



THE MODEL STEAMER CLUB

SAILING EVERY SATURDAY AT ROUKEN GLEN POND

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NEWSLETTER

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CLUB SHOWS CALENDAR 2016

Here are the planned Club Events for 2016

We hope that by the 23rd April the Pond will have settled down and will provide us with a superb venue.

Those willing to attend the Static Shows should advise the committee of their interest.

Sunday 3rd April 11.00 – 17.00

A Club visit to Knightswood Start of Season Sail

Knightswood Club members fully supported the RNLI display during "Electric Glen" and the Committee feel that we should, in return, support their event while our Pond settles down.

Saturday 16th April "Ship Ahoy" on the Glenlee See Appendix for details

Saturday 23rd April "Clyde Steamer Day" 12.00 to 16.00

A themed Show to start what we hope will be a new and successful period for our Club. Come along with any type of ship that frequented the Clyde and it's Firth.

Sat/Sun 7th/8th or 14th/15th May RNLI Largs Station Visit see note

Sunday 8th May Kilmarnock Classic Car Show

A Static Show of boats, trains planes and Meccano In conjunction with the display of a large range of classic cars.

Saturday 18th June Armed Forces Day 12.00 to 17.00

An Open Day Sail in conjunction with the annual ERC event.

Sat/Sun 10th/11th Sept Summerlee Model Extravaganza

See the SFMBC web site for details.

To be arranged An Autumn Show.

This Show will be arranged when the results of the various treatments on the extent or otherwise of weed during the summer becomes apparent.

POND UPDATE

Andrew has already given the following information to those with e-mail, also, as of 16th, the pond level was up to it's normal high point, almost the bottom of the new platform, and on Saturday, 12th there were three boats on the water.

Water Gems have all but completed their works round the pond edge. Plants have been added to the margin planting areas and the water level is slowly creeping back up to the normal level. I'm told we can expect the plants to flourish when the water reaches them. It all looks a little rough at the moment but as the warmer weather approaches we will see a transformation. I've attached a couple of pictures made up of multiple images to hopefully illustrate the current state of the pond and the platforms.

Our new platform is now complete and work is ongoing to finish the short concrete ramp access down to it. The edges have, at our request, been extended down to water level to prevent models being caught under the lip of the platform. All mounting bolts have also been counter sunk to prevent damage to models also. Anti slip material is to be bonded to the platform surface to aid traction underfoot. As the structure aged the wood surface would have become smooth through use and in time potentially slippery in damp or wet conditions.

The Phospur capping chemical application is well underway at the moment and the effects can be seen in the colour of the water. As the pond fills it has a sandy colour at the moment caused by the Phoslock granules being sprayed out onto the water. The amount of the chemical being added is substantial, I counted around ten 1 ton bags being deployed over the last two days. I expect the total used is substantially more than that. As you will remember this treatment will settle in time on the bed of the pond and prevent the release of Phosphur into the water from the clay and silt. A major source of nutrient for the weed in the past.

The next treatment to be added will be the blue dye to reduce the light levels that reach down through the water to the weed, helping it to grow.

RNLI VISIT

As a result of our fundraising efforts at Electric Glen we have been invited down to the Largs Lifeboat station for a visit. David Cowie is arranging this visit and any member interested in attending should contact David directly on the number below.

The potential dates being offered are 7th or 8th of May and the following week the 14th or 15th of May. David will advise on the date that best suits those wishing to attend.

If interested please call David on : **0141 585 7188**

SHIP AHOY 2016 Appendix prepared by Ian McGhie

Venue at the Glenlee Saturday 16th April show starts 10am till 4pm

It is a free entry show to the public.

Setting up will be for the steamer club from 5pm Friday, to be their at the transport museum car park to off load along side the Glenlee. There will be a convoy system in place, like last time, of four cars at a time from the car park to the Glenlee to unload and return to the car park. The reverse will happen on Saturday to break down the show at 4pm prompt.

The theme is again any steamer/ship that has sailed or a connection with the Clyde. For our part any model will be of interest.

I need to have confirmed names of people attending for the Saturday for car parking passes for exhibitors. They will be issued on the day.

We have 10 tables in two rows of five, as per last time to fill. I am looking for as big a turn out as possible. I have been asked if we could fill more tables opposite as well, if possible, but that would depend on the numbers of models being brought. I intend to have blue table cloths covering the tables with the banner too any additional ideas for our display would be welcome.

I had also been asked if we would have any models of work in progress with maybe someone modelling in attendance, any offers? It is expected a large number of people to attend the Ship Ahoy Exhibition not least as they will already be at the Transport museum. Catering on board the Glenlee this time is being geared up for this event this time too. Also attending is John McNulty's Hamilton and Jeanie.

This is a great show for us to kick start the season and reinvigorate the club, particularly as we hope the pond to deliver this year good sailing water.

Attached is the Ship Ahoy Poster, any member is free to print out and distribute to help promote the show.

If members could email me or phone to confirm their willing participation in the show, this would greatly help to make it a very successful show for us.

SHIP AHOY!

Maritime Heritage Exhibition



The poster features a central photograph of a tall ship and a paddle steamer in a harbor. The tall ship is a three-masted sailing vessel with a red hull and white upper sections. The paddle steamer is a smaller vessel with a white hull and a dark upper section. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a cloudy sky. The poster includes logos for 'Caledonian MacBrayne' and 'The Tall Ship'.

On The Tall Ship - Glenlee
Riverside Museum - Glasgow - G3 8RS
Saturday 16 April 2016 10am-4pm

*****FREE ENTRY FOR ALL*****

Displays of Model Steamers, Photograph Collections, Historic Video Footage, Grand Raffle, Books, Postcards and Photographs for Sale!

Exhibitors Include

- Friends of Glenlee
- Scottish Maritime Museum
- Coastal Cruising Association
- West Highland Steamer Club
- Model Steamer Club of Glasgow
- Museum of Scottish Lighthouses
- Paddle Steamer Preservation Society (Waverley and Maid of the Loch)

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