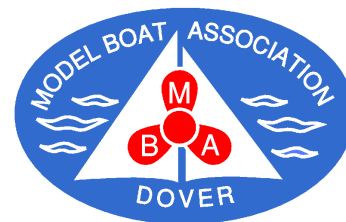


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The MBA Dover Newsletter



Issue 11, Summer 2003

Welcome to the summer edition. As always by the time we get to this edition, we are well into the regatta calendar, our first event back in March seems a long way behind us now. The decision to move this illuminated event forward and to change to a Friday, nearer the weekend was a good one. There were certainly more boats on the water.

You will find a report in the Regatta section and a few photographs taken at the event inside.

The big event for us was our 10th Anniversary Celebration, you will also find a page of pictures and a report concerning this special event inside.

The AGM was held on May 7th at The Cricketers Pub.

All the existing committee members were happy to stand again, and were duly re-elected. The vacant position of Scale Secretary was discussed and as Mr Frank Jobson was willing to fill this post he was nominated and elected in. Welcome Frank!

You will have noticed that as from the spring

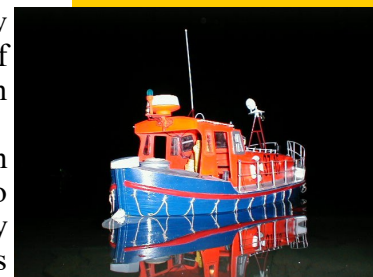
edition you now have the option of receiving the KK on e-mail or hard copy.

The electronic option was introduced to help our secretary save some precious time, printing and assembling the newsletter, and it does help with the postage costs. Those of you who do not have access to a computer will still receive their copy in the post, as will any member who does not wish to receive theirs in electronic form. So all you computer owners, please indicate to Alan Hounsell, our secretary, which option you would prefer.

The small replacement children's boats built by Frank J. and finished off by the committee have had a good test and are now proving reliable.

Some initial problems have been sorted out and a change of motors has been necessary to extend the duration to allow them to run for longer periods.

It has been noted that the far bank of the lake at Kearsney has eroded away very badly leaving the lake wall exposed and leaking into a side



Peter Cooks "Rother" Class Lifeboat

culvert. If this wall was to be breached we estimate that the level of the lake would drop by at least six inches, this would seriously restrict our operation. The keels of most of the yachts would ground and any model with a decent draught would be affected.

We are informing the council about this serious problem and await their answer!

This has turned out to be another bumper issue, so happy reading, and good sailing.

Alan.

MBA 10th Anniversary Celebration Pictures



Captions to pictures opposite

- (1) - The local press homes in on Charles Male with the destroyer 'Wilton'
- (2) - HMS Wilton, displayed, but still not finished.
- (3) - General shot of the compound
- (4) - Frank Gould's *Atlantic Challenger*, a guest from 'Cygnets MPBC'
- (5) - Derek Tippet's latest, HMS Morecombe Bay.
- (6) - Rog 'n' Dave, the entertainers.
- (7) - Storm clouds brewing, view to the west.
- (8) - Picture from the tea tent.
- (9) - Just some of the models on display.

For Sale

Phil Ribton has sent me details of two of his models that he wishes to sell to make way for his latest project a Clyde Puffer.

These boats are very well known to the club having been in regular use with us for a considerable time.

This is what Phil is saying in his ad.

In order to make space for new projects some of my models are , from time to time offered for sale.

Because of the various items of equipment necessary to operate these boats, radio control systems, batteries and chargers etc, they are probably most suited to existing modellers, but such items could be supplied with a boat subject to negotiation.

For further details please contact Phil Ribton either at the pond or on **Dover 820215**.

54 inch KEARSNEY CRUISER complete with battery.....£150.00
Requires 3 channel radio, but could be operated on 2 channels.

48 inch SEA QUEEN Cabin cruiser complete with battery.....£175.00
Requires 4 channel radio but could be operated on 2 channel
Both of these boats can be seen regularly on the pond.....

See pictures of the models in the regatta reports.....Ed.

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Bob Davis, has a Billings SMIT NEDERLAND kit for sale, this is an ABS hull with wooden superstructure, the kit has the original Billings fittings kit with it which contain all the brass parts, rudders etc. There are several of these models in the club and they are very popular. Bob is asking **£150.00** for the package. Tel **01303-894870**.

