they had two Spitfires and an HA-1112 Bruchon. The latter was a licensed version of the ME-109 built by Hispania and operated by the Spanish Air

Force. These were the same aircraft as used in the film "Battle of Britain". At the time the film was made they were still in service, but they were retired soon after.

If I were to buy a Smart car I would also have one painted like this as I think they looked fantastic. Unfortunately they are not practical to us boat modellers for obvious reasons, unless you build miniatures!

Peter Bryant

2. Grow your own Propellers

Should anyone be wondering where you can obtain larger sizes in propellers... see the photograph! I think you will be very lucky to find them growing in someone's garden; rather exotic perhaps.

To be seen in Branksome... the "*Prop*-agation of Species - *Titanicus Tryfidii Lewisonia*" which usually forms four blooms of immense power and beauty.

The Ponderer.



Hints and Tips: the Jolie Brise



For those interested in sail, how about building the "Jolie Brise"? This ex.-French pilot cutter was built at Cherbourg in 1913, but has been British owned since 1923 and is still sailing today. The owners instigated the Fastnet races and won twice. Pilot cutters were first sponsored by Napoleon due to great losses on the Breton and Normandy coasts.

The photos show my own model during build (left) and in use (top left and centre). I'm willing to share the original plans, a translation of the instructions, and my experience, etc. to anyone interested.

I also have available a glass fibre plug for a 1 metre Jolie Brise and a plug for a model of an early Skerrymore Lighthouse standing 48" high on a 15" base - top right photo (the plug is what you use to create a mould).

Mel Crocker (contact by phone: 01202 499243 if interested)

Members Adverts

Note: This is a free service offered to SRCMBC Members for private (i.e. non-commercial) model boat related sales. The adverts are displayed on the Club web Site and will be included in this newsletter if possible. Members using email can have a "myname@srcmbc.org.uk" email forwarding address set up for them (at no cost) to avoid attracting spam to their true address. The club offers no guarantee with regard to any aspect relating to the goods advertised, buyer beware!

Adverts: (1) Boat Models (Peter Soffe):



"Sheila" (left) £250



Toby (above) £150



Yellow Speedboat £50 (above)



Small Lifeboat (right) £60

All models are 40 MHz. Further details and all enquiries with regard to the above boats to Peter Soffe, phone: 07936 373167

Adverts: (2) Large Military Hovercraft (Peter Bryant)



- ❑ Size: 43 inches long, 19 inches wide.
- ❑ Mega 22/20/3E Brushless 9.6 volt motor for main propulsion.
- ❑ Jeti Navy 50 amp programmable speed controller and program card.
- ❑ Axi Brushless 2608/16 9.6 volt motor for lift.
- ❑ XP-40 speed controller.
- ❑ Spare new Hobby Wing 60 amp programmable speed controller (un-used).
- ❑ Servo for rudder control.

❑ Skirt made from Rip Stop Nylon and fitted on with velcro..

❑ Servo installed for turning multiple rocket launcher.

Note: the main propulsion speed controller needs to be programmed. Not included are: Batteries (2 required), Radio (4 channel required, but could be supplied at a small extra cost), radio receiver.

Price: £275.00; will deliver within 50 miles radius from Salisbury, over that distance by mutual arrangement. Contact: Pete Bryant, phone: 01722 333369; email: pfb@srcmbc.org.uk

Christmas Lunch Menu



Saturday 18th December: South Lawn Hotel,
Lymington Road, Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, SO41 0RZ

OK, we know it's not Christmas yet but apparently Harrods and Selfridges already have their "Festive Displays" on view and Lorna has already started taking bookings for the Club Lunch so make sure you don't miss out (see next section for contact details)!

Club Contact details

To book your Christmas Lunch, or if your address, email, or other membership details change please contact:

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

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

For the newsletter and web site: please send your contributions to:

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

Email: info@srcmbc.org.uk . Phone: 023 80554670 (you will get my answering machine; say who you are and I'll either answer if I'm there, or get back to you!)

For any other queries contact the Scale Section Captain:

David McNair-Taylor, 18 Wilton Gardens, New Milton., Hampshire, BH25 5UT

Email: scalecaptain@srcmbc.org.uk . Phone: 01425 618900

Cut off date for entry in the next issue is : 9th October 2010

But don't wait till then, send it to me now, and especially give me more time if you are submitting on paper or want me to do the "art" work!

Club Web Site: <http://www.srcmbc.org.uk>

Stop Press! Portsmouth Navy Days 2010 (Photos: David McNair-Taylor)



SOLENT

R.C. Model Boat Club

(Founded Jan 1978. Affiliated with the
MYA and the SWAMBC)



27th July 2010

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOLENT RADIO CONTROL MODEL BOAT CLUB

Dear Member,

CLUB CHARITY MODEL BOAT SHOW in LYMINGTON **SEPTEMBER 4TH 2010.**

I am writing to remind you that we are holding our first charity model boat show in the Masonic Hall, High Street, Lymington on 4th September 2010 from 10am until 4pm. The show is in aid of HELP FOR HEROES, the RNLI and FRIENDS OF LYMINGTON HOSPITAL all of whom will have representation at the show, entry will be by charity donation. We have also arranged for the Café facilities to be open and available to visitors. The show is being held on a Saturday which is also Market day in Lymington High Street so we hope to attract a large number of visitors. Those exhibiting boats will be able to park at the hall, car park entry will be by the display of a car sticker (available from The Captain or the Treasurer). Set up time will be from 8.30am. We will be joined by the Poole RCMYC who will also have models on show.

Although the main aim is for a Model Boat Show a small number of other models may be considered space permitting.

Your committee hope that as many members as possible will attend and bring boats to display, please note that you will be expected to leave items on show for the duration of the day (ie until 4pm).

We will be publicising the event in the local papers, and by posters etc. All members on email will receive a poster to print off and others may obtain them from Lorna or myself, we hope that you may be able to get them on display in local shops, libraries etc.

For those attending it would be appreciated if you could please be prepared to assist in the running of the event, as we will need set up and clear up help, car park gate manning, door monitors etc. etc.

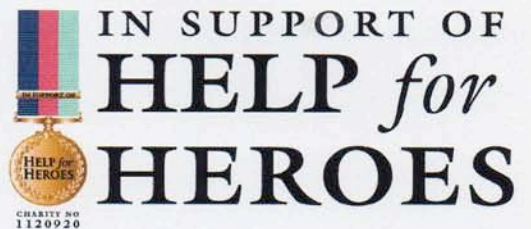
To assist in layout planning I would appreciate a phone call or email to let me know if you intend to participate and the number of models you would like to bring (email david.mcnairtaylor@sky.com . Tel No 07887967887 please leave a message if no reply)

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB FOR THIS EVENT .

Best regards

David and The Committee.

(Overleaf is a poster for the event which members receiving this by email can print off and display. Members who get a printed newsletter can obtain full colour copies of the poster from David)



MODEL BOAT EXHIBITION

**The Masonic Hall . High Street
Lymington**

SATURDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2010

10am to 4pm

Entry by Charity Donation

Café and refreshments available