



March 2021 Newsletter

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Important:

Change of Dates – Veterans' Golden Jubilee Championship. See below

IOM Nationals - Entry Open <https://www.iomgbr.co.uk/events>



FLEETWOOD MODEL YACHT & POWER BOAT CLUB

28/29/30 August 2021

Places are filling up fast, so follow the link above and secure your entry for this wonderful 3-day championship event

Veterans' Golden Jubilee Championship – Change of Dates.

The dates planned for holding this event have been shifted from 15/16 May to **22/23 May**

Because hospitality is not going to open until the 17th of May the original dates planned for this event make it unworkable, so the decision has been made to move the IOM Veterans Championship to the following week which is 22nd and 23rd May.

This is based on the assumption that Boris's plans work out and we follow the MYA guidelines at the time relating to fairness etc.

Whilst Lincoln Radio Sailing Club reserves the right to change, it is expected that details can be finalised well before the end of March giving 6 clear weeks before the event.

For latest Updates: see either www.iomgbr.co.uk or <https://lincolnradiosailingclub.com/>





More boats please as competitive radio sailors we are accustomed to the challenges of competition, the disappointment of missing our goals and the flush of winning our first race.

On lookers and passers-by are easily engaged in conversation about the fun and games we are having. Then comes the awful question – where can I buy one?

What do you say? “If you want a new one, order one from a builder and be aware there is long waiting list.or you could look on the iom gbr or MYA web site for a used one. Because of the demand they sell very quickly. Or talk to a member of the club local to where you live.

Either way it’s not easy so...there we go, another potential IOM sailor probably lost.

As a class, we have a challenge we need to address now, not next year, not sometime in the future, now. We need to sort out the chronic shortage of boats, new and second hand in the supply chain. As it is we are

- choking IOM Class growth
- forcing aspiring radio sailors to find another class of boat to sail or worse still, another hobby.
- undermining the hard work that is being done by the many volunteers with a love of IOM sailing.

What are our options:

- Do nothing and let nature takes its course.
- Believe someone will sort it out - if you send me their address, I’ll go see someone!
- Order a new boat and sit around atrophying for 18 months, only to find that when it arrives you then have to find some sails and a radio before you can use it.
- Stop talking and do something about the problem.

Let’s do something....you can all help:

The starting point:

- Did you know we have registered more than 4600 IOM boats registered in the UK - that means there are a lot of boats in lofts, garages and who knows where, all wanting to see the light of day again, and get their fins and keel bulbs wet. 😊
- So, let’s get these boats out – evict the spiders, dust them off and if you don’t need them put them up for sale. Then, those currently without boats, can join in sooner, rather than later.

To help you pass on your old pride and joy, we have constructed a **‘for sale and wanted’** page here on the iomgbr website specifically to link buyers and sellers for trading boats and IOM parts. Visit: <https://www.iomgbr.co.uk/forsaleandwanted>

If you are looking for a boat, then please post a wanted ad on the web site with some idea of what you want and your budget.



You will have to register to do this but crucially it is open to everyone, regardless of whether or not you belong to a club, MYA or the IOM Class Association. The facility is currently our best effort, but if it proves difficult to use please let me know so we can improve its user friendliness.

Later this month, some 'help' features will be added to the web site to assist prospective buyers and sellers. In the meantime ask or seek assistance from your local club which you find by clicking the link here: <https://www.iomgbr.co.uk/home>

We are developing a plan to engage with to engage the supply chain of new boats and equipment. This is an area where you as members can help by keep pestering the suppliers to expand their production facilities. Every little helps.

Bea's Nimbus Mk III

Bea is a year 9 student at the Micheal Hall Steiner School in Forest Row. Steiner's Philosophy of education is based on the idea that a child's moral, spiritual, and creative sides need as much attention as their intellect. He strongly believed in the idea of developing the whole person.

Bea started sailing at 5 years old, and has progressed to become a member of the National Optimist sailing squad and wanted to build an Optimist as part of her CDT course work. Meeting some resistance to this idea on account of scale, she determined to build a boat anyway.

Not to be put off by the challenge of doing this by well-meaning adults who could envisage the difficulties, she arrived home one day with a set of plans and some wood, to build a Nimbus MKIII.

A few days later after much toil and puzzling over plans things started to take shape.



Constructed out finest mahogany...only the best wood for a Bantock boat.



Many glasses of water, diet coke, and fruit juice later, great progress has been made, and it's time to think about fins and rudders and sails. A mast would come in handy as well.

If you have ever built a wooden boat, you will appreciate this is a steep learning curve and Bea deserves massive admiration and support for her project...you never know she may be the next Hannah Mills!
So, this enterprising young lady turned to IOM GBR for advice and assistance – why not?

After a few phone calls, a bit of help from Facebook, and some scrummaging around, we managed to find lots of parts for her to complete the project.
This is a superb effort and massive thanks goes out to all who have contributed so far. They know who they are....



Bea's grandfather, Noel, has committed to making a donation to the RNLI by way of thanks. Doesn't get much better than that.

You will have to wait for part two of this story it may be in next month's newsletter, or the one after. I can't wait, and I'm writing the copy!

IOM GBR Web Site Developments

New last month was a page specifically for boat registration and measuring to help with the corona virus interference with the certification process. <https://www.iomgbr.co.uk/boats>
Looking at the register, the measurers are going to have a busy few month.



An **Easy Guide** to sail numbering accurately reflecting the latest IRSA requirements has now been approved and will be added to the website in the next two weeks.

As far as boat building resources are concerned Nigel Barrow has condensed the IOM boat builders equivalent of war and peace into his website for all to use <https://www.nigelbarrow.co.uk/home>
Some links will become shared in due course www.iomgbr.co.uk. Thanks Nigel.

Ends.

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