Wanted Caldercraft **Vulcano**. This is a long discontinued model of a torpedo handling vessel. Any information please to the editor on 01304 852917.

MEMBERS MODELS

This time we start with mainly sailing models, I will refrain from describing this type of model in my usual way, but I know you sailors don't really mind and enjoy the banter !

A visit to the lake one afternoon found two of our members with some interesting sailing yachts, not the usual Fairwinds but a more traditional type of vessel known collectively as pond yachts.

Jim Pearse had built what he described as a reduced 6 metre design, this was 37.5ins in length wooden plank on frame hull, very nicely planked and varnished which showed off the workmanship well. He has named her 'Lapwing'. The masts are groovy alloy section and the sails were cut from draughting film, readily available from stationers such as 'Crosses'.

John Slee, has also produced one of these hulls from the frame sections supplied by Jim. This is also a very nicely made planked wooden hulled model.

John had with him a new model known as a 'Minimum', it is a plastic moulded hull and is a commercial design from the MM company. Both these models are a good size and look impressive on the water. I actually made the unprompted comment that Jims boat looked like a 'J Class', this remark was also impressive!



Jim Pearse with "Lapwing"



John Slee and inset the M&M Minimum

Scale
sailing
models

are quite rare within the club so it is nice to see them on the water gently making their way. A model sailing barge built from the HFM kit and named *Malma*, has been built by new member George Sutcliffe. This is Georges first attempt at a working radio controlled model and a very nice job it is. The kit is at 1/48th scale which gives an overall length of approx 30ins.

On her maiden voyage she performed without a hitch and with a light offshore breeze it took all the skills of her master to return her safely back to the point of departure.



along.

Although not a new model. **Kieth Lawtons** *Minimum* (Right), fits in well on this page, the workmanship on this planked version is a joy to see. This picture was taken at the May Regatta. Above, **Georges** *Malma* ghosting



Moving on to powered models, this Model Slipway kit of the *Yorkshireman* is being built by **Peter Houps**. This was the first time on the water for Peter, and the first time he had handled



a radio controlled boat as well. The model is in its raw state undergoing motor and ballasting trials before the long and enjoyable part of painting and adding all the detail.

The boat is powered by two 550 size electric motors belt driving twin shafts.

The model Slipway cast propellers and Kort nozzles have been used, and all appeared to be operating very well on Futaba Skysport 4 radio control.

The boat sat well in the water and looked like her prototype - powerful and workmanlike!

John Holness has been steadily construct-

ing this buoy handling vessel 'Conserver' from the Model Slipway kit.

He has produced a very nice little model that looks good and handles very well. It has been used successfully in steering competitions by Nathan and John and turns on a sixpence.

Going astern is also very good when handled by Nathan!

The Conserver, which is built up in the normal way from this manufacturer of fibreglass hull and plastic sheet construction is available from Model Slipway at a price of around £149.00. The scale is to 1/24th or 1/2 inch to the foot giving a model length of 740mm.



Dave Amos has recently purchased a rather interesting model. It's name is now *KNOYDART*, but after some research, the original name of the kit was found to be 'NORDERNEY,' a Robbe model.

It features a working crane which lifts the small

survey boat carried on the stern into the water. The small boat then proceeds under separate radio control independently, the process is reversed for the recovery. This large model is

1250mm long and has a beam of 290mm.

The write up describes her as a 1/25th scale survey vessel, suitable for international competition F4A F4B and F7, these are where the working features can be displayed.

Dave is shortly about to leave us for the New Forest area but he hopes to remain a member and visit us whenever he can.



Regatta Reports

Illuminated Event March 28th

As I approached the lake at 7 o'clock, it was already dark. There were 8 models on the water all displaying a variety of lights which looked impressive. The families of the modellers had come along, which boosted the amount of people watching to quite a reasonable crowd.

The weather was also kind with hardly any wind and no rain.

Roger and I used a spotlight to identify the models and owners, and spoke with all of them to get some details, eventually after a long discussion the difficult decision was made to find a winner.

This was **John White** with his *XSV Exploit*, a new model .

Other members taking part were **Bobby Martin-Short** with *Barbara M*, a fishing boat, **Barry Tripp** with the *American Coastguard* model, **Roy Jackaman** with *Tres Jolie*, a French fishing boat,

Clifford Hope with the *City of Ely*, **Dave Cowlin** with paddle tug *Faithful*, **Peter Cook** with a *Rother Lifeboat*, and **Alan Hounsell** driving **Jennie Hounsells** *pusher tug*. I do hope that I have not missed out anyone!

