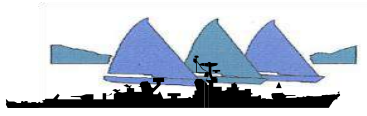


SOLENT R.C.M.Y.C Scale Section



Founded Jan 1978

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2023

Welcome everyone to the Summer Newsletter.

Captains Chat

Hello again,

Here are a few more "Mutterings from the Pond." Funnily enough I started my last report commenting on the weather, well has not it been a strange year so far? Having said that we did have beautiful days for Navy Day and for our first Sail Day which were well supported by our members and enjoyed by all.

It is, therefore, by popular demand that we are going to hold a third event on the Pond, this time on October 22nd which will be for any type of Commercial vessel - Tugs, Fishing boats, Lifeboats etc. Make sure you check the website for updates. We have also settled on a Venue and Date for our Christmas lunch; Lorna will put the details in this Newsletter and on the website.

Do not forget our up-and-coming Exhibition at Milford in September, again please keep checking the website for details and also let Lorna know if you are coming and what model(s) you propose exhibiting so we can plan tables etc.

It is good to see some new faces at the Pond and our Membership remains strong at 120+ with a strong group of regulars so let's see more boats dusted off and, on the water, dare I say it, but we are more than halfway through the year!

Keep well and see you all at the Pond.

Charles

Dates for your Diary

AGM 19th April – Milford on Sea, Church Hall, Greenbanks Close, Milford on Sea
SO41 0SQ

May 28th – Navy Day at Setley Pond

June 18th – Sailing Day at Setley Pond

23rd September – Exhibition – Milford on Sea, Community Centre, Sea Road
Milford on Sea SO41 0PH

22nd October – Commercial vessel day – Lifeboats, Tugs, Fishing etc, sail or motor

13th December – Christmas Lunch – 12.30 for 1pm, The Cliff House, Marine Drive
West, Barton on Sea, BH25 7QL

Newsletter and Website

The club are still going to produce Newsletters, hopefully 3 times a year.

If you would like an article or information included in the Newsletter, please advise Lorna and if you would like articles, information, photo's etc included on the website please contact Peter Taylor who will be happy to assist you.

Clothing

The club have the following items for sale in all sizes.

Fleeces, Sweatshirts, Polo Shirts, Pilot Shirts, Caps (all one size)

Prices are on the website. if you would like any item of clothing, please contact Lorna.

Badges



Available now. Club enamel badges, badge diameter 25mm price is only £2.00each, they will be sold at the pond or can be posted, please contact Lorna if you would like one.

