

# BOW WAVES OCTOBER 2008

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Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the October edition of Bow Waves for 2008 the last copy for this year. How time flies.

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to you all for making me feel welcome as the Club's Secretary. The position has been quite interesting. Being the Secretary draws you closer to Cygnets members and you get to know a bit more about the Club.

For all of those members that were interested in the International Model Boat Show at Warwick, you would have been notified that we have had to cancel the coach trip due to lack of interest. So to those of you who had seats arranged for the day we send our apologies.

We have a jam packed Bow Waves for you so I had better hand over to Peter and his Chairman's chat.

## **Chairman's Chat**

We have now entered the last three months of our Club year and as our programme tails off we have one more important function, the Annual General Meeting, to convene and complete the Club's business for 2008 and prepare the Club for 2009. In the past three months we have hosted the marine section of the very successful Southern Model Air Show and the Championship Finals for AMBO (Thames Sailing Barges). Within the Club the IC Scale section have completed all the rounds for the IC Scale Trophy and the Sail section have completed eight of the ten rounds for the Ronnie Richardson Sail Trophy – the remaining two rounds will be sailed in November.

This edition of Bow Waves contains, again, the Official Notice and Agenda for the Annual General Meeting at the Stone Street Club, Maidstone, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December commencing at 8.00 pm. The entrance to the Club is in Palace Avenue just past and on the opposite side of the road to the Police Station. Parking at the Club is limited to permit holders only but there is a considerable amount of public parking within walking distance of the Club. The Club Rules, a copy of which you should have or see our website for details, applicable to the Annual General Meeting should be read and understood by all members especially if you are attending the meeting. At present we have one Club Rule for which an amendment has been tabled – see details later on this edition of Bow Waves. The annual subscription, although not yet discussed by the Committee, is likely to remain unchanged for the fifth year running. All members are reminded that they should make a special effort to attend the Annual General Meeting as it gives you, the member, an opportunity to express your views on how the Club is being run and what you would like to see happen in the future.

A few statistics regarding the state of the Club – as at the October Committee meeting, our membership stood at 137, slightly lower than at this stage in 2007. Our accounts stand at £2206.00 some £277.00 more than we had at this stage last year. The Club is in a very healthy state.

At the Annual General Meeting the trophies for 2008 are presented – will all recipients of the trophies for 2007 please ensure that their "silverware" is returned by Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at the very latest – any Committee member will happily receive them from you.

As stated earlier we have hosted in the past three months the marine section at the Southern Model Air Show and the Championship Finals for AMBO (Thames Sailing Barges). Full reports, with pictures, of these events appear on our website. I would like to thank all members of the Club who supported the Southern Model Air show – to the people who ran the have-a-go boats, manned our display stand, sold raffle tickets, manned the frequency control, etc. Also to all the members who supported us on the Friday by putting up the gazebo, etc. – to all the members who assisted with the taking down of all

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the equipment on the Sunday evening and very special thanks to the “pond crew” whose labours started on the Thursday morning and continued on Thursday afternoon, then Friday morning – they started again on Sunday evening and completed at about midday on the Monday. Thanks very much guys.

Also during the last three months the Club's internal competitions have continued and the Scale IC section have completed their series of races and the class winners will receive their trophies at the Annual General Meeting. The Sail section continues with its series of races and have now completed eight of the ten rounds – the last two will held during November. Reports of these internal competitions appear later in this edition of Bow Waves as well as on the Club's website.

As we approach the start of the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year the Committee were of the opinion that the Club badge could be updated to depict the specialness of the occasion. Five designs were considered and one chosen. We are now offering this “special” badge on our Club's range of clothing and we will be taking orders from the middle of November (Outline shown below(not high quality), better images available on the website <http://www.cygnetsmbc.com/cmhc-logo-1.html>). The order will be placed early in January 2009 to be delivered by the end of the same month. Our supplier is also offering mugs with the Club's badge thereon and we are also investigating the sale of Club badge car stickers.



