

June 2011 - Spring Newsletter

Scale Captain's Chat

Hi Everybody,

It only seems like yesterday I was writing my bit for the first newsletter of 2011 and here we are almost half way through the year! Still they do say "time flies when you are enjoying yourself" and I hope that you are all doing so despite the poor weather we seem to have had on club days lately.

I must apologise for my lack of attendance over the past few months which has been unavoidable due to personal circumstances, however I am glad to say that I am back in harness and am even managing to get along on Thursdays to see those of you who cannot make Sundays.

It is good to see Peter Oram back at the lake and Peter Soffe also on the mend, welcome back chaps you have been missed. I was sorry to learn of Richard Densham going into hospital and we all hope to see you back amongst us soon. Unfortunately John Frost who is our "Steering Competition Guru" is going into hospital for an operation and so we have **cancelled the steering competition on 12th June and it will now take place on the 17th of July**, please amend your diaries. We wish you a speedy recovery John.

Membership renewals are now completed and we have some 150 paid up members and I extend a warm welcome to all our newcomers and look forward to meeting you at the lake. My thanks go to all the committee for their help over the past 6 months and to Peter Taylor for his superb photography and running the website. Lorna Soffe is just about to order some more club clothing so if you are thinking of purchasing any please contact her ASAP.

I have recently been in contact with the Forestry Commission to request more regular visits from the Wardens to help control dogs, horses (with riders) and BBQs, and I am pleased to say they we have already had several visits on a Sunday morning.

We will be holding the Club Charity Exhibition in Lymington Masonic Hall on Saturday 3rd September with set up on Friday evening 2nd September. Please can you contact me to let me know if you wish to attend and how many boats you will be bringing to help with the space planning, please contact me by email or use the reply slip at the end of this newsletter, an early reply would be appreciated. If any of you know of a local company that would/may be willing to give us some sponsorship in return for publicity on the "Sponsors Wall" please let me have details so that we can contact them.

Finally a request to all Members: please ensure that you wear your name badge on club days at the lake **THURSDAYS AND SUNDAYS PLEASE**. It does help to identify you as a member.

David



"Now, which channel controls my parrot?"

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 12th June: N.B. no event.

Sunday 17th July: Steering Competition, Richard Graham Trophy, Setley Pond, starts at 9.30am, later entries available all morning until 11.15am.

Sunday 24th July: Navy Day, Setley Pond, 9am onwards.

Sunday 14th August: Steering Competition, Solent Cup, Setley Pond, starts at 9.30am, later entries available all morning until 11.15am.

Saturday 21st August: Lymington Lifeboat Day.

Monday 29th August: Late Summer Bank Holiday.

Saturday 3rd September: Lymington Charity Exhibition, Masonic Hall, High St, Lymington. Exhibition runs from 10am until 4pm (N.B. see form at end of Newsletter)

Remembrance Sunday 13th November.

Saturday 17th December: Christmas Lunch, South Lawns Hotel, Milford on Sea.

In Memoriam: John Sherwood



It is with great regret that we have to inform you that John Sherwood passed away in the morning of 28th May after a short illness. A long standing member of the Club, until recent times John could be seen at the lake every Thursday and Sunday. He also used to attend the informal boat-building sessions which took place on Tuesdays at Peter Soffe's. The photo shows him earlier this year at the Club's Christmas Lunch. He will be sadly missed by all his friends.

Editorial: "Look Mum I'm on TV the web!"

When, in spring 2008, I started the present Club web site (www.srcmbc.org.uk), "broadband" access to the web was still something of a novelty and I designed the photo galleries so that, if you had patience, the images could be viewed over "dial-up" telephone lines. Now that many more people have fast access to the web, I am starting to provide selected photos of your model boats in higher resolution. Many of these photos are highly detailed, having been taken using a powerful telephoto lens (equivalent to 300 to 750mm, for those interested). Indeed it can look as if you are actually viewing the boats from on the water (see right)...

While setting up this new feature I have acted on a suggestion that it would be good to include some photos of club members. In doing so, I promise to try to choose "good" photos of you all, but if you really don't want your photo on the web, just let me know and of course I'll respect your wishes. Or, if you have a photo which you'd prefer me to use, please let me have it. I must admit that, as someone who is not keen on being photographed myself, I was a bit hesitant to do this! However I now do believe that it is an interesting, and useful, addition to the site and I hope you will agree. And remember, thanks to the wonders of photo-processing by computer, if you would prefer a different hair colour (or, as in my case, more hair) then I can even oblige with that - but for a suitable fee!

