

February 2016 - Winter Newsletter

Scale Captain's Chat

Hi Folks...

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you have all recovered from the Festive Season and are ready for the new season at Setley Pond?

Once again we have had a very wet and windy winter resulting in little or no action at the pond on some of our club days; the water level is once again high and has started to cover the car park, so we should have water in plenty for the coming season.

Many of you attended our excellent Christmas Lunch which was held at a new venue this year... Elmers Court Hotel in Lymington and what an brilliant event it was; our thanks go to Lorna and Andrew Soffe for all their hard work in arranging it for us. Also thanks to everyone who contributed prizes and purchased tickets for the raffle, which raised £180 for local charities.

The Committee met recently to arrange the programme for 2016 and sort out items for the AGM, which will be held on Wednesday 6th April at The Cricket Pavilion, Vaggs Lane, Hordle at 7.30 pm. Amongst the items for discussion will be election of a new Club President and the update of the Club Constitution. Please come along if you wish to have your say!

The Highcliffe Exhibition which is the first event of the year will be held on Saturday 12th March at our usual venue, please note that due to space availability there is provision for 40 boats and this year we have placed a limit of three boats per member. At the time of writing this, I still have space available so please contact me as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

I have been asked to clarify the cover provided by the club insurance. The cover is applicable to all members for third party insurance up to £5M to comply with Local Authority and Forestry Commission Requirements and covers you whilst sailing at Setley Pond and at any other venue whilst officially representing the Solent RCMBC (i.e. exhibitions and shows where you are exhibiting/sailing on behalf of the Solent Club). It also covers club monies, trophies, cash in transit to the bank etc etc. Like all other policies it does not cover damage to models caused by accident or other members actions. I hope this clarifies matters for members. A copy of the insurance will be made available to view on the club website.

I would like to thank Peter Taylor and the Committee for all their support over the past year, which has been a little difficult for me due to family issues. I hope to be back to regular Sunday attendance at the pond this year and hope to meet as many of you as I can... especially any new members I have not yet had the opportunity to speak to.

See you at Setley

David



Even in his Navy days the Scale Captain was careful to use an aerial protector on his sword.

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 12th March	Highcliffe Exhibition: in aid of the RNLI; Methodist Hall, Highcliffe, 10am to 3pm (set up from 8.30am) [Note. max of 40 boats, no more that 3 max per member]
Wednesday 6th April	AGM: Cricket Pavilion, Vaggs Lane, Hordle, 7.30pm
Sunday 24th April	Navy Day: Setley Pond, 9am to 1 pm
Sunday 15th May	Solent Cup: Steering Competition, Setley Pond, 9.30am to 12 noon
Sunday 21st August	Richard Graham Trophy: Steering Competition, 9.30am to 12 noon.
Saturday 3rd Sept.	Annual Charity Exhibition, 10am to 4pm, All Saints' Church Hall, Milford on Sea, SO41 0SQ (set up on Friday 2nd from 4pm to 7pm)
Saturday 17th Dec.	Xmas Lunch: Elmers Court Hotel, Lyminster, 12.30pm

Editorial: National Coastwatch: Eyes Along the Coast



I've not been at Setley Pond very much recently - partly because of the weather but also because I've been concentrating on qualifying as a National Coastwatch Institution watch keeper. To do so I've been assessed during some 20 watches up Calshot Tower as well as going to classroom sessions and completing an extensive set of exercise sheets.

So now I've qualified and, not to be out done by the Scale Captain, I thought I'd show you a photo of me in my new uniform. However unlike the Scale Captain I don't get a sword (and I hope I don't appear too much like the security guard in the local Aldi supermarket)!

Having taken over manning of many of what were previously HM Coastguard lookout stations, the NCI uniform helps emphasise that, despite being volunteers, we have to deliver a professional defined facility within the organisation of UK Search and Rescue. The formal image also helps at the majority of NCI Stations where the public is welcome to knock on the door and be invited inside. Unfortunately, at

Calshot, almost 100 feet of near vertical ladders within the Tower make public access impossible.

As you might image, due to its position, Calshot is one of the busiest of the NCI stations. We overlook a piece of water which is used by everything from paddle boarders to some of the world's largest ships. Incidents since I joined last October have included a single-handed catamaran unable to recover after capsizing in a squall (resulting in a hypothermia case and lifeboat assistance), and a kite surfer who, having lost his board, was in danger of drifting into the shipping channel. In dealing with such incidents we inform and are then directed by Solent Coastguard. As required, we work with the RNLI and other Rescue organisations, and also collaborate with the needs of the Marine Management Organisation (fisheries protection) and the UK Border Agency.

