



Mariner

NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB

AUGUST 2013

Don't Forget
8th September.
KMBC NAVY DAY
Help required for
Setting up before
10am start

Welcome to the August edition of the KMBC Newsletter and what a day we had for our annual Open Day, so successful we were able to donate over £300 to the RNLI from the takings from the Raffle and the Tea Tent. We must congratulate and thank the ladies of the Tea Tent and Pat and Karen, our Raffle ladies for all their efforts on the day. At least 7 Clubs were represented, travelling from around the region, and traders were there for all the kits and bits and pieces required, it's great to see so many giving up their weekend to come and make the Open day such a resounding event. Baden Buckle was very surprised to receive the "Dennis Smart Memorial Trophy" for the Best Kirklees MBC model on display, with his superb model of a Motor Coble. The Winner of the "Top Tug" award went to Mr Joe Lang of Liverpool MBC with his model "Alice".

Great to see the new Harbour in use and thanks must go to Nick Holmes and family for it's design and construction. I do hear that other additional buildings and possibly a crane will be added in the near future. Everyone was very enthusiastic about the versatility of the new addition to the club facilities and I hope to see the harbour used on a regular basis.

Well done to John Goodyear on winning the "President's Cup Sail Race", he seems to be making a habit of winning this year.

Nice to see so many members down at the lakeside on Sunday mornings, but I suppose that some will be on holiday now. There is still the usual banter going on, but if any new members are having any difficulty with electronics or other modelling questions please don't be afraid to ask. I'm sure that someone will steer you in the right direction.

By the way I'm afraid that the chocolate biscuits from the tea box have had to be increased to 20p each so dig deeper in your pockets folks. Tea and coffee still remain at 30p per cup.

There are quite a few events forthcoming in the next couple of months so hope to see you. You will especially note that the "Island Endurance" which was postponed due to bad weather earlier in the season will now be held on the 1st September, with a 10.15 start time. Remember that this is for scale or semi scale boats only with conventional Brushed motors and non Lipo batteries, and how many laps in 1 hour. So come on get those batteries charged up and have a go.

I'm getting a little concerned about the number of entries of S Class yachts in the races we have held this year, Is it because of lack of interest in this class or are the boats getting a bit long in the tooth? I'd like some feedback on this by you yachtsmen please.

Happy modelling

Phill Bowker.

OPEN DAY PRIZE WINNERS



Baden Buckle being presented with "The Dennis Smart Trophy" by Stan Reffin



Stan Reffin presenting "The Top Tug Trophy" to Mr Joe Lang of Liverpool Model Boat Club



Baden's winning boat a "Motor Coble".



Joe Lang's winning Tug "Alice"

Hi there shipmates – It is hard to believe that we are now in August. We have only one major away event to attend as a club and that is The Model Boat Convention at Haydock Park on 24th / 25th August. The next major event at Wilton Park is the Naval Day on the **8th September**. Before I go any further I would like to wish Donald Shaw a speedy recovery and I understand also Bob Asbury will be away from us for a while, again we wish you a speedy recovery. I must draw to your attention the steps at the bottom of the new fountain are now very slippery and a serious accident could occur if you decide to walk across the bottom step. I have been in touch with the Council and they assure me that a health and safety assessment has been carried out. A warning sign is in place in the gardens behind the new fountain. If you decide to cross the fountain you do so at your own risk. I would like to thank Nick and Adam Holmes for their excellent work in building the new dock sections. Not only have they done a marvellous job but came in under budget! Lots of positive comments on Open Day. Well done Nick. Proposed container renewal – I have been in contact with Kirklees Council and we have the ok to renew subject to method statements, site visits, risk assessments whatever. This will be a topic for the AGM and members will have to vote on renewing the container.

