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NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB SEPTEMBER 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce that Brian Senior passed away just before Open Day in July. Brian joined us in 2010 when Brian and his friend Ken Davies left CADMA club and became members of Kirklees. Brian and Audrey were members of the "away team" and they attended many shows to represent the club. At away events Brian always had to have his siesta in an afternoon and he loved his roast beef dinners. Brian's sense of humour was second to none, he once complained the lady on his sat nav had fallen out with him and wouldn't talk to him any more, not realising he had turned the voice off.

Club 500 Race June 2018 no report or any information regarding this.

Boat No	Member's Name	Race 1	Race 2	Total	Accumulated
71	Mick Hebden	7	9	16	41
70	Willie Crowther	12	10	22	39
712	Brian Byrne	7	7	14	58
17	John Hinde	12	11	23	82
5	Jerry Speirs	10	9	19	73
9	Richard Simpson	13	10	23	84
66	Allan Dyson	0	0	0	32
101	Fred Senior	0	0	0	34
19	Andy Waters	0	0	0	38
96	Dave Cowley	0	0	0	37

Report on Northern Model Boat Show Deaf Trust Doncaster 2nd/3rd June 2018 by Stan Reffin

Set up day was on the Friday as usual from 1 pm and we were given the same location as last year. On arrival we were surprised to see drapes hanging from the ceiling which made it very dark and it also during the weekend made it very warm. It was left in place due to events and future events taking place there. The club stand was erected very quickly and the models in place by mid-afternoon, and some arrived Saturday morning. Trade support throughout the weekend was supplied by the usual trade people. Most of the clubs who attended were from the north of England. A vast range of models were on display, something for everyone. Chris Behan kept the flag flying for Kirklees MBC taking the first prize with his coastal U Boat. Both days were very busy and we were introduced to the new Editor of Model Boats magazine. The cafe was very well supported, good value for money. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped erect and dismantle the club stand.



Chris Behan receiving 1st prize for his U Boat



Winning U Boat



Queen Elizabeth by Roger Shepherd



Club stand at CADMA show



Tim Stevenson's hovercraft at CADMA

Report on Open Day 8th July 2018 by Stan Reffin

After months of planning and obtaining numerous raffle prizes we were rewarded with a beautiful very hot sunny day from early morning until the end of the day. I had concerns about the water level due to the continual hot weather we have had. Although the water level had dropped the large model yachts were still

able to sail. Set up on the day started around 7 am, the top priority being to get the tea tent erected and the boiler lit. Thanks to Chris Behan for getting the boiler going. This year I had to erect a control tent as priority to get perishable raffle prizes out of the sun. Thanks to the members who assisted me in erecting the control tent. Whilst all this was going on, other clubs and traders were arriving and had to be shown their allocated spaces. By mid morning everybody was in place and free sailing was taking place. Pat had concerns about keeping everything cool in the tea tent, so thanks to everyone who brought cool boxes to help the three ladies who did an excellent job in very warm conditions. Thanks also to everyone who brought donations of food and drink to sell. Adam Holmes did an excellent job putting out the docks which were used throughout the day. Thanks a lot Adam. We were very fortunate to have a personal visit by the Editor of Model Boats magazine. Thanks to Debbie Roberts and Richard Simpson for taking lots of photographs. Thanks also to Gary Dyson for his culinary skills at short notice. For the first time this year we had an area assigned to our members wishing to operate model tanks, which proved very popular. As usual Pat and Karen Behan spent all day in the red hot sun selling raffle tickets. Thanks to everyone who supported the raffle by giving donations or by buying tickets. We had 4 traders and approximately 20 clubs were represented. Presentations took place at 1.30 and best Tug went to John Radford of Liverpool MBC with the Flying Phantom and the Denis Smart trophy for the best Kirklees model on display went to Terry Scarth for his model Northlight. Along with the trophies which were awarded to them by the Editor of Model Boats, they also received a mug that had a picture of the club emblem and lake on it. Thanks to Bill Howie for making these. The sail by took place at 2 o'clock with lots of different models taking part and this was followed by the raffle. The day finished around 3.30 pm and thanks to all the members who stayed behind to put all the equipment back in the container. The RNLI raised £173.50 on their stand.



