



THE MODEL STEAMER CLUB

SAILING EVERY SATURDAY AT ROUKEN GLEN POND

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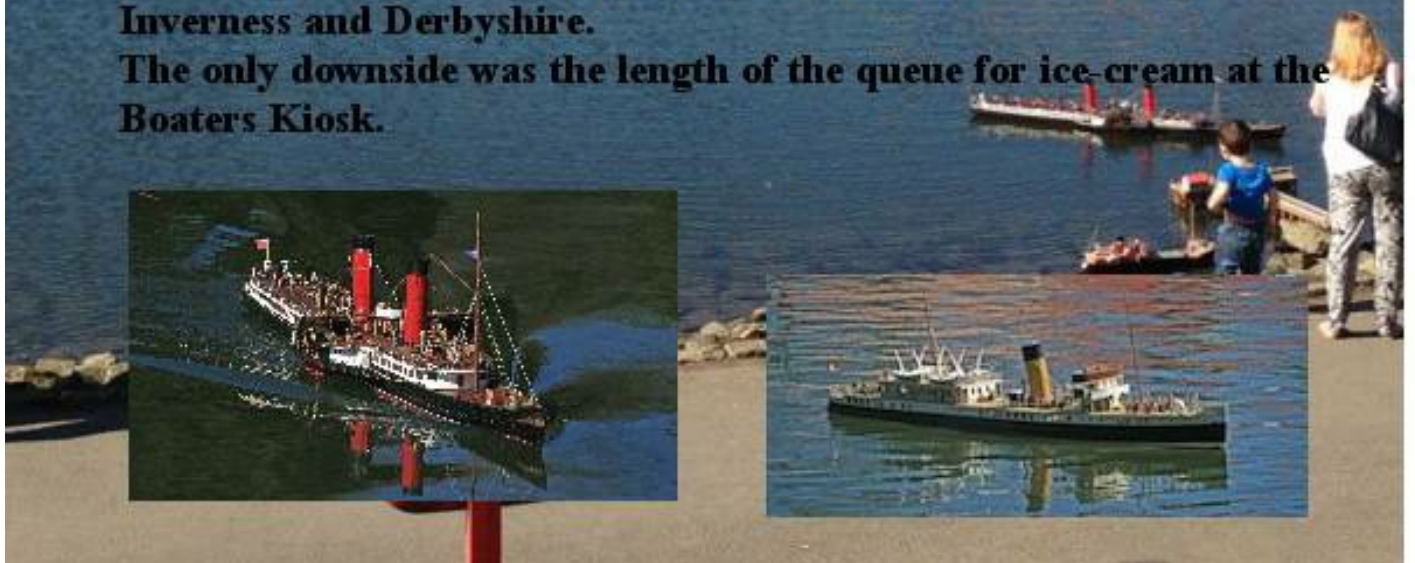
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Spring Show Open Day

What a great day! Endless sunshine, a light breeze and no weed.. There were twenty five boats on the tables or the water, with 12 members and seven visitors , some from as far as Edinburgh, Inverness and Derbyshire.

The only downside was the length of the queue for ice-cream at the Boaters Kiosk.



Rouken Glen Pond

Tom attended an ERC meeting with the businesses within the Park where an update on the various measures being taken was given. As no Minutes have yet been issued the following is Tom's understanding of the position.

The Consultants' report has not been made public, but it seems to be the position that the costs included in the Lottery Heritage Fund grant are not sufficient for the work required. It was stated that the work already completed was done to the budget figures and that this is not the reason for the lack of funds. In fact there is concern that there is insufficient funding even to install a new inlet pipe.

Consideration is being given to planting reed beds to counter the algae. There seems to be no solution for the weed. Strangely there would seem to still be funding for the Pond surrounds. This is very bad for our sailing, and possibly for the Club, if the weed continues to prevent sailing all summer. It is very disappointing that after all our hopes that this problem would be solved we could be let down so badly. The Committee are considering how to get any information out of the Council to help us clarify the situation and consider the future.

Junior Members

As usual on most sailing days there were the usual questions of cost, can you buy one and can you get a shot. There seems to be a complete dearth of teenagers or young adults taking up our hobby and the information we give can be daunting in both time and cost of building a model. Often the Model Press gives free plans of simpler, inexpensive semi scale models which could be an easier way to get involved. We could perhaps provide really interested persons with copies of these and the accompanying article.

What do you think? Do you have any plans that would suit? Get in touch with the Committee.

Knightswood Model Boat Club

They have invited our members to their Opening Show on Sunday 17th May 1.30pm to 4.30 pm. Please try to attend as their members frequently support our Shows. We wish them the same weather as we were fortunate to have.

Club Subscription

Unfortunately there are still a considerable members who have failed to pay their subscription for 2015. There is even one member still to pay for his 2014 sub.. The Club has now paid these members fee for Public Liability Insurance. The Committee are disappointed about this state of affairs, having to make more effort than reasonable to collect this Club income.

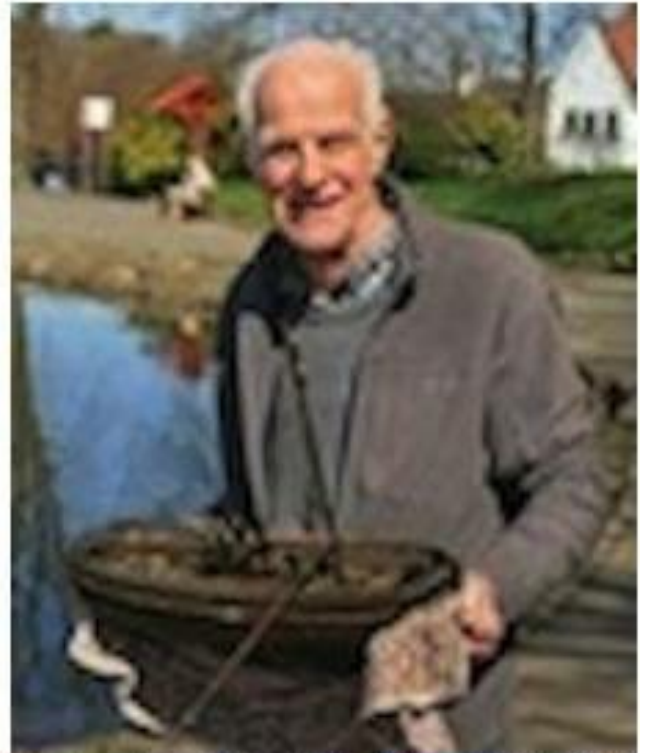
Smoke generator

Do you use 12V and want to add realism with a smoking funnel? Maplin's have had a 24v fogger unit @ £20 for some time, but the voltage was the problem. Commercial firms have been using these for some time but now some modellers seem to have cracked it with parts costing only £15! Members of Richmond have passed on the information to us and several members have got the parts and are building units. Keep an eye on the Pond for success or otherwise. If the units are successful the information will be published here

Boat Salvaged

Last September David Hamilton's fishing boat heeled badly in a strong gust and filled, we watched it sink very slowly and tried to note the position as the algae completely stopped any under-water vision when the rescue boat was put out.

Any salvage effort awaited suitable weather, and on a third attempt, made after the Show, a possible wreck was sighted far from the point of sinking. Difficulty in staying on station and clouds of silt prevented any recovery. A further, successful, attempt was made and David now has to see how bad the damage is and what can be done with the boat.



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