

The MBA Dover Newsletter

Issue 14, Summer 2004

Hello and welcome to the Summer edition of KK.

Our season has started well, we have already had several regattas and reports on these can be found inside this issue.

The AGM, held in May produced a few minor changes and the constitution will be amended accordingly. Most of you should now be aware of these changes, but for those who were not at the AGM, I have provided a short report to be found inside.

In line with our proposals to issue useful handout sheets from time to time relating to modelling matters, we are now preparing one on batteries.

The information has been collated from material freely available from manufacturers either in their product specification documents or from the internet.

It should prove to be helpful for newcomers to the hobby and also for the more experienced modellers.

During the early part of the year the storage hut was found to be in need of some maintenance, a working party of members cleared the build-up of leaves from the roof and the foliage around it was cut back and tidied up.

At about this time Alan, our secretary,

approached the Council to see if the building next to the park keeper's area could be made available for us to rent. The Council no longer use this end of the building for various reasons, so we thought that if we could get the premises, some of our larger items could be placed in there. This would free up some much need space in our existing storage building. After some talks the Council have agreed to rent it to us for a very reasonable sum, so after discussing it at our monthly meetings, we decided to go ahead and now have this extra facility.

There will be some work needed to get it looking smart and tidy inside and some decking will have to be constructed to level up the floor area, also some shelving will be required to get things stored away shipshape.

Naturally, we will need to spend some money on this project, but it will be a valuable asset to the Club in the future.

It will also mean that less work will need to be done when setting up regattas.

The new facility has electricity, so batteries can be charged and equipment worked on and repaired, when required.

We managed to get some good publicity in the

modelling press recently with a report being published on the very successful liaison between ourselves and Maidstone Cygnets regarding the yacht races mentioned in the last issue of KK.

We were hoping to get some other coverage as we had invited the editor of Marine Modelling International, Mr Chris Jackson, down to our open event, "Kearsney Kapers" in June.

Unfortunately, this did not materialise, as his wife became ill and he had to postpone. However, maybe another time?

This issue has been finalised slightly earlier than published due to our secretary having to be away due to work commitments, most of the issue is taken up with show reports and members models as I have no contributions this time, but I hope you will enjoy it anyway.

May your hulls remain watertight !

.....Alan.

Illuminated Event

March 26th, this date marked the start of the 2004 season for the power boats, I counted seven boats on the water and one not competing, making eight boats in total, *come on Dominic, put your lights on!*

As we had no experts present to guide us on the 'rules of the road' the winner was judged on what looked right and this time it was the Pilot 20 boat owned and built by Barry McGavin. Well done Barry.



Barry McGavin's Winning Pilot 20



Don Westwood's Range safety launch



Peter Cook's Rother Lifeboat



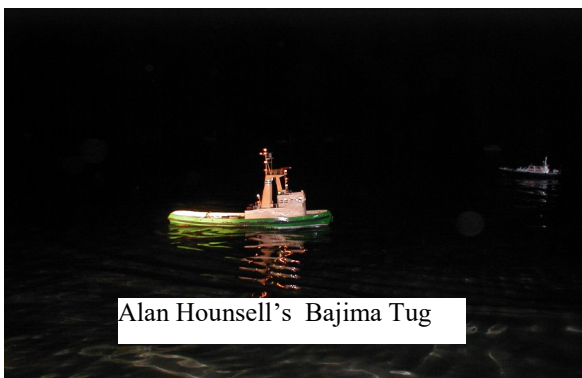
Barrie Tripp's Misty



Matt Leggatt's Sun Tug



John White's "Jeannie Deans"



Alan Hounsell's Bajima Tug



Barry McGavin's Pilot 20

For Sale And Wanted

Derek Tippet is selling two of his models, both are offered with all the workings including batteries but NO transmitters.

The first is a scratch built runabout with a blonde doll driving.

It is finished in mahogany and highly varnished.

The model is being offered for **£140.00**.

The second model for sale is the **Bruma**. This boat has been used by Derek for several seasons and is a well proven and tested model.

It has won several steering competitions and would be well suited to someone who likes to take part in steering regattas.

This model is offered at **£120.00**

Mr Paul Bartle has decided to sell his Towing Diamond tug, this has been featured in the modelling press before and was built by *John Boyd* of the Chantry club.

The asking price is **£1000.00**. This may seem a high price but it is an exceptional model and has been very well built. It is also a very large model and it is for this reason that Paul is selling her.

