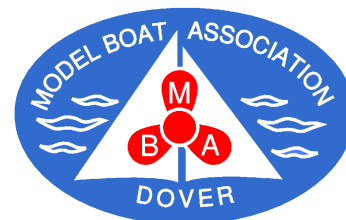


The MBA Dover Newsletter



Issue 9, Winter 2002

Hello everyone.

Once again the end of another season which has been a successful one for the club, we started off with good weather for the early regattas but this soon deteriorated with a lot of rain through June/July causing us to cancel some events which was regrettable. However, superb conditions prevailed for The Dover Regatta in August so overall it wasn't so bad.

Next year see's our 10th anniversary as a club. These ten years seem to have flown by since we set up the MBA Dover Back in 1993.

For those members who were not with us then, perhaps a little background information might be useful.

The Dover council were going to stop model boats from operating at Kearsney back in 1993 because a few people with fast models had been chasing the wildlife. Some complaints

had been received and the council decided to act. The



TUG ESCORT !

(Picture by Alan Hounsell)

ban was to include model yachts as well as power boats.

A group of modellers decided to form a committee and present our case to the council in a organised and united way, this approach proved to be successful, we were allowed to continue and the Model Boat Association Dover was formed.

We would like to mark this 10 years with a special event so get your thinking caps on and come up with some ideas for 2003!

The small tugs that we are using for the children have taken quite a bashing and we are looking to

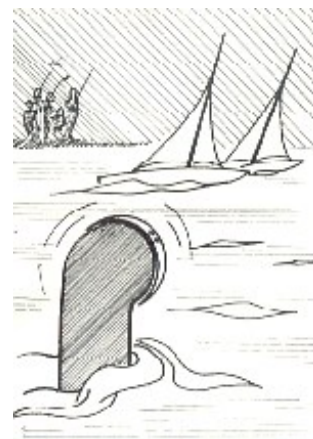
replace them for the next season .

Some ideas have been suggested and we are hoping that

skills of Frank Jobson can be used once again to help us out by constructing the second generation. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and see you all in 2003.

Alan.

Alan.



(Sticks & string bearing 090 degrees)

Dover Regatta Pictures



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Dover Regatta Pictures

– Opposite from top to bottom.....

- 1 and 2, Two shots of Dave Ralphson's Trent Class Lifeboat.
- 3, Loyal Helper and Castle Class OPV (Offshore Protection Vessel)
- 4, General shot of area with Model Slipway "Wyeforce" in the foreground.
- 5, My Ocelot, and 6, another general shot with Troll Patrol performing.
- 7, The area again with our banner proudly displayed.
- 8, The small 'Have a go' tugs with queues down the prom.

NEW MODELS

A selection of some new models spotted at the regattas.

These models are some of the latest to appear in our club, some are by new members and some are just the latest models built by the older hands!

Below is the latest acquisition by **Martyn Bax**, this is a real beauty, and it's BIG!

The scale is 1/25th and it measures a whopping 1470mm, that's about 57ins or nearly 6ft long. She weighs in at 8kgs, and is powered by 3 x 700BB Turbo electric motors.

The real vessel had two 3480 hp diesels and a single gas turbine to boost her to 66 Knots!



(watch out ducks when Martyn get's on the water)

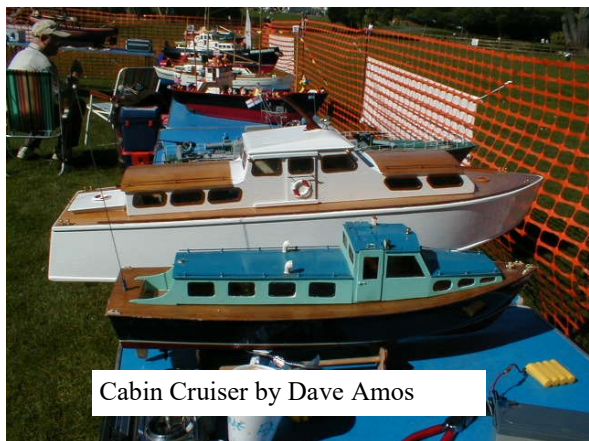
We will look forward to seeing this model perform at Kearsney but remember we do have a speed limit down there.