Club Regatta 27th April

After a very dry spell of good weather lasting for several weeks, the forecast for this regatta was not good. It was overcast but dry and a little breezy as we set up at the usual time of 8.30 but after some heavy showers in the morning, the afternoon was sunny. The yacht races were blessed with plenty of wind with some vessels heeling over alarmingly, not a big problem for a sailing boat, but more so for some power craft, the high freeboard of one model was the cause of a subsequent sinking after a gust of wind was just too much for it. I will spare the skippers name but as with most modern components being solid state these days, we reassured **Roy** that his model would be fine after slowly drying out.

An incident with the rescue boat has highlighted the need for extreme care to be taken when using and operating it, we are all responsible for our own safety and must think that way.

This particular occurrence resulted in no more than a ducking but it could have been worse if the pond side concrete had got in the way.

This was of course our first Regatta of the year and we were encouraged to see so many members down at the Abbey with their models ready to participate in the action. Some of our newer members had a few teething problems which we hopefully tried to sort out for them, an ideal opportunity with all the *experts* on hand.

All in all a very satisfactory first regatta.

Childe Beale 3/4/5th May

As this event was advertised in the Extra Diary dates, perhaps a short report is in order. To my knowledge at least eight members went to this show. If you took a boat along there was the attraction of a free entry, this is a first for many years and something that us modellers have been campaigning about, to put on a show and have to pay for entry to that show is certainly not on!

There were quite a number of traders there but they were complaining that trade was not that good, Sandown Park show was on the same weekend, perhaps that was the reason for a drop in the numbers of visitors to their stands.

Some interesting models were displayed and after speaking with the owners some new ideas were noted.

Perhaps the most interesting, or at least different model was that of a scale 'Bluebird' com-

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plete with gas turbine power. This model made several passes up and down the lake but could not get up to full speed before shutting down. Our own Ken Greenland and Roger Shields rescued it at one point after it jammed itself under one of the ornamental bridges. This is a good show for model boaters and there will be another one held later in the year, it's worth a visit! (Oct 11/12)

Club Regatta 11 May

Once again a good attendance by the members and we were blessed by good weather also. Apart from the usual races, tug towing and steering competitions, we managed to get in a round of boat snooker this time.

I was around with the camera recording the events for future issues of KK, but noted others around with their cameras trying to get some candid shots of the editor in the dinghy, I expect some to be submitted for inclusion in the next issue, I think it's called getting a taste of my own medicine, but beware – I am the editor!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Jennie Hounsell could not be with us for this event, and Ken Greenland was also AWOL in the Middle East working. This left us a bit short on the organising front, but special thanks to Chris and Dee Handley and Carolyn Tripp who stood in and helped out with the tea tent and yacht race judging.

Thanks also to Frank Jobson who was given his baptism of fire as the new scale secretary, marking and judging the power craft events.

I know we all say how the junior members seem to be able to master the controls of models quite naturally, but they really do have a knack which the older members seem not to have. There was an example at the regatta where the same model was navigated around the course firstly by an older member then by a junior, the speed and accuracy of the youngster was impressive, I think that in time these younger members will be a force to be reckoned with and will be setting the standard for all of us to beat.

Below can be found a selection of pictures from the regatta.

(Left) The small tug boat owned by **Kristian Harpley**, is flanked by the two American coastguard models of **Barrie Tripp** and **Stewart Wells**.



Don Westwood's
Range Safety
Craft alongside
awaiting the call,
before venturing
out to sea!

Dover MBA 10th Anniversary Re- gatta

All week we had been praying for good weather for this event, a lot of planning had been done to ensure it ran smoothly.

As we awoke on the Sunday morning, it was tipping it down and had been



(Above)

Dave Amos, sorting
out his tug for the
towing event.

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all night, the thought of a cancellation was in all our minds, but as we arrived at the Abbey things were already improving and so the event was set up.

Because of the risk of further bad weather, the large Gazebo was erected for the first time. Most of the display tables were arranged under this covered area, a decision that was subsequently to prove very useful later in the day.