In 2009 we are celebrating the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Committee has been discussing for some time which events we should put on. Mid-year 2008 it was decided that we would build a special model to be sailed, in one day, from Tonbridge to Allington Locks. Work on this project has already started with the appointment of a management team, the applications to the various authorities for permission to run the event and, of course the start of construction of the model. The model we are constructing is a Type 23 Duke Class Frigate at 1:36 scale, i.e. some 12 feet plus long. Existing in the Royal Navy is a type 23 frigate named HMS Kent and carries the identification code of F78. Our model will also be named HMS Kent and carry the F78 identification. HMS Kent supports the Demelza Hospice as one of its charities and again we are going to follow suit and support the same charity. We have already held a kick-off construction meeting and the drives, radio equipment, etc. have been specified and the Club members responsible for the major structures have been appointed.

Construction is under way but some of the Ship's armament has still to be placed. Should you be interested in assisting with the construction will you please contact David Shirley or myself as soon as possible. However I would like to point to would-be volunteers that this is a commitment because the construction and testing period is very tight with very little room for error – we do not want volunteers dropping out at the “ninth hour” and leaving the team with a major problem. With the various permissions sought we are committed to a date in July and unfortunately this date will not change. I am fully aware that the Cygnets MBC and making model boats is a hobby, and not a business venture, and should be treated as such.

Regular updates on progress will appear on our website and future issues of Bow Waves. In addition to the river marathon on July 11<sup>th</sup> on the same day we are hoping to organise a Club meeting at and on the river adjacent to the moorings of the Kentish Lady which runs regular river cruises to Allington and back. We now have two events planned on and at the river and the third event taking place also on 11<sup>th</sup> July at the riverside will be a reunion of founder members, long serving members and ex-members of more recent vintage. July 11<sup>th</sup> 2009 will be a very busy day. However all this depends on the approval of a budget to be tabled at the Annual General Meeting.

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Further to wet your appetite for 2009 we have, in addition to our usual events, been invited to attend the War and Peace extravaganza at the Hop Farm and we have also been approached by Ightham Mote – yes the National Trust property – to put on a static and dynamic display on Father's Day in June. In addition we have already been contacted by AMBO who wish to use our waters in Mote Park for a Championship round in June and their Championship Finals in September.

Next year's Committee have some important decisions to make immediately after the AGM and at the January Committee. I believe the key to the events defined are finding co-ordinators to manage them – no co-ordinators no event.

That's all from me for now. Don't forget the Annual General Meeting.

See you at the lakeside

Peter

### **Rule Change**

#### **CLUB RULE No. 26, Sub Section (a)**

The existing Rule 26 states:

"Members are not allowed to use within the Club or at any event under the jurisdiction of the Club:

(a) Any form of air-screw powered craft

(b) Any multi hulled craft powered ....."

The Committee recommends that Rule 26 be amended to read:

"Members are not allowed to use within the Club or at any event under the jurisdiction of the Club:

**(a) Any form of air-screw powered craft with exposed or unprotected fans or propellers.**

(b) Any multi hulled craft powered ....."

The motivation behind the rule amendment is that the existing rule prevents any air-screw powered craft, irrespective if the fans or propellers are correctly protected, from being used on the Club waters. The amendment, if approved, allows air-screw powered craft, ie. hovercraft, with suitable protection to be used on the Club's waters.

### **Club Regalia**

We would like to put together another order for Club regalia. This time instead of the normal Club badge embroidered onto the garment we are offering the new Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary badge. We are offering the following:

Full Zip Fleece at £23.10 each in the following sizes – S, M, L, XL, and XXL

Sweatshirts at £12.50 each in the following sizes – S, M, L, XL, and XXL

Polo Shirts at £11.75 each in the following sizes – S, M, L, XL, and XXL

Caps at £5.30 each – one size and fully adjustable.

All the above garments come in Navy Blue with an embroidered Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary badge. The polo shirt has a left breast pocket.

We are also offering a mug, complete with the Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary badge, at £4.65 each.

We are investigating car stickers of the Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary badge. We are at present unable to define the cost but will have the figure to hand at the time you place your orders.

All prices quoted include VAT. A minimum order value of £120.00 is required to the supplier in order not to attract a 10% surcharge.

