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The Newsletter of Kirklees Model Boat Club September 2015

Notification of AGM on Wednesday 11th November 2015 at 8 pm at Batley Sports Centre, Windmill Lane, Batley. Any items for the Agenda must be notified to the Secretary by e-mail or letter by the 11th October 2015 at the latest.

Chairman's report September

The season is now coming to a close and how successful it has been, the weather was kind to us for all three of our pond side events of Open, Steam and Navy days. This time of year means the organisation of the Annual Christmas Lunch, so book early as places are limited. Congratulation to all the members who have captured so many prizes at the away events such as Harrogate, Ellesmere Port, Doncaster, and Haydock Park, they are a tribute to the strength of their knowledge and technique in model making. This year club membership has now reached the 190 mark, so a warm welcome to all the new members, and please remember that there is a remarkable wealth of experience in our club, so all be aware that you only need to ask and I am sure that someone in the club will be pleased to help. I would like to thank all the members of our committee for all the work that they have done through the year, especially Pat and Stan for their take-over of the Mariner and all the other work that they put in, Margaret for mastery of the club's treasury, Kathy for the excellent new format of the Club Website, as well as the Holmes family for the new Harbour and Docking Facility. The Club 500/ Demolition Derby seems to have lived up to its name with some members trying to negotiate the course the wrong way round !!!!. The yacht races both Wednesday afternoon and the club races on Sunday's have been very wet, which Margaret will vouch for, and the extremely calm days when first over the start line could possibly have been the winner, so a big thank you to all who entered.



New heavy duty trolley



Pat Reffin and Tony Maskill handing cheque to RNLi reps from Mirfield Branch John Broscombe and Susan Robinson

We would like to thank Andrew O'Connor for sourcing a heavy duty trolley for moving heavy items on our open days. It will be put to the test on 13th September when we have Navy Day. Many thanks also to Cathy Wilson for sourcing some new wheels for the light weight trolley.

Home events

Club 500 races seem to be going ok with no major problems. We have run 6 races at the present time with no race being held in June due to insufficient numbers. After 6 races the top 3 are as follows:

Cathy Wilson with boat number 150	84 laps
Dave Baker with boat number 6	75 laps
Willie Crowther with boat number 70	70 laps

Final results of club 500 races run during the year will be given out at the AGM in November.

14th June – Re-run North Wind sail race with light flukey winds and semi-continuous drizzle. 20 yachts made the start line and with a bit of last minute fixing all yachts displayed racing numbers. Three members battled for the lead being Chris Thompson, Doug Potter and John Goodyear. With the wind coming and going John finally managed to come in first with Doug in 2nd place and Chris Thompson in 3rd. Roger Shepherd acted as Officer of the Day. There is a full list of results on the website. A good and well supported event.



Pat Reffin handing John Goodyear the North Wind trophy



Phill Bowker giving Donald Shaw Denis Smart shield



Phill Bowker giving John Bradford best tug trophy



New extended docks Open Day 12 July



Richard Simpson's fishing boat in the new dock

Open Day 12th July - A very early start at 7.30 am on a warm and dry day. A big thank you to everyone who helped with setting up tents, fencing, getting the boiler going, directing traffic, allocating club positions and the traders who attended. Ron Dean travelled from Peterborough, Mobile Marine came from Lincoln, Mountfleet Models from Doncaster, Mike Alsop of Scale Flags from Grantham and Warner Marine from Knaresborough. The following clubs attended York, Hull, Rawdon, Leeds/Bradford, Bridlington, BMES, St Helens, Etherow, Balne Moor, Ribble, Liverpool, HMES, Bury, Runcorn, Vicar Water Models, King Lear, Cheddar, Sheffield, Mutual, Crewe, Castaways and Teesside. These are the ones I am aware of but there may have been some more. We used the new dock sections for the first time and people were very impressed. A big thanks to Nick Holmes and his family for their hard work. The raffle as usual generated a lot of interest with over 60 prizes on offer. The ladies kept us supplied with tea/coffee and sandwiches throughout the day. Thanks to everyone who donated items for sale in the catering tent. The prize giving took place at around 1.30 pm with Donald Shaw winning the Denis Smart Trophy with his model Aziz. John Bradford from Liverpool Club won the best tug prize. At 2 pm we had a large sail by down the lake with lots of different models on the water. The day finished off with the raffle around 3 pm and the event closed at around 4 o'clock. Thanks to everyone who stayed to the end to help with the clearing away.

