

Eastleigh and District Model Boat Club

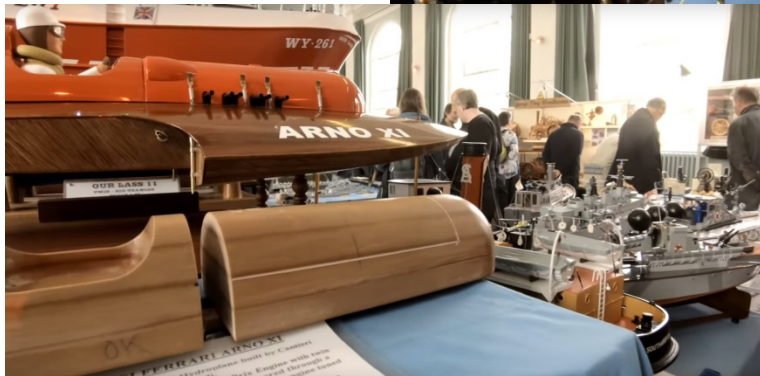


2019 Newsletter

As always a busy year in the Club with plenty of events for members to enjoy. Here are some of the highlights.

Wilton Model Engineering and Hobbies Exhibition – 24th March

The club attended and manned a stand for this popular biannual show. Lots of great models.



Club morning at Lakeside – 19th June



A new club event with members meeting up and sharing their enthusiasm for model boats. The weather was a little grey but everyone enjoyed the morning.



Thames Traditional Boat Festival, Henley – 19th July

Nine hardy souls set out on a dull Friday morning to visit this potentially interesting show. As we arrived, the heavens opened leaving us waiting in the bus for 30 minutes. A quick dash into the event was required before another downpour.

Some fascinating boats and stands but many contributors had not arrived due to the weather and that it was the opening day. After a brave couple hours walking through the increasing levels of mud we decided to come home early.



Improvements at the pond cabin



A productive summer of works at the pond. The area between the main cabin and food preparation area has had the roof completed and a wall added to the far end giving a much larger protected area. Perfect for members to drink coffee, eat the lovely bacon rolls and chat even on wet days.

A concentrated effort to reduce the pond week resulted in good water conditions for the Regatta.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with these great improvements.



Club regatta – 4th August



Blessed by fine weather the Regatta was tremendous great fun. The Chairman's challenge (powered boats made with vegetables), back-to-back racing, many fine models and of course finished off with fantastic steak and salad followed by spectacular range of puddings.



Yacht Racing

A super spring and summer season of radio controlled yacht racing at the Lakeside Country Park.

One Metres making a good start.



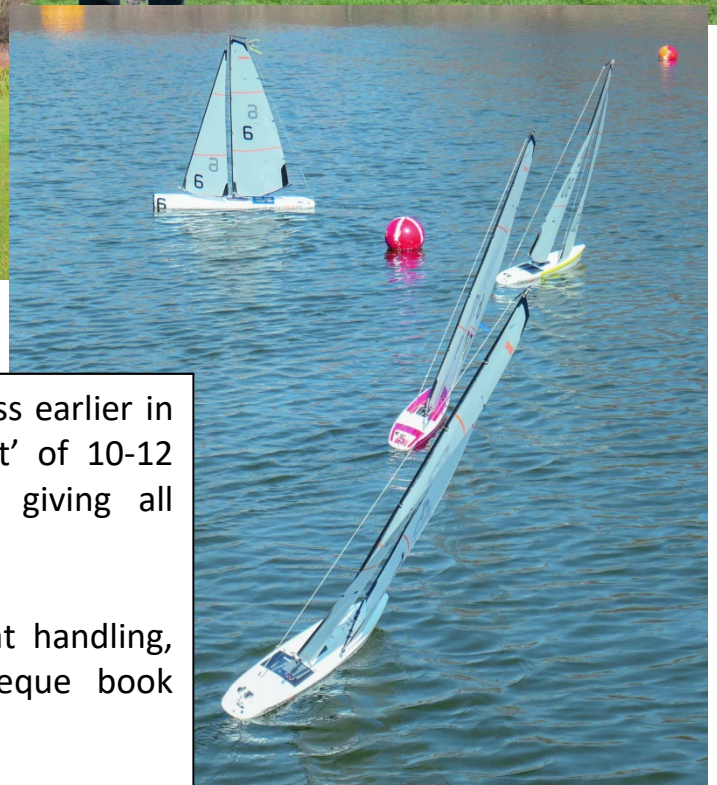
Tea break and the sun (and rainbow) appears.



Having adopted the Dragon Flite 95 class earlier in the year, there is now a regular 'fleet' of 10-12 boats. These yachts are great fun, giving all skippers an equal chance at doing well.

It is all down to setting up, good boat handling, strategy and tactics, rather than cheque book power.

The Lake seems especially suited to this class, as the unpredictable winds are all part of the fun.



Littleton and Harestock show – 7th September



The club attended this highly popular show entering models into the various classes. Lots of visitors to our stand with enthusiastic competition by the youngsters on the electric boat pond.

