



Southend Model Boat Club News Bulletin –August 2020

Hi All:

It is with great sadness that I have to report that we have lost 2 valued members of the club in the last week. These are Howard Dalton who passed away on Tuesday Evening 28th July 2020 after losing his brave fight against Cancer and Leonard Greenwood who died in hospital on Wednesday 29th July 2020 following an incident at his home on the previous Saturday.

Howard worked tirelessly for the club, He was a member of your committee and was involved with all aspects of the club. He was a great ambassador for the club and was happy to help anyone with advice and assistance and if he had parts to help, he would gladly give them. Many of us are sailing with parts made by him and they will act as a lasting reminder of him. He was usually one of the first at the lake and clubhouse for any club event and would set up the clubhouse the patio and the course on the water for the event. He would then be one of the last to leave at the end of the event having cleared up and checked the Club. He will be sorely missed and impossible to replace. I am sure everyone will join with me to pass on our condolences to his fiancé, family, and friends. They had such great plans for the future which will now unfortunately not be able to be fulfilled.

Len was another stalwart of the club; he was mainly involved with the scale activities of the club and with his son Jason would attend most of the scale events at the lake. He was an integral part of the “Away Team” who attended most shows and represented the club admirably along with the rest of the team at these events. His endless supply of tea, coffee and bacon rolls was the envy of all the other stall holders at the shows. He also will be sorely missed. I am sure everyone will join with me to pass on our condolences to Jason, his family, and friends.

With regard to Club events, following on from the Covid 19 Coronavirus pandemic the committee have been having extended discussions regarding reopening of club events at the lake and following discussion with the council and after preparing risk assessments and method statements (Thank you Colin) it has become obvious that it will not be possible to restart club events for the foreseeable future and certainly not before the end of the year. This does not mean that members cannot use the lake for sailing or meeting however this must be done under the government guidelines of social distancing and gathering numbers. The Club house will be out of bounds in order to protect the membership from the virus. We would encourage as many members as possible to make use of the lake as the weather is good and whilst we have the old perennial problem of weed it is not up to the surface and should not affect running of powered craft and is OK for sailing yachts with short keels. The water level is quite low due to recent dry weather but should recover once we get more rain.

We were programmed to have a lake side gathering on the evening of the 14th August and whilst this is officially cancelled, it would be nice to see some members at the lake for a get together and a chat with social distancing!



We will keep the club operations under review and will let you all know of any developments as they happen but in the meanwhile keep well and keep safe in these difficult times

That's all for now and hopefully see you down the lake soon.

Kind regards

John Moore

Club Secretary

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