



## Southend Model Boat Club News Bulletin –September 2019

### Hi All:

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.

Last weekend we sailed DF65's with short keels and had no problems with weed however numbers were down (only 5 Boats) and this has been the case for other classes, both sailing and power, which is a bit worrying and whilst we appreciate it is the holiday season we are looking for suggestions to encourage more members to take part in arranged events.

We have a number of events coming up in the next few weeks that would benefit from your support.

On **Saturday Evening 21<sup>st</sup> September** at 18.30 we have “The Venetian Night” this is an evening meeting at the lake side. For those of you who have not attended one of these evenings before this is an informal evening when you can just come along and chat or sail your boats in the dark preferably with lights! There is no set programme so come along and do what you want the clubhouse will be open for tea and coffee as usual.

On **Sunday Morning 22<sup>nd</sup> September** we have scale steering competition and free sailing at the lake

Also on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** we are hosting the Dragon Force DF65 Eastern District Sailing Event which we are holding at The Coalhouse Fort Lake as our lake is not suitable due to the weed and variable wind conditions. The event is being run by Glen and Howard who I know would appreciate your support and help. This is your opportunity to take part in a MYA eastern district event without having to travel too far. The event is not very well subscribed at present so Glen and Howard would appreciate your support as competitors. You can enter ahead of time on the MYA site or enter on the day! The briefing for the day will be at 09.45 for start of sailing at 10.00. The last race will start not later than 15.30. We understand that there may be some road works around the area and diversions on this Sunday so leave plenty of time to get there.

On **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October** We have our regular “Club 500” power boat racing and depending on numbers “Tenshock” Racing starting at 10 o'clock.

On **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** at 19.30 we have our Friday evening meeting at the Thames Estuary Yacht Club. We are holding a Quiz night at this meeting (Kingsley will be our Quizmaster, Thanks Kingsley!) and have invited members of the Alex Yacht Club to come as well following their invitation to our members for the Paper Boat race earlier in the year. There will be prizes for the quiz winners and we will be holding a raffle (any prize donations will be welcome!). So come along either on your own to join a scratch team or as a team to take part in this fun event.



Away Events:

We have attended a number of away events already this year and these have successfully promoted the club to members of the public and we have had some response and enquiries. Thanks to all involved.

There is only one more away event this year, The Essex Country Show at South Weald Park on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September.

You may be aware that a number of events have been cancelled this year by show organisers and so we are looking at attending some other events.

That's all for now have a great rest of the season and see you down the lake.

John Moore

Club Secretary

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10<sup>th</sup> July 2019