As volunteers, NCI watch keepers pay for their own uniform, travel costs, watchkeeping manuals, and so on. But the NCI also needs to raise funds for the continued upkeep of its Stations and their equipment. In addition, HMCG and the RNLI have jointly identified coastal locations where there is a need for new NCI Stations. At the Club AGM I plan to propose that a portion of the funds raised by one of the Club's charity events be donated to the NCI. Given its contribution to coastal and marine safety, I hope you will agree that the NCI is a suitable and worthy charity for the Club's support.

With the AGM approaching, I'm afraid much of this newsletter is given over to organisational matters. However Graham Coombs has provided a contribution about one of our members who was featured in the modelling press, for which my thanks. Further contributions are always welcome!

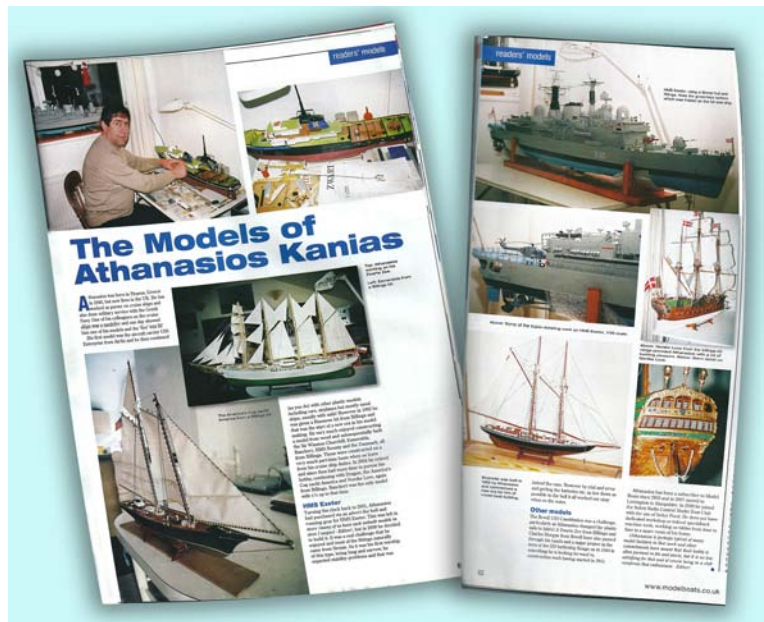


Peter Taylor... your Editor.

Model Boats Magazine Article

Recently Graham Coombs was given several old copies of *Model Boats* and looking through them he found an article referring to one of our fellow Club Members.

The article, in the March 2012 issue, is in the "Readers' Models" series and features Athanasios ("Thanasis") Kaniias. It describes how Thanasis was introduced to Model boats while working as a purser on Cruise Ships. Having started with plastic models he graduated to Billings Kits.



Since the Model Boats article was written, Club members will have had the chance to see the large, highly detailed models of Japanese battleship/battlecruisers built by Thanasis in action on the pond. They have also been on display at Club charity exhibitions. In the photo (left) taken at Setley Pond Thanasis is holding his model of HMS Exeter.

2015 Xmas Lunch photographs



The 2015 XMAS Lunch, held at a new venue - Elmers Court near Lymington - was much enjoyed by the Club members.

(more photos are on the web site)

Minutes of the SRCMBC 2015 Annual General Meeting

The 2015 AGM was held at 7.30pm on 15th April at the Pavilion in Vaggs Lane, Hordle. Only 18 people attended 5 of these were committee members, poor attendance.

Apologies were received from Chris Durham, John Frost, Shirley Hardy, Dennis Maxted.

Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes for the last AGM were read and approved.

Matters Arising

Club night re workshop, committee looked into this and found to hire halls would be expensive and could not guarantee attendance figures, therefore committee decided not to pursue this/

Filly Inn and Shorefields were investigated with regard to a barbeque and maybe a social function, but Filly Inn did not reply and Shorefields do not do this type of function.