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To place your order, please see me at the lakeside on Sunday mornings between 11.00 am and 12.30 pm or on Wednesday afternoons between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. Cash or cheque with order will be required. As I will be away on holiday for the first two weeks in November I will start taking orders from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

The order will be placed in early January with delivery by the end of the month.

### **Diary Dates for the end of 2008**

#### NOVEMBER

19 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	Stone Street Club
30 <sup>th</sup>	Ronnie Richardson Sail Trophy, Round Ten	Mote Park

#### DECEMBER

<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b><i>Annual General Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>Stone Street Club</i></b>
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### **Starting Times**

Committee Meetings	20h00
Ronnie Richardson Sail Trophy (all rounds)	12h30
Annual General Meeting	20h00

### **Southern Model Air Show 2008**

So another Hop Farm Southern Model Air Show has come and gone. The general consensus is that this was the best one yet. We had a total of 13 clubs attending over the weekend with over 280 mariner's passes being sent out. Although there was a last minute change of location of the boating section forced on us by the weather the general feeling that it was for the better. People generally liked the more homely feel of the new location and it seemed easier to get round the trade stands when they were all together.

There were some fantastic boats on display and some great action going on the pool. The have a go pool was generally busy and the amount of members of the public seemed to be up this year. According to the figures it was the busiest show we have ever had so long may it continue. I would like to thank all those club members that turned up and helped with the setting up, taking down and of course the general running of the show. Even those who could only just turn up one day and show a boat. I hope you all enjoyed it.

Some of you may be aware that after six years I am bowing out gracefully from being co-ordinator of this event for next year. Therefore the club is looking for a new co-ordinator for next year, if you are interested please let me or one of the club officers or committee know a.s.a.p. Please be assured that for the size of the event it is not as much work as you would expect, in fact not much happens until the week of the show. Also anyone interested will have my support and any help they need. Please come forward to ensure next year's show continues the chain of success.

For those of you that did not manage to get to the show. Shame on you but may be next year. In the mean time there are some pictures on the website.

Phil Knell (ex co-ordinator)

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## Ronnie Richardson Sail Trophy 2008

We have had a busy period of yacht racing since the last report

We have had 3 rounds, which have produced some very good yacht racing even though the wind has not been playing fair.

Round Six was contested in wind that could only be described as 'non existent' so a triangle course was laid out. The first race was declared 'null and void' due to the Fifteen Minute rule being imposed and it was decided to take a break before the second race in the hope that some sort of breeze would materialise! Race 2 was started with everyone starting together, the wind was light but consistent and the Thirty Minute rule was imposed before any yacht had completed the full five laps. Class A was won by Nick Clayton with Dave Tucker in second place and Colin Bird in third. Chris Harding took Class B followed by Anthony Sisley and Harry Hunt. The third race started in light rain to add to the frustration of the light winds. Again the 30 Minute Rule kicked in, Dave Tucker was leading Class A followed by Nick Clayton and Dave Elsworth. In Class B, Dave Chalk was leading with Les May in second place followed by Greg Chalk.

Round Seven arrived with rain and a good wind – this appeared to be great sailing weather... After a brief skipper's meeting it was decided to hold the races even though the rain was belting down. The first race was run in continuing rain and squally weather. In Class A Nick Clayton had a comfortable win followed by Dave Tucker and Paul Cooper. In Class B line honours went to Anthony Sisley with Dave Chalk second and Chris Harding third. Unfortunately, by the time Race 2 had started, the rain had eased off but so too had the wind. The race started with enough of a breeze to keep everyone interested, but after the 15 minute rule had passed the wind/breeze passed as well. The whole fleet was turned into a mass drift – very frustrating for all! The 30 minute rule came into play and the results were determined as follows: Nicholas Clayton again took line honours in Class A followed by Dave Tucker and Paul Cooper. In Class B, at the end of the thirty minutes, Derek Filmer was in the lead followed by Chris Harding, David Chalk. Les May and in fifth position Anthony Sisley. Unfortunately the conditions did not change and it was agreed to abandon the racing for the day and contest the third race of Round Seven prior to the start of the Round Eight.

