

April 2013 - Spring Newsletter

Scale Captain's Chat

Hi Everybody...

Welcome to the pre-AGM newsletter.

As you will be aware the lake is still very full of water and so is the car park, but I am sure it will all start to drain away soon. Being able to launch your boat from the top car park has been quite a novelty! (Amazing that it was only a year ago that we were facing massive water shortages and a hose pipe ban !!!!!)

I am sorry to say that we have had more than our share of wet weather, high winds and bitterly cold days on Sundays and Thursdays so there is little on-the-water club activity to report from the lake. Thank goodness we have the Club Website to keep us up to date with news and activities thanks to Peter Taylor's hard work and dedication.

We had a very successful Highcliffe Show on Saturday 16th March with 50+ boats on display and a good amount raised too for the RNLI. Thanks to all who exhibited, supported, and helped on the day.

Following on from my comments in the last newsletter I am sorry to say that I have had no reply from The Masonic Hall to my request to book a show date for next year so can only assume that we are not wanted at the venue. On the up side however, the Committee is looking into finding an alternate hall and we hope to do so for 2014 but it looks like we will unfortunately have to give this year a miss.

We will however be fully exhibiting at the Lymington Lifeboat open day in August and have been asked if we will put a display on the water on the day too. We have also been approached by "Lymington Sailability" with regard to putting on a display at their summer fete which will be discussed at the AGM.

Well I think that is all my news for now. Enjoy the newsletter. I look forward to seeing many of you at the lake over the Summer and also at the AGM on the 17th April .

Happy Sailing, David



An Apology: The height of the Scale Captain was exaggerated in the last issue. Here is the actual photo with the present water level indicated!

Date for Your Diary

Wednesday 17th April: **AGM:** Cricket Pavilion, Vaggs Lane, Hordle, 7.30pm

Sunday 21st April: **Richard Graham Trophy** Steering Competition, Setley Pond, 9.30am to 12 noon

Sunday 23rd June: **Navy Day,** Setley Pond, 9.00am to 12 noon

Sunday 21st July: **Solent Cup** Steering Competition, Setley Pond, 9.30am to 12 noon

Sunday 11th August: **Lymington Lifeboat Day:** Club Exhibition, 11am to 4pm (set up from 9am)

Saturday 14th December: **Xmas Lunch:** South Lawns Hotel, Milford-on-Sea; 12.30 for 1pm

Editorial: ...of Exhibitions and Web Sites

It was pleasing to see the Methodist Hall so very busy during this year's Highcliffe Show with over £700 raised for the RNLI. An innovation was a display featuring the Sailing Section of the Club. Graham Coombs had an International One Metre racing yacht on show and there were videos showing yacht racing action on Setley Pond. It is also thanks to Graham we now have a Club handout which includes both Scale and Sailing Sections of the Club. As someone who sails model yachts, although not competitively, I think it is good to see more interaction between the Scale and Sailing Sections. The Club Web Site features both activities although I must admit I don't manage to represent the Sailing Section as much as I would like.



The Editor's own IOM yacht sailing during days of warmth and drought... remember them?!

Talking of Web Sites, some of you may have noticed that our Club site has a "new look". At present the changes are purely aesthetic in an attempt to emulate the professional appearance of many web sites nowadays. I started the present Club Web Site in summer 2008 and I must admit it has grown bigger than I originally envisaged! As far as we can judge, there are in the region of 150 visits each day where people (from around the world) actually spend some time looking at different pages on the site. Members' adverts attract attention from people around the country and models can sell quickly provided they are attractively priced.

The year 2008 is a long time ago with regard to web development - it's actually two years before the first iPad! In those ancient days if you wanted a web site to work well you had to write your own. Nowadays there are tools which will allow anyone accustomed to using email, FaceBook, or Twitter to produce very professional looking web pages. I'm planning to enlist one of those tools ("WordPress") to manage the main parts of the web site. This should ensure that the site can be maintained into the future. It will open up the possibility for Club members to contribute directly to web site pages rather than submitting information through me. For example, Club members could post their own adverts. The extent of what is allowed will be for the Club Committee to decide.

