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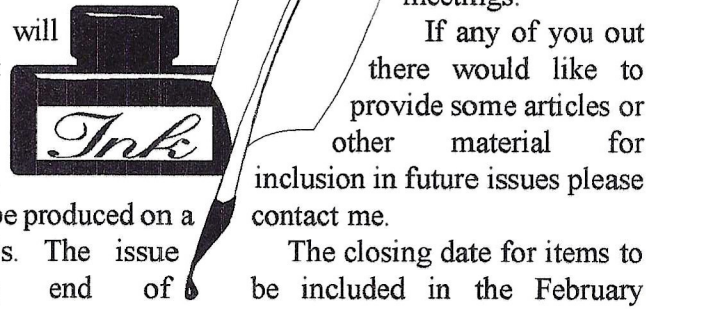
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Editorial

Welcome,

Having recently been elected as Club Secretary following the resignation of Mr D Wightman, it appears that one of my jobs is to produce a club Newsletter. My predecessor was able to produce these on a monthly basis, which is no mean feat!. Well done Dave. I however am not going to be so ambitious as I would like some time to build and sail model boats.

However a club Newsletter is an important document as it is the only way to ensure that all members are informed of forthcoming events and activities, especially as the club now has approximately 178 members!



This issue will be the first sent direct to every member, and in future, will be produced on a quarterly basis. The issue dates being end of November, February, May & August.

If any of the address information on the envelope containing this Newsletter was incorrect or your postcode was missing, let me know, and I will correct it before the next issue.

Its is proposed to have the following sections in the newsletter;

Members Articles / Letters
Items for Sale / Wanted
Shops Offering Discount
Regatta Results

You will also find enclosed with this newsletter a copy of the latest issue Diary Dates these will be updated as required and sent out with each issue of the newsletter. Further copies will be available at the monthly club meetings.

If any of you out there would like to provide some articles or other material for inclusion in future issues please contact me.

The closing date for items to be included in the February edition is 16th January 1995.

Thanks

Alan Hounsell
Secretary M.B.A. Dover

Membership News

The club membership is currently 179 people, (140 Adults & 39 Juniors) and has been growing steadily over the year. It is good to see that we have a good proportion of Junior members in the club, as they are the future enthusiasts that will keep model boating going into the twenty first century.

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

Mr G Outlaw - Hythe
Mr J Huxtable - St Margarets-at-Cliffe
Master D Huxtable - St Margarets-at-Cliffe
Mr M Bateman - New Romney
Master Tim Bateman - New Romney
Mr Andrew Gibson - Sittingbourne
Mr Mark Sadler - Deal
Mr Peter Hofmann - Dover
Master Simon Hofmann - Dover
Master Mark Battersby - Broadstairs
Mrs F Taylor



CHRISTMAS PARTY

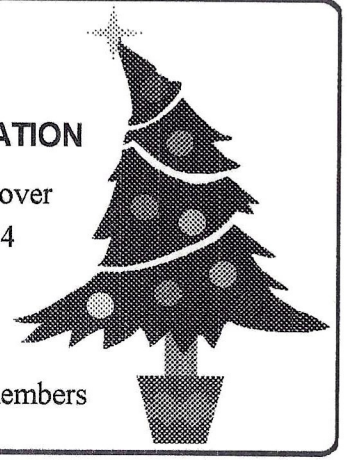
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ANNUAL TROPHY PRESENTATION

The Cricketers Public House, Dover
Saturday 10th December 1994
19:30hrs - 23:45hrs

Raffle - Disco - Buffet - Bar

Tickets available from committee members
Adults £3.00 Juniors £1.50



Club Night News

For those members not able to attend the monthly Club Night I have put together a résumé of what has been happening:

October 1994:

- Both the Club Secretary Mr Dave Wightman and the Appointment Secretary Mr Mick Flynn had resigned from the committee for personal reasons. The positions were filled by Alan Hounsell & Jennifer Hounsell respectively.
- The position of Membership Secretary was introduced and filled by Mrs Jacquie Hamilton.
- Current financial status £735.91.
- Trophies for illuminated event held on Wednesday 11th September 1994 were presented: 1st Roger Sheilds, 2nd Ken Greenland.
- "Nut Of The Month" was awarded to Master Alan Stroud.
- Talk and slide show on Tugs was given after the general meeting by Mr P Reed.

