

March 2012 - Spring Newsletter

Scale Captain's Chat

Hi Folks..

Welcome to this Newsletter and AGM Notification. I would like to thank all those who supported the Club Exhibition in Highcliffe in aid of the RNLI, we had an excellent day with over 60 boats on display. The amount raised has not been notified to me yet by the RNLI but I am sure it will be to our usual high level.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th April at 7.30pm in the Cricket Pavillion on Vaggs Lane, Hordle. We have two vacancies on the committee to be filled and are looking for nominations please?* Membership will involve assisting at Club Events and supporting/assisting on club days as required (e.g. assistance in setting up steering courses/setting up removal of harbour, dealing with members queries, general day to day running of the club etc.).

The Programme for 2012 has been compiled and printed for sending out with your 2012/13 Membership Details, the main dates are summarised below. Club Subscriptions are due by the end of April, please send to Lorna (contact details towards the end of this Newsletter)*. In addition this year you will all receive an up to date copy of the club rules which have been amended several times over the past few years by both the Sailing and Scale Sections. These include details of the Speed Limit, Sail, and Fast Boat and Hovercraft sailing areas and operating rules. I hope these are fully explained and understandable to all?

I am sorry to have to tell you that Louis Vaisey, one of our stalwart members, sadly passed away after an accident at his home, our deepest sympathy goes to his family

The pond level is still lower than usual for this time of year due to the dry winter and it is hoped it will hold out for the summer season. I look forward to seeing you at the pond.

Regards, *David*

**Forms for nominating Committee Members and for renewing your Subscription are at the end of this Newsletter.*



The Scale Captain at the controls of his home built Trent Class Lifeboat.

Dates for your Diary (all at Setley Pond unless stated otherwise)

Wednesday 18th April; **AGM:** Cricket Pavilion, Vaggs Lane, Hordle, 7.30pm

Sunday 22nd April; **Richard Graham Trophy:** Steering Competition, 9.30am to 12 noon

Sunday 20th May; **Navy Day:** 9.00am to 12 noon

Sunday 22nd July; **Solent Cup:** Steering Competition, 9.30am to 12 noon

Sunday 5th August; **Lymington Lifeboat Day and Bath Race:** Club Exhibition, Lifeboat Station, 11am to 4pm (set up from 9.30am)

Saturday 1st September; **Club Exhibition:** Masonic Hall, Lymington; 10am to 4pm (set up Friday 31st August from 5.30pm)

Saturday 15th December; **Xmas Lunch:** South Lawns Hotel, Milford-on-Sea

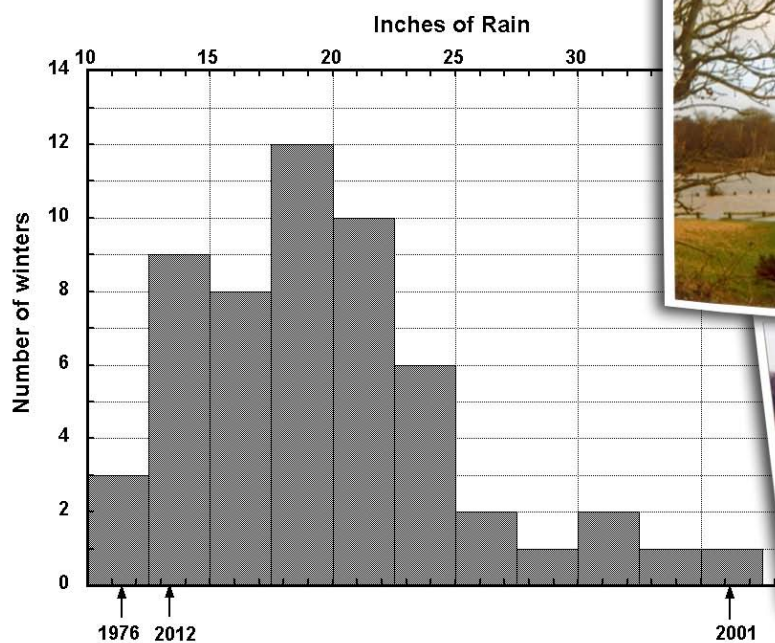
Editorial: will the monsoon rains fail again this year?

“Many a true word is Spoken in Jest” or, if you prefer Shakespeare, “Jesters do oft prove prophets”. When in the summer 2011 newsletter I joked about David draining Setley Pond I didn’t think that by the start of summer 2012 we might be facing the prospect of having a very shallow pond thanks to the whims of nature!

I’ve looked again at the weather records and discovered that since the Solent Club was formed in 1978, only two winters had less rain than fell during last winter. For the period September 2011 to February 2012 only 13.4 inches were recorded at Hurn airport. For comparison, average winter rain is about 20 inches, and the driest winter on record, 1976, registered 11.6 inches (see graph below). It was drought in that year which contributed to the original club at Setley, the “New Forest Model Yacht Club” abandoning Setley for Snails Lake, near Ringwood. Very low rainfall in 1992 (11.8 inches) saw the Solent RCMYC switch their yacht racing programme at Setley from the summer to the following winter.



Your editor prepares for the summer!



The graph shows where the winter of 2011/2012 lies in relation to other winters since 1957 (“when records began”)... it was one of the driest! To cheer you up, I’ve shown two photos of what the pond can be like... in the wettest year, 2001 (over 36 inches of rain). The top photo (thanks to Roger Yeatman) has part of the pond in the foreground, the car park central, and the normally dry area north of the car park in the distance – all covered by water. The lower photo is a closer view of the car park with Reg Radley sailing his boat over it (thanks to Reg)!

