

February 2015 - Winter Newsletter

Scale Captain's Chat

Hi Folks...

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2015. As usual over the winter months there has been little activity at the lake on club days, the usual intrepid winter sailors have been coming along and I note that the "Shellducks" have been breeding over the winter hibernation period.

We have now set the calendar dates for club events for 2015 the first of which is our annual exhibition in Highcliffe Methodist Hall in aid of the RNLI on Saturday 14th March, we use the main hall and have room to show approx 50 models and at the time of writing **there is still room for more** so please contact me and **let me know if you want to come**. The show runs from 10am until 3pm with set up between 8.15 and 9.45 on the day. Our Webmaster/Press Officer Peter Taylor has designed a poster for the event for you to print off and I also have some printed copies available. Could you please help with getting them displayed in your local area?



The Scale Captain reads a Fortune Cookie whilst clutching a bucket!

I look forward to a good year sailing at Setley and hope to meet as many of you as possible at the lake. It is always great to see your models and I expect that there are some new ones being built over the winter too.

That's all for now, enjoy your newsletter, *David*

Date for Your Diary in 2015

Saturday 4th March	Highcliffe Exhibition: in aid of the RNLI; Methodist Hall, Highcliffe, 10am to 3pm (set up from 8.15am)
Wednesday 15th April	AGM: Cricket Pavilion, Vaggs Lane, Hordle, 7.30pm
Sunday 10th May	Richard Graham Trophy: Steering Competition, 9.30 to 12 noon, entries available until 11am
Sunday 26th July	Navy Day: Setley Pond, 9.45am to 1 pm (setup from 0900)
Saturday 5th Sept.	Annual Charity Exhibition, All Saints' Church Hall in Milford on Sea, SO41 0SQ (set up on Friday 4th from 4pm to 8pm)
Sunday 13th Sept.	Solent Cup: Steering Competition, Setley Pond, 9.30am to 12 noon, entries available until 11am
Saturday 12th Dec.	Xmas Lunch: South Lawns Hotel, Milford-on-Sea; 12.30 for 1pm

Editorial: Time passes - Radio Gear Evolves!

I recently decided to have a real clock in my cruising boat rather than rely on a digital display. In a fit of nostalgia I chose the reproduction of a ship's radio room clock shown in the photo. When I first went to sea in the 1970's, ships like the research ship *RRS Discovery* still had a radio room manned by a Radio Officer who was employed, not by the shipping company, but by Marconi Marine. He (and it always was a he) routinely



used Morse Code, and he maintained a listening watch on 500kHz for any distress calls during the radio silence periods at quarter past and quarter to the hour, marked in red on the clock (and at 2182 kHz during the green periods). In those days to call land you had to book a “telephone patch call” through Portishead Radio.

Already in 1970 we had satellite positioning using the “Transit” system. But that was because we were a Research Ship, and it was very unusual for the time. As part of the system we had to have an atomic clock onboard which occupied one whole section of a 19” wide electronics rack. Even then, to get an “accurate” fix we often would have to wait at the same position for several hours! Out in the middle of the ocean, we might eventually know our position to a few 100m or so. During 1970 I spent some time on one of the weather ships, *OWS Cumulus*, and one of their tasks was to give position fixes to the trans-Atlantic airliners. However by that time the airliners’ “inertial navigation” systems were beginning to be more accurate than the ship’s own positioning system.

How things have changed! Satellite based systems for remote sensing, communications and positioning soon replaced both Radio Officers and the Weather Ships. Nowadays, even when out on the remote ocean, the Research Ships have ultra-fast broadband connections to the whole world. On my own little yacht, not only the electronic Chart Plotter and the Automatic Identification Beacon (“AIS”), but also my marine VHF radio, my phone and my camera, are all monitoring their position minute by minute to an accuracy of a few metres or better. And the days are long gone when, to get my short range radio transmitting licence, I would have had to learn Morse Code.



As you are all aware, the same changes have occurred in radio control. When I first joined the Club about 10 years ago, getting to the pond early meant you might get a 27MHz frequency peg for which you had a crystal. Reg always had “Yellow” I seem to remember! Nowadays the peg board hardly gets used and aerial protectors are no longer needed for modern 2.4GHz transmitters like the one I use (photo) ...on second thoughts maybe an “aerial protector” would have been a good idea!

Peter Taylor... your Editor.

