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NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB– MARCH 2010

ISLAND ENDURANCE 10am APRIL 4th

What a start to the new year, with the lake frozen to a depth of 3 to 4 inches, sorry 7.5 to 10 cms, we didn't get much sailing, but our members with Hovercraft certainly had a good time, even getting chased by a Jack Russell terrier all over the pond. Still some hardy souls turned up on Sunday mornings however cold it got. When it did thaw some had great fun with pusher tugs and the like jumping out of the water.

It is good to see Keith Hays being out on occasions following his recent health scare, and many thanks to Val for allowing us to hold our recent committee meeting at their house.

What can I say about the turnout of members for the AGM in February. More than half of you attended and lent your support to the new committee and the amendments to the Constitution and the Club Rules. I am sure that KMBC can now go from strength to strength with your support for the events, new and old planned for 2010.

Richard Simpson has been working very hard behind the scenes putting together rules, in conjunction with the Southern Federation of Model Engineers, for the Annual Inspection and Testing of Steam Boiler Safety Valves for boilers under the 3BarLitre rule. So we can see steam models back on the lake , with many thanks to Richard for his Skill and Enthusiasm in this venture.

Nigel and Jason are getting things together in the Tug Towing Department, and Mick Burtop and the committee are getting the rules together for Club 500 racing.

I feel that there is a new sense of commitment and companionship in our club and hope we can build on this in the future. If you have any problems please let me or any committee member know so that we can act on them.

And finally may I welcome New and Rejoining members to our club and wish them every success for the new season.

Phill Bowker.

Chairman KMBC

Junior member Adam Holmes receiving the Ron Broderick Trophy at the AGM for his achievements throughout 2009

You will just have to wait until the ice melts next month !!!!!!!!!

Our youngest member Zac Clayton age 6

Hovercraft Safety

By Tim Stevenson

Hello to all Kirklees Model Boat Club members I wanted to write this before any accidents occur as some of you know I operate hovercraft on a regular basis on a Sunday morning and I would just like to make everyone aware of the risks involved. I have seen a few people with fingers going into propeller ducts; I don t mind this at all when the craft is sat on the wall and not moving anywhere and the battery is not connected as no harm will come to anyone. But when the model is operating and it comes to the side of the lake please refrain from putting fingers anywhere near the ducts or props as I don't want anyone to get injured. Spinning props and fingers don't mix well; I speak from experience! This is not to say they are not safe, they are but like any model you have to be careful. I don't want to put anyone off building hovercraft. This is not me 'having a go' I just want to prevent any injuries. If anyone wants advice on hovercraft building or has any questions feel free to ask, there's no such thing as a silly question!

Regards Tim

Don't forget……..

Club Night 14th April . Stan will be Demonstrating Airbrush techniques.

April 25th Blue Ribband Open Sail Race 1030 a.m. Start. With a Club 500 Race at 0945am.

Stan's ramblings

Hi there shipmates,

This is my first report in the New Year which so far has been very successful. The weather played havoc in January forcing cancellation of the AGM and also there was not much sailing done at Wilton Park for approximately 5 to 6 weeks due to severe ice. However both Tim Stevenson and Alan Ward managed to use their hovercrafts with great effect over this period. Alan managed to have a Jack Russell chase his hovercraft whilst on the frozen lake. I would like to thank everyone who turned up for the February AGM. The new Constitution and Club Rules were voted in with only a few minor adjustments. The weather was much kinder to us in February. Adam Holmes was presented with the Ron Broderick Trophy for outstanding achievements in 2009. Adam is one of our few junior members.

27th and 28th February the away team attended the Leeds and Bradford MBC show at Yeadon Town Hall. You will be pleased to know that we came away with 3 firsts and best in show. Well done Alan Wyatt, Chris Behan and Stan Reffin. Well done Tim Stevenson for demonstrating your large hovercraft over the two days.

6th and 7th March found us at the Ellesmere Port Spring Show. A well attended show the trade support was good, lots of interest in tug towing, lots of models to see. A big thanks to Alan and Margaret Wyatt and Chris and Karen Behan for erecting part of the stand on Friday and also to Roger Shepherd for his efforts on Saturday morning. We had a reasonable amount of models on display covering most aspects. Results from the David Owen competition Stan Reffin best in show with USS Gambia Bay and 1st gold medal in semi-scratch for the same model. Chris Behan received 1 gold and 2 silver medals for his Type 21, Type 9 U boats and the Russian Typhoon class submarine. Judging for this competition is to a very high standard so Kirklees did very well. We won more medal that the winter Olympics team!!!!

