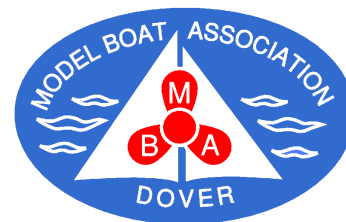


The MBA Dover Newsletter



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Kearsney

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Welcome to the Spring edition of KK.

Visitors to the Club storage facility at Kearsney will have seen that we now have a new Club noticeboard. It has been purchased to replace our old noticeboard that was originally down at the pond side. This was lost several years ago when the posts securing it rotted away, the Council never did replace the noticeboard, which also contained some important water safety information on it, so we now have our own. We can now display information about the Club, diary dates and "what's on" etc. These can now be viewed by all. This long-overdue asset should be a great help to members who cannot get to meetings or see other members down at the lake.

Those who went up to Warwick for the International Model Boat Show organised by Christine Wellard, will, I am sure, agree that it was a very interesting and enjoyable day out. A short report can be found inside this issue.

At the beginning of December we held the Annual Christmas Party and Prize giving. Our venue for this gathering was, as usual, the Cricketers public house.



A busy winter Sunday morning gathering at Kearsney

They put on a very tasty buffet as well as the now customary curry. The prize giving that followed saw a clean sweep for Andrew Goldsack in the Yacht section with Colin Goldsmith and Alan Hounsell, hot on his heels. The power boat winners were John Keeble for the Annual Large Steering and Derek Tippet for the Small Steering.

Len Ochiltree retained the Towing trophy this year and the Junior Denis Hatton trophy was one by Tom Willson. Barrie Tripp won the Junior Tug Towing.

Our thanks go to Alan Hounsell for making a splendid new yacht trophy. The old trophy was due for replacement as it had become full. Also thanks to Alan for donating another smaller yacht trophy that now replaces the Second Place Award for the yachts.

As many of the trophies are now being replaced, the originals are to be

displayed in a purpose-built cabinet that is now in the storage building at the Abbey.

This cabinet has kindly been expertly made by Frank Jobson. It has sliding "glass" doors that can be locked and has been put up just above the door (*inside naturally*).

We did discuss allowing the major winners of the awards to keep the trophies when full, but as they are Club history, it was decided to keep them for all to see and aspire to. Happy boating,

Alan...

Kearsney Abbey History

During a visit to the tea rooms in Kearsney Abbey recently, I spotted a little information leaflet that describes the history of the area.

I have been looking for something like this to make an interesting article for our own Kearsney Kapers, but, because this little leaflet only costs 20p, I will only highlight the main points of interest here.

Kearsney is a corruption of the word 'Cressionaire' a place alongside the river where cress is grown, the Abbey was never an abbey as it was never a monastic building. However, as it was built from stone and materials from demolished buildings and the old town wall and gatehouses, it probably resembled one.

The then owner John Minet Fector called it 'Kearsney Abbey' way back in 1820. The estate at that time encompassed Bushy Ruff, Kearsney Manor and other areas of Kearsney amounting to many acres.

The 'Abbey', was slowly reduced in size over the years, with parts being sold off by successive owners who were trying to defray the costs of maintenance and upkeep. During the Second World War, it was commandeered and used by the ATS and was HQ of No. 2 Searchlight Regiment.

The large building eventually became derelict and was demolished; all that remains today is the billiard room, now the tea rooms, and of course the outbuilding that is now our storage facility for the Club.

The Dover District Council bought the 'Abbey' and 25 acres of the estate after the war and turned it into gardens for the good of the public. The area was landscaped and the underwater culverts repaired, resulting in the park as we know it today.

The lower lake, which is our water, originally had two large islands in it; in the early 1960s the larger of the two islands was removed leaving the smaller one that is still here today.

I seem to remember that it was the model club at that time, Dover Model Club, that had this feature removed to improve the boating lake. I stand corrected if this was not so, but in any case, it was no mean feat and something that must have cost quite a tidy sum.