A very busy open day



Runcorn MBC member displaying his yachts



The above 2 pictures show a Tug at Open Day and the display area for model Tanks.

Report on R.A.O.B Summer Gala Heath Rugby Club, Halifax 14th July 2018 by Stan Reffin

12 members attended this charity event. We had a large display of models. The weather was very hot and thanks to Gary Dyson for going home and getting an awning to provide some shade. Without this we would have had to leave. Not a lot of interest sadly.



Display of models on club stand



This hot dog is nice!



Pat, Karen & Sue relaxina in the sun



Phill, Allan & Mick the 3 wise men!

Report on Presidents Cup Yacht Race – 15th July 2018 by Cathy Wilson

Race Officer Cathy Wilson, ably assisted by Terry Scarth and Baden Buckle scoring.

The fourth KMBC Yacht race of the year saw a warm sunny day with light winds and very little cloud. Enough wind to run all three laps on a slightly shortened course. The winds light with occasional gusts, typical Wilton Park.

The race was started with sixteen yachts taking part. The usual mix of yachts for this event, Jif785, Jif65, DF65, Northwind, Nekst, Nimbus, Infinity and a couple of one designs. The light winds favoured the larger sailed yachts and John Goodyear and Dave Tuckwood were round the first mark in the lead. After the first lap John Goodyear had a good lead and the race was over in 30 minutes so the scale guys could get back on the water fairly quickly.

Results. 1st John Goodyear 2nd Dave Tuckwood and 3rd Roy Clarkson A full report and list of results can be seen on the club website.



Harry Sharp presenting the President's cup to John Goodyear

Report on Club 500 race 29th July 2018 by Stan Reffin – on arriving at the Park the weather conditions were atrocious with heavy rain, wind and a slight swell on the lake. The event was in doubt but five club members turned up ready to go. We started early at 10 o'clock due to the adverse weather conditions. Chris Lilly did the time-keeping and Frank Kimbley acted as a race official along with me. Both races were completed by 10.30 and after a quick cuppa everyone went home.

Boat No	Member's name	Race 1	Race 2	Total	Accumulated
5	Jerry Speirs	9	9	18	91
9	Richard Simpson	9	9	18	102
101	Fred Senior	8	9	17	51
712	Brian Byrne	7	7	14	72
17	John Hinde	0	1	1	83
71	Mick Hebden	0	0	0	41
70	Willie Crowther	0	0	0	39
66	Allan Dyson	0	0	0	32
19	Andy Waters	0	0	0	38
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A very wet Wilton Park for the Club 500 race



A nice display of umbrellas on a very wet day

Update on Open Day donation to the RNLI – we are handing them a cheque for £270 making a combined total on the day of £443.50. This cheque will be presented on the 5th August to their representative John.

Report in Bridlington MBC's Open Day Saturday 4th August 2018 by Stan Reffin - 9 club members attended on the Saturday, the first day of the two day event. A lovely fine day for this event. The sailing water was weed free and deep enough for the largest model yachts. The number of boats on display seemed to be down on previous years but I understand the Sunday was a lot busier. Good catering

facilities throughout the day. Yorkshire Air Ambulance were in attendance fund raising. A big addition to the Bridlington club is the purpose built road system for model trucks and the rock climbing course. Both of these were well attended and it was very good to see lots of youngsters on the truck track and even more on the rock crawling. Trade support was good for the trucks and rock crawlers. No traders for model boats. It was nice to see some youngsters with the model boaters. Andy Waters was carrying out further tests on his Shannon class lifeboat. If you get chance have a look inside this. Other club members enjoyed the rock crawling and truck tracks. If you have never been to this, it is well worth a trip next year and you can use all the facilities. Numerous people were camping over the weekend. We were made very welcome by Bridlington members. It finished about 4.30 pm, a good day out.



