

Ribble Model Boat Club

MAY NEWSLETTER 2016



POND MATTERS

The Wednesday evening sailing has got off to a good start, with good weather so far. Unfortunately, the dreaded weed has begun to bloom, but so far sailing is OK. Please come along when you can.

The table bases have now been installed by John and it only awaits the fixing of the wooden top which should be done soon, this means we will have an "off the ground" preparation facility.

The June BARBEQUE meeting (13th June) will be at the pond and tickets have sold well and will also be available at the May meeting for those who haven't yet bought any, only £2.50 each.

MEETINGS

The next meeting on **May 9th** will be one of Phil's "Technical talks" and will focus on "Scale" and what it means. Scale effects, sizes, weights, wind, waves, stability and ballast and much more. Please bring along a model for the evening if possible.

The **JULY 11th** meeting will see the return of Dave WOOLEY to talk about aspects of modelling and he will bring along HMS Skirmisher whose build is currently featured in "Model Boats".

BROCKHOLES REGATTA DAY

The Brockholes Fun Day /Regatta is scheduled for **SUNDAY MAY 22ND**, at Brockholes centre. Those who attended the open day in September will be aware of what a good facility this is, with parking, toilets, restaurant/cafe etc and both outdoor and indoor accommodation depending on the weather. Also excellent sailing water- with no weed!

As this is our annual regatta can we please have a maximum effort and turnout of both members and boats. Neighbouring clubs at Blackpool and Southport have been invited along.

The following is the relevant information required.

1. The public have entry from 10 am, so we must have everything set up by then so please try and be there no later than 9.30 am, the site will be open by 9am .
2. Please wear your club clothing if you have it.
3. If fine and dry we will be exhibiting on the benches outside, if wet we can use the tables in the adjacent Activity Centre .
4. Parking is free for members exhibiting boats, other members and guests must pay for parking. Reg' numbers will be collected and given to a member of staff.
5. It is possible to park temporarily close to the exhibition space for loading/unloading and then remove your car to the nearby car park.
6. The towing tanker, rescue device, floating dock and simple boats for children to "have a go" will be provided. Those members with "Pollux" tugs please bring them along for any towing.
7. The display area will be taped off to keep out "sticky fingers".
- 8, We should finish about 4pm, but you can leave earlier if necessary.

DANIEL ADAMSON TUG

Many will recall the interesting talk we had from Dan Cross about the Daniel Adamson restoration project. The work is now complete and the fully steamed up Daniel Adamson will be present for 'Public days' at the "Steam at the Dock" event at Albert Dock, Liverpool on the weekend of **7th & 8th May**. If any members are interested in visiting this magnificently restored steam tug with its Art Deco interior please go along. There will be much other steam present also, traction engines, steam loco's etc on both days