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Does it not always happen? As soon as I close an issue due to deadlines, articles and advertisements flood in. Such was the case with the Summer issue, so forgive me if what you read this time is slightly old news, but it will at least bump up this, the anniversary (21st) edition.

Since the shake up when we elected new members to manage the Club, a lot of new ideas have been forthcoming and most of them have been, or will be implemented.

During the mid-Summer regattas and Club meetings we handed out a short questionnaire form. This asked some simple questions about what the membership thought about trophies and regatta contents etc. Out of the whole membership there were only about twenty five returned papers and the results were not really conclusive. One question asked was about the monthly trophies, do we want them or do we just have annual ones? Well, the membership was split on this one so we decided to carry on and present monthly winners with a trophy but drop the second place and give a certificate instead. As most trophies are handed back straight after they are presented, it was thought that the survey would highlight the fact that they were not really wanted, but as this was not the case, we will carry on awarding them.

Another interesting result was that more fun events were needed. This is quite easy to plan, as we can set out the snooker course and run it as part of a regatta every time. Please let us know if you have any suggestions about the type of fun events that could be run; some of you might have seen something interesting when visiting other clubs or events that we could try.

The line up at the September Illuminated Event

By the time that you read this newsletter, we will have had our outing to Warwickshire for the International Model Boat Show.

The trip was organised by Christine Wellard and we must thank her for all the hard work that she has done getting everything to run smoothly.

I will be writing a report on the visit and this will appear in the Spring edition of KK.

Until then, have a very Happy Christmas,

Alan

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For Sale & Wanted

Two Fairwind yachts, one complete, brand new, not touched and another complete except for a deck railing fitting that is missing (purely cosmetic).
There is a Futaba sail winch and steering servo in one of the boats.
Offers around £150.00 for the pair. Contact **Cliff Lee** on Folkestone **01303 258961.**

Len Goldsack has kindly donated his old Fairwind yacht to the Club to raise funds. This would be an ideal opportunity for a member to get into club yacht racing for a minimum outlay. The boat has had some minor repairs which will not affect its performance. All you need is a spare radio gear and you are sailing.
Any reasonable offer for the boat will be accepted.

Don't forget that we still have the two large pond yachts that were donated to the Club during the Summer. They are at the moment languishing in the storage shed waiting for a good home, rig 'em out and sail them in Dover Harbour! That should attract some comments, they're big enough…

Another donated yacht has recently appeared along with some radio control equipment, some of it, a little bit ancient.
The boat is a one metre class and is complete with masts and sails. The keel is also in place but as it is a standard 400mm depth it would need a modification if it were to be used at Kearsney. We also have a mould of the boat so if anyone wishes to make their own hull it is also offered for sale.
Storing these models can be a problem and for this reason we would hope that good homes can be found quickly. They are obviously worth quite a lot of money but again, any reasonable offer would not be refused.

Lewis Hunter is an ex junior member who wishes to sell his model "Kadet". School work has forced this sale because he is studying hard and cannot spend time on his boats.
The model is about 18inches long and was donated to the Cub by Charles Male, we fitted new radio control and sold it on to Lewis.
The model is complete with all radio and batteries ready to run **£100.00.**

A speed boat known as an Anderson Sintra 700, is being sold by **Mr John Heanley.**
It is complete with radio control and has twin motors. Apparently it has only been in the water twice. Originally priced at £155.00 it is offered for **£70.00**
Phone for details, **01843 867907** or mobile **07792229491.**

The Club has for sale two of the original gazebos that we used before we bought the much quicker to assemble newer versions. The first is a standard 2.5 metre square and the other is a 9 x 3 metre. The small one is offered for just a Fiver but the much larger one is offered for £35.00 ono. We do also have a number of spare parts for these gazebos that will be included in the price.
Contact Peter Cook on Ashford 01233 610172

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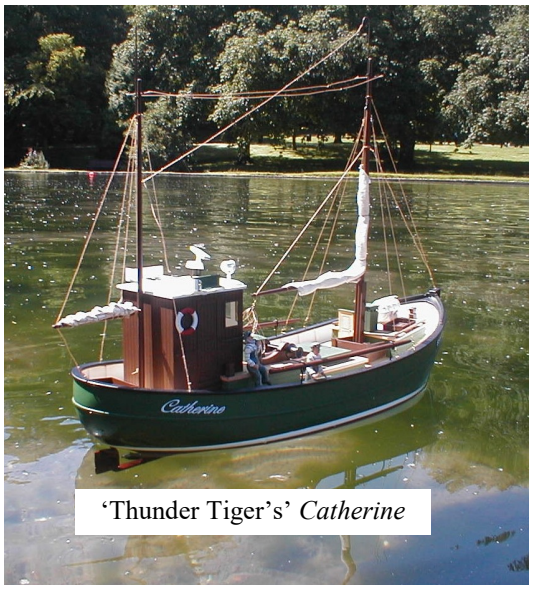
Sorry, No cartoon this time from Ken ?

