

## July 2016 - Summer Newsletter - srcmbc.org.uk

### Scale Captain's Chat

*Hi Folks...* Welcome to our latest newsletter. What a summer we have had!!!!!!

I don't think I can remember the lake being so full of water at this time of year for some several years, the unpredictable weather we had had over the past few months has really kept the pond topped up to car park level. Lets hope we now have some sunshine for our club days for the next few months.

I was all ready to get stuck into our club summer events when disaster struck and I was taken into hospital with a severe case of diverticulitis so Navy Day had to be cancelled and I was discharged with orders to rest, take more antibiotics and a new diet!!!! Well I am pleased to say I am now fighting fit again.

I hired the van for Navy Day on Sunday 10th July, everything was loaded on the 9th and I arrived at the pond in light rain and the weather forecast saying it would clear by 10am so we set up the tables, harbour etc. etc. all ready to go, but the rain became even heavier and the wind increased and it was decided to pack up at

11am; but not before one table blew over with my boat on it and the table landed on top of the model, that gave me three days rebuilding work (the pleasures of model boating)!! Everybody who came along was very disappointed and I was asked to rearrange the event which I have done for Sunday 21st August in place of the Steering Competition... please amend your diaries. The Steering Competition will be rescheduled if possible dependant on water level giving me safe access to set up the course.

By now I am sure that many of you will have seen our new website, developed by our Webmaster Peter Taylor and what a fantastic job he has done. There were two reasons for the need to update the site: (1) to make the Sailing Section Pages more prominent (as requested by the Sailing Section at our AGM) and (2) to make the site user friendly for mobile devices and iPads etc. It is also now possible for members to post their own items like photos of their models, or to make comments about items on the site.

The Club Charity Exhibition will be held on Saturday 3rd of September with set up on Friday 2nd from 4pm, models for display to be delivered between 4.30pm and 7pm - NOT ON SATURDAY 4th UNLESS AGREED WITH MYSELF. PLEASE LET ME HAVE DETAILS OF YOUR MODELS FOR THE SHOW BY EMAIL OR PHONE CALL AS SOON AS YOU CAN SO I CAN ARRANGE THE LAYOUT.

On the subject of Exhibitions, following on from our AGM we have now booked the Highcliffe Sports and Social Club Hall for our March Exhibition; we will be running the show ourselves instead of the RNL Branch, we will have a lot more room and control of the event, more details will be put on the website in due course.

Finally, on a sad note I was so sorry to learn of the death of club member John Way. Our thoughts go out to his wife, Margaret.

I hope to see you all at the Milford show, meanwhile enjoy the newsletter!



Read the Scale Captain's own posts on the new Club web site!

*David*

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## Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 21st August	N.B. Navy Day (NOT steering comp.): Setley Pond, 9am to 1 pm
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, Lymington, 12.30pm

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## Editorial: Visit [www.srcmbc.org.uk](http://www.srcmbc.org.uk) !

As David has mentioned, the Club now has a new web site... the picture shows how the home page might look if you view the web site on a computer. Viewed on a smart phone or on a tablet (like an iPad) it will look a bit different. As you can imagine developing the new site has been a major undertaking so please forgive me if information about it takes up almost all of this rather short Newsletter!



Whereas in the past the Scale Section (“SRCMBC”) and the Sailing Section (“SRCMYC”) had two web sites which shared some content (for example Club History), now we have one combined site. Whether you go to “[srcmbc.org.uk](http://srcmbc.org.uk)” or to “[srcmyc.org.uk](http://srcmyc.org.uk)” you will see the same Home Page.

Like many modern web sites, the Club’s new site has been built using a system called “WordPress” which is a “content management system”... CMS. What on earth is a CMS? Think of it as a computer program which creates a web page for you. All you have to do is to type your text into a box on the screen, click a button to

upload any photos, tell it to “publish”...and bingo - you have a new web page! The CMS also keeps track of which are the latest pages added to the site and offers those to people viewing the site. If you, or someone you know, uses Facebook, that too is a type of CMS designed so people can easily publish their thoughts and photos on the web.

Similar to Facebook, you can request a user ID in order to log into the new Club web site. However, unlike Facebook, **you don’t have to have an ID or to log in before you can see everything on the web site.** You do have to log in if you want to add your own news items, photographs, or movies, or if you want to comment on other items on our web site. The main newsletter article shows just how easy it is to contribute your own web site “posts” and I’m hoping that members will take the opportunity to actively contribute.. it is the Club’s web site after all! Indeed, our first contributor is our Scale Captain who is now using the web site to post his own Scale Section announcements.

