



## **Solent Radio Control Model Boat Club**

Club Web-site: [www.srcmbc.org.uk](http://www.srcmbc.org.uk)

The club has two sections, **Scale Boats** and a **Sailing Section**, with the sailing waters at **Setley Pond**, which is located in the New Forest just south of Brockenhurst. The pond is co-located with a Picnic Area and model boaters can park directly adjacent to the water. We share the pond with New Forest ponies and other cattle that come to the pond to drink, as well as herons and cormorants who come to fish and eat!



**Setley Pond** is a beautiful place to sail model boats and the club welcomes visitors, whether you come with your own boat, or just to watch the action and enjoy the scenery.

If you come to watch, please feel free to ask questions about the models and how they are controlled. If you have children with you, please keep them under close supervision, because in some places the deepest water is close to the pond bank and children can quickly go out of sight amongst the

bushes and undergrowth that surrounds the pond.

We also ask visitors to abide by a few rules, these are to prevent collisions and damage to models and to adhere to the National Park Authority regulations on pond use.

The Club pays an annual fee to the National Park Authority, which allows the pond to be used for model scale boats and yachts and entitles club members to the exclusive use of the pond on Club days.



### **How to get there**

**Driving north from Lymington:** after you pass the Hobler Inn (on the right), take the next road to the left (signposted "Burley"). *If you pass the speed camera and the hand car wash garage you have just missed the turning.*

Having turned off the main road, ignore the turning immediately left after the cattle grid, which leads to private houses, instead take the next left, approx. about 200m further on, which is a gravel track with a "Setley Pond" sign and a New Forest Car Park post.

**Driving south from Brockenhurst:** on the left there is a garage offering a hand car wash service on the right just before the garage there is a speed camera, here you turn right off the main road (signposted "Burley"). Now follow the instructions as above.



**The Scale Model Section** meets on Thursday and Sunday mornings at about 10am throughout the year, weather permitting and models range from rowing boats to liners and from sailing dinghies to square rigged ships. (*Fast electric racing boats, or IC boats are not allowed by the Forestry Commission Regulations*).

The Scale Section is affiliated to the [South West Association of Model Boat Clubs](#).



**The Sailing Section** uses the water for racing their yachts on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10.00 to 13.00, weather permitting, throughout the year and is affiliated to the [Model Yachting Association](http://www.srcmyc.org.uk)

Sailing Section website: [www.srcmyc.org.uk](http://www.srcmyc.org.uk)



### Classes Sailed



#### **Marblehead Raced alternative Fridays**

Racing of Radio Marblehead (RM) yachts at Setley dates back to the formation of the New Forest Model Yacht Club in 1972. The class is "open" allowing variations in design and construction within limits of 50 inches (1290mm) length, and 800inches<sup>2</sup> (0.5161m<sup>2</sup>) measured sail area.



#### **R36R Class Raced alternative Fridays**

Sailing of R36R yachts started at Setley around the mid 1980's to provide a smaller "open design" yacht compared to the Marblehead. The rules are that the hull must fit into a box 37 inches (940mm) long, 9 inches (229mm) wide, and 11 inches (279mm) deep. This results in a relatively shallow draught boat which can be sailed at Setley when water levels are low.



#### **IOM Class Raced on Tuesdays**

The International One Metre (IOM) class has been raced at Setley since the late 1980's. Although similar in size to the R36R, in this class variations in design and construction are strictly controlled with the aim of allowing less expensive boats to remain competitive.



#### **6 Metre - A small fleet of 6m yachts raced at on Wednesdays**

In concept these large, graceful yachts are a scaled-down version of a full size 6 metre racing yacht. However the class rules are "open" allowing variations of design within a fixed "formula" for the dimensions. Typically the boats are around 1m waterline length with large overhangs. Displacement is around 12 kg and, despite a relatively shallow 230mm (9 inches) draught, they carry around 0.7 m<sup>2</sup> sail. A small but growing fleet of 6m yachts is being established and raced at Setley.



#### **America's Cup Replica yachts - Raced on Monday and Saturday mornings**

An out of the box kit but with alternative sail rigs allowed.