Keyrings

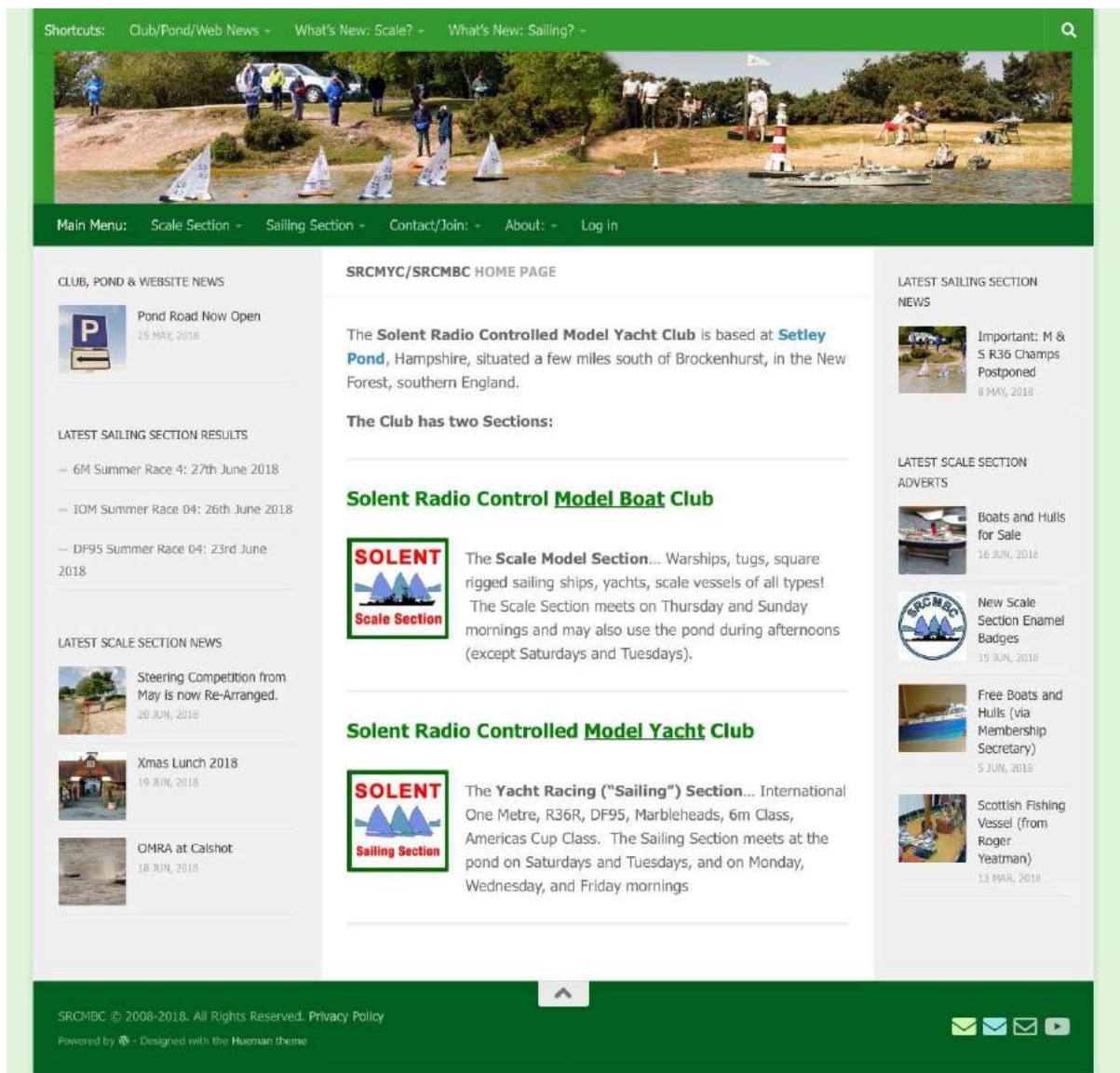
Keyrings were made by a past member.
the club are selling them for £2.00 each, if anyone would like one, please contact Lorna.



Boats for sale or free

On the Adverts page the club have some boats for sale, have a look and if interested contact current owner or Lorna.

Or if any member would like to sell their boats, please contact Peter Taylor or Lorna to arrange items to be put on website.



The above is how the Website looks on the home page, if anyone would like to put any articles, photos, information for everyone to read and enjoy, please contact Peter or Lorna.

Members Information

Please visit the Website regularly as this is the place for important information, Exhibitions, what's going on, new information, Boats for sale.

Please read your emails it might be important, and sometimes saves a phone call.

If any member has recently changed address or any other information, please advise Lorna.

Please always wear your badge at the pond, it helps the committee and other members, as in recent years new members have joined.

If you have lost yours or need a replacement badge, please contact Lorna.

Forestry England

Please remember the rules of the pond, we are only permitted a maximum of twelve boats being sailed on the water at any one time, unfortunately on busy club days this may mean that members may from time to time have to take a voluntary break to allow others to sail to enable compliance.

Sailing times are 9am to 7 pm.

Commercial Vessel Day

The Club by popular demand have set a date on 22nd October 2023, weather permitting, for all commercial vessels, - Lifeboats, Tugs, Fishing etc, sail or motor. All welcome even if you have no boat to show, some tables will be provided, so if you have your own table, please bring it. Please support it and hopefully will be a success as was Navy and Sail Day.