President's cup sail race 19th July

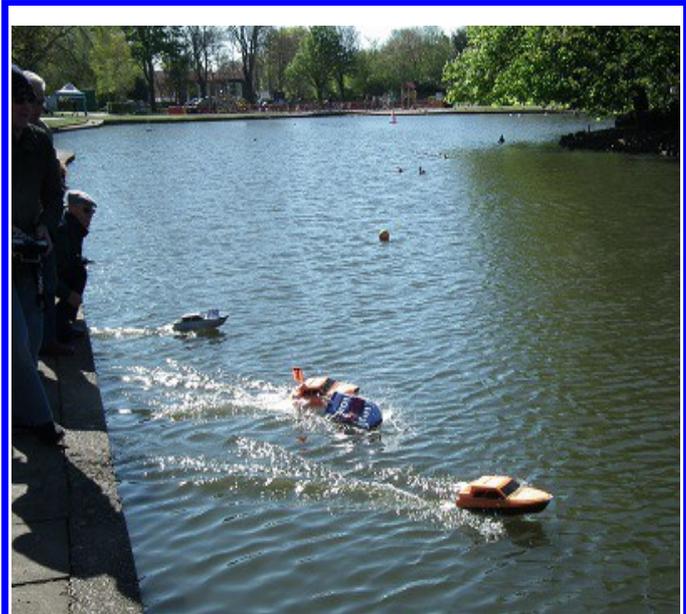
It was an overcast and windy day when 12 members took part with Victoria, Jifs and other designs taking part. All the boats were going well but the gusts certainly caused problems for those who had risked larger sails. Cathy Wilson's yacht was blown onto the Island. John Goodyear maintained the lead and finished up the winner. One or two boats sustained damage due to the wind. Thanks to Debbie Roberts for 'volunteering' to act as Officer of the Day. There appears to be a discrepancy in the numbers skippers are using. Please see John Goodyear for current three digit MYA assigned numbers. A full version of this report can be seen on the club website.

1 st	John Goodyear
2 nd	Kevin Hepworth
3 rd	Roy Clarkson

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Pat Reffin presenting John Goodyear with President's Cup



Club 500s leaving the starting gate



Mark Croucher's winning steam boat



A very nice steam tug



Adam Slater's excellent model

2nd August Steam Day/Mountfleet Models Day – This is the second major event in the club's calendar giving our steam members a chance to promote steam powered models. An early start was the order of the day with quite a few members turning up at 8 am or shortly after to assist with the erection of tents and firing up of the boiler. (The tea tent boiler not a steam boat's boiler – not sure if Richard Simpson could test this one!) A dull start to the weather early but it soon brightened up and we ended up having a lovely day.

A bit of a scare early on with a shortage of water but this was soon resolved and many thanks to Bernard and Vic who went to collect water for the tea boiler. Richard Simpson was kept busy all morning testing various steam plants for members and visiting non-club members. We had various non-club members visiting from the north east and north west of England and also some local clubs. Sadly the numbers were not very good for the Mountfleet trophy so it was agreed with Adam from Mountfleet to hold this competition at Navy/Warship Day on 13th September. During the day the lake was used by mostly steam powered models and scale, hovercrafts and the lurking submarine. The yachts sailed at the waterfall end of the lake so it all went very smoothly. At 2 pm we had a sail past of steam powered models with the odd scale model taking part. Clubs who attended were Leeds/Bradford, Ribble, Crewe, Etherow, Teesside and Runcorn. Mark Croucher from the north east was awarded the Steam Queen trophy. Mark's model is totally scratch built which includes the boiler. It has a unique rudder system which I think is called a "Kitchener". There is no reverse function on this model. Reverse is obtained by closing the rudder. The day closed at round 3.30 pm. Many thanks to those members who stayed to the end of helped put everything back in the shed. Without your support these days would not be such a success. Pat would like to thank Kathleen, Kath and Lynne in the tea tent for their tireless work and Roger and Chris for their help with the boiler.

Night sail 9th September report by Pat Reffin - 12 members and one member's wife attended down at the lakeside on a very pleasant evening. A number of members of the public sat on the wall to watch the illuminated display of various types of boats. A couple of members had been very ingenious in putting lights on their models. Thanks to those members who turned up on the night along with the midges and bats.

