



MODEL STEAMER CLUB NEWSLETTER APRIL 2010

East Renfrewshire Council are planning an all out attack on the Weed in the Pond at Rouken Glen Park.

Barley Straw is being deployed again this year to combat Blue Algae. It has been totally successful with this for the last few years.

As we all know, this has no effect on the weed, which has gone from strength to strength over the same period.

Because of the reluctance, if not outright ban, by SEPA on the use of herbicides or even biological treatments, East Renfrewshire has been limited to physical removal measures but did not have the proper equipment for this task.

By the end of April the Council will take delivery of a weed cutting boat to take on the problem. The “ War on the Weed” will entail a weekly cutting and harvesting operation.

This is very good news for the Club [and the Park]

The bad news is that the current expanse of weed has not been affected by the long period of ice and does not allow any extensive sailing, although there is sufficient clear water for Club sailing, and the Tartan Day should proceed, albeit with a limited sailing area free of weed.

The time required to take effective measures against the weed means that we cannot expect to have clear water for the Spring Show.

Consequently, the Committee have agreed that it would be best to postpone this Show until later in the season if a suitable date can be found in the Federation Calendar. The Parks Department have promised to keep us advised of progress in getting and operating the weed cutter.

This means that the only Show date that has not been altered this year is the Clyde Steamer Show on 4th September!

Hope that you are not confused too much!

Club Outings

More changes!

Because of a variety of factors, including the weather and family illnesses, it has become unrealistic to organise any of these before the sailing season gets under way, and it has been decided to keep these events for next autumn/winter. Please talk to the Committee members about the events you want to attend when you see them at the Pond.

Actual modelling.

Kim McLean has been developing a kit for paddle-wheels. You can get all the information on his web site

<http://www.clydemodelboats.co.uk/page15.htm>

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