

The MBA Dover Newsletter



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Hello and welcome to the Spring edition of Kearsney Kapers.

Since the last issue the club has been involved with the Kearsney parks project again and we have attended more meetings with the Council Project Manager.

During 2015, the project started to really get going, consultations with many groups who use the Abbey grounds took place and eventually plans were drawn up which outlined their proposals. The Summer 2015 issue covered most of the points raised therefore this update will not repeat the

outcome, however as we have now been told that not much will now change, these meetings do not seem to be as important. The Council now hold three monthly meetings to update everyone, your secretary and chairman usually go along to see what is happening and report back to the club.

The latest information is that they have now submitted the second round bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Over the next few months they will consider the application and we should hear the outcome in the summer.



Due to some unforeseen circumstances, our member Neil Terry has been allocated a smaller van for his work which means that the larger vehicle will not be available to transport our large Gala gazebos and large tables to some outside events that we visit..

It seems that we will have to use our smaller gazebo's this season rather than the larger ones that we have. This also means that members will be asked to transport their own smaller tables to some of the events. it might be that we will have to downsize our displays somewhat. You will find a list of the outside events on page 3.

Our yacht section commenced sailing again on March 6th with the Spring series of races under the control of Mr Reg Steel, our Yacht Co-ordinator, we wish them good sailing.

On March the 19th the powerboat section also commenced the season in good style with the first Illuminated Event of 2016 and due to space being available, I have decided to report it here.

The club has decided to change the day for our Illuminated event to a Saturday evening from the previous traditional Friday evenings, this was thought to allow those of us who work, the opportunity to attend without being rushed.

Another change this year was the venue, as we now have limited permission to operate in Russell Gardens; we used this opportunity to run the first of our 2016 events in that location. 24 members and guests arrived at 0630 to sail and as dusk fell, the models looked fantastic, it is unfortunate that this spectacle does not get the full photographic justice that it deserves, the colours are amazing when viewed from a distance, our cameras, or should I say the operators of them cannot capture the moments adequately. 13 boats took part this year, very creditable; we usually get a good response to these events. Our youngest member Freddie was judged to be the winner this time, well done to him and all the modellers who turned out on that drizzly cold and windy evening to support the MBA.

See you all at the pond side soon ..Alan

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2015 Regatta Results

MBA Power Boats

Springer Barge Push 1st Leonard Ochiltree 58 Points.
 2nd Bernard Le Ny 55 Points.
 3rd Peter Cook 42 Points.

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Steering 1st Kelvin Castle 45 Points.
 Joint 2nd Neil Terry 42 Points.
 Joint 2nd Ted Goldring 42 Points.

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Junior Steering 1st Freddie Silk 15 Points.

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Tug Towing 1st Neil Terry 58 Points.
 2nd Len Ochiltree 56 Points.
 3rd Kelvin Castle 39 Points.

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Club 500 1st Len Ochiltree 59 Points.
 2nd Bernard Le Ny 52 Points.
 3rd Neil Terry 39 Points.

There is no discard system for the powerboat results.

MBA Yacht races - Spring series 2015 results (March—June)

P2	Andy	Goldsack	15	0	0	14	14	14	15	72	3
Moonwind	Alan	Hounsell	14	0	15	0	15	15	14	73	2nd
Sea Jay	Reg	Steel	13	12	11	10	0	10	9	65	5
328	Peter	le Touze	12	0	9	11	12	11	0	55	7
Deacon Blue	Dan	House	11	10	10	0	12	8	11	62	6
Linda	Ken	Hamilton	10	11	0	0	10	9	8	48	8
One	Dick	Sadler	0	15	14	15	0	13	12	69	4
Stripey	Len	Goldsack	0	14	12	12	13	12	13	76	1st
Another one	Mark	Sadler	0	14	13	13	0	0	0	40	9
Foxy Lady	Colin	Goldsmith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Half Moon	Bob	Davies	0	0	0	10	9	0	10	29	10

MBA Yacht races - Summer series 2015 results (July—August)