Christmas Lunch

The Club have provisionally booked a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 13th December 2023, at The Cliff House, Marine Drive West, Barton on Sea, BH25 7QL, Menus and prices will be out mid/end of August, once this has been sorted, we can progress. There will be a raffle as usual, and the Charities will be Scarf and New Forest Disability.

Club Exhibition

The Club are organising an Exhibition as per member requests, the show is on 23rd September 2023 at Milford on Sea Community Centre, Sea Road, Milford on Sea, SO41 0PH. The Club has the Hall from 9am till 4pm, and it is open to the public from 10am till 3pm, we are not able to get in the previous night as we have done in the past so between 9am and 10am set up and between 3pm and 4pm clearing up. Tables and chairs are being provided and set up and taken down, there will be a café open in the same building. **Car Parking** there is a public car park by the side of the Hall but you have to pay £5.40 for 7 hours unless you have a parking clock, there are short stay or long stay places please be careful how you park, there are also other car parks a short walk away so please google it and see what is around, please do not park in Pub car park. There is a back entrance to get the boats in, though we will need members to be on the door to guide members into the Hall and to help get the boats in, the same help will be needed at the end of the day. Help will be needed in the Hall putting up banners and tablecloths etc,

Badges to be worn by all members, if you need one, please contact Lorna.

Clothing, Calendars etc will be on sale, also Wightlink have provided us with two vouchers which will be raffled on the day.

A poster is at the end of the Newsletter, please print and display anywhere you are able.

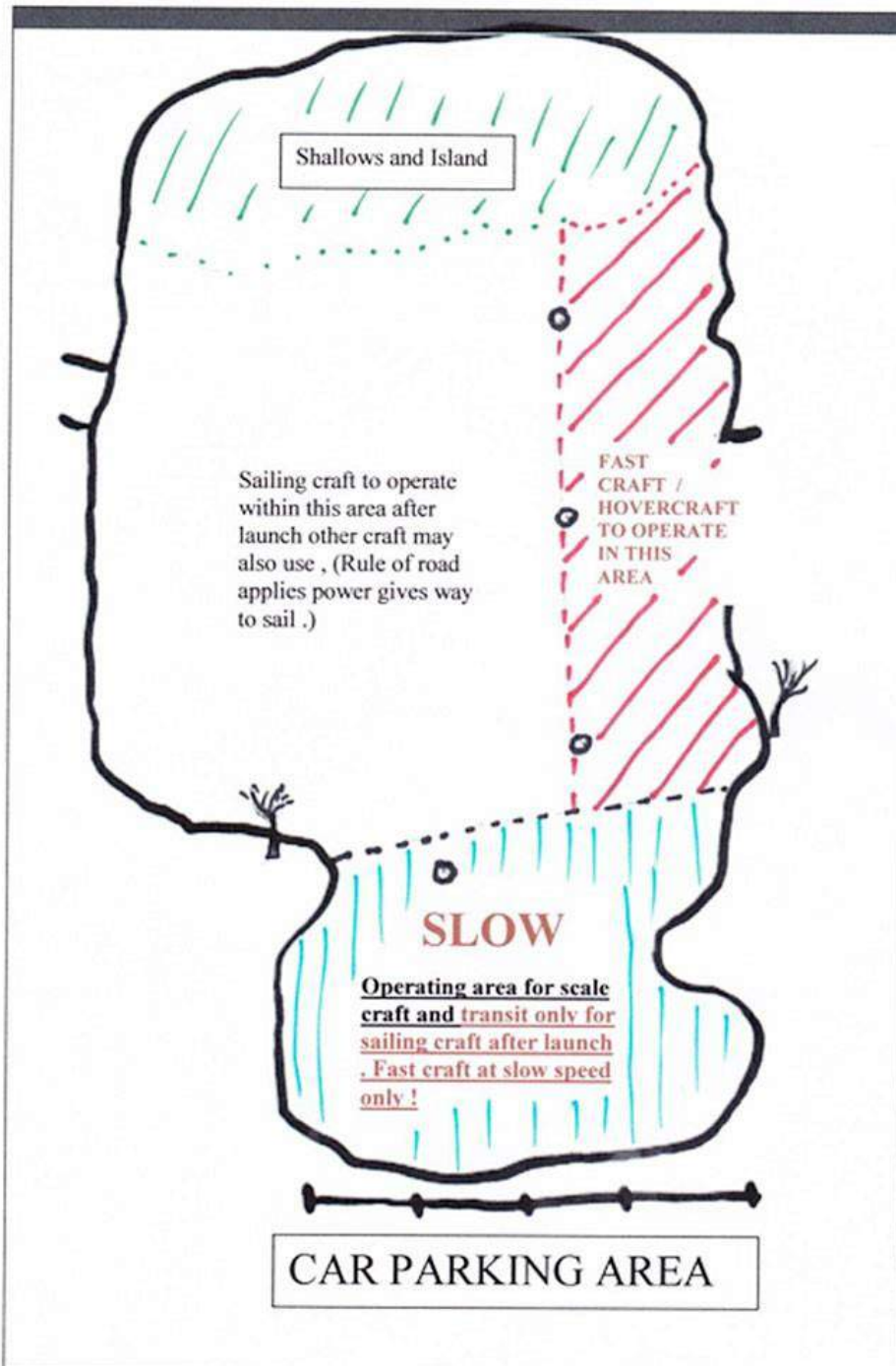
Admission will be by donation and the Charity will be Oakhaven Hospice.