One question which is sometimes asked is whether we should have a web site forum. I have not set one up in the past because I believe the Club is too small with too few members who would participate. It seems better that we encourage engagement with the wider community through, for example, the ModelBoatMayhem forum. That is still my view but I, and the Club Committee, are willing to listen to other views!

Here's hoping for warmer and drier weather...

Peter Taylor, your Editor.

Feature article: Building "Spirit" (part 2) by Nigel James

At the end of Part 1 (previous newsletter) Nigel had fitted out and decked the Bob Underwood "Tinkagen" hull. Part 2 sees the completion the launch of "Spirit"...

...Next came the cabin construction. Cabin sides were laminated from two layers of 1.5mm ply and a teak veneer. To ensure a good fit the sides were clamped against the upstands using small spacers and the corners and bulkhead glued in place. When the glue had cured the basic frame for cockpit and cabin was completed off the boat.

The cockpit section was completed using a mixture of solid teak and teak veneered plywood. I found that veneering could be carried out on small sections easily using thin superglue which saved a lot of time. The main cabin roof was fitted and held in place using masking tape. When the position was correct, thin superglue



was applied on the inside. This method works well if the components are a tight fit. If not, use a thicker superglue!



This seemed like a good time to get the boat on the water and check if extra ballast would be required. Allowing for the weight of rig and sails, 450grammes of additional ballast were needed to achieve the right waterline. Now it was back to varnishing and building the rig.



Most of my previous yachts have had either aluminium or carbon fibre masts and booms for which there are standard fittings available. This time I had to make most of the fittings myself. Brass eyebolts and turnbuckles have been used for shrouds and bowsprit restraints which look neat and tidy. For the gooseneck I used a couple of eyebolts and an earth pin from a 13amp plug which seemed to work ok. The kicking strap was made as a four part purchase using wooden blocks and nylon line. Time will tell if it is robust enough! The majority of other fixings to the timber spars were made using brass wire “U” staples glued in place with superglue.



Finally, with the spars complete, brown paper templates were made for the sails to make sure the boom levels and angles were correct. The sails were then cut out from lightweight Dacron material, luff tapes and corner patches stuck on before being sent away to be sewn. Eyelets were then added before the sails could be bent onto the spars.

I modified the suggested sail plan slightly in a couple of places. I chose to use a jib with self tacking boom in place of a high cut loose footed jib which would either be difficult to tack or only set correctly on one point of sailing. I also reduced the topsail area. The total sail area even with the smaller topsail is about 0.85sqm. This is about the same as the Robbe Atlantis which has 2 or 3kg greater displacement.

After a wait of a couple of weeks for the sail stitching to be done

and another delay due to bad weather it was finally time to go sailing. The first outing was in very light conditions so it was difficult to test anything. Spirit did actually sail rather than drift so I was happy with that!

A few days later a moderate north wind produced quite good sailing conditions at Setley. The wind strength was too much for full sail so I started testing without the topsail. This proved rather lively although the boat sailed well without any obvious vices. I then removed the jib which, surprisingly, did not seem to seriously affect the balance. Finally I removed the mizzen and, again, she behaved very well.

So, a successful first round of testing. It will take a lot more sailing to get to know the boat well but so far, so good. Nothing broke during testing and the rig setup is very easy. I did have to move a small cleat on the deck when the staysail sheet caught round it but otherwise nothing fouled up! I have equipped the helmsman with a lifeline in case he gets garrotted by the mainsheet but it has not been needed – yet!