Moonwind	Alan	Hounsell	0	0	0	14	0	0		14	8
P2	Andy	Goldsack	0	15	15	15	15	15		75	1st
Half Moon	Bob	Davies	0	0	0	10	0	12		22	7
Foxy Lady	Colin	Goldsmith	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	
Deacon Blue	Dan	House	0	11	13	11	14	11		60	3
One	Dick	Sadler	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	
Linda	Ken	Hamilton	0	14	10	0	12	11		47	4
Stripey	Len	Goldsack	0	13	14	12	14	14		67	2nd
Another one	Mark	Sadler	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	
328	Peter	le Touze	0	13	12	0	0	0		25	6
Sea Jay	Reg	Steel	0	10	11	13	0	13		47	4

MBA Yacht races - Autumn series 2015 (September—November)

Moonwind	Alan	Hounsell	0	15	0	15	15	15		60	4
P2	Andy	Goldsack	15	14	15	mishap	14	14		72	1st
Half Moon	Bob	Davies	0	0	0	dnf	10	0		10	8
Deacon Blue	Dan	House	13	10	14	0	0	10		47	5
One	Dick	Sadler	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	
Linda	Ken	Hamilton	13	11	0	0	11	11		46	6
Stripey	Len	Goldsack	13	9	12	14	13	0		61	3
Another one	Mark	Sadler	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	
328	Peter	le Touze	0	12	0	0	0	12		24	7
Sea Jay	Reg	Steel	14	13	14	14	13	13		68	2nd

The discard system that removes one race in a series is used to determine an overall winner.

Outside Events 2016

February 19/20/21	Brighton Model World
April 20-24	Dortmund Modellbau 2016
May 8	Hérons Tug towing event
May 14	West Midlands Lifeboat Show, Knightcote
May 22	Tugs and warships Day (Cygnet)
May 28/29	Childe Beale
June 4/5	Alfold
June 12th	Dover District Council (Kearsney)
June 18/19	Summers Pond
31st July	Boats on the Mote, (Cygnet) <i>updated</i>
June 25/26	Wings & Wheels North Weald
July 2	Deal Fun day
July 25th	Dover District Council (Kearsney)
August 14	Kearsney Kapers
August 20/21	Dover Transport Museum
August 28	Heron MBC Open Day
September 16/17/18	Model Engineer Exhibition (Brooklands)
September 4th?	Ramsgate Vikings
September 10/11	Southern Model Show (Headcorn)
November 11/12/13	International Model Boat Show Warwick

MBA Dover will be attending as a club to the events marked in **Red**

This list has been compiled from information received and from the internet; please check before travelling as these dates might change. Also, if any other dates are known, please advise the club secretary Alan on 01304 853242 poole438@btinternet.com .

There are still some events above that we have not committed to as yet, we will keep everyone posted if we decide to go as a club.

Mid-winter Christmas gathering December 27th 2015

At the November 2015 meeting, a suggestion was made by Kelvin Castle, that we have a special gathering just after Christmas to have an informal sail to blow the cobwebs away after the festivities. He additionally suggested that the models be traditionally decorated with a Christmas tree hoisted on their masts. This gathering would also double up and mark the middle of the calendar when there was no other planned events scheduled.

As a result, on December 27th, ten members with their models suitably adorned, met at Kearsney. The weather was a bit overcast but not that cold, we were expecting to be all wrapped up and prepared for much worst weather at this time of the year but it was not to be, however, just as a precaution and a very welcome surprise, Alan and Kath Hounsell provided us all with a glass of mulled wine and mince pies to keep what little cold there was away, only one member abstained, our Peter, who is becoming almost unrecognisable after shedding many pounds, declined the pies and wine. We all thank Alan and Kath for this kind gesture.

We had two yachts; Alan Hounsell with his Fairwind, now a grand old lady at 20 years old sailing, and Kim Belcher with his very detailed "Alinghi" round the world yacht, somewhere on this journey he had picked up a snowman and Santa sitting high in the rigging. Tugs, well there were four in the water, Kelvin with the Yorkshireman, Neil with (some) Dutch Courage towing two barges complete with pipes and Christmas trees as cargo. Len had his new tug out and one of his old favourite Springers as well. Bernard brought out Paddington bear again, this large model has sandwiches and a jar of marmalade to sustain Paddington on his journey, one feature, not planned I am sure, was a servo glitch on the bear which made it look as if he was shivering as he sailed by! Kathy was operating Alan H's Club 500, the fastest boat at the meeting. George Sutcliffe brought out of retirement his Thames barge, he tells me that it has been stored away for a long time but the batteries had stayed up and still worked fine. To round off, your editor had his submarine out again with a tree at the top of its periscope, these boats did return from successful patrols with a laurel garland in this position which maintained my "rivetcounter" reputation intact! It was nice to see other members arrive to support this extra event on our calendar and although they did not have any boats with them, their support was welcome. Well done also to Kelvin(uncrowned events manager) for his suggestion.



