



Mariner

NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB

MARCH 2012

Club Night 11th April

MTRONIKS

Question and

Answer

Session

Welcome to the March issue of 2012 , with more great news on the exhibition front.

The club was out in force at the Ellesmere Port annual Spring trade Show over the weekend of 3rd & 4th of March, with members manning the club stand in the Rolf Centre Building, and an outstanding win by Chris Behan taking the "Best in Show" Award and a Gold medal with his LCAC (Landing Craft Air Cushion) model of this American Very Large Hovercraft. A lot of hours of work have gone into the design and construction of this model and it is a credit to Chris now that it is finally complete.

The March Hare Sail race saw the yachting season off with a win by Stuart Smith, and later in March club night saw a fair number of members enjoyed using the sports hall, flying electric powered aircraft, helicopters and hovercraft, a good night was had by all even the spectators. On the 25th of the month the Island Endurance race for models powered by conventional batteries such as Gell cell, NiCd or Nickel Metal Hydride. The race was won by Fred Senior who kept his small air sea rescue boat going for 27 laps in the hour, well done to all who competed even if you did not finish the hour.

For the next Club Meeting at Batley Sports Centre on the 11th April at 8pm we will have a representative of Mtroniks to come and answer any questions you may have with regard to their products, and maybe some demonstration of new products such as their latest Sound units. So let's see as many members as we can muster at this meeting.

There is one very important thing that must be brought to the attention of all members, only 5 named members are insured, by the club's insurance, to use the club boats. Any other member or other person using either boat do so "AT THEIR OWN RISK" and must use the safety equipment provided with at least 2 persons holding the boat to the side of the lake, when getting in or out of the boat. To insure all members would be prohibitive in cost.

Thanks must go to Malcolm Stead for his checking of the club equipment, and to his son, Robert, for the auditing of the club accounts again this year, which are all in order due to Margaret's financial wizardry.

A number of members will be rearranging, and doing regular maintenance, of the club shed on the 14th April, this is to give better access to the equipment storage, and the disposal of unused bits and pieces.

Happy modelling

Phill Bowker

It is with much sadness that we record the passing of Brian Garner, a club stalwart and good friend, he will be missed by all who knew him. Brian was a gentleman in every sense of the word, always sure of the way the club should run and a champion for all sides of our hobby. He was also a keen aviation enthusiast attending many aircraft events both model and full size.

Our condolences go to his son, Ian, and daughter, Heather, and families, at this sad time.



Chris Behan with Trophies and Model of LCAC

At Ellesmere Port Show 3rd-4th March 2012.

Gold Medal and "Best in Show"



KMBC Exhibition Stand at Ellesmere Port Show



Stuart Smith receiving March Hare trophy
From Pat Reffin

Results of March Hare Yacht Race

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| 1. Stuart Smith. | |
| 2. Richard Nallon | |
| 3. Jack Stanley | |
| 4. Roy Clarkson | |
| 5. Fred Senior | S Class points |
| 6. Harry Sharp | 5 points |
| 7. Steven Sullivan | 4 points |
| 8. Raymond Binns | 3 points |
| 9. Terry Coates | |



Fred Senior receiving Standard Island
Endurance Trophy from Pat Reffin

Results of Island Endurance (Standard) Race

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| 1. Fred Senior. | 27 Laps |
| 2. Jack Stanley | 18 Laps |
| 3. Baden Buckle | 15 Laps |
| 4. Harry Sharp | 13 Laps |
| 5. Terry Scarth | 9 Laps |
| 6. Ken Davies | DNC 4 Laps |
| 7 Equal Bob Astbury | DNC 3 Laps |
| Stan Reffin | DNC 3 Laps |
| Brian Senior | DNC 3 Laps |

Stan's ramblings

Hi there shipmates,

It seems a long time since our last newsletter but like last year we have had a cold winter again. Not much building and sailing done. Of course we had the problem of the lake being drained for the fitting of the new fountain which caused a problem for a while. I am pleased to say that the work on the fountain is now progressing well and at the last meeting of The Friends of Wilton Park nothing was mentioned about lowering the lake level again. It is hoped to have the fountain up and running by mid-April. Watch this space. Before I move on to my report for the away event I have to say thank you to Malcolm Stead for carrying out the testing of our electrical equipment again saving the club a substantial amount of money. Malcolm does this every year without being asked. Well done Malcolm. Thank you to Jason Butterworth and Cliff Blessington for their help to sell some models donated to the club. The money raised has now gone into club funds.

Update to the away events list. Sheffield MBC open day was scheduled for early June. This has now been moved to **Sunday 19th August.**

19th February Plastic Model Show at Huddersfield – this event not attended by the club but members did visit and I understand it was a very good event. Lots of useful tips to be picked up.

2nd, 3rd and 4th March Northern Modelling Exhibition, Event City, Manchester. This is a new show but unfortunately it clashed with the Spring Model Boat Show at Ellesmere Port. Allen France represented the Surface Warship Association at Event City. I understand that next year this will be a two day show on the Saturday and Sunday and I hope it will not clash with the Ellesmere Port Show. More details towards the end of the

year.

