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Newsletter of Kirklees Model Boat Club June 2019

Report on March Hare sail race Sunday 24th March 2019 by John Goodyear - this years' race was held in typical March Hare conditions with a gusty wind blowing down the lake. A dozen yachts contested the event with Mick Hebden acting as a very efficient Officer of the day. Rig selection was a bit of a lottery because no matter what sails were fitted it was a certainty that you would be overpowered one minute and becalmed the next. Typical Wilton Park sailing in fact although to be fair conditions were some of the best we've had for ages.

Everyone got away pretty well at the start but increasing wind gusts saw the fleet dispersed as they headed out towards the top buoy. By the end of the first lap David Lee, Andy Nall and John Goodyear had pulled marginally away from the rest of the yachts with each member taking it in turns to hold the lead. This continued until the last section of the final lap when David and John lost ground to Andy who went on to win with David in second spot with John third.

Special mention must be made of one of our juniors, Rhys, who in his first club race finished a very creditable fourth against some experienced opposition. No one type of yacht dominated on the day despite everyone agreeing it was indeed a "Dragon Day." In the event, a Dragon flying an "A" rig did finish in pole position but a close second was an "Affinity" with home made sails and third a newly-built home design on its first competitive outing. If nothing else this perhaps serves to demonstrate that you don't need to spend big to have a modicum of success. I was unable to list all the places due to a technical problem. "Well Done Andy." on taking home a trophy.



Andy Nall receiving trophy from Pat



Yachts in the March Hare

Report on Island Endurance Event 7th April 2019 by Stan Reffin - With revised rules in place 12 scale and semi-scale models took part in this event. We had a gentle breeze blowing down the lake which caused no problems with rough water. I am pleased to say we had no problems with models catching fire or sinking although one member's motor mount actually melted due to a very hot motor. Model sizes

ranged from small to a large scale tug. 6 entries managed to complete the one hour which is pretty good going. The winning model belonging to Fred Senior of a small lifeboat did 21 laps which is no mean feat. As the event progressed low receiver batteries caused some erratic steering but did not stop members completing the course. Thanks to everyone who took part, nice to see so many taking part. Just out of interest I will measure the distance. Thanks to Bill Kelsall for acting as Officer of the Day and Barry Hill, Roger Shepherd and Mick Burtop for assisting.

Member	Laps	Position
Fred Senior	21	1 st
Richard Simpson	19	2 nd
Jack Stanley	19	2 nd
Andy Waters	17	4 th
Jerry Speirs	16	5 th
Stan Reffin	13	6 th

The following sadly did not complete the full hour – Allan Dyson 12 laps, Terry Scarth 2 laps, Peter Redfern 6 laps, Willie Crowther 7 laps, Andrew Egglestone 9 laps and Baden Buckle – 1 lap



Fred Senior receiving trophy from Pat & runners up



Some models getting ready for the start

Report on club night 10th April 2019 by Stan Reffin – Members turned up for what was an enjoyable and very sociable evening. Bob Astbury started off the evening with his talk on the German 88mm gun. Other members joined in the discussion. Neil Stewart brought along a Robbe cabin cruiser which he won in the Open Day raffle last year. It needed a lot of work on it, but Neil has made a good job of bringing it up to scratch. Trevor Briggs gave a talk on card modelling and brought some items along for everyone to look at. Gary Dyson brought along a US Army truck which he had upgraded from the original model. Brian Daffern is building a plan from Model Boats of an American Harbour Tug. This had been built with the help of super glue and a fish slice! Brian Byrne, who is the “King” of recycling, brought along his scratch built footie yacht with bin liners for sails and parts of his old conservatory and a grill pan. The model has now got the nickname of the “Red Pepper” alongside Stuart Smith's “Yellow Banana”. These are only small yachts but they do sail very well in all conditions. Stan's current build is the 1/200th scale battle ship “Yamato”. It is in the very early stages of construction. It will be seen at the lakeside during the coming year so you will be able to see how it is coming along.

