

October 2014 - Autumn Newsletter

Scale Captain's Chat

Hi Folks...

Well here we are another season nearly over, I hope you have all enjoyed sailing at Setley over the Summer despite the changes we had to make to the programme due to the high water levels earlier in the year.

It was very good to see such good turn out for our Annual Charity Exhibition in Milford on Sea with an excellent variation of models on show, support from the public was fantastic despite the Steam Fair and Air Show in Bournemouth taking place at the same time (but at least they did not have to queue for hours in horrible traffic to get in and out and we still saw the Vulcan fly over the hall). Our takings for the chosen charities of the Air Ambulance and RNLI were up by £80 over last year, in addition we received a cheque donation from HSBC

which went directly to the RNLI (unfortunately they can only pay it to one of the charities and hopefully we may get a donation next year for the Air Ambulance?). Wightlink once again supported us with the donation of ferry tickets to be raffled off, (thanks go to Lorna for all her hard work printing off and selling the raffle tickets and running the Tombola stall, also to Sue Nixon for her hard work with the Refreshments). It was also great to have Brian Rapley's magnificent restored fairground organ operating at the front of the hall creating additional interest for our visitors.

The Steering competitions this year have not been as well supported as I would have hoped and maybe next year we can get more of you taking part. I am quite happy to be setting up the courses which takes about 45 minutes for me to do, and the competition really is not too serious and is a good bit of fun for those taking part as well as the spectators. Congratulations to Alan Ovenden on winning The Solent Cup.

Our next big event will be the Christmas Lunch at the South Lawns Hotel on Saturday 13th December, please book your tickets with Lorna if you wish to come (more details at the end of the newsletter).

I already have the date for the 2015 Highcliffe Show which will be held on Saturday 14th March and I will be collating names early next year.

Finally I must apologise for my somewhat erratic attendance at the pond this year which is partly due to my Wife being unwell and to Family Commitments. I hope to be coming along more regularly in the future and look forward to seeing you at Setley over the coming months.

Happy Sailing. David

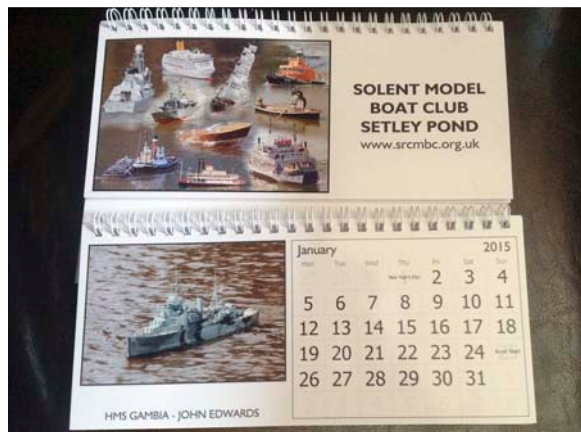


The Scale captain shows membership applicants around the new Club House

Date for Your Diary

Saturday 13th December: **Xmas Lunch:** South Lawns Hotel, Milford-on-Sea; 12.30 for 1pm (see end of Newsletter)

Editorial: The 2015 Club Calendar



Normally at this time of year I'm choosing the best of my recent photos to create the Club Calendar. However, as most of you will know, I haven't been at the pond taking photos so much this year. What's more, I discovered that Photobox, who I've used to print the calendar, have significantly increased their prices. After a chat with some of the Committee members, it has been decided that rather than the usual wall calendar (which would have been too expensive), this year we will have a Desk Calendar (printed by Vistaprint), which Lorna has created using photos from the web site.

They are remarkably good value, the price is only £3, see Lorna if you wish to buy - available copies are limited, it will be first come first served!

Of course the reason I've been at the pond less often is because I've been out sailing my new 20 foot ketch "Seatern". However that doesn't mean I've left the world of radio control behind. The photo shows a motor launch I sailed past in the eastern Solent. The "ball-diamond-ball" shapes indicate "restricted ability to manoeuvre" and it attracted my attention because it appeared to be wandering around with no one on board. It turns out that the "Halcyon" is a (full size) radio controlled vessel used for mine counter-measures. Once it has found a mine it lowers an under-water "ROV" (remotely operated vehicle) which attaches a detonator to it. The ROV is then brought back on deck and the Halcyon moves to a safe distance before detonating the mine. So where was the operator of this particular radio controlled boat - Portsmouth? under the Rocky Mountains? - your guess is as good as mine (no pun intended)!



To repeat what I said in the last newsletter, since I'm spending more time sailing, I'm not at the pond so often and I'm relying on you to send your photos, build descriptions, and other contributions for the club web site and this newsletter. One or two members have responded and my thanks to them. However we still need more contributions! If you take photos of their models at the pond why not email me the image files. I am happy to reformat them and make them available on the web. Videos can be made available on the club web site via "YouTube".

Once on the web your models will be viewed throughout the world! That is also true of this newsletter, which is also available on our web site. For newsletter contributions I'm happy to help with formatting and any art work as necessary. If you can't provide computer files - typed copy is perfectly acceptable, or even hand written is OK if it is not too lengthy!

Peter Taylor... your Editor.

Building and motorising a Plastic kit of the USS Hornet (David McNair-Taylor)

[Part 1 appeared in the last newsletter; here is part 2 in which David completes the model...]