Just one thing worries me though, he swapped a submarine for it, shame on you Martyn

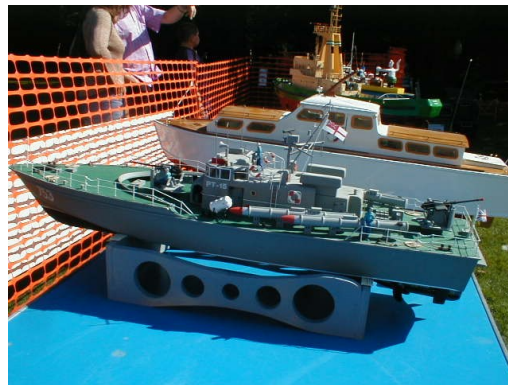
This is one of our new members models, also a speedy

looking model and it's it is a grey job! PT15. A Patrol Torpedo boat. I believe this to be a kit and was built by **Pete Cook**.

The model is pictured alongside another new model, that of a freelance cabin cruiser, owned by Dave Amos. Dave tells me that this model was built by his father 45 years ago! He has restored it and added radio control. It is built entirely of wood and is now powered by a Monoperm electric motor. He also mentioned that his brother sank it many years before but it is now looking very smart with a new paint job and re-varnishing



Cabin Cruiser by Dave Amos



PT 15 by Pete Cook

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With the cabin cruiser model there was another nostalgic model brought along to the October regatta by **John White**.

This was a model of the 1931 paddle steamer “Jeanie Deans”. A large model that looked superb on the water. The paddles creating their own special wake and also sound as they gently tapped the waters surface.

The model is built from Marine Modelling Plans and is constructed in wood using the plank on frame method. She is powered by a geared down MFA Torpedo 500 electric motor driving home made feathering paddles. The paddles are not independent so she has to be steered in the conventional way by the single balanced rudder.



Two shots of “Jeanie Deans”



Young **Mark Wilkes** with his freelance speedboat MARK.



And **Dennis Wellard** brought along his “Wavechopper”



John Holness and the boys **Nathan** and **Tom** , are constructing a Model Slipway “Conserver”.

This is a buoy maintenance tender and the kit is constructed mainly from plastic sheet, with a fibreglass hull.

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This interesting model is known a ‘Surf Monster’. It is produced by a company called Radio Shack, this was the former ‘Tandy’ company, a chain of electrical outlets that used to be in most high streets including Dover. The bad news is that Radio Shack is now in America, and this example was purchased in America by Phil Ribton when on holiday there.

Phil only paid \$29 dollars for the model which includes radio control on 27Megs. This equates to about £18.00 in the UK.



This contribution is by Tony Reeves.



Tony gave me this picture of Phil taken at the Dover Regatta, he candidly took this picture of Phil with his “Lulonga” paddle steamer.

The fine weather of the event is reflected in the ‘Rig of the day’ that Phil is wearing.
(Not guilty of taking this one Phil. Ed.)

This page should be renamed, Phil’s Page, sorry but everybody seems to want to photograph this sprightly member! Must be the shorts Phil. ed.

New Members;

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members and wish them many hours of happy sailing with us at Kearsney Abbey.

Master Ian Schreiber

Master Matthew Hooper

Master Ryan Hooper

Mr Franck Leurier

Miss Daphne Mathijsen

Master Harvey Almond

Mrs Allison Schreiber

Mr Peter Cook

Mr Charles Dench

Mr Dave Amos

Mr David Wesley

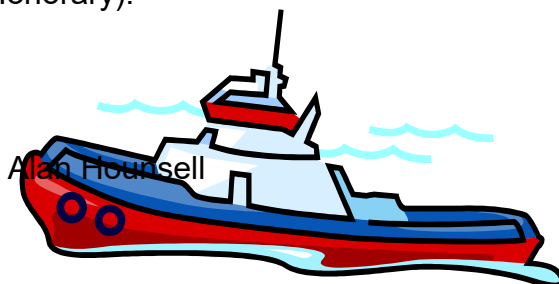
Mr Andrew Goldsack



The overall club membership currently stands at 148 members (119 Adults, 28 Juniors & 1 Honorary).

A handwritten signature in blue ink.

Secretary - MBA Dover



REGATTA REPORTS

Southend Open Regatta 3-4th Aug.

Alan Hounsell and myself drove to Southend for this regatta. It was advertised in the modelling press and as I was going to meet some of the model submariners there, the opportunity was taken to see how a well established 50year old club operated.