I'm afraid much of this issue of the newsletter is the minutes of the AGM. However my thanks to Pete Bryant for his article on viewing historic boats; more articles from members are very much welcome! There are also some fine models available for sale - see the adverts section!

Peter Taylor, Your Editor.



Your Editor gets close to the model boat action by venturing out on the pond aboard Allan Read's yacht "Smaragd"!

SRCMBC 2011 Annual General Meeting - Draft Minutes

The 2011 AGM was held at 7.30pm on 11th April at the Cricket Pavilion in Vaggs Lane, Hordle. Twenty five people attended (again a good turnout). Apologies were received from Ken Adams, Brian Cornish, Eric Kirk, Dave Reith, Peter Oram, Peter Perry, John Sherwood, and Peter Taylor.

The minutes of the last AGM were not produced but had been circulated in the Club Newsletter and were approved; there were no matters arising. *Proposed by Ray Hellicar; Seconded by Paul Nixon.*

Captains Report

The Captain welcomed members to the meeting and reported that 2010 had been a good year, the weather was good for most of the year and still kept enough water in the lake to sail.

May 9th Vintage Model Yacht Group: unfortunately due to poor weather only a couple of VMYG members turned up but they were able to sail their yachts..

June 4th BBQ: at Ray & Carol Hellicar's was well attended with approx 35 people and fine weather until clearing up time when drizzle started and it carried on indoors. Ray & Carol were thanked for hosting this night, David and Andy Soffe were thanked for the cooking.

June 6th First of the Steering Competitions: a good day had by all, won by Nick Leaper, the new format (the competitor must sit in one position) worked well and the Captain thanked John Frost and Andy Davis for officiating the event..

June 27th Navy Day: a good day, with the weather staying fine, well attended although a disappointing number of boats were actually sailed, most stayed on the tables.

July 25th Lymington Lifeboat Day: a good exhibition, 40 boats filled the station and £353 was collected for RNLI. Have been re-invited this year on 21st August.

August 22nd Second Steering Competition: due to bad weather the night before and a poor forecast this was cancelled, though on the day the weather changed for the better.

September 4th Lymington Exhibition: what a great day with a fantastic turnout - 200 boats filled the hall, Poole Boat Club were invited, though this year we have decided that we will only be having our own club members as a few were turned away due to no space. The café worked well and has been arranged for this year, we raised £561.95 equally split between the RNLI, Lymington Hospital, and Help for Heroes. Thanks for all the helpers; the barkers were complemented for bringing the people in off the street! A few lessons were learned for this year and parking went well; again this year - set up on Friday night.

December 18th Christmas Lunch: at South Lawns Hotel. This had to be cancelled on the morning of the event due to heavy snow; although quickly rearranged for January 22nd it was well attended. We raised £130.00 from the raffle which was divided between Macmillan Nurses and Guide Dogs for the Blind. Thanks to Andy & Lorna Soffe for organising.

March 12th 2011 Highcliffe Show: an excellent result, we helped to raise £734 for the RNLI. This year Poole Boat Club were not invited due to space limitations since we were not able to have the second hall. It has been proposed that next year the show will close at 3pm instead of 4pm due to lack of visitors in the later time span. Thanks to everyone who helped and attended.

Membership is at 155 with 110 already renewed and 3 new members hoping to join. This number has not been capped again due to 2.4GHz frequencies not interfering with anyone, and the frequency board only being used by a few. The membership numbers will be reviewed if there are any problems with parking or the number of boats on the lake.

This year the council repaired the road leading to the lake which was closed while this was done. While it was closed members of the public still decided to take their cars down the road and churn it up, which was why it was closed longer than anticipated (one month); luckily for some of these weeks the lake was frozen anyway.

Other points:

- Name badges to be worn by all members at the lake.

- Please don't stand in front of members sailing their boat, they may not be able to move to see around you.
- Visitors to the lake brought by members should pay £1.50 day membership to sail.
- If anyone has changed their email or home address please advise Lorna.
- Also if anyone would like to order club clothing please advise Lorna.
- At the lake please would members accommodate disabled members by helping them with their boats and also allowing them to park at the lakeside.

The Captain said his thanks to the committee and all helpers, and it was good to see Peter Oram and Peter Soffe on the mend.

The committee and attending members all thanked David for all his hard work. *Proposed by Alan Furness, Secoded by Don Hoe.*

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave the Financial Report [see end of minutes] which showed the club were in a good financial position and there was no need to raise subscriptions at this time. The subscriptions are now due and out of 155 members 110 have so far renewed. *Proposed by Ray Hellicar, Secoded by Colin Vear.*

Election of Officers

The Captain, Peter Soffe, Andy Davis, John Frost, Peter Oram, Ken Dyer, Arthur Shannon, Lorna Soffe were re-elected. *Proposed by Alan Furness, Secoded by Don Hoe.*

Events Calendar

The 2011 event calendar was approved by the members. This year's calendar also includes Bank Holidays, for members to be able to plan their year. No comments were made.