Members' New Models



'Thunder Tiger's' *Catherine*

This attractive little fishing boat is, believe it or not, a ready to run model from the Thunder Tiger company . There are four models available at the moment, all fishing boats and they are currently in stock at Elite Models, Bybrook Barn, Ashford.
The cost is a very reasonable £199.00. The model comes complete with a crystal controlled 27Meg radio, 6v 4amp gell cell battery and speed controller and motor, it is ready to run and is fully detailed as shown. I am told that all spares for the model are available, so if something needs a new part you should be able to repair the boat very simply.
This is the first of these boats that I have seen, this particular one is the *Catherine,* owned by **Denis Wellard**. Denis has changed a few items to improve the model even more but basically, what you see is what you get, the photo tells it all.

I was particularly impressed with the overall finish of the model, its matt/satin paintwork makes this model stand out from the other RTR models currently available that can sometimes look rather toy-like.

The fishing boat, right, is another model by Denis, this one was bought partially constructed but needed major surgery work on the hull, due to misaligned frames etc.
The model is usually run by Christine Wellard and to add a touch of nostalgia, the boat is painted in the colours and named after the Folkestone fishing boat **Accord**. This was the boat that Christine's father worked on and it naturally is a very special boat for her with many memories.

As this page is dedicated to model fishing boats, I have included two more to finish off with.
The two models shown on the left are both from **Maurice Job**. The orange one in the foreground is the Robbe Antje, this is a very popular kit and we have several of them in the Club. It looks like the cabin is not fitted in this picture so I suspect there are some trials taking place.
It is shown operating here with a boat that was purchased at a boot fair for £5.00; it is a wooden plank on frame hull and although small, packs in a lot of nice detail work.
We did have a picture in the last issue of this model but no details were printed. It is in fact a Billings kit of the *Gina2,* Maurice has fitted a Graupner Dpeed 200 motor with a 2:1 reduction gearbox, and the two small gell cell batteries keep this little 18inch long model going for hours.

Snippets 1

Ken Greenland has found a graphics producer that will make up any logo or decal from a picture or description of what is required. Ken has obtained a set of warship pennant numbers for his Blue Rover tanker. He brought them along to the October meeting and they look good. The cost is reasonable as well; I wish I had known about these products when I wanted similar numbers for my model.
*Contact ..**Mr A (Tony) Brockle, R.C. Graphics, No5 Rossgate, Gadebridge, Hemel Hempstead,***
Herts. HP1 3LG. Tel.. 01442 241362 or mobile ... 077377 15542

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Southern Model Air Show 2006

Although we did not attend as a stand-alone Club at this event, some members did go along courtesy of Ramsgate Vikings who arranged some tickets for us. **Derek and Barbara Rudge** took along one of the Club's banners and ingeniously erected it behind their table and display. Below can be seen a picture showing the display. Well done Derek and Barbara.

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Snippets 2

*Steve Cockshoot and the lads from our Club and Ramsgate have told me of a piece of kit that they have been using and that can be recommended. It's a solar powered battery charger! You can charge a wide range of batteries and it is suitable for 3, 6, 9 and 12volts. The product is available from **Maplins Electronics** for £7.99; not a lot of money and something that you can keep in the toolbox for battery charging at the pond side.*
The nearest Maplins is at Maidstone but they do operate a mail order service.
http://www.maplin.co.uk Tel ...01702 554000

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NiCads

Some information about NiCad batteries, as from June 2006, The EEC have ruled that the production of NiCad batteries should cease. NiMH types will continue to be produced! ! How does that effect us? Well not a lot really, NiCads do have some advantages but NiMH are equally well thought of, and of course don't have the memory problem to contend with.

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Sandown Park

Some of you will already have heard that Sandown Park Symposium will not take place next year.
This was confirmed in the modelling press recently when a statement was put out by the Elmbridge Model Club who ran the event, stating the reason for its demise was new Health & Safety legislations. This would effectively stop models performing to the standards that we have come to expect from this show. Health & Safety has a lot to answer for; OK, these days it may be necessary in some cases, but what was wrong with good old common sense ?

