



The Burton Boat Builder

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The last issue now seems ages ago in December but it is only 3 months and we have already attended our first show of the season at Ellesmere port, more on that later. We are also getting ready for the inaugural club 500 race at Branston and I am personally looking forward to participating. I would also like to thank all those who came along to builders night and made it great success with a wide variety of models on show.

Practise



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Moulded in high impact styrene Club 500 is intended to offer a low cost medium speed boat suitable for general use or for one-class club racing. Everything to build the basic model is supplied - including propeller, propeller shaft, rudder/tiller, 550 motor, coupling and window decals.

On a trip to Rugeley last year a number of members were enthralled to watch the club 500 racing and after a little discussion it was decided that we would have a go at building a few and racing them. The committee have drawn up some rules for the racing based on rules used by other clubs and will try them out over the coming year.

CLUB 500 RACING RULES

1. A race duration of 4 minutes, plus seconds to complete the lap you are on. (Maximum time to complete the last lap is 60 seconds).
2. Race number boards must be firmly fixed to the cabin in a position that can be seen clearly from both sides.
3. The course shall be an 'M' shape approximately 30 x15 metres, negotiated in an anti-clockwise direction.
4. A maximum of 9 boats per heat.
5. Starting procedure: - Boats shall be placed in the starting gate. Drivers will be asked if they are ready. They will then be informed that the race will start within the next 10 seconds. The race will start on a blast of a whistle. The first buoy to be negotiated is the top right hand. The race is over on the second blast of a whistle.
6. Race Marshals shall record missed buoys. A time penalty is to be imposed in each race for missed buoys, 5 seconds for the first offence, then 1 lap deducted for each offence thereafter. The circling of buoys is banned, to minimise damage to any of the boats.
7. At the end of 4 Minutes a seconds count will start. Boats will complete the lap that they have begun, and the lap scorer shall record the time in seconds when the boats next cross the scoring line.
8. The Rescue Boat may be used during a race if boats are in danger of sinking. Colliding with the Rescue Boat means immediate disqualification from that race.
9. Drivers of 'dead' boats must inform fellow competitors immediately of the position on the course where their boat has stopped, using the words 'Dead boat, top left' etc. Hitting a dead boat, once it has been called, also means immediate disqualification from that race.
10. Scoring: - Points will be awarded for the highest number of laps and part laps from two races in a regatta. The points will be: - 9 for the highest lap score, 6 for second, 4 for third, 3 for fourth, 2 for fifth and 1 for all other competitors who entered. The end of season results shall be a total of the six highest points scored during the season. In the event of a tie the competitor with the highest number of first and second place finishes will be the winner.
11. Competitors can expect to have their boats scrutinised by the Race Officer at any time during race meetings. The Race Officers decision is final.

Ellesmere Port Spring show 2012

The first show of the season soon came round this year, so we packed the cars and set off early Saturday morning. We had a new stand position this year as the room we used to use was no longer available, unfortunately the new stand area was on the second floor with only a small lift to get everything up there, but it is amazing how much can be stuffed in a small lift with four people, so we soon had all the equipment upstairs and were setting everything up, thanks to John and Glynis for sorting the tables out the day before, by the time models started to appear, we had the clothes set out and the new covers made by Jean over the winter were on the raised plinths. We even had time to put our feet up for a moment.



There were a lot of good models of show this year and the David Owen competition was very popular, more about that later! The Weather was sunny, but the public was not pouring in. The traders were also reduced in numbers from last year so it was disappointing if you had gone to the show to stock up on supplies.

Now back to the David Owen competition. This is a popular competition and the standard of model making is usually very high, and this year was no exception with a lot of entries in each class. So we were very pleased when Reg was awarded a Silver Medal for his model of HMS Active. Reg has spent a lot of time adding extra detail to this model and it was good to see that it has all paid off.



Builders night March 2012

A big thank you to everyone who came along to builders night and made it a great success. There were many models on display in all stages of build along with a couple of prototype electronic systems.