OK, it was a Saturday and the weather was not brilliant but we were slightly disappointed to say the least. We had expected a large crowd from all around London but this was not the case, there were probably fewer people there than we see at a normal Sunday morning at Kearsney. The water although in a pretty park with clubhouse adjoining the lake, was brackish. So much so that my submarine failed to stay submerged, the failsafe system kicking in because of loss of signal due to radio waves not travelling far in salt water. All the models needed to be washed off in fresh water asap afterwards.

However there were some good points, we witnessed some good ideas in their regatta courses and also with the tugs and their tows, we could easily adapt some of these ideas for ourselves. Alan managed to push in their rescue dinghy with his "Bajima" tug, when its outboard failed. (see photo)



**The Do-
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After months of planning, we finally got everything together and put on what was probably our best event ever on the seafront at Dover.

The weather was superb especially on the Saturday and with wall to wall sunshine, we were hiding under the gazebo's to cool down.

Ramsgate Vikings MBC came along to support us as did some members from Cygnets at Maidstone. Their computer web page compiler was very complimentary on the professional way that our club is run and those of you that have a computer can check out his report on webmaster@cygnetsmbc.com There you can see a number of photo's taken at the regatta.

There was the usual RNLI display with the Dover lifeboat and Walmer Lifeboat operating with a Seaking helicopter and on the Sunday a team of skydivers from the Army dropped in and landed on the beach just in front of our display. HMS Tracker was open to the public as was the Medway historic tug Kent, both moored just behind us in DeBradlei Wharf.

The logistics of getting the equipment down from our store at Kearsney, setting it up and dismantling it all twice, (we can't leave it assembled overnight for obvious reasons) went

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really well and many thanks to all who helped with this important task.

This year we managed to get the water away without flooding the Water Sports Centre just in front of us, last year was a disaster when some, or should I say most, of the 31 tons of water got into their storerooms tripping electricity supplies etc!

Next year though, we are considering throwing the event open to all model boat clubs, and make it for the two days, we can use the Marine Modelling and Model Boats pages to advertise the show and this should boost the attendance which was the only thing that we were lacking...members!

Club Regatta 25th August

Although I did not personally attend this regatta, I am told that the rain which was all around did not affect Kearsney and the regatta proceeded unhindered.

The steering course set by Terry gave a few headaches for the contestants and judges alike. Perhaps we can widen the buoys on our next outing!.

Ramsgate Model Ships Rally, 1st Sept

This event was an open event organised by Ramsgate Vikings MBC. We had an invitation to attend as a club and this was announced at our club meetings beforehand.

Seven of us attended Roger, Alan and Jennie, Charles and Pat, Don and myself, but we did see quite a few other members there minus their boats. We must also mention Keith and Barry who were also supporting their other club Ramsgate, and in Barry's case, the Warship Squadron as well.

The day soon developed into a glorious sunny day with plenty of time on the water if required, there was a good turnout of boats on show, 162 I believe. We made some good contacts for the future by talking to some clubs that we don't normally meet.

They seem keen to visit us at some time when we can arrange it, maybe the next Dover Regatta.

Club Regatta 15th Sept.

I have to report that once again I did not get to this regatta, this time I was on holiday (*looking for new model shops for you the members to visit*) Ken was also away on business which left just Roger on the committee to sort things out. Frank came to the rescue and helped out with the scoring etc.

Club Regatta 29th Sept

Our last official regatta meeting of this year and what a way to finish, wall to wall sunshine, nice and warm with little or no wind, well the yachtsmen weren't quite so happy about that, the expression that you can't please all the people all the time springs to mind.

Some new members were there with their models and we welcomed them to the club, A description and report about these models can be found in the section that deals with new models spotted at Kearsney, elsewhere in this issue.

There was a good interest in the steering competition and also the Boat Snooker event, always a crowd puller and enjoyed by all.

Illuminated Event 9th October

This event, took place at Kearsney and was well attended with approximately 12 boats on the water, First place was awarded to John White with the paddle steamer "Jeanie Deans."

This contribution is by **Frank Taylor**

Frank had a copy of this document in a kit supplied by Deans Marine, the well known model manufacturer who produce mainly warship kits in 1/96th scale. They have now also moved into producing merchant ship models and vehicles.

The information is supplied by "Deans Marine"

SCALE SPEED

As model makers become more expert, modern methods and materials enable him/her to achieve exhibition standards in a working model, thus the desire to operate at scale speed becomes more pressing.