At the risk of upsetting the sailing purists I have fitted an auxillary motor and speed controller for those days when the wind dies. It is also useful if the boat runs aground when you are not looking what you are doing! See you at Setley

Nigel James

Facts and figures:

Design – Tinkagen
Hull moulding – Bob Underwood
LOA – 1300mm
(1560mm including bowsprit)
Beam – 325mm
Draft – 230mm
Displacement – 15.5kg
Sail area – 0.85sqm

Radio – Planet T5 2.4GHz
Sail Winch servo – Hitec HS-785HB
(with Model Radio Workshop End Point
Adjuster)
Rudder servo – Supertec S03T/2BB/MG
Battery – 6volt 3300mAh NiMH
Motor – MFA 540
ESC – Mtronics Marine 15

SRCMBC 2012 Annual General Meeting - Minutes

The 2012 AGM was held at 7.30pm on 18th April at the Pavilion in Vaggs Lane, Hordle. Twenty four people attended (not a bad turnout). Apologies were received from Archie Howie, John Cooper, Alan Bond, Don Scott, Peter Perry, Colin Vear, Peter Oram, John Tyberg.

The minutes of the last AGM were read and approved, there were no matters arising.

Proposed: Alan Furness

Seconded: Arthur Shannon.

Captains Report

The Captain welcomed members to the meeting and reported that 2011 had been another good year for the club with a steady membership of around 155, we have members leave and new ones join to keep numbers steady.

March 12th - Highcliffe Show - entry was closed to keep boats to around 60/66, due to us having only one room, apologies to anyone who could not exhibit. Good day, we raised £613 and this was our 20th Highcliffe Show, over the years we have raised over £10,000 for RNLI, thank you to everyone who helped on the day. We would still like to retain this show as our start of season event, to get members into boating again after the winter and also to pay subs, (this will be voted on later in proceedings).

May 8th - Vintage Yacht Group - the group returned to the pond but few members due to poor weather, they will be visiting again in May date to be confirmed.

July 17th - Steering Competition - rearranged from 12th June due to John Frost's hospitalisation. The *Richard Graham Trophy* was won by Andy Griggs, good turnout and was a challenge as same boat was used by all, thank you to John Frost and Andy Davis.

July 24th - Navy Day - was very well attended, though attendees started to disappear at 1pm, so we have decided to run this years event AM only and see how it goes. We introduced some team sailing and OOW (Officer Of the Watch) manoeuvres which hopefully will be expanded this year, thank you to everyone who helped.

August 12th - Lyminster Lifeboat day - Excellent show well attended and publicised, this year was run in conjunction with the Bath Race. We had over 30 boats on show and Thanks to all who attended, the RNLI raised over £1,000. This year the club will be able to help out with car parking fees, as everyone has to pay due to the car park being council run, we did write to the local council who informed us we could not have it for free. Even the Lifeboat men have to pay or get a ticket. (members will vote on keeping show late in proceedings)

August 13th - Steering Competition - Solent Cup - was a good day with an excellent course, this was won by the Captain. Thanks go to John Frost and Andy Davis, John will be stepping down from the steering competitions.

September 3rd - Lyminster Exhibition - we had over 120 boats on show and filled the hall with SRCMBC members only. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped on the Friday night with setting up and on the Saturday. We raised over £700 for our charities RNLI and Help for Heroes, we had sponsorship from Wightlink which were two tickets for four people and a car to the Island, these were obtained by Paul Nixon who was very persistent with them and it paid off, thank you to Paul. (members will vote on this later in proceedings)

December 17th - Christmas Lunch at South Lawns Hotel - This was well attended again with 57 members turning up, the raffle raised £153 for the Air Ambulance. Thanks go to Lorna and Andrew for organising (members will be voting on this later in proceeding).

Our Website and Calendars go from strength to strength with the sailing section now becoming more involved as well which is due to help from Graham Coombs. We are still getting hits from all over the world, and the Captain also having phone calls concerning various items on the site. Thanks goes to Peter Taylor for all his hard work.

The sad part of my report is I have to record the sad loss of several members during the year: Peter Soffe committee member, Erik Kirk, Phillip Davis, Louis Vaisey and John Sherwood. All of them

were stalwart members who will be sadly missed, our condolences go to their families in their sad loss.

