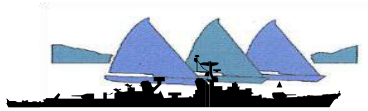


SOLENT R.C.M.Y.C Scale Section



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NEWSLETTER

Summer 2026

Welcome everyone to the Summer Newsletter.

Captains Chat

Hi everyone, well we have gone from being flooded in the Spring to a rapidly evaporating Pond in 30-degree heat!

We have held two scheduled events so far this season without any weather issues, both the Navy Day and the Sail Day. The weather was good for both, but attendance has been lower than last year, I'm not sure why? Those who did attend enjoyed their sailing.

It would appear that the introduction of charges in the carpark has deterred a lot of the casual visitors, there is always room at the front by the Pond! I have spoken to many of you on the subject and it would appear not to have prevented your visits or put you off sailing.

Our next Club event is our annual Exhibition at Milford on Sea (Saturday 29th August).

Please remember to let Lorna know which models you would like to display. We have the posters and we will be asking for volunteers to distribute them in your local areas.

Our final on the water event is the Commercial Vessel Day (13th Sept).

Make sure it is in your Calendars.

Wishing you an enjoyable time at the Pond, see you all there soon.

Charles
Captain, Scale Section

Events

Saturday 29 th August	Exhibition – Milford Community Hall 9am till 10am set up, open to public 10am till 3pm, Clear up 3pm till 4pm
Sunday 13th September	Commercial Vessel Day – starts 9.30 at Setley Pond
Wednesday 9 th December	The Cliff House, Barton on Sea – 12.30 for 1pm

Clothing

Members were reminded that the club still have clothing in stock, any member who would like to purchase items please contact Lorna, will also be sold at Exhibition or at Pond (pond if ordered before hand)

Badges

Please could all members wear your badge at the pond, it can be very difficult sometimes to know if you are a member, it saves the committee asking, especially as the club now has some new members.

Club Enamel Badges

The Club have an enamel badge priced at £2.00 each, picture on website.

Keyrings

For sale at £2.00 with picture of tugboat on, made by past member.