Lorna is now taking names and number of boats, at present about 35 boats have been advised.

An email will be sent nearer the time to remind you, put it on the calendar now.

Please support it, it is the first one since Covid and it will make a difference as to whether the Club has one next year.

SETLEY POND OPERATING AREAS ON CLUB DAYS



Note re **FAST CRAFT AND HOVERCRAFT OPERATIONS** :- These may be operated at high speed only within the designated area , operators should be able to see and control their craft at all times and take action to avoid collisions. During times when fast craft are not operating others may use this area but be prepared to exit it and remain clear if required.

Members using the pond.

When sailing any motorboat or yacht, please could all members follow the Setley Pond operating rules enclosed in this newsletter, and keep to your section, please be sensible as the Forestry have limited the club to 12 boats on the water, it is in everyone's interest to be safe when sailing, also please be considerate to other members who want to sail, this might mean taking your boat off the water to enable another member to sail.

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Minutes of the SRCMBC 2023 Annual General Meeting

The 2023 AGM was held at 7.00pm on 19th April at the Milford on Sea, Church Hall. The attendance was 17 members and committee members, Apologies were received from Simon Jeffs, Steve Watling, Olly, Pat, and Bill Chapman, Dennis New, Dennis Maxted, Mac McAusland, John Edwards, Peter Taylor, Peter Ratcliffe

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes for the last AGM were read and approved. These were sent out with last newsletter by email and post and were available at the AGM.

Proposed by Brian Rapley

Seconded by John Andrews

MATTERS ARISING

Website – all contributions greatly received – Message from Peter Taylor in Website paragraph 6.

Mentioned to members if they still wanted 3 Newsletters a year, the response was yes. Last AGM in August 2022, members asked if the Club was having a Christmas lunch, but it was too late in the year to organise one, Christmas Lunch 2023 is discussed in AOB. Captain mentioned about Club items in David's garage which is discussed in AOB.

Proposed by David Purchase

Seconded by Brian Rolls

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Good evening and welcome to the 2022 /23 A G M of the Solent Radio Controlled Model Boat Club.

Thank you for taking time to join us tonight. When I took over the reins from David who had very ably been class Captain for many years, we were just starting to emerge from the COVID Pandemic which had put the Club into limbo.