The Size Of Real Ships



Continuing the theme of “real ships” as opposed to models, Peter Gargan (who used to come to the pond before his return to southern Africa) sent David this photo. It’s not David’s new aircraft carrier model (see his article in the last two newsletter issues), rather it is the real USS John F. Kennedy docking in Malta.

Compare the size of the ship to the buildings, indeed, to the whole dockside part of the town!

Amazingly, the size of the USS JFK is not unusual amongst modern

ships. A ship’s size is measured in various ways, for example: displacement, tonnage (actually a measure of volume), the number of (half-size) containers that can be carried (“TEU”), and so on. Lets compare overall length. The aircraft carrier photographed is about 320m long. The container ship OOCL Singapore seen in the photo below, visibly listing while doing a “hand-brake turn” around the Bramble Bank, is 366m long, only slightly more than the largest cruise ship to visit Southampton, the “Oasis of the Seas” (362m); the largest container ships to visit, like the CMA CGM Marco Polo, are around 400m in length. These sorts of ships are not like icebergs - much more of them is visible than exists under water. That was very evident when the Hoegh Osaka ended up on the Bramble Bank!



(top left) the OOCL Singapore (length 366m) heeling 3° as she rounds the Bramble Bank.

(top right) the CMA CGM Marco (length 396m) compared to Setley Pond - it wouldn't fit!

(left) The Hoegh Osaka (length 180m) beached on the Bramble Bank after reportedly having a failure of the water ballasting system. Reg Radley took the photo from Calshot.

Minutes of the SRCMBC 2014 Annual General Meeting

The following minutes will be submitted for approval at the Club's 2015 AGM (Wednesday 15th April at 7.30pm at the Cricket Pavilion, Vaggs Lane, Hordle).

The 2014 AGM was held at 7.30pm on 16th April at the Pavilion in Vaggs Lane, Hordle. Twenty six people attended (again a good turnout).

Apologies were received from Don Scott, Pete Perry, Paul Nixon, Dennis Maxted, Chris Dunham, Sam Glenn, Don Hoe, Arthur Shannon, Peter Oram, Jim Hill, Brian Cornish.

Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of the last AGM were read and approved.

Matters Arising

Lymington Show - as per the notes in last years minutes, the committee decided to look for new venue but were unsure whether a suitable Hall could be found. We then identified the All Saints Church Hall in Milford on Sea, which was able to cater for all our needs and we were able to book for September which we did, as mentioned later in these minutes.

Lymington Sailability - No club display was put on due to the pond being inadequate for our boats.

Lymington Lifeboat 11 August 2013 - We were asked by RNLi to put on an on-water display as well as a static display for their Lifeboat day. However, we later found out they would only be allowing us one table, that boats were to be only to be Lifeboats, and the table would be around the back of the station outside. As we had various members wishing to exhibit more than one table could handle, the committee decided to pull out of this event.

South Western Association of Model Boat Clubs - at last year's AGM it was decided by all members that we would stay within this organisation. The committee then received notification from SWAMBC that they were dissolving and distributed funds equally to all clubs that had contributed to them.

Filly Inn - this was investigated with regard to a barbeque but it would have been too expensive, therefore the committee decided not to pursue this.

The committee have decided to reduce subscriptions for 2014, the decision will be reviewed next year.

Proposed Colin Vear

Seconded Bob Eaton

CAPTAINS REPORT FOR THE YEAR (March 2013 to March 2014)

The Captain welcomed members to the meeting and reported that it was a good year for the Club membership which was around 150, we had members leave for one reason or other and new ones join to keep the numbers steady.

The 2013/2014 winter has seen the pond become overfull, which has prevented many members sailing - with only the top car park usable with care as the road leading to it was under water. However the water level is now dropping and parking space is now available along the side. Like last April, the Steering competition has once again been postponed until it is safe to hold it.

April (2013) - The Steering Competition for the Richard Graham Trophy was postponed due to too much water in the pond and rearranged on 11th August - which proved a good day. It was won by David McNair-Taylor, 2nd Bob Eaton, 3rd Paul Nixon.

June 9th - Navy Day - more boats than normal and a good day had by all. Thanks went to Ken Dyer for all his help in bringing the harbour etc. to the pond in a trailer borrowed from Ray Hellicar and also to the committee for their help.

July 21st - Steering Competition - Solent Cup - another good day and the competition was won by Andy Davis, 2nd Paul Nixon, 3rd Dave Reith.