Events at the park – 21st April – Blue Ribband Open Sail Race. Thanks to all yacht skippers who took part. Steam Day/ Mountfleet 28th April. First of all a big thank you to Richard Simpson for his boiler testing skills and the ladies in the tea tent. We were fortunate to have dry day, not too hot, a good display of steam boats on the water. It was very pleasing to see Adam Slater the new owner of Mountfleet Models and the previous owner Sue Hinchcliffe. The Steam Queen Trophy was awarded to Mr B Waddington of Keighley Model Engineers for his steam drifter Lydia Eva and the best Mountfleet Model was Paul Hopper from the Darlington MBC. His model was the Boston Typhoon. 26th May – Northwind open sail race. Again thank you to all who took part. 14th July Open Day. A very early start, hot and sunny all day. I would like to thank all members who helped to erect tents and other equipment and put it away at the end of the day. Trade support was supplied by the following: Deans Marine, Mobile Marine, Scale Hobbies, Model Boat Bits, Leeds Large Scale Hobbies and Mike Alsop supplier of model flags. We had many clubs attending from various parts of the north of England. The grand sail by at 2 p.m. saw 42 models of all kinds on the water. It was nice to see large yachts small yachts and all types of scale taking part. There were lots of models to see, something for everyone. Thanks to the ladies in the tea tent who worked very hard in hot conditions and Keith Hays for his work in supplying the water for the boiler, made easier now with the donation of a portable water carrier from Brian Daffern. I would like to thank the 2 ladies selling raffle tickets. It was a hard job in such hot conditions. If you have any outstanding raffle tickets can you please check the club website. If these are not claimed these will be put in the September raffle at Navy Day. The Denis Smart Trophy was awarded to Baden Buckle for the best Kirklees model boat. The best tug model was awarded to a Liverpool MBC member. Pat would like to thank all members who contributed items for sale in the catering tent and also who purchased raffle tickets either before the event or on the day. Stan had numerous comments during the day that this was the best Open Day we have every had. 2014 may be better.

Away events - There were numerous away events between the 17th March and the 14th July. I cannot report on all of these. To anybody who attended on behalf of Kirklees I would like to thank you for flying the flag. 9th to the 12th May major event for the club at Harrogate Model Engineering. I would like to thank everyone that has helped with club equipment. It really did help me. Set up day went very well, again a big thank you to all who helped. We found ourselves in the same location as last year just in front of the pool. Lots of models on display of all types which included some excellent Lego models. Model aircraft, trains etc. I would like to thank Gary Dyson for some excellent cream buns on Sunday. Much appreciate by everyone. To new members who attended the show I hope you enjoyed it. Congratulations to Chris Behan for gaining a second with his new Russian hovercraft. I am not sure if Ian Stewart got a commended. I hope to get the same location next year. 8th and 9th June CADMA Model Boat Show Doncaster. A new location for this show. Easy to find, parking was excellent, I am told the restaurant offered nice food. Comments about the lighting needed to be upgraded but I understand this will be rectified for next year. Again lots of models on display, benefiting from our portable lighting units. Lots of trade support. Sadly I couldn't get there on Saturday due to not feeling very well but I managed to be there Sunday. I am pleased to say that the best club stand was won by ourselves and Adam Holmes took the top prize for junior modeller. I understand that next year lines are going to be drawn on the grass field to show which way you have to park. That is just for you Alan!

Future events - **8th September Navy/Warship day**. Again volunteers needed to erect tents, tables etc. Food also required for the catering tent. All edible contributions gratefully accepted. Raffle tickets on sale now for any member who is unable to attend on the day.

So now as we approach autumn I can report that the club has had an excellent year so far both at the lakeside and away events. Unfortunately we cannot cover every away event. Membership has remained strong. I am pleased to report there have been no problems at the lakeside. Both Stuart Smith and Roger Shepherd have settled in well to their committee roles. My next report will be the final events of the year. Finally to all our new members I hope you have been made to feel welcome. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Stan

**REMEMBER "ISLAND ENDURANCE" CANCELLED FROM EARLIER IN YEAR
WILL BE HELD ON 1ST SEPTEMBER. 10-15 AM START
AS MANY LAPS IN 1 HOUR
SCALE /SEMI SCALE BOATS WITH COVENTIONAL MOTORS AND BATTERIES ONLY.**

OPEN DAY 14TH JULY 2013



A GENERAL VIEW OF THE LAKESIDE



**LADIES OF THE TEA TENT
KEPT US WELL PROVIDED**



**SOME OF OUR FRIENDS FROM YORK
SEEKING THE SHADE FROM THE SUN**



WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE HATS?



**THE NEW HARBOUR
A MAGNIFICENT EFFORT BY
NICK HOLMES AND FAMILY**



**PART OF THE GRAND SAIL PAST
JUST SOME OF THE 40PLUS BOATS
ON THE WATER AT 2-00 PM.**

**NAVY DAY 8TH SEPTEMBER OPEN TO PUBLIC 10-00AM.
EARLY START TO PUT UP TENTS ETC.
WRAPPED SANDWICHES AND CAKES PLEASE FOR REFRESHMENT TENT.**

24th/25th August	Model Boat Convention at Haydock Park Exhibition Centre.
1st September	Island Endurance lakeside 10-15am start.
8th September.	Navy Day Wilton Park.
11th September	Club Night "Night Sail at Park" . Use bottom car park.
15th September	"George Trophy" JIF 65 Sail Race 10-30am Start.
29th September	Final "S Class" race Double Points 10-30am Start
9th October	Club Night Batley Sports Centre.
13th November	Annual General Meeting Batley Sports Centre
8th December	Annual Christmas Lunch The Manor Golf Club Drighlington