

It is with pleasure that we send you a Newsletter giving details of the progress of the Club. We deplore the fact that it is so long since the last one and it is hoped to get one out each Quarter, as laid down in the Rules.

For those not always able to visit our Meetings, we are pleased to report that the Club flourishes. The Membership is up and recent Sunday meetings have been fairly well attended in spite of some of the dreadful weather we have experienced.

So far this year, we held the 'Frostbite' Event on Jan. 12th. Weather wasn't too bad and it was won by Martin Holton sailing his 'Whirlwind'.

On April 13th we entertained the Ryde Club. They matched our six Boats and a really good day was enjoyed by all, especially the fact that we won by 185 points to 213. Congratulations to all who sailed. Our top scorer was David Watson sailing 'Rob Roy'.

The 'Shaw Trophy' was sailed for on 11th May. Fifteen Boats took part; the biggest turnout for a long while. After sailing a full schedule the result was a dead heat for Jack Fry sailing 'Nerri Nuf' and Martin Houlton sailing 'Whirlwind', both having won four races and come second in four more races. It was decided to sail a three lap sail off. After a good start, unfortunately 'Whirlwind' suffered a radio malfunction, leaving Jack Fry to sail his three laps and win the Trophy. Alan Ford's 'Merlin' was third and Walter Newton's 'Claymore' was fourth.

The '36' class continues to 'breed' and we now have nearly thirty of them in the Club. The first Sunday afternoons in the month, reserved for them, has been a success, although with so many now sailing we hope for better turnouts. The weather so far hasn't helped. The weather has shown the necessity of having more than one suit of Sails. A working Suit and a high aspect Rig and, most essential, a storm Rig.

Eric Shaw is now our official Measurer and it is hoped that Members will have their Boats measured. Often by appointment this can be done at the Pond side.

The Club now has a stock of very good quality Rigging Line, available from Eric Shaw at the reasonable cost of 10 yards for 50p.

We now have a rescue line for Boats in trouble. This is on a Fishing Spool and is stored in the Public Address Amplifier Box.

The A.G.M. held on 4th April resulted in quite a change in Committee. Bob Jeffries is now President/Commodore, Norman Woodwell is General Secretary, Rex Hancocks is Membership Secretary, Walter Newton is Treasurer and Eric Shaw is Measurer. Members of the Committee include Alan Ford, Bob Mathew; Scale Captain is Vic Ward. For telephone numbers see the list of Members.

At the A.G.M. recently a reduction in Fees was agreed; these are as follows:-

SOLENT R/C. M.Y.C. - SCALE OF FEES - 1986/7

	<u>CLUB FEE</u>	<u>M.Y.A. AFFILIATION</u>	<u>M.P.B.A. AFFILIATION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Sail Only Member</u>	£4.00	£2.00	-	£6.00
- Ditto Junior -	£2.00	£2.00	-	£4.00
- Ditto O.A.P. -	£4.00	£2.00	-	£6.00

<u>Joint Sail & Scale Member</u>	£4.00	£2.00	-	£6.00
- Ditto Junior -	£2.00	£2.00	-	£4.00
- Ditto O.A.P. -	£4.00	£2.00	-	£6.00

<u>Scale Only Member</u>	£4.00	-	£5.00	£9.00
- Ditto Junior -	£2.00	-	£2.50	£4.50
- Ditto O.A.P. -	£4.00	-	£2.50	£6.50

NEW MEMBERS - JOINING FEE

ALL NEW MEMBERS, whether Sail or Scale, Senior or Junior, pay an additional Fee of £2.00 to cover the issue of paperwork.

Members are reminded that subs. are now due. After the end of May membership will be considered lapsed.

Cheques should be made payable to Solent R/C. M.Y.C. and posted without delay to the Hon. Treasurer Walter Newton, or paid at the Pondsides.