Overall an excellent year and my thanks go to all the committee members for their support and help and especially to our treasurer Lorna, also to Peter Taylor our publicity officer and webmaster.

Other points: Name badges to be worn by all members at the lake.

Please don't stand in front of members sailing their boat, they may not be able to move to see around you.

Visitors to the lake new or brought by members should pay £1.50 day membership to sail.

If anyone has changed their email or home address please advise Lorna.

Also if anyone would like to order club clothing please advise Lorna.

At the lake please would members accommodate disabled members by helping them with their boats and also allowing them to park at the lakeside.

Proposed: Paul Nixon Seconded Don Brazier

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer gave the Financial Report (see end of minutes) showing items of Income received, then detailed down the Expenditure. Members were informed that usually this year's membership fees were detailed on balance sheet which gives an inflated figure, therefore have been excluded this year.

The subscriptions are now due and out of 155 members, 84 have rejoined.

Concerning the increase in membership fees it was explained to members that I had calculated over past years how much was left in account at the end of year, and found the sum to be decreasing every year. This was due to increased bills and also with putting on shows there were items that needed buying, these were one off items, we also this year bought a club boat for non members to use and also to be used at Steering Competitions, together with a Metal Detector for use to find missing boat bits.

I therefore put the increase suggestion to the committee who agreed, we then put it to the vote for members shown later in proceedings.

With the increase we will be able to help members with parking fees at Lymington Lifeboat day etc.

Proposed: Alan Furness Seconded: Don Hoe

Election of Officers

The Captain, Andy Davis, Peter Oram, Ken Dyer Arthur Shannon, Lorna Soffe were re-elected. No nominees were put forward. The committee were re-elected to run the club as per the rules and constitution.

Proposed: Paul Nixon Seconded: Peter Taylor

Verification of 2012/13 Subscriptions

When the committee were considering raising the subscriptions, we put it to a vote with the members first, 74 replied - 64 yes - 3 for staged increase - 2 no. The vote was then put to members who attended the AGM and 23 yes - 1 no. The increase was therefore carried forward.

Proposed: Graham Coombs Seconded: Don Brazier

Events Calendar

The 2012 event calendar was discussed with members, as this year it was decided to ask members if they still wanted the following:-

Highcliffe Show - Lymington Lifeboat Day - Lymington Show - Christmas Lunch

Everyone at meeting voted to keep all of above. It was felt that the object of the club was to encourage members to build and sail boats and to encourage the public to take up the hobby, our shows do this and we have new members join because of them.

Web Master's Report

Peter Taylor informed us that he reviewed our charges for the website due to increases, when checking he found that he could change our subscription which has resulted in the first six months being free and there after the same as the fees we are paying now.

Also Peter says to all members please send him articles to be included in the newsletters, make use of it for your comments and telling people of your expertise.

Diary of events are on the website for both scale and sailing.

Arrangements for Club Exhibition in Lymington on 1st September

Nearer the time the committee will need help with posters and getting sponsorship (if we are able) last year we wrote about 20 letters to local businesses all connected with Boating but not one came back to us. The only reason we got the Wightlink tickets was through the persistence of Paul Nixon.

Setting up for the Exhibition will again be on the Friday night, there is no way we are able to do all that is necessary on the day. Information will be sent out to members nearer the time.

The committee informed members that the price of the Hall will be increasing this year as we are not entitled to a discount due to us not being a charity, it may go up to £225 or £250 this increase was taken into account when the fees were increased but this was not acceptable to one of our members who felt the club should not have to pay the increase. This comment was not acceptable to other members who protested against it and Barry and Shelley Thomas and Peter Taylor then offered to come up with increase in order to address the lone members concerns.

These offers will be considered by the committee.

