



Southend Model Boat Club

News Bulletin –December 2019

Our AGM on Friday 13th December was well attended with Thirty-two members present. The annual trophies were presented to the various winners as follows:

Event	Position	Name
Club 500 Racing	1 st	Peter Moffat
	2 nd	Lance Bennett
	3 rd	Glen Meekcoms
Large Scale Steering: Medium Scale Steering:	1 st	Not presented
	1 st	Frank Lunn
	2 nd 3 rd	Ray Malone Steve Bone / John Moore
Small scale Steering:	1 st	Ray Malone
	2 nd	Meryl Ryan
	3 rd	Jason Greenwood
IOM	1 st	Brian Foskett
	2 nd	Angela Mears
	3 rd	Andy Seymour
DF65	1 st	Howard Dalton
	2 nd	John Wren
	3 rd	Brian Foskett
DF95	1 st	John Moore
	2 nd	Pete Mann
	3 rd	Angela Mears
Most Improved Skipper	-	Dave Scarlett
Vice Chairman's Cup	-	Paul Ryan

The Vice Chairman's Cup was awarded to Paul Ryan as a representative of our away team for their valuable contribution to the club at away meetings / exhibitions and with his provision of additional materials like trailer, gazebos, tables etc. at no cost to the club.



The election of the Club Committee resulted in only one change, with Stephen Bone standing down from the role of Webmaster with Lance Bennett taking on his position Glenn wanted to stand down as sailing rep but as no others prepared to take on has agreed to look after Sailing. The position of MYA Representative will still be looked after by Glenn Meekcoms. Your new Committee is therefore as shown here: We thank our retiring officers for their outstanding contribution to the club.

Position	
Chairman	Colin Sharp
Vice Chairman	Glenn Meekcoms
Treasurer	Lesley Parks
Secretary	John Moore
Sailing	Glenn Meekcoms
Scale	Frank Lunn
Fast Electric Rep	Howard Dalton
MYA	Glenn Meekcoms
Webmaster	Lance Bennett

The Chairman in his report asked the club members for volunteers to put their names down for future committee positions, the current committee have been in post for some time and fresh ideas are always welcome. Any volunteers could shadow existing committee members during the next year to “Learn the Ropes” and be ready to stand for a position next year.

A copy of the draft minutes of the AGM will be available in the Club Hut and will be distributed to all members with the calling notice for the next AGM.

The Programme for 2020 was distributed at the AGM and, as explained at the meeting, it was likely that some changes would be necessary; and indeed, this has already been the case. The Eastern District DF65 event run by us at Coalhouse Fort down for the 27th September Clashes with another MYA event and will need to be changed with a new date yet to be arranged.

An up-dated Version V1.1 ‘soft’ version of the Programme will be sent out once the new date has been fixed.

Affiliation to Thames Estuary Sailing Club.: We will be holding our evening meetings in February, April, October & December at the above sailing club, the address is Thames Estuary Sailing Club Western Esplanade Southend on Sea SS0 7QB there is parking in the road outside the club which is free after 18.00 there are some parking spaces reserved for TESC members please do not use these spaces. As the club have our meetings here, we will have Associate membership of the sailing club which will allow us to use the facilities of the sailing club year-round when the clubhouse is open. The sailing club will not be issuing affiliation membership cards this year so if challenged on entry to the sailing club (which is extremely unlikely) just say you are members of the model boat club and if required show your club membership card which can be printed from Member Mojo. Once you have renewed your membership for 2020.

Forthcoming events:

New Year’s Day Paper Boat Race: We have again been invited by the Alexandra Yacht Club to their New Year’s Day paper boat race, which we attended last year and was won by one of our members, who currently holds the winner’s trophy. SMBC members are invited to participate again purely for fun, date 1st January 2019 and time / rules to be advised watch out on Facebook.



Club 500 racing: This is due to be on the 5th January with usual start times.

Sailing: Brass Monkey Sailing Regatta 19th January for DF65's

Scale Steering (Frostbite Trophy) and Club 500 on 2nd February

New Year's Sunday Lunch: Bookings are being taken and there are still places available! By way of a reminder this is on Sunday 19th January; at the Camelia Hotel and Restaurant time 15:00 for 15:30, and we've booked the restaurant. There is a choice of one, two or three courses. The costs for the meal to be £14.95 for 1 Course, £17.95 for 2 Courses, £19.95 for 3 Courses. There will be an additional supplement charge of £2.95 if you want cheese and biscuits as one of the courses, there will be a selection of five different starters; five different main courses, and a selection of desserts that you can choose from. Copies of the menu will be in the club hut when available (Early January) and a list of what you want will be collected before. Lesley has kindly offered to manage the bookings for this event; so, please send your name with number attending and a deposit of £10.00 per person to her either in person or by post to: Lesley Parks, 49 Hamstel Road, Southend on Sea, SS2 4NF or by BACS payment to the club account as detailed below, together with the appropriate payment depending on your choice of courses. Collection of the balance will be before the day to reduce work on the day! (full payment can be sent with reservation).

Evening Meeting at Thames Estuary Sailing Club: February 14th at 19.30 this will be our first meeting of the new year and I look forward to a good attendance. I will have lists for helpers and exhibitors at "Away Events" at this meeting so please look at your Diaries to see if you can help.

Annual Subscriptions: It is that time of year again Subscriptions are now due and should be paid by the 1st of January 2019. Your Treasurer Lesley Parks will be happy to collect Subs from you. Payment may be made in cash (*only in person*), by cheque made payable to SMBC, to: Lesley Parks, 49 Hamstel Road, Southend on Sea, SS2 4NF, or by bank transfer to the Club's account, which is: Account name: Southend Model Boat Club. Acc No 00771706. Sort code 30-97-84. If paying by bank transfer, please ensure you put your name in the reference field and Email the treasurer to say you have made a payment (Email address lesley@jelan.co.uk). Subscriptions £27.00 per year for ordinary membership, £40.00 per year for joint (family) membership. For those members that have MYA membership the cost is £14.00 as previous year.

Member MOJO : We are operating on the Member MOJO on line system for looking after membership. This will involve them sending out reminders for subscriptions and confirmation of membership. When you receive this, you will be able to access your details and modify if necessary, if you want you will be able to add a photograph and print off a membership card. We will not be operating to pay on line through member MOJO as this will incur additional costs to the club but once you have paid confirm your payment on the Member Mojo site and this will be confirmed by the treasurer once payment has been received.



Lastly but, by no means least; on behalf of all the Committee, I would like to wish all our Club members a very happy Christmas and a successful 2020 both on and off the water.

John Moore: Club Secretary:

17th December 2019