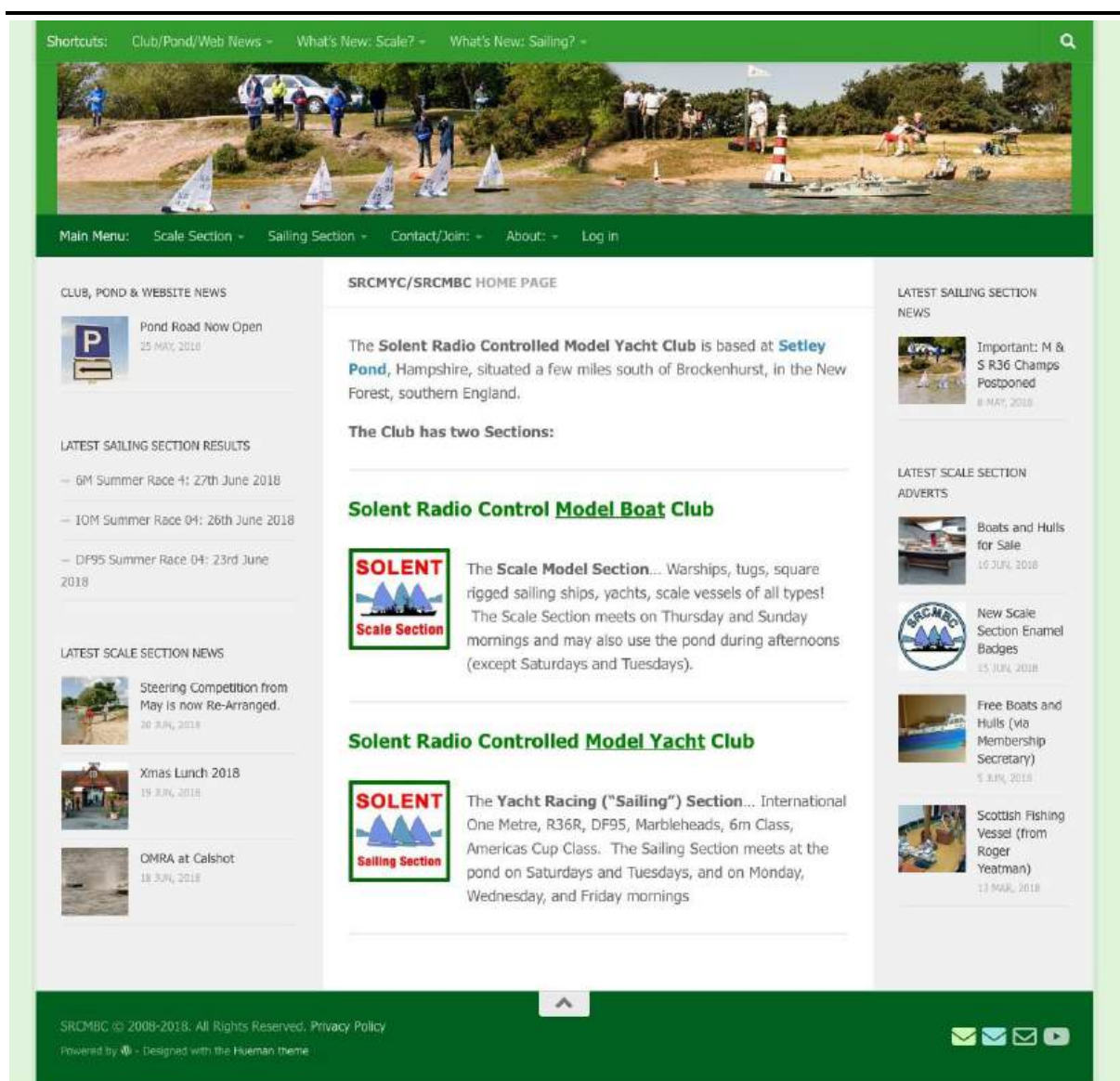
Text Messaging

The Club asked members if they felt the text messaging informing them of bad weather, pond road closures etc were good, everyone agreed it was still a good idea. Also, it was mentioned to the Club about WhatsApp, which various Members have signed up for. If anyone is not registered for the text or WhatsApp and you would like to be please contact Charles or 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 etc.

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.

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

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Club Exhibition

The Club's Annual Exhibition is on 29th August 2026 at The Bridge, 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, 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 £6.85 for 7 hours unless you have a parking clock, there are short stay or long stay places please be careful where 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 and out, though we will need members to be on the door to guide members into the Hall and to help get the boats in and out, 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.

Admission will be by donation and the Charity this year will be Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

The Club is also being sponsored again by Wightlink.

Lorna is now taking names and number of boats, please advise by telephone, or email.

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

Please support the event, come, and take the opportunity to chat to other members, and to exhibit your boat, if you would like to sell your boat, or any other little bits, a table will be provided

Commercial Vessel Day

The Club have set a date on 13th September 2026, weather permitting, for all commercial vessels, - Lifeboats, Tugs, Fishing etc, sail or motor.

All welcome even if you have no boat to show, tables will not be provided, so if you have your own table, please bring it.

Please support it and hopefully will be a success as last year.

Reminder will be sent out nearer the time but put on your calendar now.

Christmas Lunch

The Club have provisionally booked a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 9th December 2026, 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 advised in email, nearer the time.

Bookings are now being taken, so if you would like to go let Lorna know.

Calendars 2027

The Club have sent off for calendars to be printed for 2027. Wall calendars are £4.50, and Desk calendars are £4.00. They will be sold at the pond and at the Exhibition.

If you would like to reserve one, please contact Lorna.



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Peter Taylor

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Minutes of the SRCMBC 2026 Annual General Meeting

The 2026 AGM was held at 7pm on 8th April at the All-Saints Milford, Greenbanks Close, Milford on Sea.

The attendance was 13 members and committee members. Apologies were received from Brian Rolls, Peter Taylor, James Forrester, Graham Coombs, Nigel James, Brian Jones, Carol Hellicar, Dave Murray, Mike Pusey, David Neal, Steve Watling.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of 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 Mac McAusland

MATTERS ARISING

Website – all contributions greatly received – mentioned again in section 6.

Mentioned to members if they still wanted 3 Newsletters a year, the response was yes.

Also mentioned if members would still like Wall and Desk Calendars, the response was yes.

Proposed by David McNair-Taylor

Seconded by John Andrews

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Good evening and welcome to the AGM, I would like to present a short Captain's Report for last year.

Overall, it has been a good year for the Club with Membership remaining stable with the addition of some new Members and sadly the loss of others.

We have successfully held all out planned events with only one postponement, had a successful Exhibition and an enjoyable Christmas lunch. As the Agenda will show we have similar plans for this coming year.

The permit was renewed in January with the usual adjustments which seem to be required by Forest England every year, my thanks especially to Graham Coombs for guiding us through a more comprehensive Risk Assessment. The details of which were circulated to you all.