Roger Shields has a 48inch long model of *HMS Bulldog* for sale. It is fitted with twin motors and is nearly complete. She only needs the superstructure building which is the interesting part, and she's ready for the water. This model is to a scale of 1/48th giving a very nice four foot long model. The asking price is **£200.00**

Roger can be reached on **Dover 822542**.

Jennie Hounsell Has informed me that she wishes to sell two of her models,

The first is a Sea Wolf Submarine Kit with fittings, 900mm long. Only trimming of the forming carried out so far. Current retail price £163 asking price **£90.00**

The Second is a Model Slipway Broom 44 twin screw fast cruiser 960mm long. The kit is untouched and is offered for sale at the asking price of **£100.00**. The current retail price is £170.00.

Contact Jennie on **01303 242540**.

We had a call from a member who is off to Australia in August and wishes to get rid of a lot of model boats magazines going back to 1974.

The members name is **Danny Josephson** and the phone number is **01304 207974**. If anyone is interested in these magazines, give Danny a call.

The contribution below is from.....guess who?



AGM Report.

The following changes to the Constitution and Subscriptions were agreed at the AGM held on Wednesday 5 May 2004.

- a). Change / correction to constitution Regattas section 12.2.3. Remove word "full", so that the section reads; "All guests must be signed into visitor's book by a member and wear a visitor's badge".
- b). Addition to Membership section;
"Membership application forms for Junior membership will not be accepted unless they are signed by, and carry details of, the applicant's Parent / Guardian"
- c). Addition to Regattas section;
"Junior members **must** be accompanied at **all** times by a responsible adult at Club organised events".
- d). Both Adult and Junior membership fees will increase by £1, effective for the 2005 subscription year. This will make Adult membership £9.00 & Junior membership £2.00. No change was made to the £2 joining fee.

The existing committee has been re-elected for another year with Mr Peter Cook joining the committee (see back page for full list).

Extra Events for your Diary 2004

MBA members have been invited to attend the following events by other local clubs. You can either just attend as a spectator or take along your boats and display / sail them. If you are going to attend any of these events with your boats I recommend that you arrive before 10:00am to allow time to setup and complete the registration process before the event starts.

August 22nd - Boats on the Mote 2004; This event starts at 10:00am at Mote Park, Maidstone and is hosted by the Cygnets Model Boat Club. The MBA usually take along a gazebo for members to use on a first come basis, though you should consider providing your own table for your boat (www.cygnetsmbc.com).

September 5th - 18th Annual Model Ships Rally; This event starts at 10:00am at Westcliff Leisure Park Boating Pool, Royal Esplanade, Ramsgate and is hosted by the Ramsgate Vikings Model Boat Club (Tables are provided).

September 18th / 19th - Southern Model Airshow; Cygnets MBC is co-ordinating the marine display at this event which will be held at the Hop Farm Country Farm, Beltring on the A228 near Paddock Wood (www.southernmodelairshow.co.uk). A large boating pool will be provided but you are requested to bring along your own tables etc. The MBA Dover will have a number of entrance passes to the show for exhibitors and their families, but you must let me know that you intend to attend quickly! Further details can then be passed to you as they become available.

If you want further details of the events listed or just want to know who else is going please contact me or any other committee member (contact details on back page).

Alan Hounsell

MBA Merchandise

All garments are royal blue with MBA logo on breast. Sizes; Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large and XXL.

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.

Members Models

Ken Frisby's MFV, (Motor Fishing Vessel) pictured on March 28th at



Kearsney.

Although Ken didn't actually build this model, it is rather nice. The crew member forward getting ready with the head rope for instance, is very well modelled and looks realistic.

The model is actually the Caldercraft ***Ocean Crest***, an Admiralty 75ft MFV.

These vessels were still in use by the Royal Navy well into the 1970s, and many can still be seen today around our coasts in private hands.

The picture right is the view from the boarding boat, (well actually the camera)

It shows up the detail well.

The model is to a scale of 1/30th, an unusual scale that gives an overall length of 30.5 inches. It is nice to see Ken back with us again after his illness; his antics on and off the water have been legendary. He freely admits missing seeing the Nut of the Month Award sitting on his mantelpiece, something that should be addressed shortly especially as he managed to ram the model against the concrete path as we spoke!



The next couple of shots are of an oil rig support vessel **AZIZ**, built by **Andy Cheeseman**. The model is from the Model Slipway range and is one of their latest releases.

Andy has rejoined us after being a member before in 1995.