Report on Club 500 on 14th April by Stan Reffin - 9 members took part on a very cold dry morning. Club officials who helped were Roger Shepherd, Terry Scarth, Bill Kelsall and Rhys Brooke and Andy Nall who started the race. The race had problems with debris in the lake plastic bags, twigs, feathers and weed

causing the members to have to bring their models in to clean off the props. Lets hope next month is a tad warmer and there wont be as much debris in the lake.

Member's name	Boat Number	Race 1/2	Race 3/4	Total of laps	Position in race
Albert Smith	9	10	9	19	2 nd
Richard Simpson	O1	10	9	19	2 nd
Willie Crowther	70	4	0	4	8 th
Allan Dyson	66	0	0	0	
Andy Waters	19	0	0	0	
Jerry Speirs	5	9	11	20	1 st
David Moss	49	0	8	8	7 th
Mike Cole	O90	0	0	0	
David Sykes	71	6	10	16	6 th
Fred Senior	101	9	9	18	4 th
Andrew Nall	8	1	0	0	9 th
Brian Byrne	712	9	9	18	4 th
John Hinde	17	0	0	0	
Cathy Wilson	150				
Member	Overall number of laps		Overall position		
Albert Smith	55 laps		3 rd		
Richard Simpson	61 laps		1 st		
Willie Crowther	45 laps		6 th		
Allan Dyson	25 laps		10 th		
Andy Waters	19 laps		12 th		
Jerry Speirs	54 laps		4 th		
David Moss	24 laps		11 th		
Mike Cole	5 laps		13 th		
David Sykes	49 laps		5 th		
Fred Senior	58 laps		2 nd		
Andrew Nall	42 laps		8 th		
Brian Byrne	43 laps		7 th		
John Hinde	38 laps		9 th		
Richard Leech, Ian Hayward,	Mick Richardson, David Cowley		Dave Tuckwood & Cathy Wilson 0 lap		

Report on Steam/Mountfleet Day and Club 500 race Sunday 14th April 2019 by Stan Reffin - Been watching the weather all week, frost was forecast with cold winds. Fortunately no frost, but the wind was very cold. It was ideal for our sailing colleagues who visited our Open Day. Although the day was for steam powered models we had numerous electric powered models and sail powered models on the water. Our military modellers had a large area for displaying military vehicles but they suffered from the very cold wind blowing down the park. Our boiler tester was kept busy until 1 pm testing different types of boilers testing 14 on the day and 6 before the event. We didn't have the usual grand parade of steam models due to the

cold wind and the event finished earlier than normal around 2.30 pm. We had people from the following clubs, York, St Helens, Leeds & Bradford, Goole, Mutual, Runcorn, Etherow and CADMA. Traders on site were Mountfleet Models and new kid on the block Morley 3D Models displaying a nice selection of model boat fittings and of course the RNLI who sold goods to the value of £98.25. We had no parking problems and the ladies selling hot drinks and hot soup were the heroes of the day. Many thanks to Kathleen Stones, Kath Ingle and Brenda Redfern for all their hard work and for having a good sense of humour! Thanks to all the members who helped with setting up and dismantling and everyone who brought supplies for the catering tent. Jerry Speirs won the "Steam Queen" trophy with his model S L Abby.



Jerry Speirs receiving trophy from Pat Reffin



Richard Simpson testing a pork pie



Steam tug from Etherow MBC



Richard busv boiler testing

Report on Model Marine's Open Day Saturday 27th April 2019 Ingham Cliff, Lincolnshire by Stan Reffin - Once again I made the trip down to support this event. The weather forecast was not very good but it turned out to be not too bad. I think there were six traders on site. The morning was very busy so was the bacon butty van! After lunch things started to ease down and by 2 pm most of the visitors were making their way home. This is a small show but it is an ideal opportunity to go along and buy any bits and bobs that you may need. Mobile Marine and their staff make a real effort to make the day successful. If you have never been to one of them they will have another one in November called "The Christmas Cracker".