And so to Round Eight. Due to other commitments, Peter was unable to officiate the four races, so Nick stepped in. Unfortunately you cannot officiate and race at the same time. The weather looked promising with a bit of a breeze blowing. Unfortunately it was gusting and changing direction all the time, so we had quite a few frustrated skippers. All 4 races were subject to the 30 minute rule. In Race 1, Class A line honours went to Dave Tucker, second was Paul Cooper. Class B went to Harry Hunt, with Les May second and Dave Chalk third. We had two Marbleheads (Class C) racing, Derek Filmer triumphing over Derek Hutchinson. Race 2 Class A honours went to Dave Tucker and Paul Cooper with Colin Bird in third. Class B went to Anthony Sisley with Chris Harding second and Les May third. In Class C, it was the same result as Race 1. Race 3 Class A went to Dave Tucker and Paul Cooper again with Colin Bird Third. Class B went to Dave Chalk with Harry Hunt second and Anthony Sisley third. We had a change in Class C with Derek Hutchinson getting revenge on Derek Filmer. Race 4 followed the same pattern as the previous three races – gusty winds. In Class A, Paul Cooper finally got sick of seeing the stern of Dave Tucker's yacht and came first. In Class B, Harry Hunt took the honours, with Les May and Anthony Sisley in second and third. Class C reverted back to race 1 and 2 order with Derek Filmer coming in first.

The leading positions after eight rounds are as follows:

	Class A	Points	Class B	Points	Class C	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dave Tucker	45	Anthony Sisley	63	Derek Filmer	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nicholas Clayton	59	Dave Chalk	79	John Thornycroft	57
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Cooper	79	Chris Harding	80	Derek Hutchinson	57

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	Class A	Points	Class B	Points	Class C	Points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Colin Bird	95	Les May	104		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Elsworth	104	Harry Hunt	105		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie Marjoram	104	Greg Chalk	147		

Round 9,2<sup>nd</sup> November 2008 – 12H30 – Mote Park

### **I.C Report 2008 – The final round of the season**

Well having started our I.C. race series in March, in the blink of an eye we have just had our final round of the season on Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. The usual six were there, although I could not compete in this race as the engine on my boat was losing compression the last time out and decided to give up the ghost altogether during last Saturdays testing. Not a great loss as far as the trophy was concerned, but my disappointment was that this final round contained some of the closest and most enjoyable racing this season.

The first series of races were for the .12cc boats. This, as usual, had been run in two heats, as we have to have scorers and spotters for each race. As the .12 races are run over two complete races this meant four starts altogether.

The first race included Mick, Paul and Mike. As usual this season, Mick set a very fast pace and it was up to the others to hang on as best they could. The race itself was fairly uneventful with no mishaps and Mick came in first having completed 32 laps. Paul was next with 27 laps and Mike ended up with 24 laps. The next race included Eric and Laurie. They had a target of 32 laps set by Mick, but were also chasing the others to knock them off second and third position. With all to go for, Eric and Laurie launched their boats. Eric set off on his warm up lap, but Laurie had launched too enthusiastically, and swamped his own boat thus cutting the engine. By the time Laurie had retrieved his boat and re-launched, Eric was seven laps ahead. Laurie gained a lot of ground, but Eric managed to hang on and won this heat by two laps, having completed 25 laps in all.

The next heat contained some eventful racing, and this last race of the season was won by Mick yet again, with Paul running a close second.

The final race was the .25s. All five took part with the most interesting part being that Mick managed to capsize his own boat twice, with no-one near him. The winner of the final .25 race this season was Laurie who managed to complete 31 laps with the nearest to him being Eric who completed 26 laps for second place.

The winners of this year's IC trophies are Mick Pain who has won the .12cc class with six wins out of eight, and Mike Potter who has won the .25cc class with five wins out of eight. Our web site shows the lap scores for the first two places of all races.

This was my first seasons racing, and what good fun it is too. As well as the regular monthly race, the IC section meets on Saturday mornings. My thanks go to the others who have imparted much knowledge my way, as well as for all the laughs over the past year. We also have a new Father and Son team who have joined this side of the club, so we look forward to seeing them down at "The Mote" next season. If your reading this.....how about next season for you?

