



THE MODEL STEAMER CLUB

CLYDE STEAMER DAY SHOW

The weather was perfect with 19 Members attending. Noteworthy amongst these were the well travelled ones from Aberdeen, Caithness and Perth.

Eight visitors were registered, but it was so busy that some could have been overlooked.

At one o'clock there were over 40 boats on the tables or on the water. Although the water was like pea-green soup, there were only a few pieces of loose weed, which caused no bother at all.

There was a very good showing of "Steamers" and it is possible that our CSP fleet was larger than in reality. Columba was back in the Pond after 15 years further north than she ever sailed, but King Edward's sailing was prevented by some electronic gremlins.

Rothesay Pier was the focal point of the sailing, with Arrochar, Tighnabruich and Blairmore spread out along the pondside for cruise destinations.

There was an almost continual berthing and sailing tussle at Rothesay with the occasional bump. More than authentic!

To round off a very successful day, we had a cake to celebrate our 40th season of club sailing. Ian made particular mention in his address of the presence of three founder members.

Later, a crystal commemorative whisky tumbler was given to George Sutherland.

These glasses can now be purchased from Gerald Levin @ £15 each.

The setting up and clearing away was, as usual, carried out enthusiastically by the Committee and members. Thanks to all who helped and also to the ladies who made tea for anyone who had used up their Snack Ticket.

Finally, the work carried out by East Renfrewshire Council to remove the weed must be acknowledged as a success. The Blue/Green algae had no ill effect on our sailing, or us, but we used the hand gel to be sure. A week later it had all disappeared!

The Future

The Clyde Steamer Day Show high-lighted how poor our showings have become on Saturdays. The club has had a couple of very difficult years, with the changes in accommodation, launching and the problem of weed. Perhaps it is due to this that attendance on Saturdays has declined badly. Concern has been expressed that with such poor attendance, it may be that the Council will no longer see us as a viable Club and we will lose our support for having the Club-room and storage area, and any future improvements to these.

Saturday, 25th Sept was possibly the best Club day for the last two years, with 10 boats sailing. so with the Clubroom, good launching and the weed being properly dealt with, now is the time for members to make a greater effort to attend more often and make sure that the Club remains viable .

2010 A.G.M.

The notice for this is enclosed. Please make the effort to come along and participate.