

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Scale modelling**

Model building in scale, of a full size boat, is a challenge to the enthusiastic modeller. It is a creative and fulfilling hobby. In whatever type of boat building your interest lies, building from plans or from purchased kits, the end product is always worth the effort.

### **Scale steering regattas**

The object is to sail a boat purposefully, rather than just up and down the lake. At club level regattas are usually pure steering events and you are judged on your ability to run the course without errors, rather than on how good a model you have built. Only at special events such as the MPBA National Scale Championships are skills in addition to steering judged. A course is set out, using buoys and scenic obstacles, such as islands, wrecks, lighthouses etc... Competitors are given a plan showing the directions to take and what to do at each obstacle. Starting with 100 points, points are deducted for offences such as hitting a buoy or not hitting one that should have been touched, or passing an obstacle the wrong way. At some point, all competitors will be briefed by the Officer Of the Day (O.O.D.), about the course and how it should be sailed. Make sure everything is understood and if in doubt on any point, get clarification. When called to sail, you will be accompanied by a course judge, whose job it is to check that you have sailed the course correctly and to deduct marks if you haven't. Talk of officers, judges, rules etc. can be intimidating but don't be put off! It really is a lot of fun and can be very entertaining.

### **Fast electric boats**

Fast electric boats are not allowed on Pavilion Gardens, Buxton waters. This is because of the large amount of wildlife that frequent the park.

### **Internal Combustion Engines**

.Model boats powered by Internal Combustion engines are not allowed on Pavilion Gardens, Buxton waters because of pollution and the large amount of wildlife that frequent the park.

**Scale steering – tug towing** These events are usually designed to test the skills of teams of two or three skippers working together to manoeuvre a hulk or disabled vessel from one site to another over a predetermined course, which may or may not involve the negotiation of obstacles. There is also a class for single tugs. The vessels involved must be at least semi-scale versions of recognised types of tug, either current or historical..