As you may have guessed from the above discussion, I am doing more research on the history of the Solent RCMYC. There are some provisional pages describing the evolution of the Club on our web site and I’ll write an article for a future newsletter. In the meantime I’m keen to obtain as much information as possible relating to the club’s history. If you can provide any photos or memories please contact me (details near end of this newsletter).

Peter Taylor, Your Editor.

Recent Events



My Boats Bigger than Yours! On 28th February, SRCMBC members Andy Griggs and John Tybjerg went to the Timsbury Lake site of the Warsash Maritime Academy following a request from Ben Meakins of Practical Boat Owner magazine which is planning a feature on avoiding collisions at sea. Andy Griggs took his Fishing Boat, Pilot Boat and also a catamaran on which they fixed a small cine camera. John Tybjerg took his Sea Queen Cruiser and there were also 6 Micro-Magic yachts. The purpose was to film various nautical "rule of the road" scenarios encountered in the approaching, crossing and overtaking of one vessel by another. The photo shows John's cruiser approaching one of the Academy's large training tankers - which are about 10 metres long.



Ton Class Association Book Launch

David Reith and David McNair-Taylor were invited to display their models at the Princess Royal Gallery of the Royal Naval Museum, in Portsmouth Dockyard, to celebrate the launch of two new books on the Ton Class Minesweepers, "Last of the Wooden Walls" and "Jacks of All Trades".

Guests attending the event included members of the Ton Class Association, retired and serving Naval Officers, the Commander of the RN Naval Base Portsmouth, Commander RN Second Mine Countermeasures Squadron (MCM2), members of the Norwegian Navy, the Editor "Navy News", and other invited Guests.

On display, and very well received by the guests, were their models of HMS Sir Galahad (WW2 Round Table Class Minesweeper), HMS Kirkliston (Ton Class Minehunter on which David McN-T. served), HMS Penzance (Sandown Class Mine Countermeasures Vessel) and HMS Lancaster (Type 23 Frigate). The two Davids found it interesting to speak to and hear comments from those who were and are serving on the real ships represented by the models. Several of the Norwegians were keen to take photos and to show pictures of the models they were building. More photos are on our web site.

Highcliffe Show 2012

The SRCMBC annual Model Boat Show took place in Highcliffe on Saturday, 10th March 2012. This marked 20 years of holding the show at the Methodist Hall in collaboration with the local RNLI Supporters Branch during which time we estimate that well over £10,000 has been raised for the Lifeboats.

More photos overleaf and in colour on the Club Web Site: www.srcmbc.org.uk !





Club Contact details

For 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

For “Members Adverts” and the Newsletter and Club Web Site:

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: 1st July 2012

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

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

Members Adverts:

American Style Motor Cruiser based on a Greatheart 48 foot boat

It has a 6volt Decoperm Motor,with an electronic speed controller giving proportional forward and reverse control. Electronic switch for cabin lights. 6 volt 12 Ah dry cell rechargeable battery. Servo control for rudder, and sail control servo. All controlled by a six channel - six memory 2.4GHz transmitter and receiver. Masts fold down for easy transportation.

Dimensions: Length: 51 ins, Beam: 11 ins, Draft: 8 ins, Height: 41 ins (bottom of keel to mast top with masts vertical)

Price: (ready to use) **£225** or close offer (Collection only... New Milton area)

Contact: Ken Dyer; Phone: 01425 627244; Email: kdyer@srcmbc.org.uk



Ocean-going Tug: "TENACITY"

A wooden plank-on-form vessel, custom built from ply and deal. This used model has been completely overhauled and newly refitted. Single Brass Screw (60mm diameter x 3 blades).

Detailed and fitted with many parts most of which are ply construction: funnels, davits, two boats (plastic); Windlass, handling winch aft, 2 deck dummy winches; additional circuits for Navigation Lights, Signals and Flashing beacons installed./available.

Receiver - 6 Channels (40 megs); E.S.C by "Electronize"; Aux. servo Battery pack 4.8v. Wooden Display stand.

Requires (not included in sale): transmitter and crystals; also 12v Gel Battery for motor power.

Dimensions: Length: 40 ins, Beam: 9.5 ins, Draft: 4 ins, Displacement: about 3.8kg.

Price: This impressive craft is available for only **£265** or negotiable offer, buyer collects (Poole)

Contact: Roger Yeatman; Phone: 01202 737112; Email: rogeryeatman@srcmbc.org.uk



"Members Adverts" is a free service offered for private (i.e. non-commercial) model boat related sales. Advertisers are strongly encouraged to exploit other possible sales routes such as **ebay** and the Boat Yard:Marketplace/Sales/ category on **ModelBoatMayhem forum** (if you are a " Full Mayhemer").

Buyers: While the adverts are displayed in good faith, the SRCMBC accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of descriptions; check before you buy!

SOLENT R.C.M.B.C.



(Founded Jan 1978 .Affiliated with the MYA and the SWAMBC)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE WEDNESDAY 18th APRIL 2012

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

(Circulated in June 2011 Newsletter)

2. Matters Arising

3. Captains Report

4. Treasurers Report

5. Election of Officers and Committee for 2012/13

(Two Committee vacancies to fill .)

6. Verification of 2012/13 Subscriptions

7. Events Calendar 2012

8. Arrangements for Club Exhibition in Lymington on 1st September

9. AOB

Forms

NOMINATION FOR AN OFFICER OR COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR 2012/2013
TO BE ELECTED AT THE SRCMBC AGM ON 18th APRIL 2012

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 2012/2013

(please print)

Name(s):.....

Address:

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Postcode: Phone:.....

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)