

## February 2014 - Winter Newsletter

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### Scale Captain's Chat

*Hi Folks...*

A belated Happy New Year to you all and welcome to a very wet and windy 2014.

I am afraid that this will be a shorter newsletter than normal due to the fact that following the appalling weather we have had since Christmas there has been little activity at the lake; there have been a few stalwart members turning up to sail on club days, mainly with scale sail as it had been too windy for the scale models. The pond is now fuller than I have ever seen it and it looks as if we are about to lose the top car park underwater too, hopefully the weather will soon start to improve and the water level will start to drop a little.

My thanks go to Lorna and Andrew Soffe for organising a superb Xmas Lunch and to all those of you who contributed raffle prizes and purchased tickets enabling us to raise £150 for our two chosen charities Cancer Research UK and SCARF a charity for special needs children in the New Forest Area. The South Lawns Hotel once again provided an excellent meal which was enjoyed by some 50+ members and their partners.

The events programme for 2014 is now completed and the new membership documentation for 2014 is at the printers.



The Scale Captain on board David Edward's latest large model of a tall ship ...

...or could he be on the real life topsail schooner "Tolkein"?

The Annual Highcliffe Exhibition will be held at Highcliffe Methodist Hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 10am until 3pm we will be setting up from 8am. We only have spaces for a maximum of 40 exhibits which have all been quickly taken. As usual you will be able to renew your membership for 2014/15 and buy club clothing on the day .

That is all for now folks , I look forward to seeing you all at the lake or the exhibition .

*Happy Sailing, David*

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## Date for Your Diary

### SOLENT RCMBBC 2014 Programme

<b>Saturday 15th March</b>	<b>RNLI Highcliffe Exhibition</b> Methodist Hall ,Lymington Rd, Highcliffe 10am til 3pm . Set up from 8am.
<b>Wednesday 16th April</b>	<b>AGM.</b> Cricket Pavillion , Vaggs Lane , Hordle. 7.30pm
<b>Sunday 6th April</b>	<b>Steering Competition</b> <b>Richard Graham Trophy</b> Setley . 9:30 - 12 noon Entries available until 11am.
<b>18th to 21st April</b>	<b>EASTER</b>
<b>Monday 5th May</b>	<b>EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 26th May</b>	<b>SPRING BANK HOLIDAY</b>

### Sunday 8th June

**NAVY DAY**  
Setley 9am to 1pm.

### Sunday 20th July

**Steering Competition, Solent Cup**  
Setley . 9.30am to 12noon.  
Entries available until 11am

### Monday 25th August

**LATE SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY**

### Saturday 30th August

**Club Annual Charity Exhibition**  
All Saints Church Hall,  
Greenbanks Close,  
Milford on Sea, SO41 0SQ  
10am til 4pm.  
Set up Friday 29th  
From 4pm-8pm

### Sunday 9th November

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

### Saturday 13th December

**Xmas Lunch**  
South Lawns Hotel, Milford on Sea

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## Editorial: ...so I got my Christmas present!

Those of you who look at the Club web site will already have seen the image of Father Christmas bringing your Editor his Christmas present (see inset right). "Seatern" is a 20 foot BayCruiser built by Swallow Boats in West Wales. Unfortunately they supplied her with too much wind and too many storms... so no, I haven't used her yet. But I have been busy finishing fitting her out - mainly installing the electrics for navigation and for my own comfort. And I've decided it's definitely easier working on a model boat that's on the kitchen table in front of you, rather than on one that you are sitting inside! Still, at last I have Seatern in a state where she can be used if this weather really does eventually take a turn for the better.

With Setley Pond in flood I could easily launch and sail her on it; presumably it's not against club rules provided I stay beyond buoy 6 after launching. Is there a maximum size for our models? ...but I suppose the Forestry Commission wouldn't like it!



