



# Cygnets Model Boat Club Maidstone

## Association of Model Barge Owners (AMBO) Championship Finals 2007- Gallery

The weather was on our side for sailing today (23<sup>rd</sup> September) and there was plenty of wind around by mid day, however, it didn't start that way it was very still when setting up the gazebo and compound first thing this morning.



This is the third year that CMBC have hosted the AMBO championship final, and around the nineteenth since they commenced. Thanks to all the AMBO members that turned up to make the day a real success.



The Deputy Mayor of Maidstone , Cllr. Denise Joy was invited along to carry out the presentations at the end of the day but spent sometime beforehand talking to the organisers and skippers. From the left; In the first photograph the Deputy Major and her husband are being met by Peter Clayton (CMBC Chairman) and Richard Chesney (AMBO, Barge Match coordinator). Next photograph, meeting one of the skippers, Colin Barrett (Chairman of Chantry Model Boat Club. Third picture shows some of the barges from the ladies heat going around the second turn buoy and in the final picture the Deputy Mayor and Peter Clayton looking over one of the many barges on show, the owner of this beauty is a Cygnets member and the boat was built entirely from scratch and took just over six months to complete.



A few more pictures of the barges in action, well almost, the third picture shows a barge being escorted back to the race compound under electric power, it went slightly off course.



The Deputy Mayor presented the trophies to all the winners, but it was fitting to show the one being

presented to Maggie Shaw the ladies champion of 2007. The final three photographs, although not of a barge partaking in the AMBO event, belonged to a Cygnets member, Ray who build this fabulous vessel also in just over six months, it just goes to show what can be built from ten old floor boards.

A final thanks to all that helped out on the day, it helps make the day just that bit more enjoyable for all taking part. For those of you that would like more details on AMBO and the results of the day they can be found on the AMBO website (<http://www.modelbarge.info>). The photographs have been reduced by 50% but if anyone would like a copy that hasn't been reduced please feel free to contact the publicity officer whose details can be found under the contact section on the front page.

As some of you may know the event was visited by a photographer of the the Kent Messenger, we are still keeping our eye open for the article in which the photos appear. In the mean time if any of you are interested if you [CLICK](#) here this will take you to the main page, in the "Enter any keywords" dialogue use one of the following numbers : 1293950 1293946 1293951 1293947 1293948 1293949 1293972 1293973.