Regatta Reports

July 23rd Club Regatta

The July regatta was held in perfect weather conditions, although a sudden breeze did manage to destroy one of our gazebos. The amount of members attending was again a little bit disappointing. I always look for the reasons for this happening and this time it could well have been due to Maidstone Cygnets moving their 'Boats on the Mote' event to this date, and of course the holiday season was in full swing.
It was a good day for those who did turn up, with a lot of interest being shown by members of the public who watched the models perform. The oil rig feature was moved nearer to the bank to allow the helicopter landing and taking off to be seen by everyone; the steering and tug towing was completed early so we decided to run another fun event. Instead of snooker, we had a very simple run around the buoys competing against the clock. Some surprising results were recorded. Dave Cowlin decided to row his skiff around and when all was worked out there was only a fraction of a second different between his clockwise and anti-clockwise runs. As most of you will realise it's not the speed that wins the event, it's all about consistency; the nearer the times are together for both directions is what is aimed for.
This little event can be tailored to suit all conditions and craft, so beware, we might introduce little differences to change the way it's scored in the future.

August 27th Club Regatta.

The August monthly regatta took place as arranged; the usual set-up procedure ensured that everything was in place awaiting members to bring along their boats.
During earlier discussions at Cub meetings, a valid point was raised concerning free-sailing space for boat operators. As a result we did allow an extra fenced off section for members to use at this regatta. I think we must be just a little careful when fencing off parts of the park from the general public, naturally we must do this for security and insurance reasons, which I am sure the public realise. The area immediately behind the extra fenced area did allow them to talk to us and ask questions.
Also at this regatta we continued to hand out the little questionnaire concerning regatta content etc.
It was decided to run the children's have-a-go pond at this regatta; we had not used it at all this year up until then. A small area was set out between the gazebos and the pond was filled from the lake using a portable pump. Frank Jobson, ably assisted by Reg Archer and Dave Cowlin, manned the little boats all day. At times during the afternoon youngsters were
queuing to have their turn driving the boats.
On the water there were some new and interesting models to be seen. Dave Cowlin brought along his nearly completed Admiral Day dredger; the wheelhouse still needs to be built, but trials of the Voith Schneider propulsion units that we mentioned in a previous edition of KK, proved to be successful. The grab crane is an ingenious piece of work and is a scale model in its own right.
There was a new tug on the water, Tito Neri by Paul Bartle; he also had a model on display of the Parat, which is another Voith Schneider powered tug model.
Len Ochiltree brought along a detailed model of an Everglades airboat. This had a lifelike model alligator strapped to the bows, for effect; there was also a large box marked First Aid located near to the driver which presumably held large bandages just in case the alligator decided to get snappy!
Derek Rudge demonstrated his water skier, much to the amusement of everyone watching. A fast towboat whipped the lady skier along at a very healthy pace creating a wash that looked very realistic.

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Barrie Warrington drove his big German E-Boat around at a scale forty knots, this impressive model really creamed through the water and banked hard into turns, this has the effect of causing quite a wash.
The weather was good with warm sunshine for nearly all of the day. We packed up at about 4.30 and stowed everything back in the shed. Most people seemed to enjoy this very relaxed regatta.

Left Derek Rudge's water skier

20th Ramsgate Model Ships Rally

About 12 Dover members turned up to support the Ramsgate Vikings Model Ships Rally 2006.
The weather to start with was appalling, high winds and overcast skies with rain thrown in. There was however, a hint of brightness showing as we drove closer to Ramsgate and by the afternoon the rain and dullness had cleared, although the wind kept up all day and caused some problems for the smaller models.
Not so many models were displayed this year, which was almost certainly because of the weather, but those on show were varied and interesting. A company from the Isle of Sheppey, who produce fittings for scale models in various scales, also attended. I had not heard of them before but their wares were certainly very interesting. A steam engine powered computer was also on show, this was a well presented display and was most unusual
A first for Ramsgate was a live amateur TV link to the Internet, courtesy of Hilderstone Radio Society. Steve Cockshoot had a very expensive piece of kit fixed to his cabin cruiser model which he drove around filming the crowd and other models. The wind prevented a large screen being erected to show the results to everyone, but a smaller screen did show the pictures on the Hilderstone's display stand
Clubs from Phoenix, Chantry, Southend, Herne Bay and Dover all helped to make this show its usual success. The Mayor and Mayoress of Ramsgate arrived during the afternoon to hand every exhibitor a commemorative plaque that this year doubled up as a fridge magnet.
When I arrived home, minus my transmitter, I sort of guessed that the NOTM award was heading my way!