This is a very compact attractive model and is the first one that we have seen in the Club.

Above and left ... Andy Cheeseman's **Aziz**



This very nice and different model has been constructed by **Derek Tippett**. It is a model of the ***Gorch Fock***, a German sail training vessel. The model is the Mantua Kit of this ship and is

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designed to be static, Derek has added a keel and powered it with an electric motor to simulate her under power and not sails.



Derek bought the model from the Windsor Model Shop. This outlet deals mainly with period models and when it was mentioned that it was to be motorised, the shop said that it will be a first, as they knew of no other *working* versions.

OK, I know it's not a new model but I found this shot of Derek's surfer when I was going through some old files. Obviously taken at an event where the portable pond was in use; I think this was at Ewell Minnis during one of our barbecues!



Another new model, this time from **John**



White. Each year John seems to produce a new model, he builds them from scratch and his subjects are always different, he jumps from

paddlers to warships and this time he has built a merchant cargo vessel.

Don't forget that if you want one of the display sheets made for your boat, **Christine Wellard** is now the person to contact. The information you provide is used to produce a very smart plastic encapsulated record for you to display alongside the model when it's on show. It also has the Club logo on it and a copy will be placed in the register of models held by the Club.

Christine has blank templates to help you to provide the kind of information that is required. A good quality photo will be needed to add to the record, this can be arranged if one is not available.

Contact Christine on e-mail.... c.wellard@btopenworld.com

Returning to members models, I spotted another beautifully crafted yacht hull from the **Keith Lawton** collection at our April regatta. Keith told me that he had redesigned it from a larger model and changed the lines to suit a shorter boat. The planking and caulking is a joy to see, as is the finish .

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And now he's going to use it as a plug!

Right -
Keith's Hull.

On the left can be
ful example of the
“**Britannia**”.
The model has been
Dennis Wellard
Mountfleet



seen a beauti-
Pilot Vessel

constructed by
from the



models kit of this nostalgic subject.

Dennis says that she is powered by a Torpedo 500 motor with 2.5:1 reduction gearbox driving a 50mm four bladed propeller.

He also mentions that it is definitely not one for a beginner; the instructions not being that clear was just one of the comments made. She has full working lights and a smoke generator is to be fitted soon.

(I like this subject and also feel that the subdued colour scheme adds to its authenticity)
Ed.

A new member has joined us from Ashford, his name is **Bob Heckel** and he is responsible for building the fine period ship model on the right. She is based on the **Royal George**,

A 1st Rate ship of the line. The model is a working example, which is in itself unusual because these vessels normally need a large false keel to keep them stable. This one relies on internal ballast! Bob tells me that the foremast and mizzen sails are controlled from one servo, and the mainsails from another. A geared down electric motor is installed for emergency manoeuvres, the rudder is also enlarged to assist with the handling of her when in the water. The small scale rudder is not very efficient on a model of this type, a similar problem occurs on scale sailing barges. Construction is wood, plank on frame and she is



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built to the standard Admiralty scale of 1/48th from Maritime Museum plans.

This, below, was the moment that she first set sail – at the ‘Kearsney Kapers’ event on June 6th.

Bob chose this day to commit her to the water, with all the pressure of everyone watching he sailed her out into the middle of the lake. He was justifiably proud as she completed her maiden voyage and was recovered safely.

A magnificent sight!



Note...Bob has two more of his sailing ships, HMS Victory and the Ramillies, on display in De Bradelei Wharf outlet shopping centre in Dover .

The Clyde puffer HIGHLANDER is the latest model built by George Sutcliffe. This was also pictured on June 6th at Kearsney. Initial trials with a 6:1 reduction gearbox proved to have insufficient power with no safety margin, so it was changed to a 2.5:1 ratio.

George is now very happy with her, she is

shown here puffing away happily.

The tug IMARA is pictured left and is owned by Paul Bartle. Paul and his sons, Mark and

Thomas, run these tugs regularly with us at our regattas.

This model is from the Caldercraft Kit and is one of the larger models produced by this company. It was constructed by John Boyd of the Chantry Model Boat Club. John is also responsible for building several other tugs in Paul's fleet, includ-



ing the one that is for sale in this issue of Kearsney Kapers.

(More Members models in the next issue of KK)

Regatta Reports

Club Regatta. April 25th

Wow! What a start, loads of sunshine, and loads of boats - well, I counted 54 models on display, and loads of members. All this added up to a very successful first regatta.