I undertook at the time to try and rejuvenate the Club and reintroduce some events, we decided to take some gentle steps towards an event schedule and see how the Membership responded. To this end we have 3 events planned this season, a "Sailing Day" where I hope to see lots of white sails out there in all shapes and sizes, gaffers, schooners, and sloops. We will also be having a "Navy Day," this has always been popular so again lots of variety please. Then we have also scheduled one Exhibition to end the year.

All the events will of course be run on a "self-help" basis, which is to say bring your models, support the events and if required lend a hand. It has been good to see Members coming back and braving the sometimes-inclement weather and the numbers growing at the Pond side, long may it continue.

The Pond has gone through quite a lot in the few months since we last met, drought, flooding and now access road issues. We were given very little notice regarding the closure and none regarding the remedial work which turned the road into quicksand and requiring an immediate closure. We do not have a timescale regarding the reopening which is dependent on the groundwork drying out and settling, we will let you know as soon as we do.

We have our new Permit from Forest England, the terms of which have not changed. Once again, the negotiations have been conducted by Nigel Burnt (Sailing Section Captain) on our

joint behalf with input from ourselves. Insurance in place but at increased cost, Lorna will include in her report. We also said we would review the Club's Bank account so I will let Lorna cover this in her report. Lorna will also cover the work done on the Website to bring it up to date as well as reviewing the Club Paperwork, our thanks again to Peter Taylor our webmaster.

We have investigated reinstating a Christmas lunch and this will be covered later. We would also like to make a proposal regarding Club Subscriptions, I will also cover this later but I'm mentioning it here so as to give you advance warning.

Finally, I would like to thank Lorna for her guidance and support without which we would not be able to run the Club.

Charles Chambers Class Captain Scale Section 19 April 2023

Proposed by Nigel James

Seconded by Brian Rapley

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer gave the Financial Report showing items of Income received as per balance sheet, and the details of Expenditure also as per balance sheet.

Subscriptions were kept the same as 2022.

Subs are now due and out of 122 members 55 have re-joined to date.

Items explained by the Treasurer from the balance sheet are as follows -

Income

Subs £930.20.

New Members £95.00

Clothing £112.00,

Calendars 85 ordered sold for £346.20 - these sold for £4.00 Wall calendars and £3.00 CD

Landscape calendars, all but 4 wall calendars were sold. This year a profit of £8.74 was

made., this was made up to £50.00 and sent to MacMillan Local Cancer at Christchurch

Hospital, Wall and CD calendars will again be ordered before the end of July so we can take

advantage of a 10% discount, also they can be sold at Exhibition in September.

Bank interest £15.02 has increased from last year.

Website Sailing contribution 2022 £33.60

Expenditure

Pond Hire has gone up to £157.50, same as last year.

Public Liability stayed the same as last year £124.24 up by £7.84.

AGM Hall £36.00

Newsletters/ Postage for Subs, New Members etc £115.24, 11 members have the newsletter by post,

Website £136.77

Membership cards £62.80

Refund of subs £20.00

Donation for Jacob Roth £30.00

Bank Charges £75.80

Clothing £201.24

Milford Hall Hire Deposit Exhibition £60.00

Calendars & Postage £337.46

Charity MacMillan Local Cancer, Calendars £50.00, also managed to get £50.00 from HSBC pound for pound.

Treasurer advised members that the HSBC account has now been closed, and the Club now bank with Nat West, which took the club about 2 painful months to open up. The reason for changing was to avoid bank charges, and at present the account at Nat West is free.

Proposed by David Neal

Seconded Paul Nixon

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2023/2024

No nominations were received from members. The committee (as follows) have said they would still run if re-elected.

Charles Chambers	Captain
Andy Davis	Committee Member, Boiler testing
Lorna Soffe	Membership, Treasurer
Kevan Wallace	Committee Member
Peter Taylor	Webmaster

All the above were re-elected by all members.