The Club at that time was run by Harry Turner, the original owner of 'Turners' models in London Road. This shop is now owned and run by Shirley and Terry Slater who I believe still have some memorabilia and records of that Club.

It might make another interesting piece for the KK if anyone can find out more. I know there are a few members of the present Club who, like me, can remember those early times.

The history of our Club is important and it is interesting. It is nice to know the story of the area that we spend many hours relaxing in.

The little pamphlet is available from the Kearsney Abbey Tea Rooms, price **20** pence.

*During January, the Club received formal notification from Mr **Ken Greenland** that he is standing down as Scale Secretary. Ken has been doing this job officially since the AGM last year, alongside Roger Shields who shares the job with him.*

Ken will continue to help out as normal where possible but does not wish to be involved officially for personal reasons. We would like to thank Ken for his help during this year and look forward to continued support from him.

Alan.

For Sale

Does anyone have an old bubble fish lamp that is now leaking or surplus to requirements? Perhaps I better explain, The tube that these objects of amusement are made of is a 3in dia. 2mm wall thick acrylic plastic tube. Ideal for making watertight tubes for model submarines. They sometimes are bigger than 3 inches dia. all very useful to me, boot fair prices apply, but you may be able to squeeze me for a bit more!
Call **Alan on 01304 852917**

Bob Davis is looking for a set of plans for the Malaysian Patrol Boat “Sangesettia”. Bob needs the drawings of the cabin structure as he has a hull of similar proportions that he wants to make a model of.
Call **Bob on 01303 894870**.

Frank Jobson has acquired a supply of hardwood off cuts. They are mostly Oak, Sapele and Luan? He also may be able to obtain some Ash later, no comments please!
Frank thinks that it will make nice top handrails or could be used for boiler lagging. Another use could be for display plinths for your latest model.
Contact **Frank** for more details on **Dover 01304 820300**

The Winter has taken its toll !

This protective fence has been erected to safeguard the public from hurting themselves on the badly eroded path adjacent to where we operate.
The fencing off of any area around the lake is not good news as access to the water's edge is an important requirement for us when recovering a wayward model.
It will also present a problem when we set up the compound at a regatta, when we will also fence off an area of the water's edge. Let's hope that the Council get the job repaired in time for the summer season !
On the far side of the lake, the breach in the protective wall has allowed the leaking water to make quite a substantial tributary into the nearby culvert.



There have been contractors working in

the park, cutting and pruning the trees and some major work has taken place in the areas near the weir and on the far side of the lake. All this is probably to do with the root system damaging the walls of the lake and causing exactly the damage

mentioned above. Perhaps at last we are getting the work needed to maintain the level of the water in the lake. We have, in the past written to the Council mentioning the condition of the water's edge and making them aware of our concerns.



Paint!

He who plays with trains as well as boats, member **Fred Styles**, has given me details of a range of modelling paints called Craftmaster Paints. Fred has used these products on his railway locomotives and he says that they cover well, apply easily with a brush and give a really nice finish, almost as good as spraying. The cost is reasonable as well, £8.50 for a 250ml tin.

Most colours are available from ***Craftmaster Paints, Unit 3, Dadfords Bridge Industrial Estate, Plant Street, Wordsley, Stourbridge, DY8 5SY. Phone No 01384 -485554.***

The position with Humbrol Paints is still unclear. The shops still seem to be getting a good range of colours but just in case, I have been topping up my stock of the old favourite, warship grey! (No 127Ed.)

Have you watched the prices soaring though? I spotted some priced at £1.30 a tin, and that's for 14 millilitres. I do admit to remembering when the tinlets cost 9 old pence each, that's about 4p in today's money !!