Model Shops - it was pointed out that Milford Models have closed, Lesro have moved to Poole, Westbourne Models now being the only model shop. The Captain has been in contact with Model Dockyard concerning obtaining a discount but they will not give us one, Cornwall Models are the only one to give us a discount 5%, any member wishing to purchase from them please contact them direct or David has a list of suppliers if needed.

The committee have decided to keep subscriptions the same as 2014.

Proposed Colin Vear

Seconded Brian Rapley

CAPTAINS REPORT FOR THE YEAR (March 2014 to March 2015)

The Captain welcomed members to the meeting and reported that it was a good year for the Club membership which was 151, we did loose members but these were replaced by new ones joining and keeping number steady.

EVENTS

Highcliffe Show: the 2014 show raised £687.00 and in 2015 £830.07 was raised on the day, approx £20,000.00 has been raised over the 18/19 years we have been at Highcliffe.

The committee capped the models at 50 as it was deemed that this was the number of boats that could fit in the Hall safely though members still asked to show their boats even though various reminders and the newsletter was sent out to members. So the Captain apologised if any member was disappointed not being able to exhibit their boat, please get in early next year.

Navy Day 8th June 2014 - this was postponed due to too much water and was rearranged to 6th July, this was well attended and various models were exhibited, also this year boats were also put on the water. If any one would like to do a boat formation, please let David know and he can arrange this.

A van was hired this year in order that David could get the harbour, his boats and club equipment to the lake in one go, making the day go smoothly and also he was able to enjoy the day without making various trips.

The Air Ambulance also made an appearance due to a horse rider falling.

Steering Competition for the Solent Club was rearranged from the 6th April to the 7th September due to too much water and safety of putting the harbour and boats in the water. The cup was won by Alan Overden, good day but attendance down.

20th July 2014 - Steering Competition - Richard Graham Trophy was won by David McNair-Taylor. It was a good day though attendance was down.

The Captain asked members if they still wanted these competitions and was willing to still do them even though numbers down, it was decided to keep them for the present.

All members were encouraged to come and join in the fun of the Steering Competition, they are only a bit of fun and not taken seriously and the size of the boat does not matter as the route takes this into account - come and test your boat steering.

30th August 2014 - Milford Show - we filled the whole hall with over 100 boats on show and the day went well, tea and cakes were again served and we raised £485.00 for our two charities, the RNLI and Air Ambulance, £500.00 was also donated by HSBC Bank which was sent direct to the RNLI and the RNLI raised £200.00 on their stall.

Thanks go to Sue Nixon for the cakes and her sterling work in the kitchen. Thanks go to Paul Nixon for obtaining sponsorship from Wightlink. Thanks to Brian Rapley for the loan of his fairground organ and Lorna Soffe for her sterling work running the raffle and tom bola.

13th December 2014 - Christmas Lunch at South Lawn Hotel at Milford on Sea - this event was attended by 48 members and went well. We raised £112.00 in the raffle, also £30.00 profit from the calendars for our charities SCARF and New Forest Disability both local. Thanks go to Lorna and Andrew for organising.

17th June 2014 - The club were contacted by Arnewood School, New Milton as they had **Russian Students** visiting the area and wondered if we could put on an exhibition at Setley Pond. So of the afternoon a number of members showed them the boats on the water and explained how they work and also let them have a go, good attendance and great fun was had by all.

Membership was 151 as at 1st March 2015, 92 have rejoined as at 15th April 2015.

Subscriptions were kept the same as 2014.

Health and Safety has been reviewed by Graham Coombs, no issues.

Club Calendars - Lorna took over from Peter Taylor to do the calendars and this year Desk calendars were produced, we ordered 50 and 44 were sold and 6 were given out to the 2 Boat magazines, Milford Hall, RNLI, Forestry Commission. Cornwall Models, Lorna was thanked.

Thanks were given to Peter Taylor for all his hard work on the excellent Website and the Newsletters, we are still being contacted by people all around the world concerning the boats.

The unhappy part of my report is to record the sad loss of Peter Oram, he had been a committee member and a continuous presence at the lake with his westie Ruff, his funeral was attended by many members of the club and he will be sorely missed.

Thanks go to all the committee members for their support and help over the year, and to everyone who has helped to keep the club running.

Proposed Alan Bond Seconded Brian Rapley

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Subs were kept the same as 2014.

Subs are now due during April and out of 151 members 92 have now rejoined. Also 4 new members have joined.

