



The Model Steamer Club

Sailing every Saturday at Rouken Glen Pond

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Time to get sailing!

The weather is improving and the water quality of the pond is good.

There has been some good Saturday sailing for the past few weeks with four to six boats on the water. The gusts and eddies of the Rouken Glen breezies have been testing the skippers of the yachts taking part.

The Committee are still developing the programme, but have agreed to the following to get things going.

Spring Show - 26th April from 1300 to 1600 hrs.

Billed as a Federation Open Day, but also the chance to make the effort, come along and get started this season. Catch up on the "frostbite" tales of the Electric Glen veterans.

Ship Ahoy

5th April on the Glenlee

All those taking part have been contacted and details of times and access have been passed on. Arrangements have been made for the collection of models from those unable to attend or have difficulty transporting their models on Friday 4th April. Anyone who now feels that they can participate should get in touch with Ian, Aneas or Andrew, through Tom if necessary.

Visit to RNLI Troon Saturday 12th April

The Coxwain of the Troon Lifeboat has invited Club members to this visit as a thank you for the fund raising support for his station that is associated with our Club Events.

David Cowie is contacting those interested in joining the party to finalise the arrangements.

Members should remember their cameras. A group photo at Troon would be good for the next Newsletter or the Club record.

Armed Forces Day 21st June 1300 to 1600 hrs.

We have agreed to have a show in conjunction with this event arranged by East Renfrewshire.

When considering your boat please give priority to any that would have a link with the theme of the event. Remember, the Navy would requisition any thing that floated! However, I am not painting the Drifter grey and mounting a small gun!

Rouken Glen pond

We understand that after extensive testing, a report on the water quality is to be presented to the Friends of Rouken Glen at their April meeting. It is not known if this will only be a condition report or also include proposals for the Pond. The inclusion of a timescale for carrying out remedial measures would be ideal.

We await this with great interest as it has a critical impact on our sailing during the summer. With the very mild winter this year it is probable that this year's weed will be extensive and dense and be beyond the efforts of the Council boat.

Other Club Events

Although there has been no response to the previous requests, I will ask again what you feel about possible events in the light of the likely lack of sailing at Rouken Glen later in the year due to weed. The Committee will be considering :-

Lomond Shores We were spotted at Electric Glen and received an invitation to give a display in the lagoon at Balloch. Has anyone sailed there?

Summerlee The Federation Annual regatta and Model Show. We had tables there last year, Do we do it again?

Autumn Show We are considering a late show after the other Federation End of Season Shows and, perhaps, after the weed has retreated, or been dealt with!

As we are all aware, the Council is committed to making us a £200 payment for our events each year and we are planning this Show as our final Park event for 2014.

Glasgow Museums Resource Centre

The curator has told Gerald that she would be happy to arrange a focused visit for Club Members. This would be an afternoon visit and could be arranged to be in early winter.

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