The Captain encouraged all members to come and join in the Steering Competitions which are only a bit of fun and not taken seriously - come and test your boat steering.

August 11th - Lymington Lifeboat Day exhibition - cancelled by the committee as the RNLI were unable to accommodate us.

August 31st - Lymington Show cancelled as per last years minutes. The committee found All Saints Church Hall in Milford on Sea, with not much time to organise the event. However, the Show went really well with boats filling both rooms, tea and cakes were served, and £402.00 was raised for our two charities, the RNLI and Air Ambulance. Thanks go to Sue Nixon for the cakes and her sterling work in the kitchen.

December 14th - Christmas Lunch at South Lawns Hotel at Milford on Sea - this event was attended by 52 members and went well. We raised £140.00 in the raffle for our charities SCARF a local charity and Cancer Research. Thanks go to Lorna and Andrew for organising.

March 15th, 2014 - Highcliffe Show - just under 50 boats were on show; the club only had one hall so had to limit the number of boats to make sure no damage was done to exhibits; £680.00 was raised on the day.

This year the water is over flowing from the main lake into the main car park and into the land behind right up to the top car park and the side parking, even over the road leading to the top car park. The water has now started to drop, the side parking has been reclaimed and main car park can be walked through as long as you keep to the back, otherwise the car park front nearest the pond is still welly deep. Members are warned that if you launch boats from the top car park, take care if going in after the boat since the land underneath the water is deep, weedy, and uneven; the sailing section have been caught out.

Membership was 146 as at 1st March 2014; 96 have rejoined as at 16th April 2014.

Subscriptions have been reduced this year - it was decided that as various bills have reduced or remained steady the funds in the bank we sufficient for this year, they will then be reviewed next year; the cost of pond hire did increase.

Since Graham Coombs has joined the committee, the relationship between the Scale and Sailing sections of the Club have improved, the sections are now talking to each other and we have the Sailing Section exhibiting at the Milford Show. Thanks given to Graham for his work.

The Warden has been down to the lake to monitor water levels, with maybe an option of draining some of the water off, but this was dismissed by both sections of the club. The state of the road was mentioned and this will be made good when the Forestry Commission are able; there are more important things presently to be done. The gate posts have been knocked down a few times, David has asked if any member sees any damage around the lake to let him know and he will inform the Forestry Warden.

Thanks were given to Peter Taylor for all his hard work on the excellent Website and the Newsletters.

The unhappy part of my report is to record the sad loss of Mac Winter he will be sorely missed.

Thanks go to all the committee members for their support and help over the year.

Proposed Colin Vear Seconded David Hardy

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer gave the Financial Report (see balance sheet below) showing items of Income received as per balance sheet, and the details of Expenditure also as per balance sheet.

Subscriptions have been reduced by £5.00 due to funds held in the Bank and bills being either reduced or remained steady.

Subs are now due during April and out of 146 members 96 have now rejoined. Also 2 new members joined at Highcliffe Show and 1 new member at AGM.

The cost of Public Liability Insurance has been reduced by more than half due to the committee looking at other insurance companies which was suggested in last years AGM by member Ken Gould.

Hall Hire for our Show was also halved, by having the Show at Milford on Sea.

Website was obtained at a special price this year, but may double to £70 next year.

The reduction in subs was voted on and agreed.

Proposed Ken Adams Seconded Brian Rolls

	<u>SOLENT</u>		<u>MODEL</u>	<u>BOAT</u>		<u>CLUB</u>	
	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>SHEET</u>	<u>AS</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>31ST</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>INCOME</u>							
			£				£
Balance	Carried	Forward	576.64	Xmas	Lunch		980.75
Xmas	Lunch		940.75	Xmas	Raffle	Scarf	70.00
Raffle	Xmas	Lunch	140.00	Xmas	Raffle	Cancer Res	70.00
Subs	2013		1,730.00	Pond	Hire		95.00
Subs	2014		20.00	Public	Liability	Insurance	106.70
New	Members		220.00	Clothing			280.44
Day	Tickets		8.90	Milford	Show	Hall Hire	127.00
Flags			7.01	Milford	Show		263.06
Clothing			261.62	Milford	Show	RNLI	201.00
Calendar			10.00	Milford	Show	Air Ambulance	201.00
Float	Milford	Show	100.00	Highcliffe	Show	13&14	95.00
Milford	Show	Bucket	285.28	Newsletters			120.00
Milford	Show	Tom bola	35.00	Hire of	Hall	AGM	20.40
Milford	Show	Food & Drink	81.58	Website			35.86
Milford	Show	SRCMYC	30.00	Refund of	Subs		15.00
Bank	Interest		0.98	Printing	Renewal subs		83.00
SRCMYC	Info	Sheets	16.80	Petty	Cash		30.00
SWAMBC	Refund		100.00	Badges			15.60
Hawkins	Sale	Boats Website	25.00	Steering	Comp	Prizes	17.86
				Safety	Floats	Lake	19.99
				Charity	Mac Winter decd		30.00
				Balance	Carried	Forward	1,711.90
			£				£
			4589.56				4589.56