Warship/Navy Day 13th September 2015 – report by Stan Reffin

After a very wet day on Saturday it left the ground very muddy for the setting up on the tents and tables. After our 8 am start on a fine Sunday morning the members (who have now become very proficient) soon erected the tents, placed out fencing, PA system and dock sections and most importantly got the boiler up and running. As the morning progressed we had visitors arriving from Balne Moor, Etherow, Potteries, Bridlington, Bury, Leeds/Bradford and of course Mountfleet Models. Warship models of all types were on display including submarines and one fishing boat suitably fitted out with cannons! The biggest model on display was USS Columbus displayed by Paul from Etherow Club. Also on display were some unusual models of tank landing craft including tanks. Also during the day some models were sold at bargain prices. The winner of the Mountfleet trophy was awarded to Terry Scarth with his model Sea Light. The Les Kirby shield was awarded to Brian Daffern for model Monitor. Thanks to the ladies in the tea tent once again for doing a wonderful job over the year and to Pat and Karen for organizing the raffle.

Navy/Warship Day unclaimed raffle winning numbers

Pink/White	228
	188
Yellow	535
Yellow/White	294
	60

If you have any of these winning tickets can you please bring your tickets down to the lakeside but please ring Stan beforehand telephone 0113 2675790 so he brings the prize on the Sunday.



Adam Slater presenting Terry Scarth with Mountfleet Trophy



Brian Daffern receiving Les Kirby Shield

Away Day events 2015

Yacht racing at Lincoln on 20th and 21st June report by John Goodyear

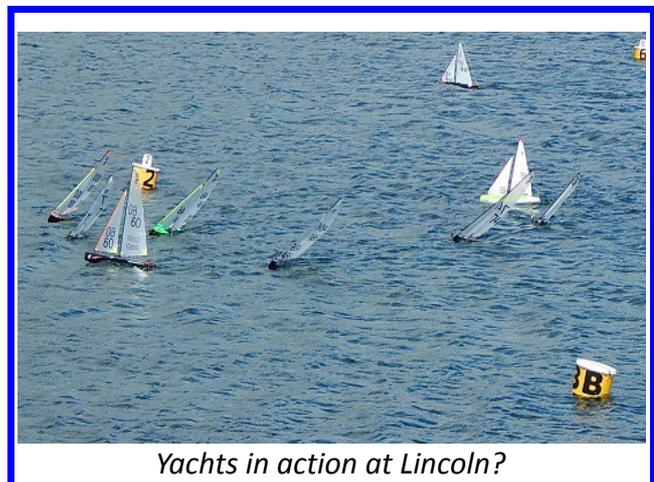
Paul Rudkin and John Goodyear entered Lincoln Model Yacht Club's RG65 open meeting and Dragon Force race. This is an artificial lake some 150m square and is open on all sides providing constant and consistent winds, ideal for model yachting. The lake had been treated extensively with weed killer but the odd patch did create a few problems. Some great racing with Paul and John doing battle amongst some of the UK's best skippers and some very expensive carbon fibre missiles weighing so little that when the keels were removed they almost floated away on the breeze! Neither of them featured on the winners rostrum. Some 30 plus races were held. John's JIF finishes 2nd in one race behind a very expensive carbon fibre job piloted by one of the UK's leading sailors. Just goes to show that in the right conditions the yacht we have selected as our "standard club model" can acquit itself well. Mention must be made of the very professional way the host club organized things. There is some exciting and inexpensive racing to be had by club members willing to venture a little further afield. Why not give it a go? (full reports can be found on the club's website).

Dragon Force racing at Fleetwood 22nd August – report by John Goodyear

Cathy Wilson, Joanne Sharpe, Andrew O'Connor and John Goodyear tried their luck at a DF65 Northern Area event run by the Fleetwood Club. The start was postpone due to winds, worse than Wilton Park. Half an hour later there was light wind and rain which got worse over the next 2 hours. Transmitters failed or misbehaved despite tranny covers which kept the water out but not condensation. John's tranny started to beep part way through a race and his yacht started to veer off course. Other skippers experienced similar problems including Andrew whose radio packed up completely forcing an early retirement. As for racing it was dire. After lunch a new course was laid and the wind perked up allowing some great racing. The three remaining KMBC members began to enjoy themselves and begin to moved up the fleet in a few races. Racing concluded at 4 pm. Two of the KMBC members finished in the top half which must be an improvement over recent outings. Thanks to the KMBC sizeable support group who came to cheer us along. (An extended report can be seen on the website)



Yachts in action Fleetwood?



Yachts in action at Lincoln?

