



GOSPORT MODEL YACHT AND BOAT CLUB

Encourages, promotes, and facilitates model boating in all its aspects.

Champions fair sailing and fosters enjoyment, friendly competition, and participation in club events

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Rewind!!! It has not been possible to change the date of **the AGM, so it will take place on Sunday December 10th** as originally scheduled. More details will follow nearer the time.

The incredibly hot weather and a leaking sluice have contributed the **arrival of weed in the lake**. Although, our Lake Manager, Paul has topped up the level whenever tides make it possible, evaporation has continued apace. It is now not suitable for Vane racing and radio-controlled boats are increasingly finding no go areas. Sadly, this has meant that we have had to cancel the first of the Centenary A Class events which would have taken place next weekend, the 24th and 25th of June. A weed cut is scheduled towards the end of July.

Well done and thank you to Vice Commodore, Darin and all those that helped to make our contribution to the **Gosport Marine Festival** a success. As well as putting on some racing, some members of the public had a go, having been sandbagged, (see last Bulletin) which may result in some new members. A special thank you to Ron Rich who was helping all day.

Thank you to those who offered to help at the, now cancelled, Centenary Vane A Weekend.

Moving on, we still need assistance for the Centenary Vane A National Championship from the 30th of July to the 4th of August. All help is very much appreciated, **specifically we are looking for finishers who double as marshals and a club house supremo**. Also **on the 29th of July, vintage and classic A class yachts will be on show with some racing at the club.... marking the history of the A Class – the beginning of model yacht racing as we know it today**. The prestigious knockout competition for the Yachting Monthly Cup on Wednesday 2nd of August is open to all Free sailing A boats, as is the championship itself. It will be amazing to have many older boats participating. There are specific prizes for vintage and classic boats in the championship as an incentive. Information and entry forms for all three events available from Jacques – PublicityOfficer@Gosportmybc.club.

Health and safety (H&S) must be taken very seriously. It is included as an agenda item at every Executive Committee (EC) meeting and will also now, be on the Class Captains' (CCs) meeting agenda. Any incidents or accidents for the preceding month are discussed to determine any action needed to prevent re-occurrence. There is a comprehensive Health and safety manual file in the club house and copies of the content are on the computer.

*All members should read this manual, particularly the policy statement.

*There are areas where the EC and CCs have specific responsibilities, which they monitor.

*However, H&S is every member's responsibility. Any H&S incidents must be entered into the accident book.

A big thank you to Nick Ryley for all his hard work over the preceding few years and for his assistance to Tim Rees who ensured the Risk Assessments and Policy were up to date. A great job, Tim, all set up now for a new H&S officer – all we need is a member or members to volunteer.

All the **berths**, bar one, are in use in the Boat House. The one vacancy is for a laser. Please contact Mike Carter if you are interested.

We now have some wet **weather scoring folders**. There are portrait and landscape versions, and they will be located by the desk. Please ensure they are dried after use!

Commodore Derek Morland and the Executive Committee.