Joining us for the show were members from our neighbouring clubs at Maidstone and Ramsgate, they brought along some interesting different model and displayed them on and off the water, many thanks to them for supporting us on our 'birthday.' There was a splendid turnout from our own club members as well, at one time I counted sixty models on the tables and on the water.

The tea tent was kept busy from the start with free teas and food. The club purchased food from the Cricketers Public house which was topped up with members donations. Many thanks to members who brought along food and the ladies who kept us topped up and manned the tent.

The format for this regatta was changed from our usual towing, steering and yacht race events, to a more informal 'take a peg and sail' day. We did however use the half-hour time slot board, which worked fairly well generally, frequencies must be our biggest problem within the club and something that always needs controlling very closely.

Just to provide some entertainment, there was a simple steering course set up and we had two rounds of boat snooker at various times during the day. Dave Ralphson who seems well at home behind a microphone ably compared this.

The two 'Franks' spent all day manning the small children's boats, this was the first real test for the new boats and after a few teething troubles, everything went well. One transmitter decided not to work but as we had a replacement, this was sorted quickly.

As for the steering course, this was a bit of a mystery to most of the competitors, we simply asked if they could go around a set course as best they could, first in one direction then again in the opposite direction. This was against the clock. Most people thought it was the fastest boat around the course that would win but when the results were given it became clear that this was not about speed, but all about consistency. The object is to achieve the same time in both directions.

Janet Ralphson won this event with the smallest discrepancy of time amounting to only milliseconds. A bottle of wine was her reward.

In the boat snooker, there were prizes of bottles of wine for the ladies and Gents best scores. Carolyn Tripp won the ladies prize and Derek Tippet the gents. Barrie Tripp was the best junior and was awarded a prize.

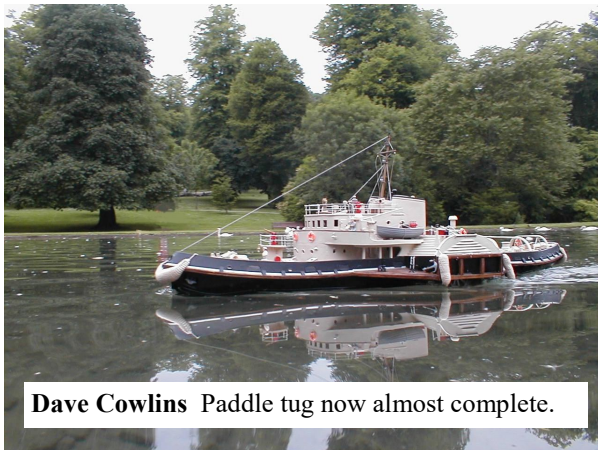
We had decided to award a prize to the 'Best Boat' in the show and this was decided upon by a member of the public who was completely impartial. The gentleman chosen to perform this deed was a Mr Larry Klatzko from Hastingleigh near Ashford. Larry, a musician by trade knew very little about the models, so he was given a lightning tour of all of them, then left to make his own decision. After some time he chose the Flying Phantom tug of Roger Shields making Roger the winner of this prize.

The newspapers sent along a photographer and a freelance journalist from Model Boats magazine roamed about asking questions for inclusion in a future issue.

And just as most birthday parties have their surprises, we had ours in the form of a violent thunderstorm and torrential rain that lasted for a good hour at about 3.30pm, this made the break down of the equipment a slightly damp affair, but it was achieved without too much difficulty and all was stowed away safely by 5.30. - Here's to the next 10 years!

22nd June Club Regatta

Just as a change, I have decided to make this report a pictorial one. The weather was OK and the normal format was adhered to so nothing new to write about.



Dave Cowlins Paddle tug now almost complete.



Swinging off to starboard after a close pass



A camera shy **Barry Warrington** hides behind the mast of his OPV . At 1/48th scale, its large, and impressive !



Phil Ribbons 'pair', pardon the expression but see the

'For Sale' Ads!!



That will never float !

Jim Pearce with the Shadows !
No, it's not a new pop group, this is the framework for a yacht.



The Model Slipway "Conserver" by **John Holness**.



A familiar sight, members enjoying the day

So there we are, a slightly different view on how we normally report the regatta's.

"A picture is worth a thousand words"

Letters

The following information was received by e-mail

After reading the current issue of the newsletter I thought the following may be of interest, as it was mentioned that dolls house items may be of use.

