

SOLENT RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL YACHT CLUB

To: The Town Clerk,
Civic Offices,
Bridge Street,
Christchurch
BH23 1AZ.

7 Denham Drive,
Highcliffe
Christchurch
Dorset BH23 5AT.

4th November 1985.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Solent Model Yacht Club, I wish to draw your attention to our need for a Model Boating Lake in the Christchurch area.

I understand that an artificial lake is to be formed at Nea Common, and this has prompted me to approach you to suggest that this lake be used as the Christchurch Model Boating Lake.

You are doubtless aware that the only existing model boat pond is in Queens Park, Bournemouth.

Our Club uses Setley Pond in the New Forest at present; but you will appreciate that due to the distance either venue limits our Club to Adult members with transport. I am quite sure however, there are many youngsters who would like to take up the hobby if only Christchurch had a boating lake, as one of their amenities.

Solent R/C Model Yachy Club therefore presents this suggestion for the kind consideration by your amenities department.

Yours sincerely,

(V.S. WARD) Captain Scale Section.



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Please reply to: Gregory Metcalf,
General Secretary,
3 Spring View Road,
Ware,
Herts,
SG12 9LB.

V S Ward,
7 Denham Drive,
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Christchurch,
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BH23 5AT.

24th November 1985

Dear Mr Ward,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th November and for the list of MPBA members of your club.

Yes, I will do all I can to help you, thats why we are here. I have written to other clubs in the past who have asked for help, and here I think is the best way we can help each other.

Let me know where this water is and what steps you have taken to contact the Local Authorities. Let me know who your local Council contact is, his, or her, name, and their exact address.

I will write, explaining what the MPBA is about, our aims etc., and offering our help to help you.

Please let me know if this is okay, who I have to contact and lets hope that between us we get some water.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gregory Metcalf'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gregory Metcalf,
Honorary General Secretary.



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Mr Ward,
7 Denham Drive,
Christchurch,
Dorset.

23rd January 1986

Dear Mr Ward,

Thank you for your letter, and please find enclosed a copy of the letter that I have sent to Christchurch Council. Please note that as a Honorary job, I do all the typing in the evening, so although the letter is dated the 22nd, its typed out on the 21st.

I hope that it is of help to you. The Insurance thing always helps as well. Remember that with regular use, a club starts to police it, you know keeping an eye on trouble makers, saving kids from drowning, stopping the lunatics in the hobby from chasing ducks etc.

If I can be of any more help then let me know.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Gregory Metcalf'.

Gregory Metcalf
Honorary General Secretary.

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29th January 1986.

Dear Miss Young,

Thank you for your letter of the 16th inst., and in the meantime you have received a letter from the M.P.B.A. I must apologise that the letter states that the council intends building a model boat pond. I am of course fully aware that the lake is intended primarily for flood alleviation, and it was only a suggestion on my part, that it might be used for model boating, an amenity sadly lacking in the area.

The Salent R/C Model Yacht Club with a membership of 60 consists of two sections one for yachts and the other for scale models of all descriptions. The members are also members of either the M.Y.A. or the M.P.B.A. which are national bodies controlling activities in Great Britain. This membership gives us insurance cover with Third Party Liability and Personal Accident cover.

There are only 12 radio frequencies available for model boats so that we can only have 12 members operating on the pond at any one time. We therefore have scale on Sunday mornings and Thursdays; with sail section sailing Sunday afternoons Tuesdays and Fridays.

The objects of the club are as follows:- (extracts from rule book)

- (a) to encourage the design, building and racing of the international R/M and 36R class of model yachts.
- (b) to research, design, build and operate scale model boats of all kinds propelled by any means excluding the use of any internal combustion engine; and all models must be inaudible at a distance of 75 paces from the waters edge.

Our scale section consisting of a third of the membership, have a large selection of models e.g. Frigates, Destroyers, M.T.B., Fishing vessels, Tugs, Liners and Cargo vessels etc.,

Competitions are held throughout the year for numerous trophies which we hold. The sailing section for racing, and the scale section for steering and tug towing competitions.

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The scale section has also put on displays for charities such as the T.N.L.I. etc.,

The club at present uses Setley Pond in the New Forest, but this is a considerable distance to travel, and restricts our club to older members with transport prohibits youngsters who would like to take part.

The only purpose built model boating lakes are at Poole Park and Queens Park both being a long way for youngsters. These two lakes are without islands thus they are not inhabited by ducks which tend to make the lake dirty with twigs, weeds, feathers all of which can foul model boats. It would therefore be advantageous if the Nea Common lake could be constructed with the trees and shrubs left on the bank and the water area clear of obstruction, it would also be easier to keep clean. There are already numerous duck ponds in the area and if you would favour our suggestion, we feel a model boat lake would be a valuable amenity for Christchurch.

Yours sincerely,

(V.S. WARD)

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SMY/MP/29/15

Miss S Young

Mr V S Ward
The Solent Radio Control Model Yacht Club
7 Denham Drive
Christchurch
BH23 5AT

8 September 1986

Dear Mr Ward

Nea Meadows Lake

Further to your letter of 29 January 1986 and subsequent conversations concerning your request to use the above lake for radio controlled model yachts, I now confirm that the matter has been considered by the Amenities Committee.

Members resolved that they were happy for the lake to be used for this purpose, provided that wildlife was not to be restricted in any way.

The Amenities Committee will have a tour of the amenities of the Borough in due course and Members have expressed a wish to see a demonstration of your radio controlled yachts when they visit Nea Meadows. I will notify you in due course of the proposed date of the visit.

Yours sincerely

for Chief Executive and Town Clerk