If you want to see any photographs of these two events they can be seen on the club website at www.kirkleesmodelboatclub.org.uk

10th March – Indoor Flying at Batley Sports Centre. It was mainly model helicopters, hovercrafts and fixed wing though Stuart Oddy did have a flying saucer! Mick Burtop managed to fly out of the sports hall and crash on the balcony. Doug Potter had some weird and wonderful aircraft made from foam I think. All in all a good night and possibly going to be done again in early autumn.

14th March I visited the Hull Model Boat Club open day at East Pavilion, East Park, Hull. Made very welcome on the day. Small sailing course outside in the ornamental lake. Nice display of models including some very frightening tethered hydro's. Watching a video of these I wouldn't know where to start.

Both March shows are reported in Model Boats and Marine Modelling in due course.

First sail event held at Wilton Park 21st March – It was the March Hare. 16 entrants. Thank you to Albert Smith for being Officer of the day and well done to Doug Potter, your name is on the trophy again. A big thanks to everyone who took part.

Things that have happened since the AGM

1. You will be pleased to know that we have cleaned out the club container and disposed of some old equipment.

   Margaret has made a full inventory of the contents.

2. A new 6 x 3 tent has been purchased. This will be used by the ladies making cups of tea on our major events.

3 Seven new tables have been purchased.

4. Tim Stevenson is working on boxes for the tent poles to go in.

   A big thanks to Keith Hayes for locating some boxes for the tent material to go in.

5 We have purchased a brand new PA system for use at the major events. This has still to be tested.

6. Margaret has bought new club clothing so please contact her if you need anything.

7. Chris Behan purchased 6 small portable radios for use at the major events.

The next big away event is the **Harrogate Model Engineering Show 7th to 9th May.** This event is now closed.

A big thank you to Tim Stevenson for his work in making boxes and signs for club use. Thank you to Jason Butterworth and Nigel Firth for their hard work in restoring some old models from the container for their tug towing events. Thanks to Keith and Val Hayes for hosting the committee meeting at their home. Thanks Jason for you efforts with the tea box and for all the members who support it by buying tea, coffee and biscuits. This does help club funds.

Some dates not on the Away Events List. Events at Goole MBC.

8TH May – a night sail, 13th June – Open day, 24th and 25th July – Open Days at Goole Waterways Museum

8th August – Open Day , 11th September – night sail

I would just like to say a big thank you to Phill Bowker, Margaret Wyatt and Pat Reffin for their hard work over the last 5 months in getting the membership list sorted, new paperwork compiled and Phill for his efforts with the website and of course Geoff Jacques for his invaluable input to the new Constitution.

I would like to welcome all new members to Kirklees MBC. If you have any problems or you need some advice see me at the lakeside or give me a call.

Steam Day 23rd May – If you have any questions reference your steam plant Richard Simpson is back at the Park on either the 11th or 18th April so any queries you may have you will be able to speak to Richard.

Pat – I would like to thank the ladies who have volunteered to help out in the tea tent at the forthcoming events. I will be in touch with you all in due course.

See you all at the lakeside for further events or at any of our major away events.

Stan Reffin

SELLING OR WANTING ANYTHING IN THE MODEL BOAT LINE WHY NOT TRY OUR SALES AND WANTS SECTION ON THE CLUB WEBSITE . Anyone with HINTS or TIPS for the Website Please contact phil@kirkleesmodelboatclub.org.uk

NEWS AND PICTURES FROM EXHIBITIONS AND LAKESIDE EVENTS

Yorkshire Model Marine Expo 2010.

Held at Yeadon Town Hall. 27/28th Feb 2010

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The Happy Prize Winners.

Stan Reffin- Best in Show and Best semi kit with Aircraft Carrier Gambia Bay

Alan Wyatt -1st Scale Sail Scratch Built —Arab Dhow.

Chris Behan 1st Scale Power Scratch Built Bell Sk-5 Hovercraft.

Well done all.

