



# The Burton Boat Builder

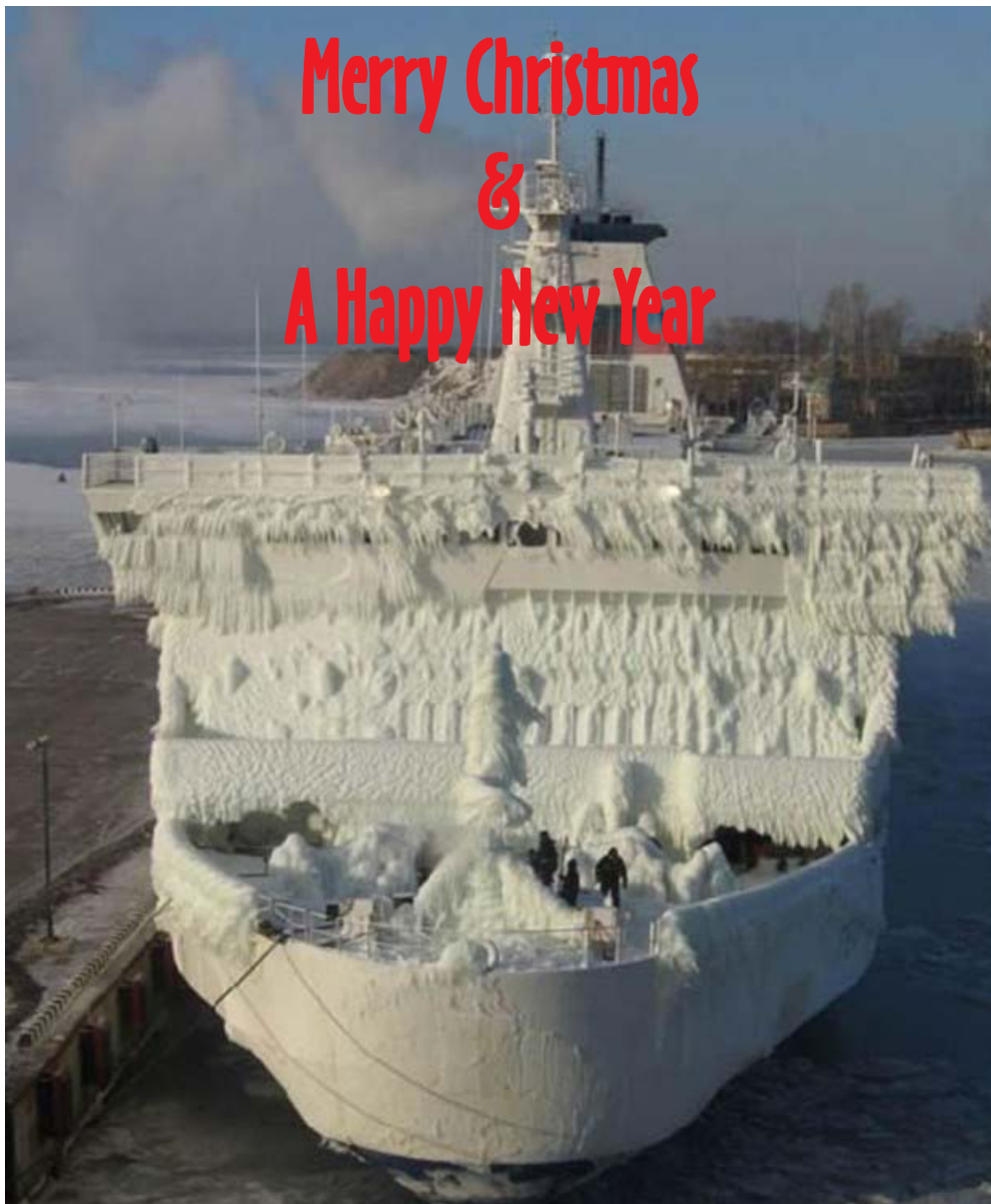
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The year is drawing to a close and despite the poor weather it has been another full year, I am waiting for Santa to bring my new 6 channel radio set and will hopefully have my long term project on the water next year. There have been a couple of changes to the committee for 2008, I would like to give my thanks to Paul Dimberline and Barrie Whitely for their help and welcome Dave Williams and Joe Lilley to the committee. Please, please make an effort to support the events arranged this year as a lot of work goes into organising them and it is very disappointing if less than 10% of the membership turn up. January's talk is on Batteries, so I hope to see everyone there.

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## ELECTRIC SPEED RECORDS WEEKEND



This was a new event for the club, we received a request from Electra asking if it was possible to hold their event at Branston water Park due to a mix up in their bookings on the normal water they use for this event, the club had no objection and the date was set for the first weekend in September.