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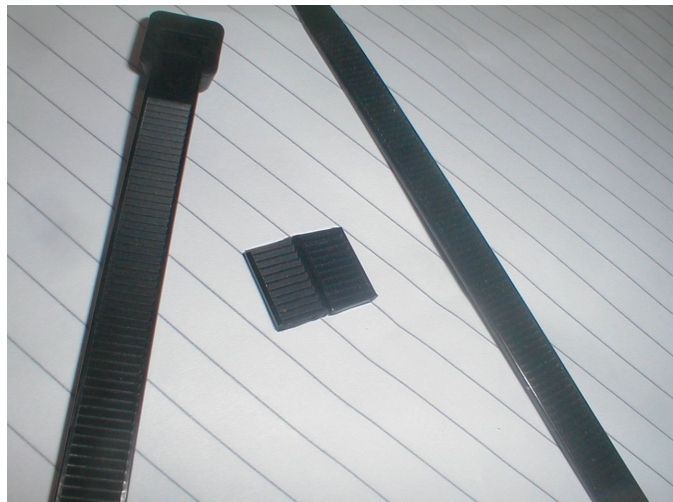
Ken Greenland has come up with a very good idea that uses cable ties to make louvered vents. These pull up ties can be obtained in various sizes and by selecting the one that closely matches your required scale, many vents can be produced from a single tie. The tail of the tie is serrated and it is these serrations that are used to form the slatted louvres that make up the vents. Cut the size required and, if you need too, add some extra strips of plastic to make a frame, this may not be necessary but it looks better. Several strips can be placed side by side to make larger vents.

This type of louvered ventilator is found on many vessels. They are used around the air intakes for the engine room and air conditioning units as well as many other areas on a ship. Modern warships are a major user of this type of vent. They can be seen all over the upper deck area.

When painted these parts look very effective.

The picture right shows the straps and two vents cut from it.

Great idea Ken!



Steve Webb

It is with sadness that I have to announce the death of Steve Webb, a good friend and modeller. Although not a member of our Club, Steve had attended the Kearsney Kapers events with us in the past and was a regular at the Ramsgate Ships Rally. Living in Slough, he was in a good position to travel up and down the country showing his models at many events. As a fellow model Submariner he was always ready to offer help and advice to others and his precision engineering background meant that his models always performed impeccably. He will be missed by many.

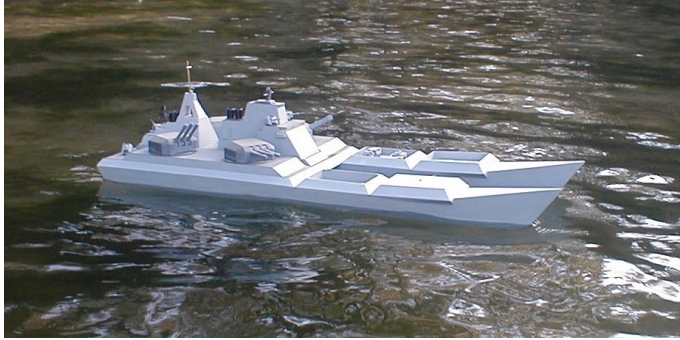
Alan..

New Models

Below can be found details of new models that have appeared in the Club recently.

The futuristic modern warship is from Gerald Vesty. It is a catamaran design with modern angled superstructure but still armed with conventional big gun triple turrets!

Since writing the introduction, I have spoken to Gerald and he has clarified some details for me.



The hull is based loosely on a vessel used in a computer game (not an exact copy of course).

The hulls and superstructure are all from Plasticard sheet. There are two motors fitted, one in each Sponson. These are in fact Saab windscreen washer motors but, as Gerald says, they are a bit juicy and will be replaced later.

At the moment a 2-channel radio is fitted but eventually a 4-channel set will be used. The helicopter blades rotate, as does the radar scanner. I was also put in my place about the conventional guns! They are in fact *Photon guns* whatever they are!



This monster model has been built by Steve Higgins.

It's a pusher tug and has been mainly constructed from plywood.