Club Regatta September 10th

Only a couple of weeks after the August regatta we held the last of our regattas for this season. The small pool was again in operation for the children to have a go, and the compound set up in record time; these new gazebos are a Godsend.
It was a beautiful September day, with warm sunshine and no sign of rain. The steering and tug towing courses were set out as designed by our scale secretary Ken but these proved to be almost impossible to negotiate without touching the odd buoy or two, especially with the bigger boats, but it was the same for everyone.
Virtually no wind meant that the yachts did not really get going at all, with some races taking nearly an hour to complete; with a bit of wind these would typically take only minutes.

On the power boat scene, the Admiral Day dredger model being built by Dave Cowlin was conducting grab bucket trials. Dave has arranged the grab bucket to be swung out by the crane and lowered down to the bed of the lake where it grabs a bucketful of mud and brings it up and deposits it into it into the hopper of the boat.
When the hopper is full the doors can be opened and the mud empties out again. All this is controlled by microchips that switch the functions of the crane. An ingenious piece of mechanical and electrical engineering, all designed by Dave.
He has promised to get an oscilloscope and demonstrate the way this has been done at a future Club meeting! I can't wait.

Grab the mud……..recover it……..dump it……..…..back for more…..
All by radio control

When the time came to end the regatta, it took about an hour to get everything down and stored away, not bad considering the amount of work involved. The results of the season can now be collated to see who will get the annual prizes at our Christmas social.

Illuminated event September 29th

There were six boats present at the second illuminated event held at the end of September.
It was a damp evening and by the seven o'clock start time, almost dark. The boats were all illuminated very well and this time it was a very difficult job deciding which boat would take the trophy. In the end it was awarded to Denis Wellard for his tug Jan. Other modellers who attended were ...John Keeble with My Gail, Peter Cook with Jorbec, Christine Wellard with Accord, Derek Rudge with the Thornycroft MTB and Barbara Rudge with the American fishing boat. All these models deserved the trophy.

Below can be seen a selection of the models.

Len Ochiltree's Bottle Boat

Len Ochiltree has designed a new model to be used at a future fun event.
The model will be known as the **Bottle Boat**, it uses a 1-litre bottle as the hull, half filled with sand or cement as ballast, a green garden cane as the mast and boom and the sail made from carrier bag material but must be no bigger than A4 size.
That is the basic criteria, however….You may use any combination of bottles up to 1 litre. For example, 3x 330ml or 4x 250ml or 2x500ml sizes.
The boat may be a single hull, twin, triple or quadruple, as long as the 1 litre size is maintained.
The ballast can be carried internally or externally.
A rudder/ keel can be fashioned from any material and can be any size.
The masts must be of green garden cane; this will all be roughly of a standard strength i.e. no super strong carbon fibre etc.
The sails can be any number and any style as long as the total area does not exceed an A4 size, they will be made from carrier bag material.
A photo of Len's original model will give some idea as to what we are aiming for.
The fun event will take place to commemorate St George's Day, April 23rd, next year (well someone's got to celebrate our national day) and it will probably take the form of first across the lake, like the Trafalgar event.
The cost of the model will be negligible and you now all have several months to build one, let's see St George get as good a show as Nelson did!
Prizes will be in keeping.
We have contacted local schools to see if they would like to join us, up until now though, no replies have been received.

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Jim Pearse has had some communication with a chap who he first had a phone call from four years ago.
In 2002, a photo of Jim's reduced scale 6 metre yacht design was published in MMI and a chap from the Nottingham area contacted him for details, they had a good chat about the model and that was that.
Then, in September this year, a letter dropped through Jim's door with photographs of the model that he had built and a note thanking Jim for his help and also stating that without this help the model would not have been produced.
The modeller in question is Geoff White who is quite an authority on model yachts in the Nottingham area, it is nice to know that we Southern softies can teach our Midlands colleagues a trick or two, well done Jim.

Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Evenings.

It is possible that because we have yacht races and now the Club 500 races on a Sunday morning, that some members think that we do not want any free sailing on these days or that they will be getting in the way of these events.
This is most certainly not the case.
Sunday mornings are for <u>all</u> Club members to enjoy. There are usually quite a few members down at the water on a Sunday enjoying a relaxing time with their models, some do not even bring along anything, they just want to chat and find out what's going on.
The same applies to Wednesday evenings; we usually meet at the storage shed to work on Club equipment or to help out if anyone has a problem. Please come along !

"Model Boats" July edition……..

