



The Model Steamer Club

Sailing every Saturday at Rouken Glen Pond

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Newsletter

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Accommodation



The first of our two units was erected on Monday 9th. Here is the view of it from the pavement of Davieland Road

Although still to be lined and fitted out, it was in use on Saturday. Six members worked from 10.30 to 4.00 to lay the base and join up the 26 pieces with over 300 screws, a lot of hilarity and a sense of satisfaction with the resultant unit.

We have been promised the funding for the second unit within a few weeks and it should be available in early September for erection. We have also now received sponsorship for this year from the Council to pay our Rental charge.

It is now time to come along and sail and build up attendance on Saturday afternoons.

Falkirk Wheel Saturday 7th July

Four of the Committee were able to attend this Event, finding themselves to be the only representatives of all the Federation Clubs.

It was a very wet day, varying from light drizzle to heavy rain.

The organisers provided us with a launching jetty, a 20' x 10' tent with tables as well as rubber matting, so we could stay reasonably dry.

Public numbers were low because of the poor weather, but there was a lot going on. The two basins were filled with a variety of craft, to the extent of making visual contact a little difficult because of moored canal craft.

Together with David Connel, who was organising the model boat participation, we were able to have boats on the water all afternoon.

David also invited us aboard the very large scale puffer "Maryhill" for tea, cake and biscuits.

The Wheel is very impressive, both in size and operation.

The skipper of the Fisheries Museum restored boat "White Wing" was attracted to Tom's large drifter, and invited him and Caroline aboard. Only 3' – 0" headroom!

An interesting day. We all went home with damp feet and a feeling of success.

Late Subscriptions

There are still four members who have not yet paid their annual subscription. A further reminder was sent to the culprits, but the Committee have agreed that the Club cannot subsidise them, and consequently their Public Liability Insurance premium has not be paid and they will not be covered until they make good their arrears.

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