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The Newsletter of Kirklees Model Boat Club April 2015

Welcome to all new members who are receiving their first newsletter

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Chairman's report – no report this time as Phill has been unable to get down to the lakeside.

Events at the park

22nd March – Club 500

The first race meeting of the new season was run in near perfect conditions over a standard “M” shaped course racing anticlockwise round the five buoys.

All competitors were provided with full, written instructions concerning “Racing Rules” which were reiterated at the Skippers briefing five minutes before the first event. Talking of competitors, ages ranged from 8 to 68 which indicates that we might at last be attracting some younger modellers into our ranks.

The first race was a close run thing but three of the eight boats racing failed to finish, reflective perhaps of the start-of-season hiccups that inevitably arise. The multitude of feathers on the surface of the water didn't help much either and many were the number of snarled-up propellers.

Second race was very close with only one boat failing to finish and substantially more laps being accumulated as Skippers got their boats “sorted” in the 25 minute interval between races.

All the races were conducted in good humour with, (mercifully) almost no crashes or boats planted either on the island or into the lake wall. One or two Skippers, however, did not have numbers on their boats despite all prior advice. Please can this be rectified before the next meeting? (If you are unsure of your race number, please see John G.)

Thanks to all competitors for attending and making this event such a success. Thanks also to all those who helped out with admin on the day, especially Stuart Smith and Mick Hebden who did a sterling job lap counting and watching out for missed buoys, upturned boats, manning the rescue boat etc. Without your help racing simply could not have been undertaken. Full results can be seen on the website

Here's to the April on the 26th

Results of the first three

1	Keith Hope	17 laps
1	Dave Baker	17 laps
2	Fred Senior	16 laps

March Hare 29th March – Race officer Margaret Wyatt

The race started promptly at 10.30 a.m. with moderate winds and the rain just starting. There were 16 hardy skippers willing to start the race in a variety of boats. Northwind, Victoria, Jif79, Racing Sparrow, Stand Jif, RG65 and DF65 were all represented. After the 1st lap Chris Thompson, Stuart Smith and Roy Clarkson had moved to the front of the fleet. By now it had started raining harder and as seems normal for a sail race the wind was decreasing. The other 2 laps proved a battle between Chris and Stuart with

weather conditions getting worse. Several skippers retired. Chris managed to get ahead after the last buoy to win. After this the remaining skippers retired to avoid the Office of the Day getting hypothermia! Very grateful for that kind thought. Results - 1st Chris Thompsom, 2nd Stuart Smith, 3rd Roy Clarkson, 4th Kevin Hepworth 5th Cathy Wilson, 6th John Goodyear, 7th Fred Senior, 8th Doug Potter



Pat presenting Chris Thompson with the trophy

Update on new dock sections to be used at major events.

Nick Holmes has once again undertaken to construct additional sections to the dock which should be ready for our first major event on **12th July** our **Open Day**. Thank you Nick for your efforts.

Update on membership

We currently have 173 fully paid up members. Slightly down on last year but I am sure we will gather some new members during the summer months.

I am sorry to announce that Bernard Walker, who was a former Secretary/Club Boiler Tester, has passed away. Condolences have been sent to his family on behalf of the Club.

Newsletter and website update by Stan Reffin

Newsletter – I am pleased to say that Pat's efforts in producing the first newsletter had very positive feedback from the membership especially the events pages both home and away with major events being shown in colour. Compiling the newsletter is not an easy task and quite time-consuming. If you have anything for the newsletter in the future please could you let Pat have it before the end of June.

Website – I am pleased to say that Cathy Wilson's efforts in building the new club website have exceeded all expectations! Not an easy task and one which has been praised by many members and external clubs. The new website can be found at kirkleesmodelboatclub.weebly.com. Cathy updates this on a regular basis but can only do so with members' participation. If you have any photographs, items for sale please see Cathy or Stan at the lakeside or e-mail them to us. Contact information can be found on the website.

Car Stickers – We now have some new club logo car stickers. These are self clean items not adhesive backed and can be moved and replaced easily. The cost is £1.50 and they can be purchased from Margaret Wyatt at the lakeside or on a club night.

Future events at the Park

19th April – Blue Ribband sail race 10.30 start. Paid up club members only.

26th April - **Club 500** 10.15 start

3rd May – Northwind sail race 10.30 start.

31st May – **Club 500** 10.15 start

28th June – **Club 500** 10.15 start

12th July – **OPEN DAY 7.30 A.M start – help required all day including dismantling at the end of the day.**

We hope to have some Club 500 racing am and pm.

The Away Team reports – this section is going to cover in future the shows we attend away from the park.

15th February- IPMS show at Huddersfield – this was not attended by the club but by individual members.

7th and 8th March – Ellesmere Port Spring Model Boat Show

We provided a static display of various models provided by seven club members including warships, working vessels, submarines, plastic conversions and small dioramas. The show was well attended by other clubs and the trade support covered a wide range of items. The weather was good on Saturday but Sunday morning was damp but brightened up in the afternoon. Sailing took place in the canal lock area, lots of different types of models could be seen sailing including some very large models being manoeuvred by model tugs. Canal trips were offered on a converted narrow boat. Models entered in the David Owen competition could be found in the ROLT Centre. A big thank you to all the members who took part in providing the club display. Congratulations to Chris Behan for gaining the silver medal for his new Canadian coast guard hovercraft Mamilossa.