Some of you may have noticed the little article that was published in July "Model Boats", concerning the collectable model tug that is actually owned by the Club.
I must admit that I had almost forgotten that this piece had been sent to the editor of the Models of Yesteryear section in that magazine, nearly two years has elapsed since then.
Unfortunately, I am not in a position to just walk into a London auction house and get it valued as he suggested, so as a result, we still have it. I know that it has been mentioned before in these pages, but should anyone wish to own a piece of model boating memorabilia, come and view it and make an offer.
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Charles Male has reported that…..

Those of you who own a Fleet Omega or Plainsman Transmitter XP/FM can obtain service on all Fleet transmitters, receivers etc., or purchase just about any Fleet items (except transmitters) from Lippeatts, Newtown, West Pennard, Somerset, BA6 8NL. Telephone 01458/835906. E -mail info@digifleet.co.uk Website www.digifleet.co.uk I have used their services and they are most reliable. They are a well established company in the communications industry and have kept on the original founder of "Fleet Systems" as advisor. Charles

And another piece from Charles…..

Did you consign your old E.S.C. to the junk/spares box some two years ago because you can no longer obtain the ZN409CE control i/c. Then since, compelled to purchase a new E.S.C. with a programmed micro controller as the heart of it? Then get it out of the mire and fit it with a NEW ZN409CE! £6.95p each. They are obtainable from "Jaycarelectronics" down under. Orders are placed @ a UK address and sent from Australia. Your order must be £30 minimum but 2 or 3 people can make that value order up between them. Free Call order line 0800 0327241. 24/7 Internet Shopping on <www.jaycarelectronics.co.uk for E-mail orders <techstore@jaycarelectronics.co.uk You can order you FREE catalogue too. Charles

E.S.C. Electronic Speed Controller…...Ed

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As a winter project, the Club is building a launching trolley for the larger models.
Phil Ribton has donated a winch on a frame that was used by his brother to handle model steam trains but some modifications will be necessary to handle our boats safely. The original thoughts were to make a simple lifting frame, but this would need to be anchored very securely to work properly, so we decided to go for a slipway type of design.
The idea is to make wheeled cradle that travels on a pair of rails, the cradle can be winched up or down with the model on it, into or out of the water. The rails will enter the water at a shallow angle and rest on the bottom of the lake. The model should simply float off the trolley when it becomes buoyant enough. The design of the project is very much a 'try-it-and-see' exercise, it might need to be altered for the many different sized boats that need handling; a short stubby tug will probably launch better than a six foot destroyer for example. This device, if successful, will certainly be an asset and make it far safer for those who struggle to get their models in and out of the water.
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At the Ramsgate Model Ships Rally there was a company selling some good quality ships fittings. The name of this company is M.A.C. Mouldings, the owner is himself a modeller and started out by moulding certain fittings that were not available elsewhere for his own use. The range is expanding all the time but if you need anything specific, he can produce it if you supply a drawing. He is from the Isle of Sheppey so it's a local company.
Tel No **01795 580521**, Email Macsmouldings@Hotmail.co.uk www.macsmouldings.co.uk

Model Shop Directory.

Turners Model Shop, 14 London Road Dover, CT17 OTA Tel… 01304 203711.
Our local model shop, carries a good range of materials, paints etc. Some kits in stock, but can obtain most others within a few days. Discount available on selected items,

Ramsgate Models, 74a Queen Street Ramsgate. CT11 9ER Tel… 01843 584073.
General model shop, but carries a good range of model boat kits and accessories. Stockist for Evergreen plastic strips as well as odd sizes of Plasticard sheets and other materials.

Elite Models, Bybrook Barn, Ashford Kent.
This shop is now established in the Bybrook Barn garden centre at Ashford. It is a general model shop but does cater for the model boater with a range of kits and accessories, timber and glues. They are radio control specialists with a good selection of equipment and all the relevant hardware.

Weston UK, 84-88, London Road, Teynham, Sittingbourne, Kent. ME9 9OH.
Tel… 01795 521030/522020.
This outlet is famous in the Fast Electric field, they also stock a large range of batteries and chargers. Good range of materials and kits etc. Discount of 10% on production of Club membership card

The Dockyard Model Shop, Chatham Historic Dockyard, Chatham , Kent.
Tel... 01634 830404.
The only dedicated model boat model shop in our area, situated within the Historic Dockyard at Chatham. Stockists of many well known kits from the major manufacturers and also all the usual bits and pieces needed for their operation. Some second-hand models are also sold from this outlet.

Eileens Emporium, PO Box 14753, London SE19 2ZH. Tel... 0208771 3366.

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