So is the bad weather a sign of "climate change"? Of course you can have a violent storm, or even a series of storms, whether the climate is changing or not. But, as a retired marine meteorologist, I think that the relevant physical principles are easy to see. Most of the heat from the sun passes through the atmosphere and heats the earth's surface. As a result, the main heat source for the atmosphere is evaporation of water vapour from the ocean and it's condensation into clouds. The amount of water vapour which the atmosphere can hold increases very rapidly with only small increases in temperature. It is this very non-linear effect which allows only a small change in air temperature to result in a big change in the strength of weather systems. We see it in tropical regions where sea temperatures of 26°C or more cause hurricanes to form. Our seas aren't that warm, but with climate change we must be prepared for extreme weather more often - hold on to your hats!

Whatever the weather, now I have my new toy to play with, it's likely that I'll be at the pond less often. I'll endeavour to maintain the web site and the newsletter, but I'll be relying much more on club members to provide contributions for both. Recently, thanks to Reg Radley and John Joughin we have had photos on the web site illustrating the state of our expanded pond. A few of these are featured below to illustrate just how rapidly the pond has expanded during the past month or so.

So, happy sailing on our ocean scale pond! *Peter Taylor... your Editor.*

## Featured Article: Setley Pond becomes a Lake!



It seems a long time ago now but in the autumn the pond level was actually quite low; however the storms started in mid-December and by 12th January the main car park was beginning to submerge. Cars could still be parked away from the pond along the western part of the main car park.



Around mid January a pond visitor, Jonathan of *LPB Productions*, used a drone at Setley Pond during one of the Sailing Section's One Metre race days to create a video of *Setley Pond from the air* which you can see via our web site. Providing a bird's eye view of the pond and surrounding countryside it is well worth a look. It clearly shows that by then, most of the main car park was well under water



On 26th January, Reg Radley took the above photos which show the view from the smaller "top" car park. That row of distant posts, surrounded by water in Reg's photos, mark the edge of the main car park furthest from the pond!



Following almost continual storms, on the 15th February John Joughin took the photos above. The whole area of the main car park is completely submerged. The car in the righthand photo is parked where the spur road leads off to the top car park. That track too is flooded to deeper than wellie depth! The water in the pond is only a couple of feet below the bank height on the western side of the pond. That bank marks the ultimate limit that the pond could attain, since beyond it the land drops steeply towards the Brockenhurst to Lymington railway line.

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## Members Adverts: Magazines Wanted (Ken Adams)



**Model Boats Magazines - January, February, March, April 1981.**

These are the issues with articles on the Seaforth Clansman model (left).

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**Photos and Articles for the web site and the Newsletter are always welcome!** Send them to me and I will do any necessary formatting and art work. You don't need to know computer programming to get your work displayed on the web for the world to see!

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## Club Exhibition

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# MODEL BOAT EXHIBITION

**Methodist Hall, Lymington Road,  
HIGHCLIFFE ,BH23 5EG**

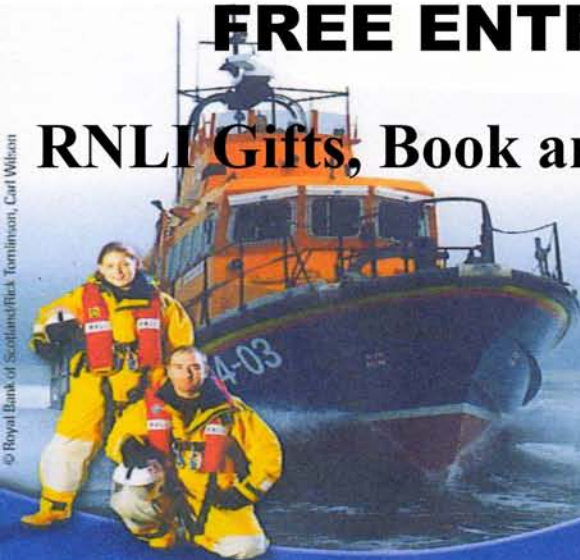
**SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**10am to 3pm**

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