Club Rules¹

The sailing section have asked for an amendment to be made to the club rules, they have different insurance to the scale section, paid to MYA, which runs from January to December, which means they pay their fees to MYA 4 months before their renewal fees are due in. This results in them paying for members who do not rejoin and they lose money. They therefore asked to change their financial year end from April to November, which needed to be accepted by the scale section, it would not change the scale section's financial year. This was accepted by all members. *Proposed by Arthur Shannon, Secoded by Ken Dyer.*

Web Master's Report

Peter Taylor offered his apologies for not attending the AGM, he did not realise he was double booked on this night and had to be in Southampton.

The Website continues to attract hundreds of views per day about 670 from people all over the world, people have been known to visit the pond after being prompted by having viewed the website, one such visitor was from Australia. Given that we have a world-wide audience and that people really are interested, He would very much like to include more information about member's models. There is plenty of space still available on the website and no knowledge of making web pages is necessary. Peter is willing to work with members to create web pages, please contact him with your contributions. The website can be accessed easily by members without computers by going to their local library.

Movies: mainly contributed by Alan Bond or Peter, some 140+ SRCMBC movies are kept on YouTube but can be viewed using the Club website. They can also be viewed on the web via the Club's YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/user/srcmbc). Keeping the movies on YouTube saves the club any potential storage costs and makes them available to YouTube users around the world. By far the most popular movie is Alan Bond's "Marine Engine Sound Unit" with over 17500 views in

¹ Since changes to the Club rules were small the new rules have not been reproduced here, they are available on the Club web site or by request from the newsletter editor, Peter Taylor.

two years. A movie of some of the SRCMBC members' models in use on Setley Pond proved a popular feature at the Highcliffe Show.

Club Calendar: having consulted Club officers, during October 65 copies were printed at a special offer price of £8.00 each for purchase by members. Nearly 60 copies sold in the first few weeks, however the bad weather in December (resulting in the postponement of the club lunch), resulted in low sales in that month and a few remaining copies had to be sold at a discount price. Costs to the Club included six calendars distributed by the Club as goodwill gifts.

Newsletter: four issues of the Newsletter "Setley Sail" have been distributed each year, timed to publicise or report on Club events. For the February 2011 issue, 40 were sent by post and over 80 by email. Use of email saves the club postage and stationery costs, and also significantly reduces the work involved in printing and posting. While the Club website is available around the world, only the Newsletter goes to all members, whether they have internet access or not. It is therefore disappointing that more members do not contribute articles or news items for publication in the newsletter. A note to all members: please consider submitting contributions for publication, the next issue is planned for the end of May with further issues in August and October.

Thanks were extended to Peter by all members for all his hard work. *Proposed by Paul Nixon, Seconded by Chris Chatterway.*

Any Other Business

Lymington Show: setting up will take place on Friday night, also please advise David if you wish to exhibit your boats. The café will again be used, as this was so successful last year. We will also be writing to local business to see if any will sponsor us, if any member knows of any business they feel would help us please advise David or Lorna of the details.


Our Insurance covers all members to sail anywhere not only Setley Pond.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm

<u>SOLENT MODEL BOAT CLUB</u>			
<u>BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2011</u>			
<u>INCOME</u>	£	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
Balance carried forward	1,523.43	South Lawn Hotel Xmas Lunch	1,000.--
Xmas Lunch	1,189.64	Xmas Lunch Refunds	190.20
Raffle - Xmas Lunch	125.60	MacMillan Nurses Donation	65.--
Subs - 2010	365.--	Guide Dogs Donation	65.--
Subs - 2011	940.--	SWAMBC	25.--
New Members	185.--	Pond Hire (Warden)	80.50
Day Tickets	4.50	Public Liability Insurance	246.53
SWAMBC Books	2.--	Clothing	389.31
Shirts/Hats/Ariel Prots etc.	211.45	H4H Merchandise/Wristbands	262.18
Calenders	27.--	Calenders	48.--
Float - Lymington Show	100.--	Hall Hire Lymington Show	200.--
Lymington Show Bucket	561.95	Lymington Show	148.58
H4H - Lymington Show	195.23	Lymington Show Float	100.--
Sponsorship	85.--	Help For Heroes Donation	187.32
Flags	7.--	RNLI Donation	187.32
Bank Interest	-.60	Hospital Donation	187.32
		Highcliffe Show	94.50
		Hire of Hall A.G.M.	19.--
		P. Taylor Newsletters etc.	221.03
		Website	42.21
		B.B.Q.	53.85
		Competition Prizes	8.--
		David - Badges	18.78
		L. Soffe Sundry Exes.	48.57
		L. Soffe Petty Cash	50.--
		Add : Excess	1,585.20

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ETC. PROVIDED.