The running gear was now refitted, ballasting rechecked in the domestic test tank (bath). The battery and ballast holders were fabricated, and fitted in hull for batteries etc. Decks were now glued in place and work starting on fittings and building up hangar walls /sides etc, I then installed wiring for smoke generators and started painting and installation of fore and after decks and hangar deck sides. I had to mould and

make extra carley floats to make up the correct compliment, similarly the fire hose reels. I tried making a mould for a F4F fighter but the ones in the kit are so fine the mould did not work out so have ordered some from White Ensign for delivery late in the year when they become available; however, I also contacted Merit in California and they robbed another kit to supply me with an extra set of aircraft.

I then fitted all the shutter doors for the hangar deck before installing them on the side panels (the US navy had a policy of running up and warming the aircraft engines before sending them up to the flight deck so there were a lot of roller doors fitted in order for the hangar deck to be opened up to vent the fumes and exhaust gases). Next I painted the bow and stern quarter gun decks prior to installation. I had to think and modify the build from the plan as I went along to ensure access for running gear on the completed model!

Well it certainly added a bit of a challenge with two decks to go through to get at the running gear, radio etc. I did not want to ruin the hangar deck as I am planning on being able to display with the flight deck lifted above hull so internal detail can be seen. I gave all the roller doors a black paint wash to highlight the detail, inside of doors had no detail so I have marked off the roller sections with pencil on the inside, I think they look OK. I glued them in place on the superstructure sides and then started work on fitting some more etched brass railings and started to make up access platforms and side gun decks. I decided to leave making up all the guns etc. as I needed to modify the flight deck to make it removable and a good fit and did not want to knock off the finely detailed items in doing so.



I scratch built and fitted 22 sets of arrester wires using the finest fly fishing line I could buy. The flight deck was airbrushed in Deck Blue stain colour (the US Navy carriers had wooden flight decks in a varnished finish up until the outbreak of WW2 when they were painted over with a blue wash and deck markings removed). After the basic colour was applied I had to paint the edge lining and other items. The Hornet had two white lines painted on the deck for the Doolittle raid, but my research shows that these had been painted over by the time of The Battle of Midway, it appears that deck markings were removed to make enemy spotting from the air difficult!

I then started work on building the island structure and after assembling the basic decks on it I carried out another floatation test in the bath with the island in place which resulted in more ballast needed to correct a list to starboard! I continued building the main superstructure, very frustrating working with such fine etched brass, my fingers are not as nimble as they once were and why does superglue always stick the parts you don't want to stick!!!!



The radars that go on top of the gunnery directors are real fun to build, such fine and small detail in etched brass. I also realised that the boot topping /waterline was too low so have repainted it to correct level. Which means there is more boat in the water to help stability.

Yes 1/200 with lots of etched brass work is difficult at times but a challenge as well, brass etch seems to be the way forward for finer detailing. (I think this will be good practice for my Bismark which I have bought together with the MK1 detail set. Will be my project for next winter).

I then started working on making up fittings and rigging for which I purchased the finest fly tying thread from the local fishing shop. I build up the tiny 20mm guns, (32 to make) using etched brass gun kits supplied by Cornwall Model Boats and The Model Dockyard, and very fine and detailed little

etched brass kits they are too, so they took longer than the plastic ones in the kit but do really look the part when built. After final fitting of all the handrails and guns I started work on building all the aircraft and then painting up some very small Z gauge figures to finish off the model. The photos show some of the detail and how she looks on the water.



Club Charity Exhibition, Milford-on-Sea, 30th August 2014



Members Adverts



Boston Trawler

Allen Kaye is looking for someone wishing to complete this model of a Boston Trawler. He says "The person who made this model, it's from a 'Nexus' plan by D.J. Metcalf, obviously took many hours to get to the stage she is at. It now needs someone with the time and patience to finish the model". Allen is only requesting a donation to 'club funds' or the RNLI in return for the part built model.

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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!)

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. :

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Christmas Lunch

SOLENT MODEL BOAT CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH

SOUTH LAWNS HOTEL 13TH DECEMBER 2014

STARTERS

HOME MADE WINTER BROTH WITH PEARL BARLEY

COARSE CHICKEN AND PORK LIVER PATE AND
RED ONION MARMALADE

MELON AND PINEAPPLE COCKTAIL STEEPED
IN A SPICED WINTER COMPOTE

SMOKED MACKEREL WITH HORSERADISH CREAM

MAIN COURSE

ROAST TURKEY, APRICOT STUFFING, CHIPOLATA,
CRANBERRY SAUSE, ROAST POTATOES
AND ROASTED JUS

ESCALOPE OF PORK TENDERLOIN, CRUMBED AND PAN FRIED WITH
AN APPLE & SAGE SAUCE AND CRISP PANCETTA

WILD MUSHROOM, SPINACH AND ASPARAGUS
RISOTTO WITH PARMESAN CRISPS

BAKED FILLET OF SEA FRESH WHITING WITH A
FRESH HERB AND WHITE WINE SAUCE

DESSERT

CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDING WITH BRANDY SAUCE

BLACK FOREST GATEAU SERVED WITH
DOUBLE CREAM

INDIVIDUAL EXOTIC FRUIT CHEESECAKE
WITH MANGO COULIS AND DOUBLE CREAM

COFFEE AND MINCE PIE

COST £17.75

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I/we will be attending the Christmas Lunch on 13th December 2014, please add my name to the list:

Name (print):..... Number of people (including me!):.....

Please return to: **Lorna Soffe, 1 Stoneleigh Avenue, Hordle, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 0GS**