



# The Burton Boat Builder

*Committed to promoting all aspects of model boating*



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I really don't know where this year has gone, but looking back the club has been very active and a lot has happened over the year. The committee would like to thank everyone who has participated or helped at the many events this year as without your help many of the things we do would simply just not happen and next year we will again be hosting the MPBA Scale nationals at Branston so will be asking for as much help as we can get in the preparation and on the day, so please do not be backwards in coming forward.

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Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New  
boating year in 2013

## BMPRS II

The second event of the season at Branston was the BMPRS round 2, again we host the event and it is run by their own Officer of The Day, again this was Andy Rennie, we all met up at the lake at approx. 08-45am, Pete had just a short wait for Captain Crowden to arrive to get the marker buoys out of the visitor centre storeroom, Pete had got the rescue boat ready for launch, soon we were loaded up and proceeded to set out the course, everything set up some competitors took the opportunity to test and a couple found minor problems with their boats, rescue crew recovered the stricken models and awaited the start of events.

Racing got under way at 10-10am and soon a pattern emerged as to who was looking good for the day, never the fastest on the water but always reliable on of our long standing visitors, Bernard Holder from Bristol who went on to win classes AA, A, B, C, a remarkable achievement that we have not seen done before, the other class racing was the D class which went to Malcolm Pratt a Kingsbury member, he also took highest laps of the day with 110 total for the two heats.

A couple of incidents occurred that brought about some fun and sorrow, one of the guys had his hatch come loose at



the front retainers and as he got up to speed the hatch lifted making it look like a giant air brake, not put off he kept running till the end of the race and some remedial work was carried out, Kurt Cave had a spectacular tunnel hull and was being very cautious when getting near other boats, being black it was getting lost in the spray kicked up by other

competitors boats, so only using the front straight as a passing point he very quickly got to the front, hitting a marker buoy in Heat 1 finished his race for that period, in the second heat he got hit by another boat that lost control and literally wrote his boat off, causing extensive damage to the front sponsons and tearing a large hole in the hull side.

We had almost completed the first heats when the gear shift lever snapped on our outboard, rendering it out of action, Captain Crowden (Alan) would have had his Boat Race seat guaranteed for his sterling efforts in rowing the rescue boat for the final race, well done mate.

Lunchtime came and a couple of the Kingsbury guys went over to their water and borrowed their brand new outboard for the afternoon heats, as this caused a slight delay O/O/D Andy Rennie reduced the afternoon heats to 15 mins, the racing completed Captain Alan presented the trophies and then the winner of the combined Burton 1 and Burton 2 events based on highest laps for the two events was announced, this



trophy from the club was presented to Malcolm Pratt for a two event total of 219 laps.

We had a donation of £50-00 given to the club, a donation of £5-00 was given to the Kingsbury members for use of their outboard motor and getting us out of a hole, sadly the outboard was taken to Beeston Marina for repair, and change the water impeller whilst it was there, no major work has had to be done on this very reliable motor for a good few years, the total repair bill was £208-00, parts are not cheap so we should offer a big thanks to Captain Crowden who looks after the outboard if we need normal things done to it, and he doe's this FREE OF CHARGE to the club.

We just have to hope the weed situation doesn't occur this summer then we can go on and get the two speed events run and generate some more revenue for the club, we do not like having to spend unwanted money, but then again we have a very healthy bank balance carefully watched over by our treasurer, but being polite we know these events are not greatly supported by the membership and all money received from the events is put into the club account less normal expenses i.e.; fuel and oil, so we should all be thankful to those that put any effort into any events for the club that raises revenue, this keeps your annual subs down each year.

A big thank you was given to the club by the BMPRS for the use of the lake and for the rescue crew, only one complaint, one guy stood towards the back of the decking and almost twisted his ankle, a point that needs to be looked at for Health and Safety reasons, but the problem we have is that we do not have a direct contact now that it appears Lawrence Oates has been moved on to other areas, maybe we should have a word with the lady in charge of the Community Payback team and see if her guys could do anything?

Pete D.

## INTERNATIONAL MODEL BOAT SHOW 2012 (Leamington)

We arrived to set up at lunch time on the Thursday, there we met up with Reg, Jean and Joe. We kept the same stand set up as last year, but with the addition of the new banner. This year came and went so the new idea for the stand will have to wait until the 2013 show.



The show started on the Friday and ran through till Sunday afternoon, we came second for the best club stand of the show, being beaten by King Lear which was visa versa of last year's result, well done to them.

The show was very busy as usual and we had a lot of interest from members of other clubs and the public. It also gave us time to catch up with other people in the hobby and see what they are up to.

Thank you to every one who came to help out man the stand all weekend and help in setting up and packing up.



### Christmas meal - The Tap House - Smisby

By popular demand Jean booked and organised our end of year celebration meal at the Tap House again this year and we were not disappointed, the four course meal was excellent and Dave certainly had his fill of the carvery! (*Picture censored for those with delicate stomachs*)



*Branston man was also there, filling up on food for the Winter*



*Joe got Peter to finally agree that he will actually start building a boat rather than just talking about it.*



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