Any other business

Guidelines for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults, we have had to put together a guideline for all members when dealing with Children and Adults when down at the lake, these are to be amended due to discussions with members. These will then be sent out to all members to abide by. Also David is setting up a Risk Assessment at the lake, which will mean checking it with our Insurance Company to make sure everything is being abided by just in case of a claim, this will again be sent to members when done. When we are at the lake we are responsible for non-members, the public fauna and flora, which is why non-members using the lake are asked to pay £1.50 to cover insurance.

Roger Yeatman asked why we need a committee to run the club. He was informed by the committee that by our rules and constitution we are required to have the following:-

Scale Captain -Hon. Treasurer - Steam Engineer - and one other Senior Member.

Then the committee have the power to co-opt additional members to the committee if it is in the club's interest to do so.

He asked if all the committee are consulted concerning all actions or discussions re the club, he thought the decisions were made by only one person, the reply from all the committee, nothing is done without the whole committee being involved.

These comments about the committee were not greeted well by other members in the Hall, he was told to go on the committee (which was declined) or to shut up.

Roger Yeatman then asked why we always contribute to RNLI they were a big organisation which waste money and are not worthy for our money to go to, one other member also did not like the RNLI, also was it David's sole decision for the money to go there.

Committee's reply Highcliffe show and Lymington Lifeboat show: we are invited to bring the boat's. Our Lymington show: if we did not include RNLI no-one in Lymington would even consider putting up our posters, therefore advertising the show would prove difficult, also where we live is sea orientated therefore people give to RNLI just in case they have to use them or they know someone who might. We don't just give to them, our numerous other charities are listed on the website.

Members were asked for other charities which the committee could consider.

Julia's House - Air Ambulance (we gave money from Xmas raffle) - Dogs Trust - Guide Dogs for the Blind (have already given raffle money to)- Monkey World

Roger Yeatman asked what the £91.00 from the balance sheet which related to Warden and Pond Hire was for. We paid £85.00 which is half of the pond hire, with the Sailing section paying the other half and £6.00 which again is half for a bottle for the warden, yes they do come around to check on us and to check everything is going smoothly and at any time we have a problem it is always the warden we contact first, ie road, etc.

It was pointed out that since Peter Oram is not down at the lake, and he usually collected the money, members were unsure who obtained non-members fees, they were informed that it is down to the committee to collect these fees, but we cannot force people to pay it, we can only try.

The committee were asked how often they had meetings. Members were informed that meetings were informal and conducted when we felt items needed discussing, otherwise emails, phone calls, meetings at the lake, this has worked for the present committee.

Another point was put across about having a meeting monthly or every other month, to discuss any points or have a general chat, and maybe have a speaker, members would pay a small fee to cover hall, with refreshments being offered. Committee will put this to all members in next newsletter to assess feeling in the club, and will report back on outcome.

No other business was discussed and the meeting was closed at 8.50pm

Notice of AGM

SOLENT R.C.M.B.C.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL 2013

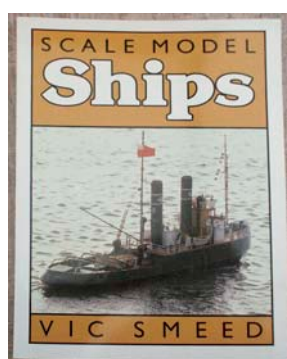
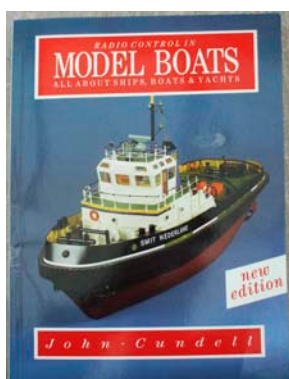
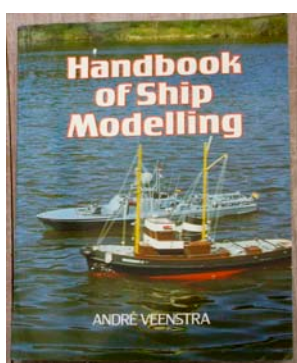
At: The Cricket Pavillion .Vaggs Lane, Hordle, Nr Lymington SO41 0FP