The hobbies magazine lists items that may be of interest to members as they supply items in 1/12, 1/16, and 1/24 scale.

They also supply flat self adhesive wiring tape with two copper cores and a useful list of 12volt light fittings.

They can be contacted on 01362 692985, or via email at www.woodenmodels.com.

I hope this will be of some use .

Clifford Hope

Frank Taylor writes.

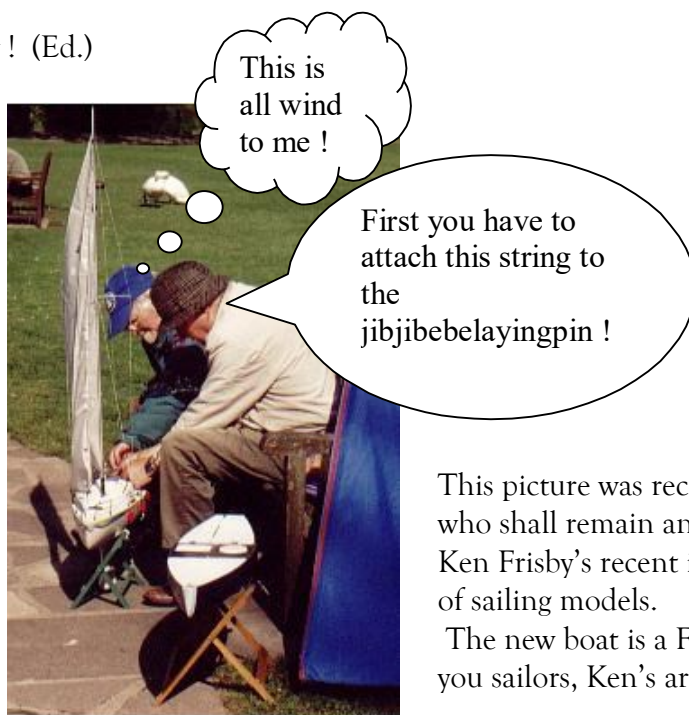
If anyone is breaking up a model or has any odds and ends, I am looking for a set of guns at a scale of 1/96th for a project I am just starting.

What I am after is as follows :-

- 2 x 12 pounder guns
- 1 x single barrel Bofors.
- 3 x single barrel Oerlikons

Costs within reason is no problem.

Not Guilty ! (Ed.)

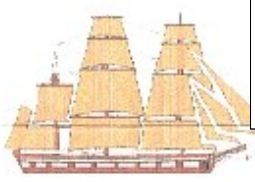


This picture was received from a club member who shall remain anonymous, it refers to Mr Ken Frisby's recent introduction into the world of sailing models.

The new boat is a Fairwind yacht, so watch out you sailors, Ken's arrived!

Charles Male is looking for an old discarded microwave oven, he needs some parts from one to help him with a new project (Oh No not a radio controlled microwave oven! Ed.) Any help please contact Charles on 01843 580429

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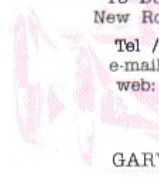
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The Back Page

We had a very minimal response to the suggestion that we get together a compilation of club photos from the early days and make up a CD or video that could be shown at regattas and club meetings to add some interest, and provide a historical reference. This would I feel still be a good idea to do, so if any of you do have some old pictures from the early days and are willing to let us borrow them, please get in touch. Margaret Jones has recently offered a set of photos taken at one of our earliest Christmas socials, this will be very interesting and we look forward to viewing them again.

You will note that Ramsgate Models is now in new hands. It is nice to know that the business has remained a model shop and we understand that the new owner is also a modeller, this is one of our local shops and we can now continue to support it as a club.

We wish Peter a very happy Retirement.

This issue is rather full of reports this time mainly due to the amount of regatta's held during the preceding months. However owing to slight over commitment, we are having to cancel one regatta, that is the 3rd August. Sorry for any inconvenience.

I will endeavour to get the next KK out by the end of November, articles are already in the pipeline so hopefully it will be another interesting edition.

Alan Poole

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.

The overall club membership currently stands at 146 members (121 Adults, 24 Juniors & 1

Mr Arron Harpley	Miss Rebecca Stubbs	Mr Peter Houps
Mr John Honnor	Mr Tony Lesurf	Mrs Ann Judson
Mr David Judson	Mr Bob Davis	Mr Donald Bridgewater
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