November 1994 (Sailing A.G.M.):

- Existing committee re-elected on block (see newsletter back cover for list).
- Club enamel badges now out of stock. Further 100 on order, delivery expected February 1995.
- New format quarterly Newsletter to be produced (February / May / August / November).
- The Club A.G.M. to be moved to the first Wednesday in April each year, starting April 1995, bring it in line with end of the clubs financial year.
- Current financial status £624.92.
- Ten new members joined since previous meeting.
- "Nut Of The Month" was awarded to Jacquie Hamilton.
- Mr Alf Pay donated a model boat and two electric motors for auction. Auction raised £45 for the club funds.

Regatta News

Since the last newsletter the two remaining Regattas of the 1994 season have been held.

The first event was held on Sunday 2nd October and consisted of a Steering Competition and Yacht Race. The weather was kind (too kind for the yachts) and even though only a small number of people came along to participate, a good time was had by all. The day also produced some surprises with some different names appearing in the results listing.

Steering Competition:*
1st Place Douglas Capon
2nd Place Mick Flynn
Best Lady Sharon Buttress
Yacht Race:*
1st Place Vick Jones
2nd Place Alan Hounsell

The final event of the season was held on Sunday 16th October and as it was the final event, both a Steering & Towing Competition together with a Yacht race were run. Again it was a dry day, if not a bit cold, (kept up the sales of tea & coffee). Enough people turned up to make it an enjoyable day and a good finish to the season. The results were as follows with both the Steering & Towing requiring tie break, timed runs, to be made for first and second place.

Steering Competition:
1st Place George Porter
2nd Place Alan Hounsell
Best Lady Sharon Buttress
Towing Competition:*
1st Place George Porter
2nd Place Alan Hounsell
Yacht Race:*
1st Place Dick Sadler
2nd Place Vick Jones

As usual both events drew a lot of interest from the public, who came and viewed the boats both on and off the water. The free sailing area is very popular with the public, allowing them to view the models at close quarters going through there paces.

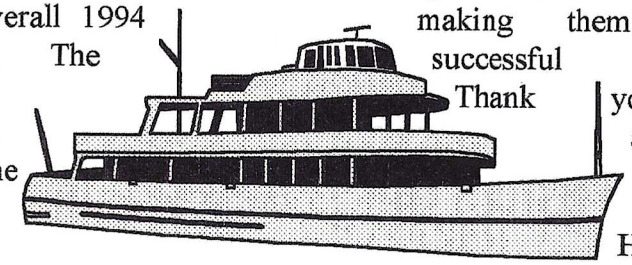
You may notice that an additional trophy is being awarded for the "Best Placed Lady" in the Steering Competitions, so come along all you wives and girl friends, have a go. It is now possible for the "Best Placed Lady" to also come first or second overall in the event, and win two trophies!

The results of a number of the events above (marked with *) also earned points towards the overall 1994 Series. The final results for the year being shown below:

The Trophies for the 1994 Series will be presented at the "Christmas Party" to be held at the Cricketers Public House on Saturday 10th December 1994, tickets available from Committee Members (Adults £3, Juniors £1.50).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people, many not committee members, who have given up their time, over the past year to help run the club regattas, making them such successful events. Thank you one and all.

Alan Hounsell



RESULTS 1994

Steering Competition

Position	Person	Points
1st	George Porter	11
2nd	Douglas Capon	18
3rd	Mick Flynn	26
Best Lady	Sharon Buttress	N/A

Yacht Race

Position	Person	Points
1st	Alan Hounsell	11
2nd	Mick Flynn	12
3rd	Vick Jones	27

Towing Competition

Position	Person	Points
1st	George Porter	3
2nd	Roger Sheilds	5
3rd	Douglas Capon	19

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

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It is not possible to quote a standard discount rate for club members. However for personal callers, if they announce themselves as club members before completing their purchases and are prepared to pay by cash or cheque, we will be happy to offer a discount.

Goods ordered by post will be offered free from any postal charges (includes use of credit cards)

CLUB MEMBERS DISCOUNT

Since joining the club 18 months ago I have been very confused about which Model Shops actually offer club members discount, and which don't. If they do, what limitations do they impose, if any. I thought it would be a good idea to try and clarify the situation.

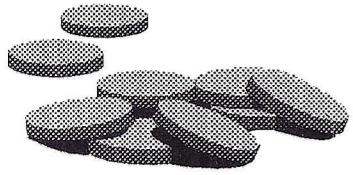
Having discussed the matter with George Porter (Club Chairman) we came up with a list of the 10 shops we thought had agreed to give a discount. At this time I also had a new poster advertising the club which needed circulateing to Model Shops for display.

A letter was duly drawn up, asking the shops if they would be kind enough to display the club poster, together with an offer to include their name and details of discounts / special offers in the quarterly Newsletter. A form was provided for their reply (to ensure that the information published would be accurate) together with a stamped address envelope.