Items explained by the Treasurer from the balance sheet are as follows

Income

Calendars ordered 50 these were charged at £3.00 just in case new style did not sell, in the end 44 sold 6 given out as per Captains report and accidental profit of £33.14 made, £30.00 went towards Christmas Charities and the rest postage.

Milford Show Raffle £120.00 was raised from selling Isle of Wight ferry tickets obtained by Paul Nixon from Wightlink.

Members Gifts £15.00 extra was given by member on top of subs and £2.50 for posting calendar.

Expenditure

Xmas Lunch refund made to member who was unable to attend as food was shared around other members.

Pond Hire had increased by £5.00

Public Liability Insurance stayed the same as last year.

Milford Show Hall Hire stayed the same as last year.

Milford Show Charities not even split RNLI £85.79 Air Ambulance £400.00 because we had been given £500.00 from HSBC Bank which went direct to RNLI and we felt this was fair split and it was explained to the RNLI.

Website reduced to £8.38 Peter Taylor got a good deal for club.

Refund of subs members still sent old amount.

Petty Cash was for stamps and sending out new members packs.

Boiler Certs not done on regular basis.

Balance sheet was agreed by members.

Also Treasurer mentioned Calendars for 2016, it was mentioned that if we can get a good deal from Vistaprint for 100 calendars they would be produced for the Milford Show to sell to members and visitors and any profit

going to charity, possible price between £3 - 4 pound. Members agreed and Treasurer will look into this.

Proposed Colin Vear Seconded Ken Dyer

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2015/2016

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

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

Proposed Colin Vear Seconded Dennis New

2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

The 2015 event calendar was discussed with members.

March 16th - Highcliffe Show - already covered.

May 10th - Steering Competition - Richard Graham Trophy - 9.30 till 12 - David and Andy will still do it though last years attendance was low. it's a bit of fun and everyone who enters enjoy it - the course is done against the clock and hits are penalised - entrants have to sit in one place to make it more of a challenge - more people welcome.

July 26th - Navy Day - set up 8.30- then 9.45till 1pm - boats will be displayed in the car park- harbour will be set up and boats allowed on the water. The Captain will again hire a van for the day to enable him to get everything there in one go.

Sept 5th - Annual Show at Milford, with set up on Friday 4th from 4pm till 8pm, 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. Fairground Organ.

Sept 13th - Steering Competition - Solent Cup - set up 8.30 - then 9.30 till 12am.

Dec 12th - Christmas lunch at South Lawn Hotel at Milford on Sea, 12.30 for 1pm,

It was discussed with members whether they were happy with South Lawns or whether we should choose somewhere else, members opinion was South Lawns Hotel was good.

Proposed Dennis New Seconded Chris Chattaway

MILFORD ON SEA SHOW

SET UP Friday 4th September all members are welcome to help tables to be put out from 4pm then open till 8pm for boats. On the Saturday 5th September please advise David if this is the only day you can bring your boats, Brian Rapley will again bring his Fairground Organ and refreshments will be provided.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Other venues like the Filly Inn (who did not reply) and Shorefields Holiday Park were contacted Shorefields were slightly more expensive for the same set up, but it was decided by members that South Lawns Hotel was suitable for our use and good value, therefore it was decided to stay with them.

MODEL SHOPS

It was mentioned that Milford Models has now closed, this now only leaves Westbourne Models and Andy Griggs (member). David contacted Model Dockyard but they will not give us a discount, Cornwall Models will give a 5% discount, you have to phone to set up a discount account first and then go online to order and the prices reflect the discount, if you need any advise please contact a committee member. Also David will (have) send an up to date members list to Cornwall Models.

CALENDARS

It was put forward to members about getting a calendar for 2016 done early and selling them at the Milford Show, if we can get good deal from Vistaprint, price would hopefully be between £3-£4 with any profit going to charity. Members agreed

SPONSORING A GUIDE DOG PUPPY

It was put forward to members about the club sponsoring a guide dog puppy, the cost for a year is £104.00. It was said that although we are not a charity maybe we could help people less fortunate than ourselves. Members agreed to this and the Treasurer will sort it out.

