



# The Model Steamer Club

Sailing every Saturday at Rouken Glen Pond

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Newsletter

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## Rouken Glen Gala Day Show

16th June

**Success can be measured in many ways, and this show was a success!**

The work carried out by the East Renfrewshire Council has been very effective and had eliminated most of the weed from the pond. There has been trouble free sailing for several weeks now.

A good start for a successful Show.

The Council however will have to persevere with its efforts as there remains some blanket weed next to the island and the algae has sprung to life.

Despite the poor forecast, the showers died out at noon, and it remained dry with a moderate but variable wind all afternoon, which had no serious effect on any of the boats.

It was cold for June, but we were dressed for it.

With the Jetty too exposed for the Control and Display Tables, the Gazebos were set up in front of the front room, forming a good compact base, - with a heater! Practice does help, the technique for erecting the Gazebos is getting quicker and more polished .

Another point for a successful Show.

Members very much appreciated the hot food and drink from the Boaters with the Snack Tickets provided by the Club.

Another plus point

Thirteen members attended, thankfully most of them had boats to sail! Being mostly the hardened winter regulars, they were well prepared for the weather. With no visitors to swell the numbers, greater support from members would have helped for a better Show

The number of boats sailing can greatly influence the Public perception of the quality of a Show.

This time there were ten models on the water for almost the whole afternoon. There was more sailing activity than at any of the previous Shows.

A good point for success.

With the harbour and three piers on the adjacent shore, at one point there were NBR and CSP funnels lining up to berth, or just dunt the pier, dependant on the Pilot's skill.

Among the Public there was someone who knew how to berth a Puffer, Tom was speaking to someone who had sailed the puffer Pibroch up to the north of Scotland, ( the 1957 diesel one, not the 1923 one by Scotts of Bowling he has modelled) He learnt that when fully loaded, they were difficult to steer; so, there is an authentic excuse for bad sailing!

Thanks to all the members who turned up early and stayed on to set up and take down everything, especially the Gazebo Geezers" from Neilston.

## **RNLI Donations**

Robin tells me that since September last year, he has collected and sent £200 to the RNLI.

It's amazing how it all adds up from only a couple of hours once a week

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