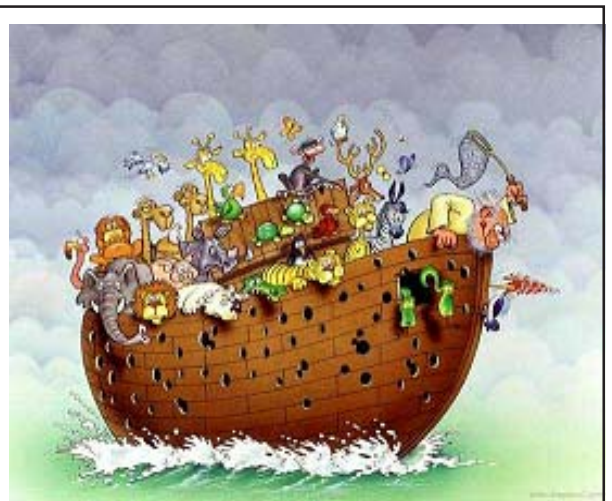


There were lots of questions being asked and hopefully all were answered. The new club 500 boats also had a good showing and hopefully will look as good on the water.



Why is Reg looking at his Santa nervously?

The Paint a Santa competition (see Xmas meal for an explanation) finalists were also judged by the lady members during the evening with a resulting tie for first place between Reg and John.



If making a model of Noahs ark, leave off the woodpecker!

Xmas meal at the Tap House

We felt like a change of venue for the 2011 meal and booked the Tap House at Smisby and we were duly treated to an excellent meal in very pleasant surroundings. The Chairman gave all the ladies a small present and all the gentlemen were given a surprise present of a paint your own Santa and Snow man with the instruction that their efforts would be judged on builders night in March. To finish the evening off Moira passed round a large box of chocolates.



Events calendar 2012

Date	Event
	March
28th March	First Sailing Night of the Year 16:00 - 19:00
	April
1st April	BMPRS - High powered motor racing on Branston Water Start time 10:00
3rd April	CLUB 500 - Electric powered racing on Branston Water Start time 18:00
4th April	Club meeting - Woodville Snooker Club Start time 19:30
17th April	CLUB 500 - Electric powered racing on Branston Water Start time 18:00
21/22nd April	The National model boat show - Coalville - Please contact Joe if you wish to attend
	May
1st May	CLUB 500 - Electric powered racing on Branston Water Start time 18:00
2nd May	Club meeting - Woodville Snooker Club Start time 19:30
15th May	CLUB 500 - Electric powered racing on Branston Water Start time 18:00
27th May	Branston Trophy round 1 - Scale steering on Branston Water Start time 10:00
29th May	CLUB 500 - Electric powered racing on Branston Water Start time 18:00
	June
6th June	Club meeting - Woodville Snooker Club Start time 19:30
10th June	BMPRS - High powered motor racing on Branston Water Start time 10:00
10th June	Newlands Open day - Static show Start time 11:00
12th June	CLUB 500 - Electric powered racing on Branston Water Start time 18:00
26th June	CLUB 500 - Electric powered racing on Branston Water Start time 18:00
	July
4th July	Club meeting - Woodville Snooker Club Start time 19:30
10th July	CLUB 500 - Electric powered racing on Branston Water Start time 18:00
24th July	CLUB 500 - Electric powered racing on Branston Water Start time 18:00
29th July	Branston Trophy round 2 - Scale steering on Branston Water Start time 10:00
	August
1st August	Club meeting - Woodville Snooker Club Start time 19:30
5th August	Stoke Navy day (TBC) - Naval sailing competition and formation sailing 10:00
7th August	CLUB 500 - Electric powered racing on Branston Water Start time 18:00
21st August	CLUB 500 - Electric powered racing on Branston Water Start time 18:00
26/27th August	Haydock model boat convention - Please contact Joe if you wish to attend
	September
4th September	CLUB 500 - Electric powered racing on Branston Water Start time 18:00
5th September	Club meeting - Woodville Snooker Club Start time 19:30
9th September	Fire Boat Fun day - Fire boat fun on Branston Water Start time 10:00
16th September	MPBA Scale Finals - Blane Moor - Scale sailing competition finals 10:00
23rd September	Records Weekend TBC - Record Breaking speeds - Branston water Start time 10:00
	October
3rd October	Club meeting - Woodville Snooker Club Start time 19:30
7th October	Funday 2011 - last outdoor club event of the year BE THERE! Start time 10:00
28th October	Fast electrics - Racing on Branston Water Start time 10:00
	November
7th November	Club meeting - Woodville Snooker Club Start time 19:30
9/10/11th November	Leamington International model show - Please contact Joe if you wish to attend
	December
5th December	AGM Woodville Snooker Club Start time 19:30
14th December	Christmas Dinner

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