I have not yet caught up with Steve to find out exactly what's what with his model, but I am almost sure that power is provided by a couple of torpedo motors from MFA.

The deck crane is from an old toy and it will eventually work. I also know that it is very powerful, because it managed to push me around the lake in the dinghy! The TID tug on the right is from Reg Archer.

The fibreglass hull was purchased from eBay complete with a Decaperm motor and all the running gear installed. The superstructure was not very accurate, so a new one was constructed in plywood using drawings of a TID tug lent by a friend. The anchor windlass is taken from an old fishing trawler. It is electrically powered and will eventually be controlled by radio. A substantial tow hook has been added to enable Reg to have a go at tug towing in the future. The pretty little Fairy Swordsman (left) is not a new model but one that not normally gets an outing.



Frank Jobson built this little model, which is only 20ins long, from a free plan in Model Boats magazine. It is constructed from wood and is powered by a 540 type motor and a single screw. Two-channel radio control through an Action Speed controller gives *Osprey* an impressive performance on a fully-charged battery.

Show Reports

Warwick International Model Boat Show. November 11th 2006

It was an early start for the members who joined the Crosskeys' coach for our journey to Warwickshire. The distance is approx 180 miles, so 0630 was the pick-up time in Dover for the three-hour plus journey, others joined at Folkestone and Ashford.

After a short comfort stop at Oxford services we arrived at the venue at about 10.30.

Waiting for us there were Dave and Janet Ralphson, two members who have moved away from our area but still remain staunch supporters of our Cub, they had had a similar 180 mile trip down from their home in Lincolnshire.

Christine, who organised the trip for the Club, had already handed out the tickets so we made our way into the show. The actual buildings used are old farm buildings, so the floor area is pretty large, large enough to have two pools that were in constant use displaying working models, with most of the traders situated around the sides of the halls.

As it was Armistice Day, at 11am, we all stood silently for the act of remembrance; with so many models of warships displayed it was a poignant reminder of what the men who served on those ships went through.

After this it was time to visit all the various clubs and organisations that filled the centre of the hall displaying a vast and interesting diversity of models. Sadly there were not too many yachts to be seen to keep our model yachtsmen happy but there was the Association of Model Barge Owners Club who went some way to make up for the lack of racing sailboats. (Well, they do have flappy things that make them go!)

It is hard to single out one particular model to mention but for me, the large lifeboat models certainly caught my eye. I am told that they were at the Hop Farm Show but this was the first time that I had seen them. The coordinated display on the pool with other lifeboat models was a real crowd puller.

There were of course many other very nice models on the stands that stood out and some that were just good examples of what can be done by the average modeller using kits or scratch building a favourite subject. In our Club we have models that would have made just as good a display but getting up a team willing to travel and commit to a three-day show is probably asking too much.

After several cups of coffee and something to eat in the reasonably priced restaurant, most members went round the stalls again making their last-minute purchases. By 3pm it was decided that we would return to the coach slightly earlier than planned to allow more time for the return journey.

We arrived back in Dover at approx 7.30. The journey home was smooth with no hold ups on the roads to spoil the day.

It was nice to just get on the coach and have someone else worry about the driving. The atmosphere aboard was very relaxed with the usual banter going on between the yachtsmen and the power sections, very enjoyable.

The London International Model Show Alexander Palace.(Ali Pally) 19-20-21 Jan 2007

I have included this report as at least ten members that I know of attended this show. Most people that I saw went there on the Saturday and it was very busy indeed, not until well into the afternoon did some of the crowds disperse making it more comfortable to look around. There was a small boat pool set up this year, which was a first for this show, but the size of it allowed only the smallest of models to be run with ease. Those who are interested in flying also had an area where some aircraft could be flown, another first. The usual model boat clubs were in attendance displaying a good range of models mainly in the centre of the hall with the trade stands all around. Some very nice unusual models were to be found, including some fine exhibits on the Coastal Forces Stand. A very interesting chat about the models displayed was given by one of the old gentlemen who actually commanded them in the war.

