

# **RIBBLE MODEL BOAT CLUB**

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## **FUN DAY 2011**

The intended fun day on Saturday 21st May has been cancelled due to a double booking. Your committee have decided not to re-schedule this for later in the year, but to put great effort into a bigger, better event next year, the date has already been set for Saturday 19th May 2012.

**13th JUNE** BBQ at the pond and sailing night. 6.30 until dark. Irrespective of weather! The BBQ cost is £2 so if you are eating you should either already have a ticket from Barry or you can pay on the night. BUT if you are coming without a ticket, no problem, but please let Barry know by phone (01257 795001) no later than Friday 10th June so he can order the right amount of food.

**11th JULY** Pond sailing night. The July and August meetings have been transposed - swapped for non latin speakers! To use existing daylight/weather the July meeting will again be a pond night.

This is just a fun sailing night, but we will have the tankers out for towing fans. It is also being promoted as a "bring a query night" so if you have a boat with any problems - stability, handling, reliability etc, bring it along and the accumulated wisdom present may be able to help.

Start time 6.30, till dark, the club will be open for drinks,

**8th AUG** The August meeting will now be in the RAFA club and will be either the deferred presentation on "The Daniel Adamson Preservation Society" plus a talk/slides on Towing in Milford haven, OR if not available, Phil will give a technical talk - topic to be advised at July meeting.

**12th SEPT** Malcolm's film night, Warships part III.

**10th OCT** Warship Modelling - Alan Derham

**14th NOV** Bring a model night and slide show "Latest technical developments in tugs and towing"

**12th DEC** AGM and Book/Magazine mart.

## **NEW GATE LOCK**

You will all be aware that the padlock at the pond gate has 'given up the ghost'! Barry has obtained a new lock and a supply of keys. These will be distributed at the next few meetings, but can be posted on request.

Please ensure you get a new key and sling the old one.

## **CLUB TRIP - BARROW MUSEUM & DOCKS**

Following the successful trips on the Ship Canal and to Mountfleet Models, your committee is looking at a further trip later this year to Barrow. We will try and couple it with any maritime events that Barrow may have organised. The main target however will be the Maritime Museum and their excellent model exhibits.

Travel will be by car sharing. Volunteer drivers will be needed, but the club will pay for fuel costs.

Further details to follow.

## **Model boat convention**

For those not aware, please be advised that due to unforeseen circumstances, the Boat Convention will move from Birchwood this year to a new, possibly permanent home at Haydock racecourse exhibition centre.

The dates remain as before, 27th & 28th August and the show will be the same, but probably bigger as there is considerably more space and more traders have been signed up. The venue is easy to access from the M6 and is signed for Haydock racecourse. We will be attending and exhibiting as a club and the theme this year is "Cargo vessels", so as many of these as possible.

Setting up time is the afternoon and evening of Friday 26th and limited to between 9-9.30 am on Saturday morning. Clubs will be on the first floor, (traders on ground floor) but there is excellent vehicle access and good lifts. There is plenty of parking. There will be a small pond, but possibly a bigger one may be available, so sailing may be limited.

We are scheduled to perform with our Pollux mini tugs, either football, towing, or both, so can we have as many as possible of these present please - charged and operational!!

Tickets will be issued free to Exhibitors and will be distributed as before, non exhibitors will have to pay, but prices are held. Over the next two meetings we will be collecting names of exhibitors attending for ticket purposes. As many members as possible will be needed to man the stand and answer any queries.

This is our major show each year, so let's have a good turnout with as many boats as possible.