

SCALE SECTION. JULY 93.

First of all welcome to new members Steven Beith and Richard Graham who have recently joined the scale section and I hope they enjoy their association with the club. I am sorry to report that Vic Ward has resigned having decided that model boating is no longer for him. On behalf of the club I would like to thank him for his good humour, and all the work he did during his spell as Scale Captain.

Our Exhibition at Highcliffe in March in conjunction with the R.N.L.I. was successful and we had better weather this year. The number of boats on display was down to 35 but all of a very high standard and I quote from the letter of thanks from David Howell, Chairman of the Highcliffe branch- "The amount raised for the R.N.L.I. was £416.68 which was a splendid effort and only slightly lower than last year in spite of recession, so would you please pass on my sincere thanks on behalf of myself and the R.N.L.I to your members for their efforts, it really is appreciated".

For those that didn't attend the AGM, i.e. almost everybody, you will be pleased to know that the scale section's finances were in good order and we were able to keep the Subs at £5 for another year.

The Modelex 93 Exhibition at Thornford school, Eastleigh, was generally thought to be not as good this year though our stand was better than ever with 15 very high standard models. These included several new ones:- Tony Leighton's highly detailed armed Liberty Ship, the Robert E Peary as built for the battle of the Atlantic, David Reith's partially built assault ship Intrepid, Tony Raymond's Hudson Sound, Charles Somerville's Poole fishing boat Boxer which will be appearing shortly in Radio Control Model Boat magazine and my Marine Survey ship Hecla. The timing of this show has been changed to September next year.

Activity at the pond was generally low up to the end of May due mainly to the very poor weather. There were several 'launches' of new boats however despite the elements, in addition to the above, Jimmy Sommerville's Paddle boat 'Glasgow' and Ken Greenwood's harbour patrol boat.

Thursday 24th saw some excitement at the pond with the arrival of a superb model of the old Ark Royal and the Editor of Marine Modelling, Chris Jackson who was to do a feature on it. Unfortunately it had become somewhat damaged in transit so while repairs were in progress Chris took a lot of photo's of club boats and will probably do a feature on the club as well so keep your eye on Marine Modelling. The carrier, built by Archie Howie, was eventually launched and featured 9 R/C Channels operating many features including sound effects of bands playing, dive bombers, battle etc.

Sunday 4th July was a perfect day at Poole Park as guests of Poole club during their annual visit by the Vintage Model Yacht Society. The calm conditions in the morning and light breeze during the afternoon was perfect for both scale and sail and there were many fine boats on the water including 2 square rigged ships with full R/C, and Howbrew Lager as seen in Westbourne Models, and many more yachts of all kinds and ages. We had a good selection of scale models both on display and on the water and David Reith's Type 22 Destroyer HMS Cornwall was awarded a certificate and medallion as best scale model.

I am pleased to advise that the Vintage Model Yacht Society are visiting Setley on August 8th which will be an open day for all members of the club so we look forward to another good day then.

Other forthcoming events are Sunday 11th 12th July when we have been invited by Eastleigh Club to their event at Marwell Zoo. This is mainly a social get together of Southern Clubs and a free day out at the Zoo.

It has also been suggested that we have an informal B.Y.O. barbecue and boating evening up at the pond one Saturday evening, anyone interested please let me know as I will organise it by phone at fairly short notice to be sure of the weather.

The sailing program for Sundays is now completed until November so Sunday Afternoons are now open for both Scale and Sail informal boating. Sunday mornings will continue to be Scale Only.

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