

SCALE SECTION FEB 97

Please find enclosed our programme for 97 and you will see I have included the usual events including two evening steering competitions following the success of last years events. If the weather is bad in June we will have another chance in August.

As you were aware we were reviewing the Public Liability Insurance Cover (as required by New Forest District Council), with particular regard to the Steam Models and getting organised with a program of testing and certification etc. As we progressed it became obvious that the cover that had been provided for the scale side by the M.Y.A. was inadequate and anyway the M.Y.A. were changing their arrangements which meant no cover at all for scale.

After reviewing what other clubs did and what was available on the market we have arranged a special Policy with General Accident through Wheeler Wadsworth Brokers who arranged a similar Policy for Eastleigh Club. It covers all our events including the exhibitions and occasional visits to other waters. The steam models will need to be tested and certificated.

As the minimum cover is for up to 100 members the Policy will cover the whole Club as Ian Copey has stated in his letter to the Sailing members. These changes will benefit the whole club and result in a very modest £1 increase in Subs for the scale side to £6. Still good value by any standard.

Well what a foul winter its been! Is anyone still there? Lets hope everyone will emerge from hibernation the first fine Sunday with lots of new boats that they have been secretly building all winter!

We are looking forward to our show at Highcliffe which is arranged for Saturday 29th March at the Methodist Church Hall. As previous years it is being held in conjunction with the Highcliffe branch of the R.N.L.I. who will be having stalls and providing refreshments.

We helped to raise £500 for the Lifeboat last year as well as having a good day out and showing off our models so lets have an even better show this year. Poole scale sail section are also bringing some boats so we should have a record number of boats on display and I have organised more table space this year so please do turn up.

If you have anything to sell bring it along, we will have a sale table as usual.

Please bring your models between 9-15 and 10am and after unloading please move your car to allow others space to unload. There is parking in the roads opposite and in Lymington Rd. and Wortley Rd. (Limited after 10am) and in the P & D Car Park at the rear of Gateway.

For those who don't wish to stay your boats will be safe as there are plenty of us who will be there all day.

Well that's it, looking forward to seeing you all at the pond and definitely at Highcliffe on March 29th.

David Boothroyd.