Because it was our first regatta, there were a number of new models to be seen. It is always interesting to see what has been built over the winter season; the proud owners have a chance to show them to the other members and I like to get some pictures for the KK.

After deciding this year to run the events to a more rigid schedule, we had time to have some free sailing as well as a game of boat snooker. I'm sure that when everyone gets used to this system the advantages will become obvious. Maybe some slight adjustments need to be made, but generally it seems to be better.

Some frequency availability problems were encountered due mainly to there being very little wind. This made the 14 yachts taking part in the races take longer than usual.

This, of course, once again brings up the question about whether we should get spare crystals for the Club for all to borrow. Suggestions please!

Two views of our activities seen from the middle of the lake, taken from the rescue boat.



Childe Beale Model Boat Show May 1/2/3

Once again several members attended this popular show to buy items for their latest model from the traders and to sail their boats on the water courtesy of the Mid-Thames Model Boat Club. This year, all those who brought a boat along gained free entry, something that always used to be the case but had changed recently, this upset many modellers but has now been corrected.

Some of the regular traders were not at the show this time, but nevertheless it was worth the trip up to Berkshire.

Club Regatta May 23rd

Despite the fact that our May regatta coincided with the big Sandown Park Model Show, we had a very good turnout of members. The weather was dry, sunny and very warm. Our usual steering and towing competitions were followed by three rounds (or should I now call them frames) of boat snooker! The yachtsmen also joined in to make up one *frame*, five boats had a go and built up some respectable scores during the four minutes allowed for the run. Once committed to the obstacles there is no stopping with a yacht, so well done sailors! Several new members had brought along their models and this kept me busy taking pictures of them for our Members Models page(s). A good show!

Kearsney Kapers June 6th

Our first open event of the season with other clubs invited. We decided not to run any

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competitions with the powerboats but stick once again to a free sailing well proven event using the 1/2 hour time slots.

On the day we decided to get set up really early, this was accomplished and we were ready to accept our guests by 0900. Chantry Model Club from Bluewater had contacted us to say that they would like to set up their gazebos alongside ours and this was allowed for when we set out the size of the compound. All our guests had ample display space, some under cover, although we didn't really need it this year as the weather was glorious.

Our expected other guest from Bristol, Mr Chris Jackson the Editor of Marine Modelling International, contacted to say that due to unforeseen problems he could not make it down to see us this time, a short report has been sent to him, telling him what he missed!

In between the free sailing, the yachts managed three races and the power craft two frames of boat snooker. There were prizes for the winners of these events.

At the close of the day there was a tribute to the 60th anniversary of D-Day with a sail by of model warships. This was to the accompaniment of some wartime songs played through the PA system. I think this small gesture was appreciated by everyone.

Many thanks as always to those who made this successful event possible, our guests all said how nice it was.



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Ken?
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over here
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The Back Page

Items of late news, those of you who take 'Model Boats', will have seen in the July 2004 issue, a rather interesting article concerning batteries by Roger Suiters.

This item fits in well with our intended handout on batteries; the author informs us that the piece was written some while ago and already things have moved ahead with some improvements. It will answer quite a number of points concerning NiCads and Metal Hydride type rechargeable batteries; a good read.

The new storage facility has now been formally agreed and we now have this building to use. Work should start soon, converting it to our needs. (see front page)

I have just received the latest MMI, once again they have failed to publish details of our next open event, Dover Regatta. Hopefully, we have contacted most of our regular visitors anyway, but it is disappointing not to get it published. It's not that far away now, so lets have a good turn out of our members. We know that Chantry have booked in for two days and are staying locally, we also should have a trade stand there this time so I for one will look forward to seeing you all there.

I have had a late item in for sale, it is a Burgess Band Saw complete with all fittings. No other details **£50.00**. Contact Doug Capon on Dover 01304 823903

Sorry that this issue is a little thin but deadlines have to be met!

Alan.

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.

Mr Neil Hawkins

Mr Colin Goldsmith

Mr Keith Wheatley

Mr Bob Heckel

Mr Maurice Wood

Miss Anna Osmond

Mrs Kathleen King

Mr Maurice Job

Mr Brian Barnes

Mrs Mary Sutcliffe

Mr Paul Jenkins

Mr Barry Smith

Mr Zennon Johnson

Mr Stephen Tovey

Master Lewis Hubbard

Master Christopher Heckel

The overall club membership currently stands at 151 members (129 Adults, 21 Juniors, 8 1st Honorary).

Alan Hounsell



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