3rd and 4th March Spring Model Boat Show at Ellesmere Port. I would like to thank all the members who took part in the display over two days and any member that visited. We were given the same location as last year but it was a lot warmer. Margaret Wyatt didn't need a fan heater. Lots of models on display from various clubs. One member from Southport MBC had some very interesting motorized transport for his models. One was a very large scale DUKW and a nice vehicle towing a lifeboat. Excellent display of tug towing in the canal basin arranged by the local model boat club who also are the show organizers. Also on display in the basin was a very large scale warship. I think it was a Daring Class Destroyer. In the main hall trade support was from the usual marine traders allowing you to buy most things that you may need. The bring and buy sale area was very busy over the two days. On Saturday night after a buffet meal a night sail was held and I understand this was very popular. The David Owen trophy competition attracted once again models of a very high standard in various classes i.e. kit class, scratch built, semi-scratch and the medal classes were gold, silver and bronze and I am pleased to say Chris Behan obtained a gold medal for his LCAC hovercraft. He also was presented with the David Owen Trophy for the "best in show" model. Over the last three years Kirklees MBC has managed to win 2 best in shows, 2 gold medals and other medals. Not a bad feat within a three year period. Let's hope we can do as well next year. Well done Chris. The gold medal winners do not get to keep the main trophy but are presented with an engraved whisky tumbler. You may have heard on the grapevine from various club members that I managed to set my toast on fire at breakfast on Sunday morning. Both Richard Simpson and Chris Behan found this very amusing. The chap behind me waiting for his toast was not amused! I look forward to Christmas lunch this year!!!

25th March – York MBC Spring Regatta, Rowntree Park, York A lovely sunny day. Attended by Jack Stanley John Fowler. Pat and myself. Other clubs attending were Goole and Redcar. We were made very welcome. A nice water to sail on with lots of different boats sailing and lots of boats on display. If you wish to visit this in the coming months please talk to me regarding access to Rowntree Park.

14th March Club night, indoor flying. A well attended event with club members and non-club members taking part. Fixed wing and helicopters were flown. Hovercraft also operated. There are two more planned for this year the next one being **13th June**. Check your events list to confirm dates.

Final paperwork has been sent to Harrogate. Please note if you have any club clothing please can you wear it while attending the show. Members going in on the free pass that is Friday, Saturday or Sunday must show their 2012 club membership card at the reception desk.

I would like to thank all members that have paid their subs on time making things easier for club Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. I will be seeking people's names in the near future for the Doncaster Model Boat Show and Haydock Park.

A final note I purchased some 2.4gig radio equipment at the Ellesmere Port Show. I think it is called Tanko. It is a 2 channel set. The markings on the receiver are not correct. If you purchase any of this equipment you will find plugging in the servos at channel 1 and 2, one of the channels will not work. Please see me for further information. I have not seen any in the area, more likely to be bought at shows.

Finally **club night in April on the 11th** I have managed to get **Mtroniks** to come along and display some of their equipment and deal with any problems you may have with their equipment, so please let's have a good turn out for this night. This is your chance to find out what you do wrong and also give feedback to them.

Stan.

Upcoming home and away events.

8th April Balme Moor Tug towing.

11th April Club Night Batley Sports Centre 8pm. Visit by MTRONIKS.

15th April Island Endurance Race for Modern Technology

22nd April Blue Ribban Open Sail race. Balme Moor MBC Scale Day. National Model Boat Show Coalville Liec LE67 5EU

11th — 13th May Model Engineering Exhibition. The Show Ground Harrogate.

27th May Northwind Open Sail Race.

For all other Home and Away events see January edition of Mariner



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A Question Of Scale.

What do we mean by a Scale Model?.

The answer is fairly simple, instead of building the full size ship or boat, we build a smaller representation of the full size and in order to make the model look correct we choose a size of model that we are comfortable with.

Scale is the ratio of model size to full size of ship or boat. So 1: 12 means say 1 inch (model) represents 12 inches (1 foot) of full size. Tradition scales were chosen because of the Imperial System of measurement, that is inches, feet, yards, etc. So lets stay in feet and inches for a start for the “oldies” who were not brought up or taught this new fangled metric system.

| Where—— | Scale | Model | Full size | |
|---------|-------|--------|-------------------|---|
| | 1:12 | 1 inch | = 12 inches | 1 inch to the foot or 1/12(0.083inch) =1 inch |
| | 1:24 | 1 inch | = 24 inches (2ft) | 1/2 inch to the foot or 1/24(0.042inch) =1 inch |
| | 1:48 | 1 inch | = 48 inches (4ft) | 1/4 inch to the foot or 1/48(0.021inch) =1 inch |
| | 1:96 | 1 inch | = 96 inches (8ft) | 1/8 inch to the foot or 1/96(0.010inch) =1 inch |

Model Aircraft Airfix Kits were usually made in either 1:72, 1inch =72 inches(6ft) or 1:144, 1inch=144inches(12ft)

Lets suppose you are working at 1:12 scale and need a figure of a sailor on your model and this sailor in real life is 6 foot tall, then the model sailor would be 1 inch high for every foot of the real one and would be 6 inches high.

At 1;96 scale the same 6 foot sailor model would be 6 times 1/8 inch (0.125)ins or 3/4inch (0.75) inch high.

When we come to plastic kits say at 1:350 scale, our 6ft sailor model is only 0.205 inch tall, rather difficult to make I would say, so a 3ft high stanchion for a hand rail would only be 0.1 inch high on the model hence the advent of etched brass, Lets look at metric sizing in the next issue of Mariner. Phill Bowker.



What a great way to spend
Your 92nd Birthday Les
Best Wishes from all at KMBC

Major Home Events Coming Up

24th June

Steam Convention and

Mountfleet Models Open Day

8th July

KMBC Open/Gala Day

**Come along and enjoy yourselves, they
are both “GREAT” day’s out**