JEAN BRAZIER.

Feature Article: Boats and Planes

Most people in the club only know me because of my hovercraft. What they do not know is that I also have a passion for British Military Aviation and am actively involved in aircraft restoration work at Boscombe Down air base near my home in Salisbury.



RAF Launches at the RAF Museum, Hendon

that be do not rate restoring RAF motor launches as highly as restoring RAF aircraft. This is strange seeing the amount of aircrew that were saved by the brave crews of these craft. Also inside the museum set alongside a Sunderland flying boat is Sea Plane Tender 206.

The second museum we visited that also has boats was the Imperial War Museum collection at Duxford near Cambridge. Here there is an X-craft mini submarine, MTB 71, a small torpedo boat, and unexpectedly a lifeboat. This I am sure would be of great interest to anyone interested in these boats since the particular lifeboat is one of the old Bembridge lifeboats. It was steam powered and also had a sail. It has been beautifully restored and is well worth seeing. Although you can see above deck and inside it is hard to photograph because of limited space in the hanger.

Duxford, apart from having a fantastic display of aircraft and boats, also has what must be one of the best collection of military vehicles from the First World War to the present day. These are displayed in a purpose built hanger. Unfortunately because of the distance, to visit both museums would require a night in a hotel. In our case we drove to Hendon, saw what we wanted and then traveled up to Duxford. We stayed in a local hotel in the area and after visiting the museum traveled back later in the day.

Pete Bryant

Recently in one week I visited 3 major aircraft museums, two of which also had some very interesting boats, which may also be of interest to club members.

At the RAF Museum in Hendon, north London there are 3 RAF motor launches. Outside is Rescue Target Towing Launch [RTTL] 2754. Alongside is RAF Pinace 1379. These boats have been restored by volunteers like myself. In this case by members of the ex-RAF Marine Branch. For some reason the powers



Pete Bryants model of a Rescue Target Towing Launch in action on Setley Pond



RAF Seaplane Tender 206 at RAF Museum, Hendon.

Adverts:



Graupner Sydney Star

Graupner Sydney Star Container Ship. Fully complete with two Graupner Thrusters (bow and stern), Graupner smoke unit, motor and 3 speed controllers. Built to good standard and only requires radio and batteries.

Price: £300 o.n.o. (build cost over £350);
Buyer collects (New Milton) or will deliver to Setley Pond. Contact: David McNair-Taylor;
Phone: 07887 967887;
Email: scalecaptain@srcmbc.org.uk



HMS Snowberry

WWII Corvette, with motor and steering servo, needs radio gear.

Price: £170 (or offers);
Buyer collects (Ashurst, Southampton; or Setley)
Contact: Arthur Shannon;
Phone: 023 80293108;
Email: ashannon@srcmbc.org.uk



Atlantis

Beautifully constructed "Atlantis" wishbone schooner - built from Robbe kit with all fittings. Sale includes Futaba Skysport transmitter and receiver, batteries, stand, sail box etc. Ready to take to the pond and sail. Reluctantly selling to make room for more models!

Price: £550 o.n.o.
Buyer collects (Southampton)
Contact: Allan Read; Phone: 023 80529457

Suitable Charity Donation Requested!



Futaba 27MHz 6 channel radio transmitter
Contact: Lorna Soffe; 'phone: 01425 615305
Email: membership@srcmbc.org.uk



Kit for static model of Hastings Ligger;
Contact: Peter Taylor; 'phone: 023 80554670
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For any **other queries** contact the Scale Section Captain:

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Cut off date for entry in the next issue is: 31st July 2011

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:
www.srcmbc.org.uk



Club YouTube Channel:
www.youtube.com/user/srcmbc
(note that all the YouTube movies can be accessed from the Club Web Site)



LYMINGTON EXHIBITION REPLY SLIP

I will be coming along to the exhibition on 3rd September and will be exhibiting boats .

I **will/will not*** be able to bring models along on the Friday evening between 5.30pm and 8pm . (I **will /will not*** be able to assist with the set up of the hall)

*Please delete as appropriate

Name (Please Print):

Please return to:

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