



BASINGSTOKE MODEL BOAT CLUB

Newsletter

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Membership News

There have been 6 new members since the last newsletter, however a number of members decided not to renew their membership. The current membership now stands at 92, of which 2 are currently junior members. Please join me in welcoming **Brian Bailey, Simon Scantlebury, Kevin Berry, Stephen Compton, Ian Berry** and **Ian Morgan** to the club and we hope to see them at the lake whenever they can attend.

New members are always most welcome – if you have a friend that may be interested in model boating or joining the club then please let them know all about us, or tell them to have a look at our website to see for themselves - www.basingstokembc.co.uk

The club has been informed of the death of James Bohn, James was a member until a couple of years ago and had been suffering from ill health. His funeral has already taken place,

Revised Club Rules

To take into account changes which have occurred over the past few years, the rules for the club have been updated to reflect current practice, the club's structure and financial handling. Please take the time to read these updates.

Club Rules

1. Any person over the age of 8 shall be eligible for membership
2. Junior Members must be sponsored by a Senior Member for membership
3. Junior Members between the ages of 8 and 14 must be accompanied by their sponsor when sailing
4. Members in arrears of subscriptions are not covered by the Club's Public Liability Insurance
5. The Club reserves the right to expel any member who behaves in an irresponsible manner or brings the Club into disrepute

Sailing Rules

1. No airscrew or other illegal propulsion systems to be used
2. Members are to abide by the park bylaws
3. No I.C. powered boats to be operated
4. Steam driven boats must have a current valid boiler test certificate if steam is to be raised either on or near the pond (non-compliance invalidates the Clubs Public Liability Insurance)
5. Radio control frequencies must be 27MHz, 40MHz or 2.4GHz
6. If using other than 2.4GHz, members must check with each other to determine what frequencies are being used.
7. No fouling of the pond is permitted.
8. All traces of the Club's activities at the pond side to be removed (litter etc.) after sailing.
9. Aerial end protectors to be fitted to all transmitters in the 27MHz and 40MHz range that have telescopic aerials

Club Structure

1. The Officers of the Club shall consist as follows: Chairman, Secretary (who will also be the Treasurer). The Officers will be aided as and when necessary by up to 4 co-opted members

2. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Club and is responsible for the receipt and payment of all monies appertaining to the Club. The post holder shall maintain proper accounts at all times
3. An Officer of the Club who wishes to resign should give a month's notice where possible. Any vacancy may be filled as a matter of urgency for the remainder of the operating year

Finance

1. The financial year shall run from 1st April to 31st March each year
2. All monies raised under the authority of the Club shall be deemed to be the property of the Club and kept in the bank account held in the name of the Club
3. There shall be only one bank account held and this will be in the name of the Club. Cheques shall be signed by the Secretary/Treasurer and the account operated as detailed below
 - a. The Secretary/Treasurer will be the holder of the debit card for the club's account
 - b. The Secretary/Treasurer will be authorised to operate the Club account via Internet Banking
4. The Secretary/Treasurer will regularly provide the Chairman with the current status on the Club's finances
5. The Secretary/Treasurer will, within the March edition of the club's newsletter, provide members with a statement of the current position of the Club's finances
6. The level of subscriptions for the following year will be determined by the Officers of the Club prior to the March edition of the club's newsletter and any changes notified to members within the newsletter
7. Subscriptions shall be due within 1 month of the 1st April each year. Failure to pay within this period will terminate membership which will be reinstated on full payment
8. The Club shall hold appropriate Public Liability insurance cover for it and its members' legitimate model boating activities and each member shall be provided with details on request

Safeguarding Policy for Children and Young people (aged 8 to 14 years) within Basingstoke Model Boat Club.

The Club has a long history of welcoming Children and Young people as members. It is the Club's desire to continue with this approach, whilst recognising that members of the Basingstoke Model Boat Club are not experts in this field, we aim to keep in place certain provisions to ensure the safety and well-being of children and young people whilst they are engaged in Club activities.

These provisions are set out below: Note – The following text refers to 'Child' or 'Children' but this is taken to include 'Young Person(s)' who are aged between 8 and 14 years old. Similarly, 'Parent' is taken to include 'Guardian'.

Parental Supervision, it is Club policy and a Club Rule that Children are accompanied and supervised at all times by their Parent or Guardian. When joining the Club, parents are required to confirm in writing that they understand and will comply with this requirement. Parents may choose to constantly stand with their Child or they may judge it sufficient to supervise from a short distance, but they are required to maintain effective contact with the Child at all times.

Other Club Members upon joining the Club and from time to time thereafter, members will be advised of good practice when interacting with Children. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Ensuring that the Member has made contact with the Parent at each visit and prior to interacting with the Child during that visit.
2. Avoiding any situation where effective supervision of the Child is compromised.
3. Ensuring that any language or topic of discussion (with the Child or within the Child's earshot) is appropriate at all times.
4. In addition, all Members are expected to be alert to the physical safety of the Child and to intervene in the event of a hazard or in the event of a potentially hazardous situation developing.

Viabes Show report

This was held over the weekend of the 11th and 12th April supported by a large number of club member's displaying a wide range of models. This year our display was on the field along with stationary engines and scale traction engines of different sizes plus a "horseless" carriage. Due to the amount of emissions from these engines members did leave with a "well smoked" aroma necessitating use of washing machines and showers!



It was noticeable that the number of traction engines displayed on the Sunday was markedly less when compared to the Saturday.

A big thank you to all of the members who brought along models and attended over the weekend.

Hovercraft Association visit report

Once again a few members from the association visited the lake on the 12th April to enjoy “flying” their models. It is always good to see such different models being used on the lake and they draw an appreciative audience from both club members and others using the park.

The association is a nationwide organisation with no “home lake” so arrange visits to various locations to which members travel. We hope to host the association at the lake again next year.





Surface Warship Association visit report

On Sunday 3rd May a small number of the SWA from Kent attended along with BMBC member Keith Barnes who is also a SWA member. It was also an opportunity for club members to sail their naval vessels and a variety of such were on the water.



Popham Show report

This was held over the weekend of the 9th and 10th of May with the club displaying a wide range of models within a marquee.

The show was very well attended, especially on the Saturday, Chris wrote the following.

Well that show was an example of the vagaries of the British weather, Saturday was a terrific day and a good busy show. Sunday was more of a struggle though we had a good turnout of members and boats for both days. Many thanks to all who showed boats and shared their interest and enthusiasm for model boats. There were many interested questions about our boats, the club and the lake.



Photos showing a selection of the club's display at Popham.

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Then of course Chris had to enhance some photos via AI to produce these “action shots”, thank goodness the lake is never this wild!!

Vintage Model Yacht Group visit report

Only 2 members of the VMYG with their young children in tow attended the visit on the 31st May. They did however enjoy their time sending their small free-sail yachts across the lake and it gave their children some good exercise running around the lake in order to turn the boats around.



Close

Well that's it for this issue, according to word count there are only 1685 words in this edition but a good number of pictures. Many thanks again to all members who freely gave their time and enthusiasm in manning the club's displays at Viables and Popham.

Articles from members for newsletters are always very welcome so if you are restoring a model or undertaking a new build do share your experiences with the whole club.

Cheers

Andy

*I will as usual ask **Carl**, our webmaster, to add a copy of this newsletter to our BMBC website.*