Proposed by James Forrester

Seconded Graham Coombes

WEBSITE

SRCMBC AGM 19th April 2023

From Peter Taylor

Please accept my apologies for not attending but I avoid driving at night. Nowadays the Club website is getting an increasing amount of input from the Sailing Section with their race results, but not so much from the Scale Section. I would just like to remind scale section members that if you have photos of your models, you can send them to me to be put on the website. Photos of models on the pond are best if taken with a real camera, although closeups taken with a mobile phone can also be very good. Information about the model is also interesting - was it built from scratch or a kit, size of the model, any remarks about it. Also, information about the original boat could be included. It is your website, why not make use of it? You never know what a website item may lead to. We do get enquiries from other modellers, sometimes abroad - the latest I have dealt with was from a modeller in Virginia, USA, who is constructing a model of Bluebird of Chelsea from a kit. He does not have any instructions and was looking for some photos of details of the boat which I was able to supply. I'm always happy to pass on any email enquiries that we receive. By the way, it was done as a joke in April some 11 years ago, but the spoof silent movie "Titanic and the Iceberg" (filmed at Setley Pond) has now had over 7.9 million views on YouTube! It is on our web site, just search for "Titanic."

Also, Peter has re vamped the photos page by putting them into sections, which should make it easier to identify boats and owners.

Also, between Peter and Lorna the website has been checked and updated and this will be checked every 6 months.

As Peter says please use it for photos, information, or stories how you have built it, or how the original boat was used.

Proposed by David McNair-Taylor

Seconded by Paul Nixon

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLUB EXHIBITION AT MILFORD ON SEA

The Club's exhibition at Milford on Sea is on 23rd September 2023 at Milford Community Hall, Sea Road, Milford. From 9am till 4pm, doors to the public will open at 10am.

There is a public car park at the side with short and long stay spaces, there is a front and back entrance to take the boats through, the club will ask for the back door to be opened for easier access.

The Hall will put the tables up and the club will visit hall nearer the time to clarify how the tables are to be positioned and then the Hall will put away at the end of the day. The Club will be charged £27.00 per hour and free use of tables and chairs. A café will be open to all members and the public, or there are plenty of shops and cafes to get food and drink if needed.

It has been decided that entrance will be donations and a charity will be chosen, members mentioned Guide Dogs for the Blind, Air Ambulance, Oakhaven.

Also, Paul Nixon asked if we would like him to have a word with Wightlink concerning raffle tickets and he was asked to go ahead.

Brian Rapley also asked if the club would like him to provide music as he had an electric accordion, the club will ask Hall if we can.

The Club asked members to help where they can (tablecloths, banners etc) and putting up posters, and patience when unloading and loading boats. All of which will hopefully lead to a successful exhibition for all.

A Charity will be chosen for the event, and will be put on posters, members mentioned Oakhaven, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Air Ambulance, or local charities were also preferred. at the meeting.

Proposed by Brian Rolls

Seconded by Nigel James

2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

AGM 19th April – Milford Church Hall 7pm till 9pm

Navy Day – 28th May Setley Pond 9 till 1pm

Sail Day – 18th June Setley Pond 9 till 1pm

Milford Exhibition – 23rd September Milford Community Hall 9am till 4pm open to public 10am

Christmas Lunch to be advised.

Proposed by David Neal

Seconded by Mike Pusey

CLUB EVENTS 2023

The Committee are arranging two events at Setley.

Navy Day on 28th May at Setley Pond, please bring your own tables if you wish to display your boats between 9.00am till 1.00pm

Sail Day on 18th June at Setley Pond 9am till 1pm, again bring your own tables and it's a get together for all members to show off their boats and sail them.

Proposed by Graham Coombes

Seconded by John Andrews

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

At the last AGM members asked if there could be a Christmas lunch, unfortunately it was too late to organise one.

This year the club are looking at a couple of venues.

