

SOLENT R/C M.Y.C.

Newsletter.....Winter 1986/87.

This issue marks the end of another, most successful, year for the Club, and sees it step, boldly, into the Tenth year of its existence. Of the small group that decided to resume sailing at Setley after the departure of the New Forest Club in search of waters new, five remain in this Club that they formed, still active, still deeply involved and concerned with its affairs. As they read this, each will have his own private memories - mostly very pleasant and happy ones - of these past years, and can read on, with quiet pride, as the Club steps into this new year as, probably, the second largest Club in the country...something un-dreamed of in those now distant days...while retaining a character almost certainly unique. Long may its strength develop, and long may that character remain! Good sailing to you all in 1987!

The most recent Committee Meeting was held late in January, which covered a wide range of topics, and extracts and comments of the various members of that Committee are given below, while some of the outcome, in the form of the Sailing Programme for 1987, and an up-dated List of Members, is appended.

The Club President, and Commodore, feels 1986 was the Club's best year yet: Total Membership has risen, numbers sailing, both at week-ends (very encouraging) and mid-week, have increased, number of new members has increased (with, encouragingly, average age of these recruits dropping markedly!), and finances are up; he apologises if that sounds rather like a Party Political Broadcast, but excuses himself in his considerable pleasure at this state of affairs, and commends the Committee for their work and co-operation over the year. He is particularly desirous that as many members as possible will attend the A.G.M., formal notice of which is given below, and that all of you exercise your democratic right, and nominate the members YOU feel are best fitted to run the Club through the ensuing year. This is NOT a voting form, purely Nomination, and the Committee will ensure the approval of the Nominee before the A.G.M. He concludes by wishing the Club and all its members, a happy and successful year in '87.

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The Ninth A.G.M. of the Solent R/C M.Y.C. will be held on Friday, ...3rd.APRIL..... starting at 7.30 p.m. at The Watersplash Hotel, Brockenhurst.

(signed) N. Woodwell.  
Hon. Sec.

Nominations for Committee, 1987.

- Commodore .....
- Hon. General Sec. ....
- Hon. Membership Sec. ....
- Hon. Treasurer. ....
- Measurer .....
- Committee Member .....
- Committee Member .....
- Scale Captain. ....

PLEASE use this form, returning it, even if with only one nomination, to Hon. Sec. by Saturday, 14th March.

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36R Owners. Definite entries for M & S District Champ. to Eric Shaw by 31st March, latest. Preference will be given to outside Clubs, and total entry will possibly be limited to 24.

The Secretary circulates herewith the Sailing Programme for 1987, and stresses the following points:

In March and October, Starting time for Sunday sailing will be 1.30 p.m. - NOT 2.30 p.m. in view of failing light and wind at these times.

The April Meeting with Ryde will be at Ryde this year, at Ryde's request. (Incidentally, his numerous friends at Setley will be delighted to hear that John Buttigeig has been elected Commodore of the Ryde Club, and will wish him a happy and successful term of Office...Well done, John, and well deserved).

It was decided NOT to try to hold a joint Sail and Scale Regatta this year; the idea remains a good one, but needs rather more co-operation than it has received these last two years.

Probably as a result of the "America's Cup" contest, a Match-racing Series was suggested (for which a Trophy is known to be available), and members' comments are invited, now, or in A.O.B. time at the A.G.M.

Similarly, some more official racing in mid-week was suggested, and it was felt this might be done after lunch at either a Tuesday or Friday session, so, again, opinions are invited. Don't forget..if you want 'official' racing, you will NEED officials, and the good offices of our Sunday Scorers are NOT available...so, its a D.I.Y. job, chaps! Don't trample the poor Sec. to death with offers.

Similarly, it is our job to organise and run the annual 3-Club meeting with Gosport and Guildford this year - which is being held somewhat earlier than usual -and we may need assistance for this, too.

A small sub-committee, comprising Alan Ford, Walter Newton and Eric Shaw, has been set up to organise the Met & Southern 36 District Championship; early indications, both from the Club and from other Clubs, are promising, and we must hope for good weather. All current Measurement. Certificates are valid for this event, but the early ones will be due for renewal in May.

Of, perhaps, general interest, an application for International recognition for their 1-metre Class by the American M.Y.A. was turned down at a recent IMYRU meeting, as it was felt their rule was too open for 'Hi-tech' exploitation. At the same time, the Poole Club was adopting the Jack Fry/Bob Underwood 1-metre as a One-design Class, mainly for beginners, on a very strict no 'hi-tech' basis. so much so that it is to be known as the "Square One" Class. Members might like to consider this, perhaps in conjunction with the suggested Match Racing series. Martin Houlton has all the details and will doubtless be only too willing to talk about them! The boat fits the parameters of the American Class in any case, so if the Americans come back with a modified rule, these boats would be in class from the start.

The Membership Secretary reports current membership as 58 Sailing and 17 Scale, and circulates herewith an up-dated Membership list.

The MacTreasurer, keeping cards close to chest, as usual, says things are satisfactory, doesn't foresee any increase in Subs for next year, and promises a 'to the pawbee' Statement for the A.G.M. It is thought he likes to keep the Committee somewhat in the dark to discourage any idea of spending! Finances, in consequence, are probably passing from 'mickle' into 'muckle' territory!

The Measurer says he has measured one 'M' and about half-a-dozen 36's since the last report. Several new 'M's' are expected for the coming season, with Alan Ford's home-built French design probably the most interesting; if she goes as well as she looks, the rest had better watch out! For those lesser mortals without the woodworking skills of Alan, or Bob Hoare, and have to buy kits, the "Fugitive" of Fred Woodward, and the much modified "Gypsy" of Robin Wheeler-Osman should be of interest, too. Could be an interesting, and should be a bigger, fleet. Several new 36's around, finished or still building, to existing designs or minor developments thereof, but few new owners. Maybe the M & S event will entice a few more? Of interest to model men, (and also to followers of 'Howard's Way !') "Barracuda of Tarrant" is on the hard standing at Lyminster Yachthaven; she has a 36's fin and bulb, multiplied several times of course, but very much what we understand as the model form (tho' full size men will say, probably rightly, that we pinched it from the full-size raters at the turn of the century!).

The Scale Captain has nothing to say at this point: he was contacting his own members directly, mainly about their insurance cover, where an extension of the Sailing Section's cover offers them some advantage. It is a pity we don't hear more of their doings.

To all members, whatever their craft, whatever their interest, all good wishes for the Season ahead.