Report on Blue Ribband Trophy yacht race by Bill Kelsall on Sunday 28th April 2019 – Bill was ably assisted by Stuart Smith in the running of this race. 9 competitors took part on a perfect day, sunny dry with a slight breeze blowing down the lake. David Sykes took an early lead but the race then became very close neck to neck racing leading to a classic photo-finish. Dave Tuckwood took the 1st place followed by David Sykes in 2nd and Dave Etchells in 3rd. Sadly no photograph of the trophy presentation as we had no trophy. Will try to put one in the next newsletter in September. - Below further pictures from Steam Day.



Military Vehicle display area



German Panther crossing bridge



I was told it was going to be warm!



Guess who?

Report on Flying Night 1st May 2019 by Stan Reffin - First of all I would like to say it was a very poor turn out for this with only 9 club members making an effort to fly their models and of course some other members supported the event by turning up to watch. These events cost the club a considerable amount of money and we are very fortunate we can afford to absorb the cost. If we didn't have funds this event, because it is not supported, would not happen. In October lets see more of you there on the night. It takes as lot of organizing by the Secretary. Thanks you to all members who did take part.



Helicopter in flight



Can I fly them both together?

Report on Club 500 race 5th May 2019 by Stan Reffin – Weather conditions were very good for this event, not too much swell on the lake. 9 members took part with 1 member dropping out in the second heat. No major disasters with the exception of one on the island, to report but some very erratic steering which caused some lively comments from the spectators and members taking part. Unfortunately I had to leave before the start of heat two. Great care was taken to avoid the baby ducklings in the lake. A big thank you to the following Roger Shepherd, Stuart Smith, Bill Kelsall, and Mick Burtop for assisting on the day and to Willie Crowther for manning the rescue boat. You will be see your overall positions in the table provided in this newsletter.

Member's name Heat 1	Boat No	Lap 1	Lap 2	Total No of laps	Position	Total No of Laps	Overall No of Laps and position
Richard Simpson	O1	5	7	12			
Albert Smith	9	5	6	11			
Willie Crowther	70	5	5	10			
John Hinde	17	5	6	11			
David Moss	49	5	5	10			
David Sykes	71	9	3	12			
Brian Byrne	712	4	0	4			
Fred Senior	101	8	2	10			
Jerry Speirs	5	8	2	10			
Heat 2							
David Moss	49	6	5	11	5 th	21	45 laps 9 th
Richard Simpson	O1	5	5	10	1 st	22	83 laps 1 st
Albert Smith	9	5	6	11	1 st	22	77 laps 3 rd
John Hinde	17	5	4	9	7 th	20	59 laps 8 th
Willie Crowther	70	5	7	12	1 st	22	67 laps 5 th
Brian Byrne	712	5	7	12	8 th	16	59 laps 7 th
Fred Senior	101	4	8	11	5 th	21	79 laps 2 nd
Jerry Speirs	5	5	7	12	1 st	22	76 laps 4 th
David Sykes	71	0	0	0	9 th	12	61 laps 6 th
Andrew Nall							42 laps 10 th
Andy Waters							19 laps 12 th
Mike Cole							5 laps 13 th
Allan Dyson							25 laps 11 th

Report on the Model Engineering and Model Show at Doncaster Race Course 10th to 12th May by Stan Reffin – This year saw us attend the 26th show. New this year for the club, along with model boat displays a small number of our members had an area for displaying military vehicles. Both club stands proved very popular with the public. The boat club stand was awarded the My Time Media award for best club stand. The new overhead lighting unit was used for the first time and proved to be a valuable asset. A big thanks to all club members who attended to set up and dismantle the club stands and of course to display their models. Nice to see some new faces this year on the club stand and visiting. Sadly we only had one model yacht on display made by Alan Wyatt which attracted a lot of attention. Well done Cathy Wilson for dealing with the questions regarding this yacht on Saturday. The marine models on display on our stand and others were of a high quality. The engineering exhibits were fantastic. One winner travelled all the way from Australia at a very high cost but it was well worth it. Also at the show the Chinese were exhibiting steam powered models. Our military members on their display had quite a lot of questions from veterans. Besides winning the best club stand, Chris Behan obtained a bronze for his Gato class

