



# Cygnets Model Boat Club Maidstone

## I.C. Sports Trophy, 2008 - Round 1

Thanks to Matt Mock who kindly provided the editorial and the photographs.

Round one of the IC Sports Trophy took place on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008. As usual at the Mote, unless raining, the venue provides an ideal location with plenty of shelter augmenting the fine day. Unfortunately for this season, it looks as if John Larke, our IC co-ordinator and committee member, wont be able to compete at the weekend meetings as work commitments have taken priority.

The main events consist of two Z Class races both lasting ten minuets. In all, seven turned up to race at this years first event, all with "restricted" craft, except for Steve Whenham who was running a "modified" complete with gearbox etc. The racing was split into two heats to make sure we had enough spotters and a scorer.

Mike Potter had recently completed construction of his Z Class craft, intended for use for this years trophy, but spent most of the meeting fine tuning and staying static on the water. Not the start he wanted, as he spent much of the day in the club's rowing boat! No race wins, and sore arms too. Steve gave the benefit of his knowledge with all things IC, but the work needed on Mikes Z Class would have to take place away from the lakeside.

Round two was due to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> April, but two members had other commitments and this did not leave enough people to compete, as well as provide the necessary spotters for those on the water. An alternative date is to be arranged. Also, thanks go to Peter Edwards who was there on 5<sup>th</sup> with his fast electric, as he managed on a number of occasions to nudge IC craft safely to shore after they had decided to emulate the ducks, and sit there! Peter's boat is the red one that managed to keep going.

The IC section of the club are sometimes found mid week, usually on a Thursday afternoon, fine tuning and running their latest creations. However, unless weather dictates otherwise, they will always be found on a Saturday morning down at the Mote. If you feel an IC boat is the thing for you, please feel free to come and talk with us at any of these times. You may even become our next member, who knows!



You must have a spotter at all times.



John Lark, our IC co-ordinator, on the look out.



Peter Edwards's fast electric



Fine tuning an IC boat



A helping hand from a colleague



A view of the Cygnets boating compound.