Whilst it is perfectly acceptable to go as slow as you like, to exceed the scale speed of the prototype detracts from your skill and hard work.

We have worked out a selection of scale speeds to satisfy your concern and to settle this age old statement by the 'experts' that ,("they did not go that fast" or "that is not scale speed")

For your interest the formula is,

True scale speed equals the square root of the scale, times the full size speed.

(at this point Dean's added a table, it showed how long it would take a real vessel to cover 25yds at a given speed in knots. I have not reproduced it here . ed.)

If we move on to scale Wind speeds, the following piece is very interesting.

One of the problems that can be encountered with scale models is not that of wave height, but of 'real' wind speed. Well waterproofed models (remember it's difficult to sink a model without letting the water in) will sail in the scale waves that would terrify full size ships.

If you are out for a sail and the wind is blowing your ears back with strong and violent gusts, do not be surprised if the model lays over on it's side or rocks alarmingly. To give you an idea of how it all equates we have included the following details

REAL WIND SPEED TO A SCALE OF 1/96th.

<u>Knots</u>	<u>Scale Wind Speed</u>	<u>Force of wind by Beaufort Scale = 1/96</u>
5	48..9	Force 10 Gale
10	97..8	Force 15 to the 4th degree, Hurricane.
20	195 . 96	Force ? Never recorded.
30	293..00	Force ? Mach .4 ?

You will be surprised how large the waves can be that your model will sail in, but remember, on the insides nothing must move, and on the outside all hatches and openings must be secure. If in doubt resort to a small elastic band running from the bottom of the hull to the underside of any lift off section. Flush hatches will benefit from a thin film of waterproof grease, (babies bottom type) spread onto the mating surfaces, this is if you want to go out in really evil weather. *(Like our yachtsmen did on Sunday 27th Oct when we had storms with 90mph winds, work that one out? Ed.)*

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Recommending a product or service can be a dangerous thing to do but I would just like to mention a little device that has been a good investment to me, ***The Badger Paint Mixer***. This little battery-operated mixer really does work; it releases the sediment from the bottom of the small Humbrol tinlets and gets the paint totally ready for use in seconds. I'm sure we have all been guilty of using whatever comes to hand when mixing our paints, screwdrivers, cocktail sticks or even the end of paintbrushes. I know you can make your own but this is well worth the £9.99 asking price. It's available from Squires who also offer excellent service.

Squires Model and Craft Tools, 100 London Rd, Bognor Regis, PO21 1DD Tel:01245 842525 (Ed.)
Alan.