When the old web site was created in 2008, only a minority of Club members had access to the web - mostly through dial-up modems! The old web site was designed for that era and I believe it has served us well. Now members increasingly access the web using iPads or smart phones and the new web site is designed accordingly. However the old site had a wealth of information about Club History and Setley Pond as well as a host of photo albums featuring members models. It will take some time to transfer everything to the new web site, please be patient! In the meantime, pages on the old web site can still be accessed through the new web site. But if photos of your boats are not transferred yet and you are keen to see them across, let me know and I’ll try to prioritise them.

Finally a threat... or at least a plea! In the past I spent much time developing the old Club web site. What time I presently have is going towards completing the transfer to the new site. It is now very much easier than it was in the past for you, the Club members, to contribute your own photos and text. But if you don’t, then there is a danger that in future the Club Web site will be no more than a nice looking record of what the club was like in the years before and up to 2016. That would be a great pity, please contribute and help keep the web site updated!

*Peter Taylor... your Editor.*

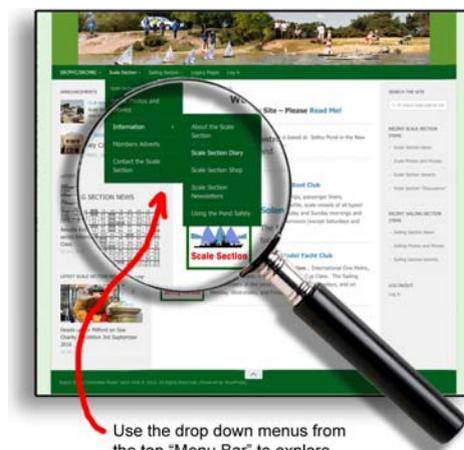
## Using and Contributing to the new Club Web Site

**Using the Site:** The illustration (right) shows the Home Page as it might be viewed on a computer. The content of the page is in the centre and there are left and right side bars. On most pages the left side bar has links which allow you to view the latest posts in various categories - for example news items, members adverts, model photos, etc. On the Home Page these links are on the right hand side bar and the left hand bar shows the latest Club announcements and latest news items for the two sections of the Club.

If you are viewing the web site on an iPad or similar tablet computer then the left and right bars will not appear except when you click on one of the blue or green arrow boxes. If you are using a smart phone the “left side bar” appears below the main content of the page.



Tip: Clicking on the square logo will take you to a list of the latest Scale Section news items



Use the drop down menus from the top “Menu Bar” to explore the whole web site



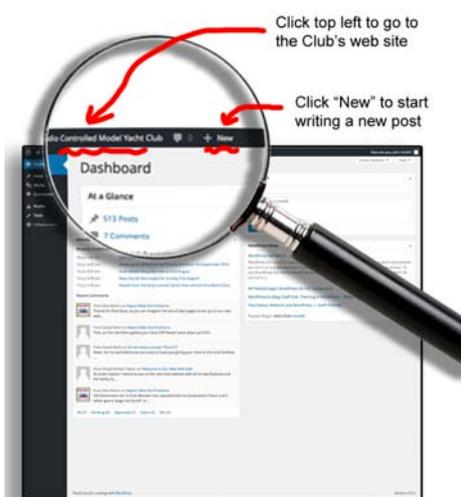
Use the Blue arrows to open the left side bar  
(use the green arrows to open the right side bar)

Whereas the menus in the side bars provide quick access to the latest posts, the top “Menu Bar” directly under the header image provides access to the whole web site including the more permanent features such as the Diary of Events, Club Shop, and the

History of the Club. On a smart phone the content of the top menu is accessed via the standard “menu” symbol (3 horizontal lines looking like a hamburger!).

**Creating your own “post”:** News stories, photo albums, and other items which either have a limited life span or which might be later updated, for example by adding newer photos, are referred to as “posts”. In order to be able to submit posts you need to email me for a user ID and then set your own password which you will use to log into the web site. Having a user ID will also allow you to leave comments on many of the posts on the site.