Proposed by Brian Rapley Seconded Alan Bond

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Peter Taylor was congratulated on his excellent job with the website and the newsletters, we still have emails from all over the world concerning boats and contacting members. Peter needs contributions towards the website and newsletters, with information, articles and photos, If sending photos send in high resolution then Peter can adapt if needed, unfortunately low resolution will stay the same. So if you are putting a new boat on the water please take photos and send to Peter will information and he will then put them on the website, they will also help towards choosing photos for calendar. Any problems please contact Peter who will help you out.

Please read newsletters and emails, this is the only way the club can contact you (cannot phone everyone) important information re events etc are printed in them.

Proposed David Hardy Seconded Ken Dyer

David thanked the committee for all their help and assistance during the year and everyone who has helped keep the club going.

As no other business was put forward, David thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8.15pm

Notice of 2016 AGM

SOLENT R.C.M.B.C.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30PM WEDNESDAY 6th APRIL 2015

at The Cricket Pavillion, Vaggs Lane, Hordle, Nr Lymington, SO41 0FP

(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. Election of Club President**
- 7. Amendments to Club Constitution**
- 8 Arrangements for Club Exhibition at Milford on Sea**
- 9. Future arrangements for Highcliffe Show**
- 10. Participation in other exhibitions**
- 11. Future use of Setley Pond**
- 12. Xmas Lunch**
- 13. AOB**

Members Adverts and Announcements



Planet radios: the Club has learnt that the complete range of Planet goods have now been discontinued. Howes say that they still have stocks of the Planet T5 combos and the 6 channel receivers in stock but these will soon sell out. Cornwall Model Boats and Westbourne have also confirmed the situation. Members using Planet gear may want to stock up before it is too late! (from David McNair-Taylor)

Paul Nixon writes: As an "overstretched" model maker, I am selling **two unstarted kits**. I can deliver within reasonable distance of BH24 2JA; Phone: **01425 472742**



Tamar Class Lifeboat Kit; Full description of this craft will be found on Model Slipway's site plus kit inclusions/exclusions. Viewing welcomed. New from Model Slipway this kit is priced at £369. **Offer Price: £290**



Mountfleet Clyde 'Puffer' Kit; the Highlander For details very much more full than I can offer, view the Mountfleet website. The kit is untouched, and new from Mountfleet is priced at £385. Viewing welcomed. **Offer Price: £290**

John Geall (phone: 01425 617832 evenings is best.) is looking for a home for **tools and models left by the late Mel Crocker**. The tools are mainly working mains operated power tools: 2 jig saws, 1 fret saw, 2 hand drills one on a stand, 1 Bosch planer, 2 sanders. There is also a large wood plane and a Black and Decker Workmate.

There are also drawings for Thames barges: 2 types with hull templates, sail patterns plus a book on construction and rigging. Frame patterns for an MTB (no drawings). Fishing boat "Ocean Reward": hull patterns + drawings. Sailing barge: 5 sheets of drawings + building instructions; also a Thames Barge hull finished apart from painting and fittings.

Mel's daughter has said that money from the sale of these items should be donated to the Guide dog and/or the Lifeboats, so any reasonable donations would be ok.



John Geall also now has available the two of Mel's models remaining to be sold, each originally priced at £400 but offers now considered:

"H.M. Mercury" 12 Gun British Naval Brig, 1840. Scale: 1/4" to 1 ft (1:48), Hull Length 39".

"Jolie Brise" famous pilot cutter, 1913. Scale: 3/4" to 1 ft (1:16), Hull Length 40".

Please contact John Geall for more details.



Roger Yeatman (phone: 01202 737112) is offering a **Scottish fishing vessel** for sale to the public at £240 but is willing to consider **offers from Club members only**:

Lady June Y - MFV circa 1920: Scale Model in Plastic/Wood complete with all the R/C equipment (transmitter:40 MHZ, receiver: 4-6 channel, 2 crystals). 6 volt Gel Battery. Deck accessories.

Length: 100 cm. Beam: 30 cm. Draught about: 10cm.

More photos are available on the club web site.

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 (leave message on answering machine!)

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!

For Other Club queries etc. :

The Scale Section Captain: David McNair-Taylor,

18 Wilton Gardens, New Milton., Hampshire, BH25 5UT.

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

Nomination form for 2016 AGM

**NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT,
AN OFFICER, OR COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR 2016/2017
TO BE ELECTED AT THE AGM ON 6th APRIL 2016**

I would like to nominate

for the position of

and he/she agrees to serve.

Signature of Nominee

Proposed.....

Seconded