MBA Dover - Event Results 2001/02

PLACE	EVENT / SKIPPER	BOAT	POINTS	PLACE	EVENT / SKIPPER	BOAT	POINTS
Frostbite Yacht Races 2001				Icicle Yacht Races 2002			
1	Alan Hounsell	Moonwind	3.75	1	David Hounsell	Lucky Star	7.00
2	Derrick Rudge	Dee Bee	10.75	2	Alan Hounsell	Moonwind	8.25
3	David Hounsell	Lucky Star	11.00	3	Derrick Rudge	Dee Bee	17.00
4	Barbara Rudge	Passing Wind	20.00	4	Leonard Goldsack	Arfamo	25.00
5	Richard Thornby	Rich One	24.00	5	Barbara Rudge	Passing Wind	27.00
6	Leonard Goldsack	Arfamo	26.00	6	Terry Brown	Fleetwing	39.00
7	Ron Parkin	Laura Jane	27.00	7	Richard Thornby	Rich One	40.00
8	Robert Parkin	Tammy Maine	29.00	8	Ron Parkin	Laura Jane	45.00
Regatta Series Events 2002				Regatta Series Events 2002			
Steering (Small)				Steering (Juniors)			
1	Terry Brown	Wartsila	9.00	1	Tom Wilson	Tug	6.00
2	Derek Tippet	Milita	15.00	2	Barrie Tripp	Misty	7.50
3	Derek Tippet	Bruma	18.75	3	Nathan Wilson	MTB	21.00
4	Don Westwood	Megan	25.00	4	Barrie Tripp	Misty II	21.00
5	Carol Tripp	Misty	27.00	5	Stuart Wells	Coast Guard	23.00
6	Ken Greenland	Maggie M	29.75	6	Bobby Martin-Short	Barbra M	25.00
7	Roy Jackaman	Linda 3	31.00	7	Nathan Wilson	Conserver	26.00
8	Derek Tippet	Broom	31.00	8	Mark Wilkes	Mark	27.00
9	Andy Sedgwick	Vosper	31.00	9	Justin	Discovery	29.00
10	Ken Frisby	Pilot Boat	32.00	10	Tom Wilson	Conserver	29.00
11	Ken Frisby	Police Boat	33.00	Steering (Large)			
12	John Holness	MTB BPB	33.00	1	Roger Shields	Flying Phantom	6.25
13	Roy Jackaman	Pins	34.00	2	Alan Hounsell	Bajima	10.75
14	Dave Amos	Vigilant	34.00	3	Tony Westwood	E Boat	14.50
15	Ken Frisby	Melany Jane	35.00	4	Derek Tippet	Grimmershorn	19.00
16	Alan Knott	Fair Way	35.00	Towing			
17	Carol Tripp	Misty II	36.00	1	Roger Shields	Flying Phantom	9.50
18	Ken Frisby	Katie Ann	37.00	2	Alan Hounsell	Bajima	11.75
19	Derrick Rudge	Thonycroft	38.00	3	Terry Brown	Wartsila	12.50
Yachts (Small)				4	Derek Tippet	Grimmershorn	16.00
1	Alan Hounsell	Moonwind	7.25	5	Derek Tippet	Peggy Sue	16.75
2	Keth Lawton	Scraps	12.75	6	Ken Frisby		30.00
3	David Hounsell	Lucky Star	14.50				
4	Derrick Rudge	Dee Bee	15.00				
5	Barbara Rudge	Passing Wind	26.00				
6	Leonard Goldsack	Arfamo	29.00				
7	Dave Cowlin	Argos	33.00				
8	Jim Gray	Fiesta	34.00				
9	Terry Brown	Fairwind	35.00				
10	Jermy Maudling	Victoria	35.00				
11	Ron Cross	Jamy	36.00				
12	Allison Schreiber	Fairwind	37.00				
13	Ron Cross	Golden Goose	37.00				
14	Richard Thornby	Rich I	37.00				

Well done all of you that took part in this seasons events, and thanks to all the people who helped run and organise them.
Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Alan & Jennie Hounsell

STOP PRESS!

New MBA merchandise now in stock;
All garments are royal blue with MBA logo on breast.
Sizes; Small, Medium, Large & Extra Large.

Sweat Shirts - £14

Polo Shirts - £12

"T" Shirts - £8

Also new style Baseball Caps, royal blue with MBA logo.

Baseball Caps - £5

Available at all club events / meetings or contact
Alan Hounsell 01303 242540.

FOR SALE AND WANTED

Mr Brian Crush has written to offer for sale the following items,

A speedboat "Typhoon Offshore racer 275" used only 3 times.....	£40.00
R/C Hitec Ranger 2ch AM 27megs 2 servo's and reciever	£30.00
Amerang battery charger	£10.00
2 x Yuasa batteries 6v 12amp/hr rechargeable	£20.00
Rico battery charger 9v	£10.00
Weston UK battery charger 12-14 volt	£10.00
GP turbo charge battery ..7.2V 1600Ah	£10.00

Or all the above for £100.00 Tel 01795 590096

Ivan Ratcliffe has written to say that due to his illness he wishes to sell some of his models. He has a plank on frame Thames cruiser, built of mahogany. She is 36ins long and 9ins in the beam. This model was built in 1948 and used to be powered by a petrol engine. It was used for straight running. Ivan has sent a photograph. The price on this one is £75.00.

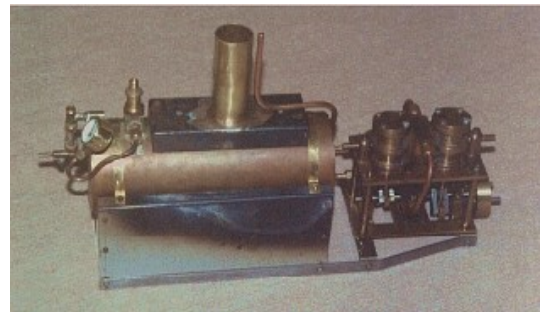
For the yachtsmen he is offering a model of the Camper & Nicholson 70ft design. He has the hull, deck, masts and boom material. A plug for the keel lead weight plus a sail plan and drawings. All for £50.00

A Miranda steam plant by Basil Hartley. Built from Model Boats plans and runs very well. Twin oscillating engine complete with burner and test certificate. £175.00

A pair of 'Action' bilge pumps never used £7.50 each.