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2014/2015

No nominations were received from members. The committee (as follows) have said they would still run if re-elected:

David McNair-Taylor	Captain
Andy Davis	Committee Member, Steering Comp, boiler maintenance.
Arthur Shannon	Committee Member
Graham Coombs	Committee Member, Sailing Section liaison
Lorna Soffe	Membership, Treasurer
Peter Taylor	Webmaster and Press Officer

All of the above were re-elected by all members.

Ken Dyer has decided not to stand on the committee this year and has stepped down, he was thanked for everything he has done.

Proposed *Chris Chatterway* *Seconded* *Bob Eaton*

2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

The 2014 event calendar was discussed with members:

March 15th - (Highcliffe Show - already covered)

April 6th - Steering Competition - Richard Graham Trophy has been postponed due to too much water and lack of safety for set up and for members taking part, hopefully it will be rearranged Aug/Sept.

June 8th - Navy Day - last year harbour, tables etc. were taken by Ken Dyer in trailer borrowed from Ray Hellicar, this year it is not possible to do this. The Captain advised members that the only way to get everything that is needed and his boats to the pond is to hire a van for the day. Members voted for a van to be hired.

July 20th - Steering Competition - Solent Cup

August 30th - Annual Show at Milford, with set up on Friday 29th from 4pm till 7pm, both halls to be used and refreshments available. If members cannot bring boats till the Saturday morning please advise David so spaces can be left. Hopefully with kids still on holiday we will capture more people to view the show.

December 13th - Christmas Lunch at South Lawn Hotel at Milford on Sea.

INSURANCE POLICY

At the meeting David had a copy of the Insurance policy which was passed around for members to read, if any other member would like any more details please see David.

CLUB NIGHT

Members mentioned about a club evening maybe every 2 months or maybe on 3 nights during the winter. These get-together's could be used for brainstorming, passing on information, how to do things, demonstrations, maybe a speaker. The committee will look into this and put it around members to gauge how many would be interested, and what sort of place would be suitable.

MODEL SHOPS

Model Shops were mentioned by members as they seem to be closing down around us. Lesro's have gone to Poole and mainly do cars, Channel 4 have closed down, Westbourne is still open at present but they don't do discount if you pay by credit card, only cash, and they may be looking to move away and concentrate on mail order. Locally we have Nigel in Milford and Andy Griggs. It therefore seems that online ordering is maybe the way to go, the club can get a 5% discount with Cornwall Models, you have to set up an account first and then go online to order and the prices reflect the discount. David will be contacting Model Dockyard to see if we can get any discount with them.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL 2015

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

3. Captains Report

4. Treasurers Report

5. Election of Officers and Committee for 2015/16

6. 2015 Events Calendar

(to include discussion on continuation of two Steering Competitions per year)

7. Arrangements for Club Exhibition in Milford on Sea . Sat 5th September 2015.

8. Xmas Lunch

9. Workshop evening

10. Sponsoring a Guide Dog Puppy ? Discussion .

11.AOB

Forms

NOMINATION FOR AN OFFICER OR COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR 2015/2016 **TO BE ELECTED AT THE SRCMBC AGM ON 15th APRIL 2015**

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 2015/2016

(please print)

Name(s):.....

Address:

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Postcode: Phone:.....

I agree that the club can pass 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 (£10) Family (£20) Couple (£15) Junior (£5)



Lifeboats



Solent Radio Control Model Boat Club

Model Boat Show

**Saturday 14th March
10am to 3pm**

**Highcliffe Methodist Hall
Lymington Road - BH23 5EG**

FREE Entry - Donations to RNLI

**RNLI Gifts,
Book and Cake Stalls
Refreshments**

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