Members Model

John King has spent the last 7 months constructing a model of a **Riva Aquarama**, the classic Italian speedboat. The model has been built from the Amati Kit and this faithfully represents a boat which has become an icon in the boat world, some also compare it to being the Rolls Royce of classic boats and the cost of restored version certainly reflects this.

The model is built to a scale of 1/10th which makes her a big model with an overall length of 34inches, the beam is 10inches so there is plenty of room to fit in all the running gear, this comprises of twin 540 type motors geared down to 3:1. The shafts have grease nipples fitted and drive two 30mm inward turning screws. All the running gear comes as a secondary kit complete with the ESC which is an Mtronics unit.

The R/C system is a six function Saturn X6 6 Channel 2.4GHz Combo FHSS, this system is full range and is reasonably priced.

The main kit is of superb quality with excellent full size drawings, the hull is double skinned wood on frame construction the last skins being of mahogany planks, the deck is also of mahogany planks which have a striking finish of alternative coloured timbers. The finish is of varnish which really brings out the grain of the wood. To complement all this, a top quality fitting kit is supplied with chrome being used on many of the items, I was particularly impressed with the dash board which has all the dials faithfully reproduced as well as all of the switches, there is also a nicely produced *Aquarama* badge that finishes off the dash board perfectly. John tells me that there is also an ignition key in the fittings! Amati kits are normally associated with period ships but I have seen that they do have a Titanic model advertised in their range.



Left.....The dashboard of the Aquarama as mentioned in the text, the neat dials can be clearly seen and the 1970,s style steering wheel

Below... John with his model ..



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We have learnt that **John Lambert** the naval illustrator has passed away, John was famous for his very detailed drawings of warship armaments and warships, his work was very well respected and accurate. Most serious warship modellers will have some of his drawings in their library's.

Brighton Model World 2016.

This multi-disciplined show was again held in mid February at the Brighton Centre. It was a three day show and is supported by many model boat clubs and society's, this year I attended as a contributor with the Lifeboat Enthusiasts Society. (LBES)

Our MBAD member Kim Belcher, also attended, he also organised the LBES group which included members in the society from Birmingham, Aylesbury, Poole in Dorset and Chertsey in Surrey. The group had a very large and colourful stand which included photographic displays as well as a varied display of lifeboats large and small.

Joining us this time was a large 1.4metre long German lifeboat Rescue Cruiser, the "Harro Koebke", this is a 36metre lifeboat stationed in the Baltic. The interesting part of this model was the fact that it is a Graupner Almost Ready to Run (ARTR) model. A kit of this boat was sought by builder Phil Locke but unable to find one, an ARTR one was bought from Germany, a special price was on offer and this proved to be so attractive with the euro exchange it was snapped up. It comes with everything apart from radio and a speed controller, the finish was authentic and very realistic, there are a few minor blemishes but overall a very nice model.

The society demonstrated the lifeboats on the small pool twice daily, all lifeboats from other clubs are also invited into this display and this year it was difficult to manoeuvre with so many on the water together. Kim with his vast knowledge on the subject, provided the commentary, enlightening members of the public about all things to do with lifeboats.

During the three days we were visited by many members of the MBAD, at one time we thought a meeting could have been held with so many there. Nice to see everyone and I am sure they all enjoyed the day.

There were not too many traders there this year for model boaters but enough to see with other disciplines providing useful bits and pieces and of course ideas!

Right...The lifeboats display to the crowds

Below...The Graupner ARTR
"Harro Koebke"

Below Right The LBES Display



Lifeboats

We now have many people building lifeboats in the MBAD, Peter Cook and Andy Cheeseman are building Brede class boats and Clive Haffenden is building a 1/12th Trent class boat. We have got two Tamar boats from the two Marks, Mclachlan and Streeting which must be finished by now and of course Ted's little 1/72nd conversion from Airfix.