Damage report

Call out the lifeboat! Vessel in collision and sinking 13.6 metres, 183 degrees from the start gate!

Not a real shout for the RNLI but an incident during one of the Club 500 races at Kearsney. The pictures show the damage sustained by Ken Booker's model whilst racing on Sunday 5th November. I must say that after recovering the almost-submerged model I was expecting some fireworks (ouch), but Ken was remarkably calm about it despite needing a new model. I never did find out who caused the damage, but those bow bump rubbers don't work!



Damage!

The
Come on! Who dunnit then ?

An unusual start

The first four get away OK but what has happened to yellow No10?
And the blue and red boat seems to have changed direction and going off to play with the submarine under the water on the right! Is that the one that got hit (above) out in the second place?

Club 500 racing at Kearsney. 2006



Texas Bound

Member **Alan Wilkinson** has only been with us for a year but he is now off to the USA to live. Alan has been a very enthusiastic Club 500 racer within this Club and was one of the first to get this fun event started with us.

Alan is going to Fort Worth in Texas, he tells me that there are a lot of freshwater lakes in the area so he hopes that his model boating will continue in some form. I.C power boats are much more popular in America and this is probably the area that he will get into. Model flying is another interest that he has and has already checked out the local club facilities. They are known as the Benbrook Fort Worth Thunderbolts. Only in America would you find a club with a name like that - good luck Alan, from all of us in the MBA Dover .

New Club Notice Board



The new noticeboard as mentioned on the front page.

The board is securely fixed to the wall of our storage shed and is locked to secure the notices.

Slightly worrying is that graffiti is being painted around various walls in our area and it is noticeable that youths congregate in the car park after dark. As we have now painted the door and erected the board, it is hoped that these will not become targets for the little darlings!

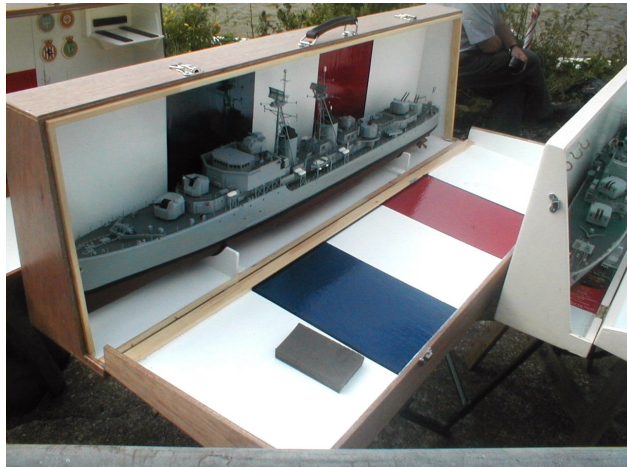
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How about this for a good idea ?

This carrying case doubles up as a display stand and contains all the information about the model on the inside of the case. In this example the national flag of the warship displayed is painted as a backdrop, adding to the effect.

The owner of the model is not known, but it was spotted at the Ramsgate Model Ships Rally.

Another of the models can just be seen to the right, the construction of the case can be seen easily in this view. Foam pads grip the model as the lid is closed holding it secure.



Parking

At the February meeting, Peter, our secretary requested that if possible could we NOT park on the small verge outside the gate that leads out onto Lower Road, River.

It is a very convenient place to park, but it does restrict access for pedestrians. It is also a very dangerous corner. Another reason for not parking here is that local residents have planted out the area with bulbs.

Your cooperation would be appreciated.

AGM 14th May 2007– Election of Committee Members

I would like to ask members to consider becoming an active member of the Committee. There are five positions becoming vacant for the coming year (May 2007). These are: Chairman, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Fundraiser (tea tent, raffles etc.) and Webmaster.