Haydock Park 29th and 30th August – The Model Boat Convention – report by Stan Reffin

After a strenuous journey across the M62 by most members on Friday the club stand was up and running by 4 p.m. 30 plus boats of various types were on display ready for the opening on Saturday morning. Sadly we had no sail models to display. In years past Alan Wyatt had sail models on display, so lets see some sail models on display next year! Saturday was a very busy day and we were kept on our toes answering numerous questions plus the usual “how fast does it go?” and “how much does it cost?” Sunday was a quieter day but still lots of questions being asked by the visitors. The theme of the show was Glynn Guest models and I am pleased to say that Adam Holmes got a 2nd for his HMS Bermuda and Stan Reffin got a 1st with his ATCH helicopter troop carrier. In other competitions Chris Behan won two 1st for his hovercrafts Mamilossa and Zubr. A good result for the club. Trade support at the show was excellent and the bring and buy sale went very well. There were lots of models on display from various clubs, something for everyone. Catering was well organized and the car parking posed no problems. If you have never been to this show put it in your diary for 2016, 27th and 28th August 2016. Admission will be £7.50 (no concessions). Thanks to all club members who attended and especially those who helped with the club stand and exhibited their models.



Adam Holmes receiving 2nd prize from Glynn Guest



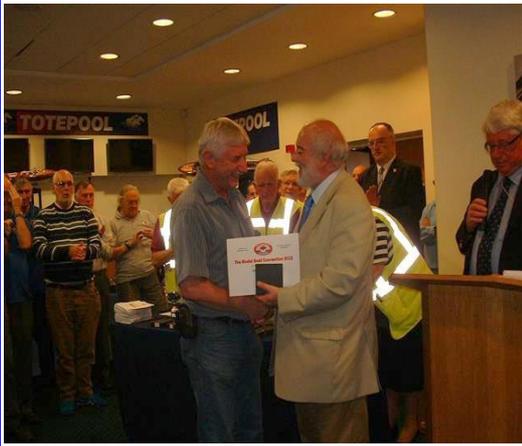
Adam Holmes' 2nd place winner HMS Bermuda



Stan Reffin receiving the 1st prize from Glynn Guest



Stan Reffin's winner ATCH in the Glynn Guest competition



Chris Behan receiving 1st prize for Mamilossa and Zubr hovercrafts



Chris Behan's winning model Mamilossa



Chris Behan's winning model Zubr



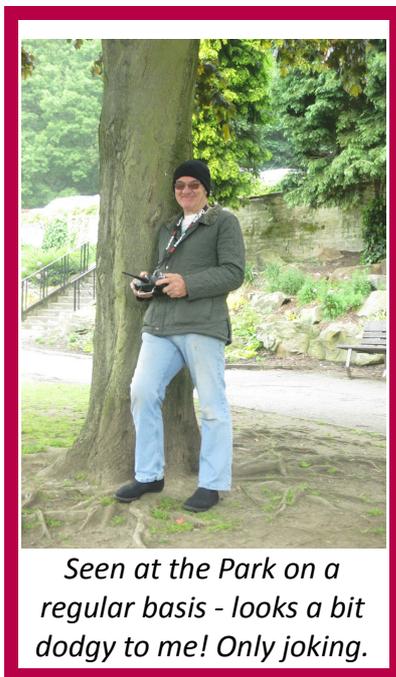
Club stand at Haydock Park

This newsletter covers all events from June up to September 2015. There are the following events to come at the lakeside.

George Trophy Yacht Race	20 th September
Scale steering ?	27 th September ?
S class yacht race	11 th October
Final Club 500 race	18 th October

The following events are away from the Park

Towing Event Balne Moor	4 th October
Indoor Flying at Batley Sports Centre	14th October
Blackpool Model Show	17 th and 18 th October
Bridlington MBC Evening sail	31 st October ?
Warwick Exhibition Centre Model Show	6 th to 8 th November
IPMS Telford	7 th and 8 th November
Mobile Marine Christmas Cracker	28 th November



Seen at the Park on a regular basis - looks a bit dodgy to me! Only joking.

Brief report from Stan – I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make 2015 a good year, whether you have taken part at the lakeside or at events away from the Park or just paid your yearly subscriptions without your support the Club would not be thriving as it is. At the beginning of this year Pat and Cathy took on major projects the newsletter and website respectively. I am pleased to say they have managed the tasks and the results speak for themselves. The club has managed to receive good results in scale competitions away from the Park and some of our sail members are now embarking on events further afield. Finally a big thank you must go to all committee members for their commitment and hard work throughout the year. I would like to thank Brian and Audrey Senior, Dave and Sue Barker, Roger Shepherd Phill Bowker as all of these have helped me by taking parts of the club equipment making it less for me to carry which helps me take my models to display. John Goodyear and Stuart Smith for taking our novice sail members under their wing and giving guidance to them. Club 500 for 2016, I need to know at the AGM if you wish this to continue next year and if it is, it can continue on a monthly basis from March to October. Results of Club 500 racing will be announced at the AGM 2015. Hope to see you all at the AGM.