Above. Thames Cruiser.



Right. Steam plant

For Sale. Billings Tug Kit "Zwarte Zee" plank on frame construction. This kit is two thirds complete and the original owner has reluctantly given up due to illness. Billings fittings kit is also included in the asking price of **£30.00**.

Anyone interested should contact Frank Jobson on **01304-820300**



Derek Tippet is offering his tug for sale. The model comes complete with a pair of Electronize speed controllers typeFR30HX, a Hunter systems switch unit, 2x 540 style Model Motors Direct type777, 7pole motors, the latest Futaba 6 ch reciever and power pack.

The model is twin screw with kort nozzle steering. The asking price is **£300.00** ono 01304-821469

Phil Ribton is looking for a Midwest Steam

Plant. This is a single oscillator engine with vertical boiler. Phil would ideally like it to have a current test certificate.
Should anyone have one of these units lurking unused in their garage and wishes to sell it, please contact Phil.

Martyn Bax is selling his Smit Dover. This is another large scale tug that was originally owned by Roger Shields, the model is complete with radio and batteries and is ready to run. There is also a half finished model for the tug to tow, all included in the asking price of **£400.00**

Martyn also has plans for the Seawolf submarine if anyone wants them. (*free*)
Contact Martyn on **01304-614209**

A Mr **Paul Hedge** contacted the club just after the Dover regatta offering for sale a couple of models. Mr Hedge is not a member of the club but any source of second hand models that might help get someone on the water is welcomed.

The first model on offer is a freelance tug. This has the running gear installed and is complete with a wiper type speed controller and servo's. It is approx 24ins long.

The second is a plastic vacuum formed offshore supply vessel, this is only a set of formings as produced by the HFM company. I do know of at least one example in the club and I am sure the drawings could be forthcoming if required.

The asking price for the tug is **£50.00**.

Talk to Paul on Dover 01304 212298 if interested in either model.



M B A Dover Merchandise

The Club has for sale a number of items which have the club logo, these are sold at regattas and events that we attend.

Currently we have sweatshirts in small and medium @ **£13.50** each

Enamel Pin Badges @ **£2.50** each

Frequency Flag @ **£0.50** each

Frequency Flag clips @ **£0.50** each

Practice golf balls @ **£0.50** each

Baseball Caps @ **£5.00** each

Also shortly to become available will be 'T' Shirts, Sweatshirts and Polo Shirts, all in the new colours of White logo on blue background.

These will be available in a range of sizes. The costs will be announced soon as this rather depends on how many we purchase at a time, rest assured though that they will be reasonably priced.

THE BACK PAGE

The Christmas Social and Annual Prizegiving. will be held at the Cricketers pub on December 4th at 7..30. Come along and enjoy the evening, free food will be available.

As we mentioned on the front page, we were hoping that Frank Jobson could be persuaded to make the replacement models for the children' small pool. Frank has now agreed and has made a good start. The little plastic tugs have done us so well over the years but they have sadly come to the end of their life . Frank is building the second generation in all wood, this will be more durable and can be repaired better than the thin plastic vac form used in the originals.

Our thanks go to Frank for taking on this important job.

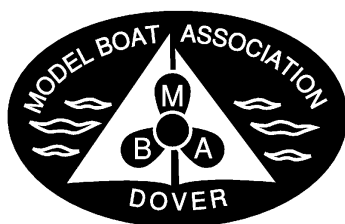
It has been decided not to hold a January meeting at the Cricketers this year, The reason being that it is New Years Day !

We usually struggle to get many members for this meeting anyway , it being so close to the festivities around Christmas. The next scheduled meeting will be the first Wednesday in February.

After the poorly attended illuminated event in May, we have looked into the reasons and decided to bring it forward to March. At this earlier date, it will still be dark at a more reasonable hour and although colder, should be a better time for the event to be held. We will also change the day from the Wednesday to a Friday evening to see if that helps.

The Dover tug models that are being built, have not progressed very far since the last issue, although some of the drive units have been fitted and tested. When building from scratch, this is sometimes the case, nothing much happens as parts are fitted tested and refitted, then suddenly things come together. I hope to be able to tell you more in the next issue!

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