



Cygnets Model Boat Club Maidstone

MPBA Multi Regatta 1st June 2008 - Gallery

Today the Cygnets Model Boat Club hosted the Multi Regatta at Mote Park. The three main classes of this type of model power boat were there, and some interesting racing took place. Committee and section members assembled at 08h30 and started the task of erecting the course, (buoys had to be located at various points on the lake), and while on shore-side the pit area had to be created, assembly of the gazebo, and setting up of the PA system. We also had a rescue dinghy manned throughout the day as this is needed to retrieve stricken craft should a mishap occur. As this is one of the official race rounds, the dinghy has to get an immobile craft back to shore as quickly as possible in order for it to resume racing. The lap scoring was entered onto computer in real time, and those involved completed this task without a break from duty. No mean feat.



As the forecast for the day was for heavy rain with few bright periods, there was relief all round when we managed to race from 1000Hrs to 1600Hrs without a drop, especially as it was reportedly raining in other areas close by.



As a relatively new member to the committee, this was my first involvement with a multi regatta. Like many of the spectators throughout the day, this is certainly a very interesting spectacle to watch, and you may be surprised to learn that some of the competitors had come from as far a field as Norfolk and even Wales.



The water on the day was very calm, and this proved ideal for these fast craft. If you have never experienced this type of racing, the main straight is about 100yds long (old money I'm afraid), and takes one of these craft about five seconds. The course is laid out in the shape of the figure "M", and racing is completed in an anti clockwise direction. The experienced even build their boats with this bias in mind.

By the end of the day and with the racing over, the task of packing down began. It's funny how things seem

to be heavier at this time. As usual, a plan was formulated and members got to work. It was good to see Pete Clayton our chairman and Jack Diaper our vice chairman supporting this event and taking such an active part in the work involved. Apparently it gets easier after your first thirty years service with the club!



For more information on what Multi Racing is, check out the following link:

["http://modelboatracing.co.uk/multiracing.htm"](http://modelboatracing.co.uk/multiracing.htm)

| 3.5 cc | Laps/sec. | 7.5 cc | Laps/sec. |
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| 1. Geoff Parmenter | 50.02 | 1. Mick Fields | 56.02 |
| 2. Andy Payne | 49.16 | 2. James Taylor | 56.13 |
| 3. James Taylor | 48.07 | 3. Ross Waumsley | 43.00 |
| 4. Mick Szebeko | 47.20 | 4. Mick Szebeko | 43.12 |
| 5. Alan Taylor | 42.14 | 5. Geoff Parmenter | 38.00 |
| 6. Brian Mabbett | 33.22 | 6. Paul Adams | 29.00 |
| 7. Ross Waumsley | 26.00 | | |
| 8. Becky Taylor | 15.00 | | |
| 9. Zak Humphries | 06.00 | | |
| 15 cc | Laps/sec. | | |
| 1. Dave Humphries | 59.24 | | |
| 2. Andy Payne | 58.09 | | |
| 3. Paul Adams | 50.10 | | |
| 4. Alan Taylor | 39.20 | | |
| 5. Mike Broad | 18.09 | | |

There will be some additional pictures of this event that will follow shortly, these have been taken by John Larke who heads up the IC section for the club, with his professional digital SLR camera, so look out for these. The official write up can be seen in the coming edition of Marine Modelling International magazine.

Special thanks to Matt Mock for his write up and Geoff Parmenter for reviewing.