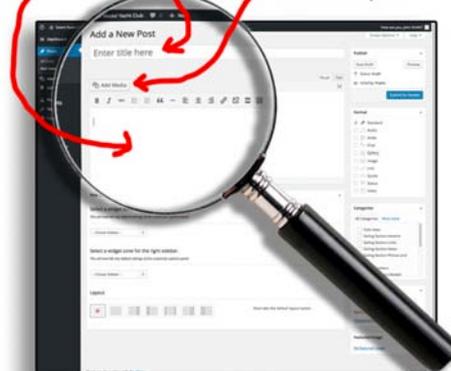
When you first log into the site with your new ID you will probably see your WordPress “Dashboard”. The only bit of this you need to use is the top menu bar. Whenever you are logged in you will have a similar top bar on each of the web site pages. Clicking at the top left (where it says “Solent Radio Controlled Model Yacht Club”) will switch you between viewing the Dashboard and viewing the web site Home Page. Clicking “New” will take you to the editing page where you can write a new post (see right).



Click top left to go to the Club's web site

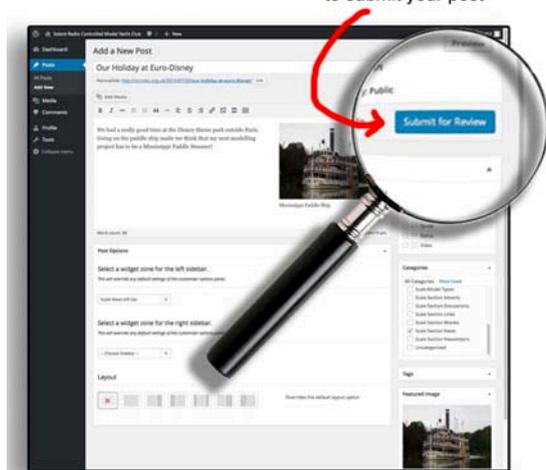
Click “New” to start writing a new post

1. Type your Title here
2. Type your text in this area
3. Click here to upload and insert a photo



To create a new post all you have to do is (1) type a title into the box provided; (2) type text into the larger box (there are tools similar to those of a Word Processor allowing you to make text bold or italic and so on); (3) if you wish, upload and insert one or more photos using the button provided.

The Blue Button near the top right allows you to submit your post



Once you are satisfied with your post you can use the blue “Submit for review” button to send it for publication (there is also a “Preview” button if you want first to see how it will look). Your post will not appear immediately, rather one of the Editors (myself for the Scale Section, Martin Holt and John Tufnall for the Sailing Section) will check things like whether it will appear in the correct format in the correct section of the web site. Once it has been checked it will be published for all the world to see!

All the details of how the post will look are set by using the other boxes on the editing page. For your first posts the editors can do this for you. However the choices are fairly obvious. For example, for Scale Section posts the “Category” will be probably be “Scale Section News”, “Scale Section Adverts”, or “Scale Model Photos”.

The left side bar (known as a “Widget zone”) will be set to “Scale News left bar”, “Scale Adverts left bar”, or “Photos and Movies left bar” as appropriate. Setting the “Format” to “Image” will allow a “Featured Image” to be placed at the top of the post which makes it look good! To create a whole gallery of photos is a little more complicated, but I’m happy to provide instructions or, initially, to do it for you.

You will be surprised how, as if by magic, what you type will change into a properly formatted web page and be listed amongst the “latest posts”... why not give it a go?

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## Members Adverts and Announcements

**Roger Yeatman** (phone: 01202 737112) has reduced the price of his Scottish fishing vessel to **£195**:

**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.



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**Margaret Way** (contact via Lorna Soffe: 01425 615305) is selling a **Monsoon 900** sailboat (red, black, silver colours), bought from Howes Models for her husband who passed away before he could get it on the water; price: **£100**, radio gear included.

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**Colin Ching** (phone: 01202 883614) is offering the following items **for free**:

**I.O.M. Hull** (only): Goth XP, this a new style narrow built boat with raised fore deck, recess for mast and radio pot in the rear deck made in fibre glass, hull cedar planking. Another hull, shell only, both require tidy work in them.

**RG65** made in balsa wood ready to paint. Also a **centre board dinghy** hull

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# Model Boat Show

**10am to 4pm - Saturday 3rd Sept.**

**All Saints' Church Hall  
Greenbanks Close, Milford-on-Sea  
SO41 0SQ**

**Refreshments Available**

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