The poor weather has hampered out sailing activities especially through the very wet weather which has resulted in the severe flooding of the Pond. Additionally, this also cause damage to the access road, possibly the worst it has ever been?

The good news is following pressure from the Club through the Sailing Section Captain and Permit holder we now have a date for the repairs in Mid-April – we will only loose one day's access.

An area of major concern and discussion has been Forest England's proposed Car Parking Charges. As previously communicated, we have tried unsuccessfully to get any concessions from Forest England despite several attempts, no organizations or Clubs have been successful. The arguments are ongoing with the local MP's and even Beaulieu Parish Council challenging the process.

Despite our righteous indignation we have no choice other than to pay, this will be covered later.

I am sure we are all looking forward to a good year on the water, I would encourage you all to support and attend our planned events as well as visit the Pond as often as possible.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee Members, especially Lorna, for their help and support without whom the Club would not be able to function.

Charles Captain Scale Section

Proposed by Brian Rapley

Seconded John Edwards

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.

Subs are now due and out of 111 members 40 have re-joined to date.

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

Income

Subs	2025	£ 847.00
Subs	2026	£ 58.00
New Members		£ 62.00
Clothing		£ 122.41
Calendars		£ 298.79
Website Sailing Payment 2025		£ 53.93

Website Sailing Payment 2026	£ 59.99
Milford Exhibition Bucket	£ 100.30
Milford Exhibition Raffle & Tombola	£ 135.70
Xmas Lunch	£1,262.50
Xmas Lunch Raffle	£ 160.00

Expenditure

Website	£ 155.99
AGM Hall	£ 39.88
Public Liability Insurance 2025	£ 124.59
Pond Rent 2025	£ 163.50
Public Liability Insurance 2026	£ 124.59
Pond Rent 2026	£ 169.50
Membership Cards	£ 42.50
Car Stickers	£ 90.00
Clothing	£ 54.54
Calendars	£ 287.64
Newsletters Postage/Subs New Members etc	£ 208.49
Admin Ink Paper etc	£ 30.00
John Branson Donation	£ 30.00
Milford Hall Posters & Cloths	£ 51.46
Milford Hall Hire Exhibition	£ 265.50
Exhibition Milford Charity MacMillian	£ 236.00
Xmas Lunch Cliff House	£1,262.50
Xmas Lunch Raffle Charity Honey Pot	£ 80.00
Xmas Lunch Raffle MacMillian	£ 80.00

Proposed David McNair-Taylor

Seconded John Andrews

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2026/2027

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
Kevan Wall	Committee Member
Lorna Soffe	Membership, Treasurer
Peter Taylor	Webmaster

All the above were re-elected by all members.

Proposed all members

Seconded all members.

Website Update

The Club would like to remind members that if you have photos of your models, and you would like them on the website, more the better, you can send them to Peter Taylor or you can do it yourself, by being able to log into the website.

If you would like to be able to do this, please contact Peter by email and he will arrange it for you. Photos of models on the pond are best by camera or mobile phone.

Peter has said please don't take lots of photos with your phone (or camera) held vertically. Horizontal photo's ("landscape") work better for websites because computer screens (and TV's) are orientated horizontally, and if you are viewing the website on your phone, you can always turn it to horizontal.

Information about the model is also interesting – was it built from scratch or a kit, size of the model, and any remarks about it. Also, information about the original boat could be included (if your model has one).

It's your website, why not make use of it.

You never know what a website item may lead to, we do get enquires from other modellers, sometimes even from abroad.

Any information about how you have built the boats at various stages, anything you feel other members would be interested in, have members been in the model boat magazine, which could go on the website.

Please use it, the Club does pay for it, and Peter does such a good job keeping it up to date.

Proposed by Brian Rapley

Seconded Mac McAusland

CLUB EXHIBITION AT MILFORD ON SEA

The club asked members at the AGM if they would like another this year and the general opinion was yes. So, the club will book the same venue as last year and will be on 29th August, at The Bridge, Milford on Sea Community Hall, Sea Road, Milford on Sea. From 9am till 4pm, doors to the public will open at 10am.

The car park at the side is still short and long stay, there is a front and back entrance to take the boats through.

the back door will be open as it gives easier access.

The Hall again will put the tables up and take down, the club will sort the table layout.

The club will have the same room, screen and projector, the café will be open to all members and the public.

The charity will be Air Ambulance this year.

The club would ask all members to help where they can like last year, (tablecloths, banners etc) your help was gratefully received last year and excellent.

