



Sailing has been stopped for the last few weeks because of the usual summer weed problem. However I am pleased to be able to tell you that several of us sailed yesterday (Wednesday 29th July) without any significant weed problems - just an odd small piece. As a result we have decided to recommence the formal race programme on **Sunday 9th August** with the scheduled **IOM Second Series (5)** which puts us back onto the original planned schedule. I am Race Officer assisted by John (Carment).

This coming Sunday - 2nd August - is the Corden Cup for IOM's at Harwich and Dovercourt. I know that some of our members are taking part and I wish them good luck.

***Some important dates for your diary;***

- a) **Thursday 17th September AGM** - in Filby Village Hall as usual. Further details and an agenda will be published nearer the date,
- b) **Friday evening 4th December - Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation** - This will be in the restaurant as usual and will follow the previous format. We can discuss details at the AGM

It is interesting and encouraging to see the current level of interest in building boats and racing them displayed by some club members. Keith has built a number of different one metre boats - some from scratch using plans and some from kits - and they have all been beautifully put together and very competitive. His most recent boat was a Lintel MMX built from a Dave Creed kit and very nice it is to.

Previously Terry also built a Lintel MMX from a kit and I think it may have been the success Terry is having with this boat that encouraged Keith to build one. Of course it has to be said that Terry is always difficult to beat with any boat.

The great thing about the success of this boat is that it can be put on the water for a fairly modest outlay - I think I am right in saying around £600 - £800 - spending on number of rigs, chosen winch, radio and so on.

Keith has also added a Britpop to his fleet as have Tom and Vinnie who are also very difficult to finish in front of these days. I should add that Vinnie has been enjoying considerable success racing at open events at other clubs in the Eastern and Midland Districts. So well done Vin!

It has been great to see the general improvement in the standard of racing throughout the club with several different members winning races and long may it continue to be so. Congratulations and well done to you all.

That's all for now so fair winds, good luck and I'll see you on Sunday 9th August.

Pete.