TIME: 7.30 PM(Tea and coffee will be available)

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Matters Arising: (consideration of club meetings/Social events At The Filly Inn)
3. Captains Report
4. Treasurers Report
5. Election of Officers and Committee for 2013/14: (Two Committee vacancies to fill)
6. Clarification of 2013/14 Subscriptions (raised by Roger Yeatman)
7. 2013 Events Calendar
8. Discussion on way forward for the Annual Club Charity Exhibition following loss of Masonic Hall facility.
9. Proposal for "on water" display at the Lymington Lifeboat Day
10. Request for a display from "Lymington Sailabilty" for their Annual Fete.
11. Future of club membership of SWAMBC and Insurance cost implications.
12. AOB

Members Adverts: Classic Modelling Books



Three classic books offered for sale in mint condition. All contain good basics for the hobby... sometimes a little dated but the principles remain the same.

Price: £2.50 each; Contact: David McNair-Taylor; Phone: 07887 967887

Club Contact Details

For Club Merchandise, and Membership Matters:

(if your address, email, or other **membership details** change):

Contact: Lorna Soffe, 1 Stoneleigh Avenue, Hordle, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 0GS.

Email: membership@srcmbc.co.uk. Phone: 01425 615305

The Newsletter and Club Web Site (www.srcmbc.org.uk):

Contact: Peter Taylor, 84 Priory Road, St Denys, Southampton, SO17 2HS.

Email: info@srcmbc.org.uk. Phone: 023 80554670 (you will get my answering machine; say who you are and I'll either answer if I'm there, or get back to you!)

Cut off date for entry in the next issue is: 30th June 2013

But don't wait till then, send it to me now, and especially give me more time if you are submitting on paper or want me to do the "art" work!

For Other Club queries etc:

The Scale Section Captain: David McNair-Taylor,

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Email: scalecaptain@srcmbc.org.uk. Phone: 07887 967887



Club Merchandise



(a) the Scale Captain wears a club **Pilot Shirt** - £10, the wine is a "serving suggestion"

(b) "Help for Heroes" **Lanyard** for your transmitter; 20mm wide with swivel clip, quick release buckle, and safety link - £2

(c) **Beanie Hat** - one size fits all - £4-50

(d) **Baseball hat** - one size fits all - £4-50

(e) **SRCMBC Flags** for your models; custom made by BECC on quality fabric. Length and price: 25mm £3.05; 38mm £3.96; 50mm £3.96 . Other sizes are available to special order (NB these flags are single sided).

(f) "Xamax" **fleece**, navy blue with club logo on left breast. Two zipped outside pockets and two inside pockets. Just right for winter at the pond (although a buoyancy aid might be better!) - £11

(g) **Sweat Shirt** in medium weight cotton/polyester (small, medium and large sizes) - £11

(h) **Polo Shirt** (this one is owned by Peter Taylor, yours will look smarter!) - £5

For all Club Merchandise please contact Lorna Soffe (contact details on previous page).

Forms

NOMINATION FOR AN OFFICER OR COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR 2013/2014
TO BE ELECTED AT THE SRCMBC AGM ON 17th APRIL 2013

I would like to nominate

for the position of

and he/she agrees to serve.

Signature of Nominee.....

Proposed

Seconded



N.B. Membership Subscriptions are due on 1st April and Subscriptions must be paid by 30th April or your membership will lapse. Existing members can make use of the form below; new members must fill in a joining Application Form.

RENEWAL OF SRCMBC SCALE SECTION SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2013/2014

(please print)

Name(s):.....

Address:

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Postcode: Phone:.....

I agree that the club can passed my **Name and Contact Telephone Number** to other SRCMBC members without further consultation

Email (please print):.....

Note: use of email is encouraged since it saves the club in costs and effort, and some information can only be circulated by email; if you give an email address you will receive the club newsletter and other notices by email.

Membership category (please tick):

Individual (£15)

Family (£25)

Couple (£20)

Junior (£8)