Advertising the show, will be posters put up in local yacht clubs, camp sites, shop windows, the Community Hall will also put a poster in their window, and on their website and Facebook, hopefully the club will try and get an advert in the local free magazine, also Model Boats magazine.

It was also mentioned by a member about having a table where items can be either sold or given away, the committee agreed to this.

Proposed by David McNair-Taylor

Seconded by Mac McAusland

Events Calendar 2026

AGM 8th April – Milford Church Hall 7pm till 9pm

Navy Day 17th May – Setley Pond 9.30am till 1pm

Sail Day 28th June – Setley Pond 9.30am till 1pm

Milford Exhibition 29th August – The Bridge, Milford Community Hall – 9am till 4pm – open to the public 10am till 3pm

Commercial Vessel Day 13th September – Setley Pond 9.30am till 1.30pm

Christmas Lunch 10th Dec – The Cliff House, Marine Drive West, Barton on Sea

Club Events 2026

The Club have three events on at Setley Pond.

Navy Day 17th May, please bring your own tables if you wish to display your boats between 9.30am till 1pm

Sail Day 28th June, please bring your own tables if you wish to display your boats between 9.30am till 1pm.

Commercial Day 13th September, please bring your own tables if you wish.

All events are reliant on the weather.

It's a get together for all members to show off their boats and sail them, they have always been well attended, hopefully this year will be the same.

Proposed by John Andrews

Seconded by Brian Rapley

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Club have provisional booked The Cliffe House, Barton on Sea again, for the annual Christmas Lunch, on Wednesday 9th December. Members agreed to the venue and having a Christmas lunch. A menu and prices will be advised when available.

Proposed by Mike Line

Seconded by John Gough

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Club Calendars

Members were asked if they would like calendars again for next year and members agree, So, Wall and Desk calendars will be done and ordered before end of July in order to get 10% off, they will be on sale August onwards and sold at the Exhibition and the pond.

If any member would like their boat on the calendar, please contact Lorna and send picture.

Newsletters

The Club asked members if they would still like a newsletter 3 times a year, and members said yes (February, July, November) to advise members of any events coming or any general information the club feels members need to know.

These will be sent by email and for members who are not on internet the newsletter will be sent by post, if a member would prefer the newsletter by post instead of email, please let Lorna know.

If anyone would like an article put in the newsletter, eg building boats info etc anything you feel would be of interest to other members please let Lorna know.

Potholes in road to Pond

We were informed that the road would be closed 15th April till 21st April for maintenance hopefully this will last. Forestry England by all accounts are restricted to what they can use to mend the potholes and repair the road.

Model Boats magazine.

Charles informed members about sending an article off to Model Boats magazine to promote the club.

J Class Racing Yachts

Charles mention to members of a J Class Day at Longham Lakes near Poole/Ferndown in early October, Final date to be confirmed and members will be advised just in case anyone would like to go.

Car Stickers

This year when a member renews their subscription, they will be sent a car sticker, please keep in car, not sure if they will help on Club days.

WhatsApp or Text messaging

The Club have in the past used the text messaging to advise the members who signed up any important information concerning the pond Road closed, Frozen etc, about 20 members signed up for this.

It was mentioned at the AGM maybe the club should use WhatsApp, as it might be quicker and the club will be able to see when members read messages.

The Club will look into this.

Car Parking at Setley

All of this information is on the Forestry England website, also some members have received a pamphlet detailing instructions of how to pay, This pamphlet was shown to members and given out at the AGM.

National Membership £96.00 per year, this allows parking in any Forestry Car Park in the country.

Or you can do £8.00 per month by direct debit, both of these includes 2 cars to be registered, but can only be used one at a time.

Or £1.50 per hour, £3.50 2 hours, £5.00 4 hours, £8.00 over 4 hours.

At Setley Pond this can only be paid over the phone by Ring go, there are car parks that take card as follows.

Bolderwood	Horseshoe Bottom
Boltons Bench	Linford Bottom
Boltons Cricket	Moon hills
Boltons Queens	Picket Post
Brock Hill	Reptile centre
Burley	Stony Cross
Burley Cricket	Whitemoor Pond
Dibden Enclosure	Wilverley Enclosure

By all accounts there is a grace period of 15 mins before charges apply to allow for finding a space.

Pond is open between 4am till 11pm.

129 Ring go sites and 16 contactless sites.

If you cannot pay at the car park, you have 24 hours to pay after visit otherwise penalty notice will be sent.

Monitored by warden.

No other business was discussed.

AGM finished at 8pm



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Model Boat Show

Saturday 29th August
10am - 3pm

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