Ian Williams was the man in charge of the event and we provided the usual facilities, out before the event was the phantom strimmer to make sure enough vegetation was removed to make things accessible for those doing the timing and a clear enough area for parking vehicles, which we keep to a restricted amount of vehicles to allow the public right of way around the park.

Saturday saw a few competitors arrive with one young chap arriving on the Friday to set up a tent for his stay right near the jetty, travelling from down south by train and taxi to get here.

Some of the home members turned with boats to see what goes on and also have a run, early part of the day was spent testing and getting batteries up to peak, then a few serious runs were made to test out boats and get indication of how to get more speed, interestingly it was nice to see some of the latest battery / motor setups that we had never seen before including the use of LiPo batteries.

Dave Harvey had a spectacular run with an old 3 point hydro only to cartwheel at the end of the run and demolish his left hand sponson, he painstakingly rebuilt it over the weekend when the rescue crew had recovered sufficient amount of the balsa constructed item, sadly he did not run this again but the speed that it was moving when it turned in was phenomenal. Oh well perhaps next year? We made a short adjournment for lunch, and commenced after about an hour, the guys were getting things together and speeds were going up, again interesting to watch was that the majority were contending themselves with possibly only one run then recharging their battery packs, I am reliably informed that this is to keep everything in peak condition.

Sunday was soon here and more competitors arrived, some serious running was about to take place, sure enough we were being shown how things should be done, not quite to the speeds that we see the I.C. boys go but impressive all the same.

Then all too sadly the event was over, Ian calculating who made new records and then presented certificates for their achievements, in all I think there were about 7 records made at the event, I did ask Ian to let me have a copy of any records sadly not received to date as some still had to be ratified by the MPBA due to class and battery regulations, the lake has been booked again for next year for a normal Fast Electric meeting, this should be an interesting one to watch, dates will be published in the news letter that comes out early in the new year.

Thanks to all who turned up from the club to help, or run the event with timing and rescue, also the home club members who also ran boats

***Pete Dimberline***

## Xmas meal

If you didn't go, you missed an excellent evening, the food was wonderful and the staff were very friendly. We will be booking again for 2008 so don't miss out. Thank you for all your work Dekka.



On a sadder note, Alan Finney passed away recently and will be greatly missed. He was trying to stop youths vandalising a fence when he suffered a heart attack and died shortly after.

Alan was an active member and enjoyed his yachting. It was always a pleasure to speak to him and he was always willing to help.

## I.C. SPEEDS RECORDS WEEKEND

This is the main speed event for power freaks if I may be so bold to say, an event we have been hosting since 1988 at Branston, considered by most to be the ideal venue due to location and water size, we were pleased not to have too much to do before this event as the electric speed weekend was only a few weeks earlier, much less strain on the Phantom Strimmer as his helper? Minimal clearing had to be done this time just making sure our banks markers were still in place and timing points were clear of over hanging branches, as usual the Dutch contingent arrived early, Tom brought his lady friend over for the first time, Ton brought his mum over again after a few years break, and we were surprised to see a new visitor to the event Julius de Roo and his wife.



Saturday was again more of a run and test morning, with only a few competitors, other problems had delayed some of our more regular competitors, the water was a little rougher than most would have liked and Mark got a spectacular shot of young Tom van den Brinks 7.5cc hydro with its r/hand sponson high in the air, well cut throttle by Tom saved the boat (this time), the mono hull boats were in their element just a nice small chop of water to give them the lift to go quickly, not so the hydro's, an obvious break was needed? The Phantom Strimmer was making mobile phone calls to the nerve centre of operation saying he was getting dry and exhausted pushing buttons!!!! (what's new there)? After lunch (the pizza's are very good at the bridge Inn, not to mention the liquid they serve) normal service resumed, water on the lake was more affable to higher speed runs and a few vital attempts were made as well as a few unintentional stoppage, then we had some of our regular Brits turn up, mainly to watch and get boats assembled for the Sunday, a meal was booked at the Albion Hotel and enjoyed by all.

The Sunday morning saw the Dutch contingent down at the water before most arrived (god they are keen) and after setting up timing gear it was down to business as usual, the lake looking much more favourable to speed attempts.



Serious runs were now being made, Tom getting 102mph out of his 7.5cc hydro, Ton increased his last years speed with his 3.5cc mono, Julius having beaten the up to 35cc mono record on Saturday changed his engine for the 23cc version and after setting up runs proved his previous days attempts were not a fluke, smaller engine = slower speed but this did not matter, he still moved the up to 25cc record higher, the Brits attempted to get more speed (mainly to the PUB) but in vain, some managed to better their previous best times but still fall short of the records, Tony Jarvis being the only one to improve a UK record, sadly it was time to pack away and work out who was going home with what?