submarine and a Gold award for his Ammunition Carrier so all in all not bad for Kirklees MBC. I would like to thank Richard Simpson for taking photographs on Sunday. This is only a brief report and I would recommend you visit next year if you've not been before.



Club stand at the ME



Our military members



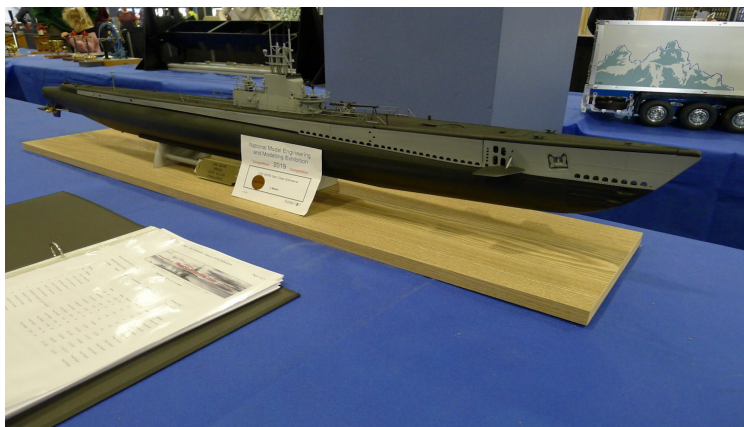
Best club stand trophy



Presentation of gold medal to Chris Behan



Chris Behan's gold medal winner



Gato submarine bronze winner



David Moss' Cobble



Richard Simpson's S Class



Donald Shaw's 2 Lifeboats



Richard Simpson's Tiger 1

Report on Margaret Wyatt Trophy on 19th May 2019 by Stuart Smith - The local weather forecast was for a dry, mild and (mostly) overcast morning with very light winds and the forecast was quite accurate. Stuart Smith was appointed race officer and set a short course of two laps, in view of the very light and

intermittent airs. 8 members entered, Brian Byrne entered his new swing rig footy yacht (which apparently will fit within the RG65 class) but the majority of entrants were Jif 65's, with two or three Dragon class boats. The race was slow, but all boats managed to keep moving most of the time. Dave Tuckwood (Jif) had a good lead on the second lap but approaching the finish line took the wrong side of the last buoy. He realised it was too late to rectify this error, and retired from the race, allowing John Goodyear (Jif) to clear the finish line to win the trophy by a fair margin. Doug Potter (Jif) took second place, with Dave Etchells (Jif) in third. Although outclassed from the start Bryan Byrnes footy provided added interest and completed the course in good style for such a small boat. The race displayed again the superiority of the Jif in light airs when compared to the Dragon RG65 class compliant boats. Congratulations to John who once again demonstrated his skills as being hard to beat.



John Goodyear receiving trophy from Allan Dyson



If John retires I may win this!

CLUB NIGHT 12TH JUNE 2019 AT 8 PM BATLEY SPORTS CENTRE - This is a "Bring and Buy" night. Bring along items you wish to sell that you no longer use. These should be in good working order.

SUMMER OPEN DAY 14TH JULY 2019 - If you have anything to donate for the Raffle please see Stan at the lakeside. Volunteers required on site for setting up from 7.30 am and to clear away at the end of the day. Pat also requires food donations for the catering tent. All sandwiches, cakes, buns, savouries etc. should be wrapped and labelled accordingly.

Events from the end of the May onwards will be covered in the September newsletter. This newsletter will contain the AGM notification in November and the booking form for the Christmas lunch at the Manor Golf Club in December.