The lake at Bridlington MBC



General view of the sailing area



Richard Leech & Mick Rickardson rock climbing



Truck track at Bridlington MBC

Presentation of cheque to RNLI on Sunday 4th August at Wilton Park



Phill Bowker. Tony Maskell donating a cheque to RNLI

NOTIFICATION OF AGM ON WEDNESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT BATLEY SPORTS CENTRE TO START PROMPTLY AT 8 PM. Any items that are required to be on the Agenda need to be forwarded to the Secretary Pat Reffin no later than 4 weeks before ie 24th October 2018. This can be done by e-mail, post or by handing it to Pat at the lakeside on a Sunday morning.

Chairman's Report August 2018 - The brilliant weather made for a very successful Steam Day and Open Day. Let us hope for the same on the 9th September for our Autumn Open Day. Many visitors showed a lot of interest with the inclusion of model tanks and other military vehicles. The 2pm sail past for both events had record numbers of models on the water. Club 500 races now have a new start gate made by Richard Simpson who is also in the lead with an accumulated lap score of 102 with 2 more sets of races to go. Two of the annual sail races have been won by Doug Potter, with Dave Tuckwood and John Goodyear taking the lead in the other races so well done to all who have taken part in both Yacht and Club 500 events. A number of club members attended the funeral of Brian Senior in July, a real gentleman who will be sorely missed for his dry humour, and our condolences go to Audrey and family at this sad time.

Phill Bowker

SAFETY NOTICE please be aware that all the steps on the waterfall are covered in green slime and consequently are very slippery. If you wish to go to the far side of the lake please do not use the bottom step of the waterfall as a short cut. Please use the steps either side of the waterfall.

Report on Club 500 race 19th August 2018 by Stan Reffin - The weather was cloudy with a light wind making calm conditions on the lake. Six entries for the 1st race and five for the 2nd. No major upsets with boats being overturned. Boat 70 struggled in the 1st race and boat 712 didn't start. Thanks to Roger Shepherd, Baden Buckle and Brian Byrne for their assistance. By the time this newsletter goes out the races may have finished but if not the final report will be in the January newsletter.

Boat No	Member's Name	Race 1	Race 2	Total	Accumulated
5	Jerry Speirs	6	10	16	107
9	Richard Simpson	10	8	18	120
101	Fred Senior	8	10	18	69
712	Brian Byrne	2	0	2	74
17	John Hinde	6	10	16	99
71	Mick Hebden	0	0	0	41
70	Willie Crowther	1	11	12	51
66	Allan Dyson	0	0	0	32
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Report on Model Boat Convention at Haydock Park 25th and 26th August 2018 by Stan Reffin –

Once again we had a strong turn out from our members displaying some excellent models which attracted a lot of attention from visitors. The main theme of our stand was warships and working boats. Sadly once again nothing from our sail section which is a shame. Saturday was quite busy until mid-afternoon and then went quiet. Sunday the weather was atrocious strong winds and very heavy rain which may have impacted on the number of visitors attending. The number of clubs displaying was down on last year and also the trade support was less than in previous years. The clubs that did attend provided some excellent displays and the traders that did attend seemed to cater for everybody one way or another. Congratulations to Chris Behan for getting a 1st for his type 23 U Boat. 1st for best independent and 1st for the Mountfleet Rose Bowl. Congrats to Dave Baker for being voted best boat on the club stand for his model Konig. Adam Holmes received a medal for his commentary on the outside sailing events over the two days, especially Sunday when it was extremely wet. Finally thanks to everyone who stayed to dismantle the stand and to especially to those who have taken club equipment. Pat, Karen Behan and Sue Barker did their stints on the entrance doors which can prove eventful.



Dave Barker's model Konig



Work Boats on the club stand



Donald Shaw's "Clamity" seen at Havdock



More work boats on the club stand



Chris Behan's winning model



Dave Barker receiving certificate for best boat on the stand



Chris Behan receiving certificate for best kit