Please take some time to consider if you or another member could fill one of these positions. If you are interested, please contact a Committee member before the AGM on 14 May to help the Club go forward for another year.

If you would like more information on any of the positions, please feel free to email Jennie or Carol (contact details can be found on the back page).

In addition to the planned St George's Day Bottle Boat Race (details of which can be found on a separate flyer in this issue), I have received information from our yacht-organiser Andrew Goldsack that he intends to run an endurance race on the 9th June 2007. Andrew has sent me a copy of the rules, which are reproduced below. Any enquiries to Mr Andrew Goldsack - Email: yachts@mba-dover.org.uk

Endurance Yacht Race 9th June 2007

The event is open to all model sailing boats owned by members of the Model Boat Association Dover (MBAD). The event will be held on the lake at Kearsney Abbey in Dover on the 9/6/07 and will be run within the normal rules of the Club except for the following additions:

1. Allocation of radio frequencies will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Entrants will hold the allocated frequency for the whole event (*A frequency chart will be posted 30 minutes before the start*).
2. The event will start at 10.00 am and finish at 4.00 pm, although entrants may start at any time during this period providing they have notified the race officer and their yacht passes correctly through the counting gate. The race officer will notify the start and finish times by whistle and by verbal notification.
3. The counting gate will be between 2 buoys notified on the morning of the event and all boats in the event **must** pass through the counting gate, in the correct direction, at the beginning of each lap. *Boats passing through the counting gate incorrectly at **any** time will be deducted 1 lap.*
4. The course will be posted on the morning of the event and will not be changed after the start. A course diagram will be posted 15 minutes before the start.
5. Boats **MUST** be taken out of the water for 2 mandatory stops of 15 complete minutes each during the race. *This time cannot be 'accumulated' by entrants bringing their boats off the water for lots of short stops.* It is the responsibility of each entrant to notify the race officer when each of these periods begins and ends. Entrants not taking the mandatory stops, or not advising the race officer at the time of each stop, will be disqualified.
6. Each yacht entered may only have 1 skipper, who is the **ONLY** person who may sail, make adjustments, repair or recover the boat.
7. Outside assistance (*not including assistance by rescue boat personnel*) will be penalised by the deduction of 1 complete lap for each incidence of assistance.
8. Spars, running gear and electrics may be repaired or changed during the event. Notwithstanding individual class association rules, sails may only be changed with the agreement of the Race Officer **AND** if they are damaged beyond reasonable repair. *The hull may not be changed.* However, it may be repaired as long as it remains substantially the same hull that began the event.
9. Boats may be taken out of the water at any time for running repairs or adjustment, but these periods will **NOT** count towards the mandatory stops unless the race officer has been advised **and** the stop takes a full 15 minutes (as per 5 above).
10. Yachts may touch course marks when rounding, but must not 'barge' other yachts out of the way or deliberately 'force' inside yachts onto a mark.
11. All yachts entered must observe port and starboard etiquette, and must take all reasonable precautions to avoid collision by following the generally accepted 'rules of the road'. Deliberate contact will be penalised by the loss of 1 lap.
12. The winner of the 'large' and 'small' classes shall be the yacht that sails the most number of laps within the prescribed time.

*Andrew has asked for volunteers to act as lap counters for the day.
If you can spare an hour it would be appreciated.*

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.

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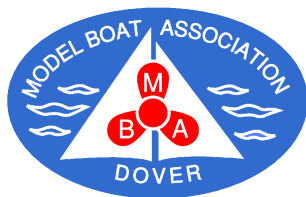
During events where the small boats are being used, the frequencies **40-665**, **40-675**, **40-685**, and **40-695** will **NOT** be allocated to any member for general use. If you only have these frequencies, please obtain some replacements.

Model Boat Association Dover



MBA Merchandise

Caps	£5.00
Sweat Shirts	£14.00
T Shirts	£8.00
Polo Shirts	£12.00
Enamel Pin Badge	£2.50



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