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Scale members, This is your Captain.

M.Y.H

Since my letter of the 18th Feb., we enjoyed a very pleasant evening on April 25th at the home of Arthur Lord and our thanks to Mrs Lord who kindly provided refreshments. We had a general discussion, and arrangements for further meetings was thought unnecessary, as with Summer at hand we expected plenty of meetings at the pond side.

I am pleased to say all our members are now in the M.P.B.A. which gives them third party insurance cover up to £1M and a Personal Accident cover up to £2,000 for any one claim in any one year.

We have now had our summer; I am not sure which half day it was, but it certainly wasn't on a Sunday morning. *and we have had little practice runs*
I think the Regatta was an improvement on last years effort, but due to lack of practice we were unable to run any competitive events. Our efforts for the R.N.L.I. collecting box realised £8.03½, this at least was worthwhile.

On the afternoon of June 11th we put on a show for T.V.S. but once again the weather was against us, and after I had made several practice runs, whilst cameras were adjusted etc., my craft filled with water and I retired, but fortunately the rest of our members put up quite a good show.

We were asked to put on a display for the R.N.L.I. at the Wolhampton school. It was an outside swimming pool and the weather was appalling, ~~and~~ the waves seemed higher than at Setley. My Harbour Defence Craft true to form made straight for Harbour which turned out to be one of the overflow ducts of the pool, with disastrous results to the boat. Dave Boothroyd's Frigate lost its Helicopter, but fortunately this was retrieved from the pool bottom by some enthusiastic life-savers. The remaining members put on a very good show under very difficult conditions; which resulted in a letter of thanks from the R.N.L.I. stating that our display was the highlight of the afternoon.

I am hoping, should weather conditions improve now that winter is at hand, we may still compete for our various trophies.

VIC WARD.