Happy racing,

Matt.

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## Memories of a Cygnet

I first joined the Cygnets in approx 1959 when I was a boy. I had previously joined a local club (Gravesend Model Engineering Society) boat section because I had just constructed a Veron Marlin powered by an ED Competition Special and wanted somewhere to sail it. My first radio was made from a kit which used valves (if anyone remembers them!)

Unfortunately the Gravesend boat club had no water! We did have the use of the local canal but the old prams, bikes and general rubbish had beaten us to it! The Southend club kindly allowed us to use Southchurch Park but when we heard that a small group of modellers had started a club in Mote Park we decided to check it out. I went to the Mote with a friend and we were made welcome and invited to join their club.

At the time the Club used the water at the far end of the Park near Mote House. The Club was started by a local business man (diamond dealer) called Rick Swan, hence the Cygnet's nametag. Not long after this the Reeds Model Engineering Club affiliated themselves with us resulting in a larger membership.

In about 1962 the club moved to its present compound which was built by the club members themselves with no financial help at all from the Council.

At the beginning most of the sailing was either steering competitions or time trials, one boat at a time. This was because the radio equipment was not super hot so you could not sail boats together. It wasn't long before new radio's came along that allowed multi racing.

The Cygnets were at the forefront of the sport once multi came in and ran many successful regattas with 200 plus boat entered. Many national competitions have been held at the lake over the years attracting competitors from all over the country and indeed Europe. One competition was held where the prize was a trip to South Africa to compete in the World Championships, the flights etc were free but the drawback was you had to pay to transport two boats over with you.

I personally represented England in Ulm (Germany) in 1970 and Ostend (Belgium) in 1971 in the Naviga Speed Class along with others from the club. In those days we thought nothing of driving up to Bourneville Lakes in Birmingham for a day's competition and on one occasion I took John Cundell up there for the National Steering Championships and he won it and I came second!

In the 1970's there was an active social side to the Club as well and many dances were held at the Cobdown Social Club in Ditton in association with Reeds Paper Mill. The committee meetings at this time were held on the Reeds Aylesford site itself.

Over the years I have dabbled in straight running, multi, fast electrics, scale and yachts. On the administrative side I have been a committee member on and off for many years and in the 70s/80s I was Chairman for fifteen years and I have held the position of Vice President of the club since stepping down as Chairman.

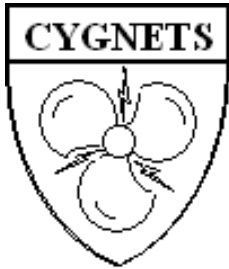
Roger Ilsley.

We have now come to the end of this edition of Bow Waves. Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a very healthy and prosperous 2009.

Thank you to everyone that has sent me articles, write ups and information to help keep the Bow Waves interesting reading. See you at the Mote.

Debbie Smith  
Secretary

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**CYGNETS MODEL BOAT CLUB**

**MOTE PARK MAIDSTONE**

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**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**OF**

**CYGNETS MODEL BOAT CLUB**

**WILL BE HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

**AT**

**20:00 HRS**

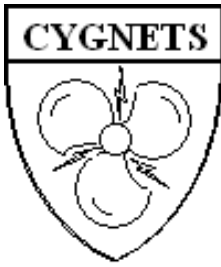
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**STONE STREET CLUB**

**LOWER STONE STREET**

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**CYGNETS MODEL BOAT CLUB  
MOTE PARK MAIDSTONE**

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**AGENDA  
FOR THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2008  
AT 20:00 HRS IN THE  
STONE STREET CLUB MAIDSTONE**

- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**
- 3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 5TH DECEMBER 2007**
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS A.G.M.MINUTES**
- 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
- 6. SECRETARY'S REPORT**
- 7. TREASURERS REPORT**
- 8. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES**
- 9. RULE CHANGES**
- 10. DISSOLUTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE – YEAR 2008**
- 11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE – YEAR 2009**
- 12. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – YEAR 2009**
- 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- 14. CLOSURE AND DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

**DEBBIE SMITH  
SECRETARY**

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