David Owen Competition

Held at Ellesmere Port Spring Model Boat Show

6 / 7th March 2010

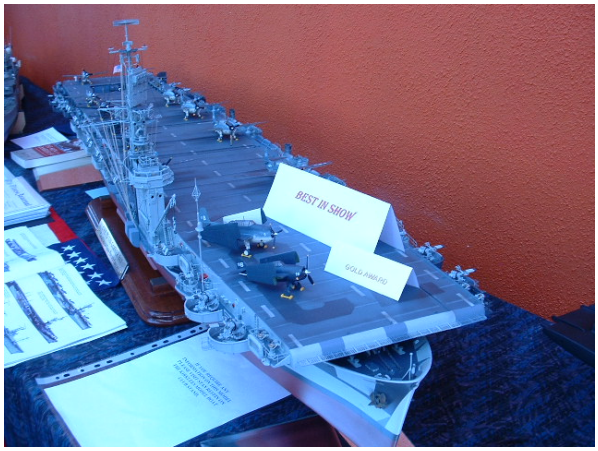
A Brilliant Achievement Two Gold Medals and Two Silver medals in a very prestigious event.

Stan Reffin—Best in Show and Gold Medal with Gambia Bay

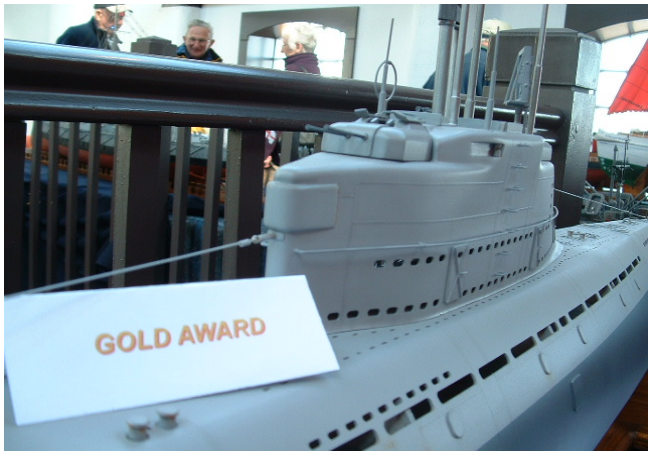
Chris Behan– Gold Medal—Modified kit –Type XX1 U Boat

Silver Medal –Modified kit—Type V11 U Boat

Silver Medal– Semi Scratch - Typhoon Class Sub Dimitri Donskoi



Gold medal winner Gambia Bay



Gold Medal winner Type XX1 U Boat U-2540

A BIG THANKYOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THESE EVENTS, THOSE WHO HELPED TO SET UP THE CLUB STAND. AND THOSE WHO EXHIBITTED ALONG WITH THE PRIZE WINNERS. THESE RESULTS SHOW WHAT CAN BE DONE BY OUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS .

Club Clothing for sale.

Baseball Caps £5.00 . Polo Shirts £8.00. Sweat Shirts £10.00 Fleece jackets £12.50

All with club Logo, available from Margaret , or committee member at the lakeside.

Shirts and jackets in a number of sizes.

March Hare Sail Race

Sunday March 28th

A good turn out for the 1st race of the season 14 entrant

Winners

1st Doug Potter

2nd John Goodyear

3rd Roy Clarkson

1st place S Class

Stuart Smith

Far Left.

Doug Potter receiving Trophy

Left.

John Goodyear, Doug Potter

And Stuart Smith after the race

Members should be aware that ONLY club members are allowed to enter official club Races or regattas.

CLUB 500 RACE SUNDAY 28TH MARCH. Only 3 entries but a great deal of fun for all , only 2 finished after Nigel hit a buoy and turned turtle. Jason finished in 1st place. Hope to see a few more on the lake for the next session on 25th April, so get some building done those that have bought those kits.

Jason at speed rounding the bouy.

Nigel getting wet retrieving course after the race.

With thanks to John Poll of Balme Moor Club for the photos taken during and after the race

Rules for Club 500 are : 1. Only standard kit of parts allowed i.e. Hull, Motor, Propshaft, Propeller, and Rudder.

2. Battery maximum Voltage of 7.2 volts 3. 5 Minute race time with winner highest number of laps.

4. No deliberate bumping.. 5. Officer of day decision is final.

Would members who have not yet received their club membership card please see either Margaret or a committee member at the lakeside.

Any member with an objection to their photo or details being included on the Website or the newsletter please inform Phill Bowker.

If members have any articles to include in the newsletter please get in touch with phill@kirkleesmodelboatclub.org.uk

And finally I would like to say a big thank-you to Steven Bowker for all his work with the Website over the last few weeks and months.

Fly the flag **Phill Bowker**