The club could put on a RNLI display all of it's own at Kearsney, food for thought!



FR-SKY Digital Telemetry Radio System

In March, Kelvin Castle contacted the committee to offer to do a workshop for us, he had bought a new Radio control system and wanted to show it to the club. Kelvin had been looking at a new system to operate, apart from other models, his “Parat “tug. This requires many functions and as he wished to stay with 2.4Ghz, the well-known radio manufacturers were proving to be very expensive. Kelvin trawled the internet and looked into what was available and discovered a system that satisfied his requirements.

He settled on a radio called the FR-SKY TARANIS Plus. This is a 2.4 Ghz ACCST 8 channel expandable to 16 channel transmitter, with an 8 channel receiver also capable of being expanded to 16 channels. (ACCST stands for Advanced Continuous Channel Shifting Technology) it gives you secure radio communications in the 2.4Ghz band.

The other big thing about this system is that it has telemetry, this actually talks to the transmitter sending information to the display on the front of the transmitter; it talks to the operator as well.

The controls on the transmitter can be set to operate any function by programming if required, this radio is a mini computer and can be altered to operate exactly how the user wants it to work. The programme is called Open TX Software and is freely available on the internet and is in the public domain.

There is fitted a 1 gigabyte SD card loaded with, apart from many other functions, a picture file which shows a picture of the model being operated on the transmitter display. Also when operating a model, simple switching can show exactly, by means of a graphical display, where each servo or switch is set and how much it is moving similar to a standard display that shows how much battery life is left in a battery. The telemetry system is an add on feature simply plugged in to the receiver, this, for instance will tell the transmitter how much battery life is remaining and in the case of Lipo’s, the state of each cell. There is a read out on the unit which displays this information in a very neat and illuminated visual display that can be read from the model, this is the information sent to the transmitter by telemetry.

The system can be used straight out of the box if required but has the possibility of being fully customised to an individual’s requirements.

The cost.....well yes it does cost, but it not that bad considering what you get, the system was in the region of £200.00, it is available slightly cheaper if you look around but Kelvin went through the agent in the UK called T9 Hobby Sport to buy his, this gives a good back up if something needs sorting out, he also got the very smart aluminium case to keep it in, another small cost. Spare receivers are available for around £22.00 these come with telemetry as standard, the actual telemetry unit only costs £12.00. If you consider a Robbe F14/16 system costs about the same, this is very good value for money.

You will note from my attempt above to describe this system that there is much to learn and understand, please forgive me if I have not fully got the point over but it is a complicated subject and very difficult to describe and to write down.

Kelvin demonstrated the system very well at the meeting and although learning himself, I’m sure he would be happy to show it again to anyone interested.

There are also quite a few “You Tube” videos on this system, just put in Painless 360 for more information.

This seems to be the way forward with our hobby if you are looking at a multi-function all singing and dancing system, but, it does not have to be, there are still the simple two channel radios out there.....



On a visit to an antiques centre in Chilham, Nr Canterbury “The Vintage Toy Garage”, I noticed a model for sale. The details are below.

PADDLE STEAMER MODEL This is a 6 ft Scratch Built model of a Thames Pleasure Steamer, thought to be based on the Kingswear Castle/Medway Queen type. Incomplete project but most of it is there. The Hull is complete and most superstructure just needs finishing and attaching. It is at the stage of either completion to a higher standard as a static model, or as a sailable model - there is plenty of space for radio control, live steam, or any other permutation of propulsion. Further pictures and information can be supplied on request. As this is on sale in the shop please check first for availability before possible viewing. It is currently

priced at £425.00



After telling the owner that I might be interested, he offered the model at a much reduced price of around £250.00

There is a website which I have copied the above information from

Www.vintagetoygarage.co.uk email: pforbes52@hotmail.co.uk
(I'm not on any commission for advertising this ...Ed)

Just a few pictures from the Illuminated event that has a report on the front page.

Below, a nice Robbe Odin from Mick Roberts



Kelvin Castle's Yorkshireman



Andy Cheeseman's Brede Lifeboat

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