South Lawns Hotel

Walhampton Arms

The Cliff, Milford

Naish, Barton on Sea

All would be sit down menus and the prices may be between £27/£30 per head.

The club will speak to all venues, concerning menus, prices and maybe numbers, all.

of which will be advised once information and a venue has been chosen, an email will be sent to all members to try and get an estimate on how many would be interested. Members didn't mind if the lunch was organised mid-week or weekends.

Proposed by Nigel James

Seconded by Brian Rolls

AOB

Membership Fees

The committee put a motion forward to increase membership fees by £2.00 next year, this is to cover increases in pond rent, insurance and to cover any Exhibitions or events. Members were agreeable to the increase and mentioned that next year possibly putting it up by another £2.00, this will obviously be mentioned at next year's AGM.

2024/2025 membership fees will be.

Sole £12.00

Joint £17.00

Family £22.00

Junior £5.00

Proposed by Nigel James

Seconded by Paul Nixon

Club Calendars –

Members were informed that the club ordered 85 Wall and CD Landscape calendars, we again sent one to Model Boat magazine, and Cornwall Models, it was put to members if they would still like the same format Wall and CD Calendars for next year and we have decided to order these types of calendars again. Hopefully, we can keep the prices the same Wall calendars £4.00 and CD £3.00. Members will be advised of price when able. Lorna will sort pictures and order them before end of July to get 10% discount and should be on sale August onwards. Please let Lorna know if you would like to put your name for one.

CLOTHING

Members were reminded that the club still have clothing in stock in all sizes, members were also informed that prices had gone up and did they still want the club to order and hold the clothing, members agreed they would still like to have clothing, anyone who would like an item of clothing please contact Lorna,

BADGES –

Please could all members wear your badge at the lake it can be very difficult sometimes to know if you are a member, and it save the committee asking all the time, and it will help the committee to learn names.

Please also keep to operating areas, the club are still limited to 12 boats on the pond.

CLUB ENAMEL BADGES –

The Club have an enamel badge priced at £2.00 each, picture on website, if you would like one, please contact Lorna.

KEYRINGS – With picture of yacht and tugboat on, made by past member £2.00.

NEWSLETTERS –

The Club will still produce a Newsletter three times a year (in February, July, and at end of year). to advise members of any events coming or any general information the club feels members need to know. Some members are not on the internet, so it keeps them up with the news. If anyone would like an article to put in the newsletter, e.g., building boats info etc anything you feel would be of interest to other members please advise, Lorna any little thing would help, otherwise it's going to be a very short paragraph.

DAVID'S GARAGE

David has at present all of the Club's items, (steering comp, banners etc)

The Club has looked into hiring storage of some sort, but found them too expensive, it was also put out to all members to see if anyone had any space to help house any of these items, no one came back.

It was decided at the meeting that the Club would dispose of items not needed, then the Club need to sort what's left, it was mentioned maybe a car boot sale,

A member volunteered to talk to Poole Club to see if they would be interested in any of the items.

TEXT MESSAGING

The captain put up a motion and asked members if they would be interested in a Text messaging system on phones, for emergency messages, to relay to members included in this system that for instance the pond is frozen or the gate is locked, this would prevent some members from travelling distances, the first member would send the message.

Members agreed this would be a good idea, therefore an email would be sent out asking for members mobile numbers who authorise the club to use the numbers in these circumstances. The Club will organise.

SOCIAL GET TOGETHER

The captain suggested to members that on sailing days, instead of going directly home, it would maybe be nice for members to maybe go to the local garden centre for a coffee and a chat, or the local pub.

Members agreed with this, so if you are at the pond, ask other members if they fancy a coffee.

Proposed by Brian Rolls

Seconded by John Geall

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As no other business was put forward, the Captain and Committee thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was finished at 8.30.



Model Boat Show

**Saturday 23rd September
10am - 3pm**

**Milford-on-Sea
Community Centre**

Sea Road, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 0PH

Refreshments Available

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