Alas, out of the 10 shops contacted only three have bothered to reply, all of them positively (see page 9).

I would like to ask club members to give these shops, if possible, first option to supply any items required for their boats in return for supporting for the club.

It would be helpful if members announce themselves before completing any purchases, so that the shop is aware that you are from the club.



Alan Hounsell

EVENTS & INTERCLUB NEWS

Hello fellow M.B.A. members.

I would like to start this section by introducing myself. My name is Jennifer Hounsell you may well have seen me at the regattas, I'm the one that usually sits in dinghy counting the yachts round in the yacht race. I have recently been elected as the clubs Appointments Secretary, after the resignation of Mick Flynn. I have a been member of the club for a year and during that time have become the proud joint owner of the "Elaine" a Loydsman sea going tug and also a "Fairwind" Yacht, which I am desperately trying to train to go in straight lines and not round and round in circles. During my year with the club I have made a lot of new friends and acquaintances.

I would like to thank Mick Flynn for all the excellent work he has contributed to the club during his time as Appointments Secretary and hope that he will enjoy his retirement with more time to relax, and sail, and I am sure he will remain a valuable and active member of our club.

Now down to business, The first event on the calendar is the Model Engineer and Modelling Exhibition held at the Grand Hall Olympia London this event takes place over 9 days between the 30th of December and the 7th of January, opening times are from 10am to 6pm and the admission is Adults £6, Senior Citizens £4.50, Children £3, and Family Tickets £15. This exhibition is well worth going to, as it has many different types of models and displays, and is a good day out for all the family. Several of the members plan to visit the exhibition and I will report on their trip in the next edition of the club news letter.

If anyone is interested and wants more information on this event do not hesitate to ring me, my number is on the back. of this news letter.

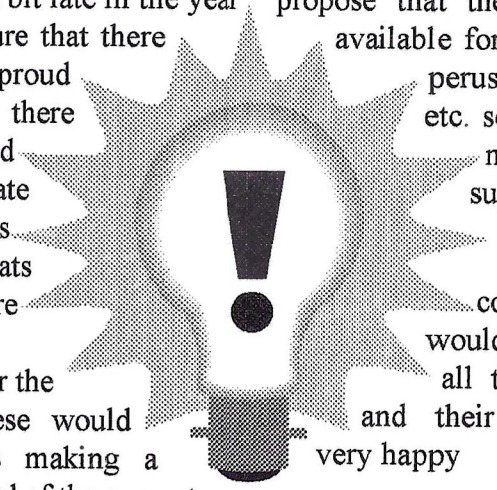
The club has been invited to two events next year by the "Capstan Model Boat Club", Chatham. The first event is at the Steam Special Sellindge Kent at where else but Sellindge this will be held on the 27th, 28th and 29th of May 1995. The Capstan club will be taking their portable pond plus tables and peg board. There are also facilities for camping if you wish to stay for more than one day. If you wish to attend and take a boat to this event will you let me know in good time as we will have to inform the Capstan club so that they can arrange passes and insurance etc.

The second event is the Steam Festival at Strood Civic Centre on the 9th and 10th of September 1995. This is one of their regular events, again their pool, tables, and peg board will be available. The Capstan club will welcome any of our steam enthusiast as well as all other types of model boats to join them on these occasions I will remind you again of these events nearer the time but if you are interested please let me know as I will keep a running list of members interested in attending each event.

Now for news from a past event. Several members went to the second show of the year to be held at Child Beale. Unfortunately the weather was very poor and there was so much water that the boats didn't need the lake to sail. This rather spoilt what is normally an excellent show, and our members beat a swift retreat after lunch. Whilst at the show our chairman made several useful contacts for the club, and once again promoted the good name of the club to a few more corners of the country.

I think that is all the outside event news that I have for this quarter, but don't forget if you want any information about these events or have some news of other events that the members might be interested in, please call, or see me on any club night.

Wrong! I haven't finished yet, I do have one other item that I would like to tell you about. I had an idea that it would be nice if the club had an annual record of boats, events and members in the form of a photograph album I know it is a bit late in the year but I am sure that there are many proud owners out there who would like to donate some snaps of there boats or there favourite members for the album. These would go towards making a lasting record of the current models and members. I would be very pleased to receive your photographs plus a short note to indicate who, where, what, and when so that I can add a caption to each photograph.



Please don't be shy or think that your photographs would not be good enough, because with your help we can put together a yearly record that will be a pleasure to browse through in years to come. If this idea works I propose that the albums be available for members to peruse at regattas etc. so please give me your support.

To conclude I would like to wish all the members and their families a very happy Christmas and a merry New Year,

Happy sailing, bye for now.

Jennifer Hounsell