Keith Burgess was asked to present the trophies, Tom took fastest hydro, Julius our first time visitor took fastest mono, most improved record (putting 14mph on the UK mono record) and the Burton Mail sponsored tankard for any Euro competitor who comes nearest or breaks a British record by the largest amount, the smile on his face said it all, they have all vowed to return again in 2008, I will close by thanking Alan, cap'n'Dave, Stan, Reg and Paul to name the main helpers, also to any club member who came down to support us during the year.

Hope you will all be able to help an ageing boater again next year.  
Have a good Christmas and new Year

# Events Listing

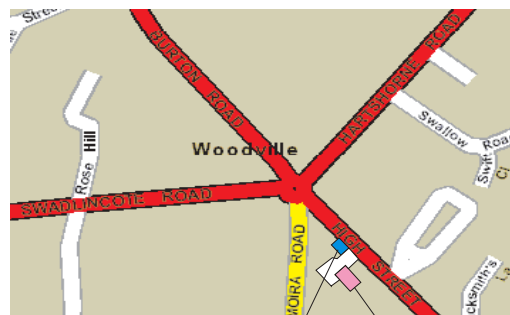
December 2007

Date	Event
<b>January</b>	
9th January	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
26th January	<b>MYA Footy racing</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
<b>February</b>	
6th February	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
17th February	<b>MYA Racing</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
23rd February	<b>MYA Footy racing</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
<b>March</b>	
5th March	<b>Club Meeting/Builders Night</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
29th March	<b>MYA Footy racing</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
<b>April</b>	
1st April	<b>First Sailing Night of the Year</b>
2nd April	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
19/20th April	<b>Derby Assembly Rooms</b> - Static show and competition
26th April	<b>MYA Footy racing</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
<b>May</b>	
7th May	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
18th May	<b>Wind &amp; Water 2008 round 1</b> - Yachting fun on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
26th May	<b>Mobile Marine open day</b> - Hull Model Boat club
31st May	<b>MYA Footy racing</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
<b>June</b>	
1st June	<b>Ron Preston trophy</b> - Steering competition Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
5th June	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
14/15th June	<b>Weston Park TBC</b> - Model Air show - kids pool and static
22nd June	<b>OMRA</b> - IC Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
28th June	<b>MYA Footy racing</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
<b>July</b>	
2nd July	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
6th July	<b>Kingsbury Navy day TBC</b> - Naval open sailing day at Kingsbury water park
20th July	<b>Andrews trophy</b> - Steering competition Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
26th July	<b>MYA Footy racing</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
<b>August</b>	
3rd August	<b>Stoke Navy day</b> - Naval sailing competition and formation sailing
6th August	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
10th August	<b>Electra TBC</b>
17th August	<b>Electra TBC</b>
17th August	<b>Catton Hall</b> - Kids pool and static show
23/24th August	<b>Ellesmere port</b> - Static show
30th August	<b>MYA Footy racing</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
<b>September</b>	
3rd September	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
6/7th September	<b>Fire Boat Fun day</b> - Fire boat fun on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
14th September	<b>Wind &amp; Water 2008 round 2</b> - Yachting on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
20th September	<b>MYA Footy racing</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
20th September	<b>Venetian Night</b> - Illuminated sailing in the evening - Branston Water <b>Start time 19:00</b>
25/26th September	<b>Records Weekend</b> - Record Breaking speeds - Branston water <b>Start time 10:00</b>

October	
1st October	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
5th October	<b>Funday 2003 - last outdoor event of the year BE THERE!</b> <b>Start time 10:00</b>
25th October	<b>MYA Footy racing</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
November	
5th November	<b>Club meeting</b> - Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
7/9th November	<b>International model boat show</b> - Static show, Leamington Spa
15/16th November	<b>Burton Model show TBC</b> - Static show
22/23rd November	<b>Burton Model show TBC</b> - Static show
29th November	<b>MYA Footy racing</b> - Racing on Branston Water <b>Start time 10:00</b>
December	
3rd December	<b>AGM</b> Woodville Snooker Club <b>Start time 19:30</b>
6th December	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>

Cancelled National Event  
 The model boat week at Skipsea sands has been cancelled in May 2008, due to the new management not letting model boats on the swimming pool. Jim Worner is trying to get another site organised.

If you haven't been to a meeting before, this map will help you find us, we are through the second door on the left.



Nelson Inn Woodville Snooker Club



If you go down to the lake, you may get to see Malcolm's new catamaran

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## WANTED

For use in the clubs children's boats;  
All old radio gear - Receivers, servos,  
speed controllers etc.

Please dig around in those boxes of  
bits and pieces and if you have  
anything spare pass it on to any  
member of the committee. **Remember  
- Getting children interested will  
keep the hobby alive.**