Chris Behan receiving silver medal from John Hughes

5th April – Submarine day at Papplewick Pump Station, Notts – me and Chris Behan along with Pat and Karen Behan attended on behalf of the club. It was cloudy and chilly but lots of different submarines on display and under the water. I intend to send pictures to our webmaster to go on the website.

Future major events away from the Park

7th to 10th May Harrogate Model Engineering and Model Show - the club will be providing a display stand as usual. Members who are displaying have completed the relevant paperwork and sadly I cannot take any more entries for this event. **Please note set up day is Thursday 7th May for exhibitors. I will be on site from 10 am to around 7 pm.**

6th and 7th June Northern Model Boat Show, Doncaster Deaf Trust – If you are interested in exhibiting you need to speak to Stan before the end of April.

Stan's ramblings – Hi there shipmates, I am pleased to see the weather is now changing for the better allowing us to spend more time at the lakeside sailing. I would like to thank Keith Hays for looking after the tea box whilst I was on holiday. It would appear that the new cafe is now up and running allowing us to use the toilet facilities. I am in discussions with the Council regarding obtaining a key for the building when the cafe is closed. I also have to liaise with the cafe owner. More information to follow. The club night in March was an interesting evening, several members bringing along their building projects of all different types of models. The first club 500 race was a success and the first sail event also albeit being wet and miserable. The away events have proved popular as some members when to York MBC Open Day and also the IPMS show. **If you would like to donate any raffle prizes for the Open Day would you please see Stan.**



Club stand at Ellesmere Port Model Show



Tug towing in canal basin at Ellesmere Port



Club members' submarines at Papplewick Pump Station

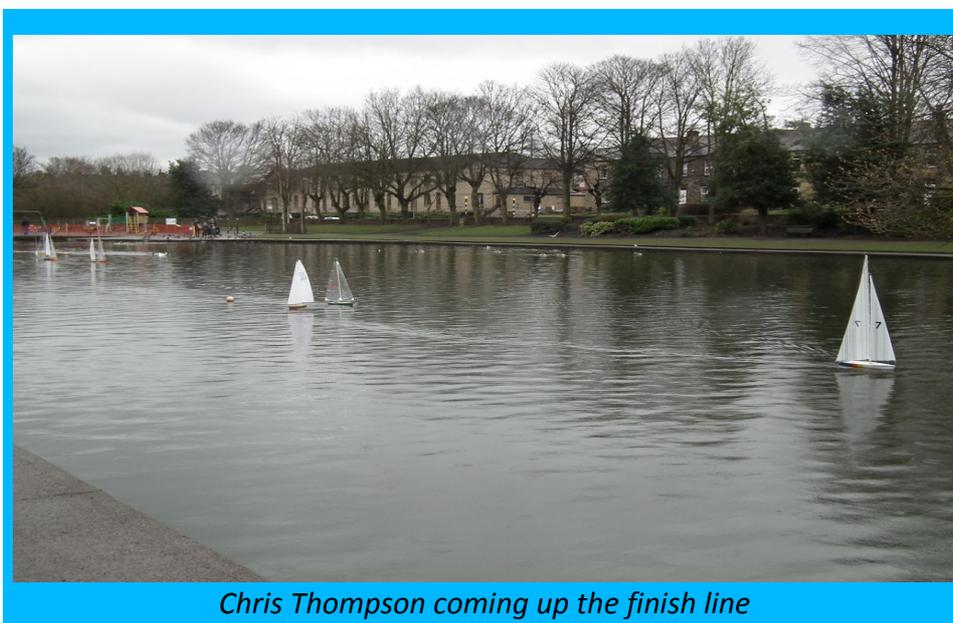


Chris Behan's hovercraft silver medal winner Mamilossa

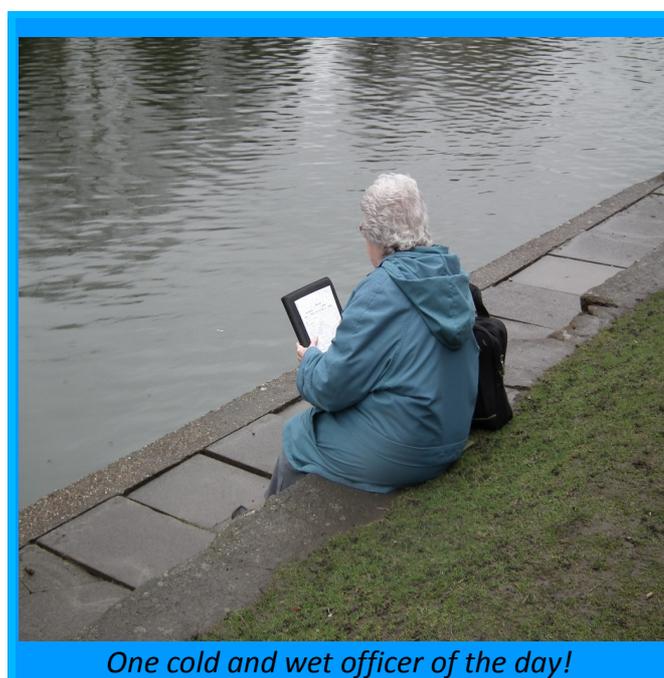
Just received this information that John Goodyear and Paul Rudkin will be taking part in the Northern Area RG65 championships over the weekend 25th and 26th April at Weecher Reservoir, near Bingley. Both John and Paul will be taking part under the ROFWAC banner which is the sail section of Kirklees Model Boat Club. Let's hope they do well. If anybody else is taking part I only know of two at the moment.



Model yachts seen at the March Hare sail event



Chris Thompson coming up the finish line



One cold and wet officer of the day!

