



C A M B O R N E M O D E L B O A T C L U B

known as the

“Camborne Pond Hoppers”

Established: 2000



Chairman: Anthony Clark

Deputy Chairman: Tony Windo

Secretary: Sara Harvey

Treasurer: Peter Binns

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**Annual General Meeting
1.30pm Sunday 1 March 2026
Large Meeting Room, Old Cattle Market, Helston**

Meeting called by: Peter Binns,
Outgoing Chairman

Note taker: Sara Harvey,
Secretary

Attendees (Committee - 10):

Peter Binns, Outgoing Chairman
Anthony Clark, Outgoing Deputy Chairman & Treasurer
Sara Harvey, Secretary
Sam Ramsden, Publicity Officer
Clive Liddell, Committee Member
Ivor Johns, Committee Member
Tony Harvey, Committee Member
David Dingley, Committee Member
Michael Emberson, Committee Member
Tony Windo, Committee Member
Ruth Windo, Committee Member

Apologies (Club Members - 4):

Ben Emberson
John Jasper
Michael Iles
Brian Sanders

Attendees (Club Members - 18):

John Bagnall
Robert Cox
Norman Emberson
Mark George
Philip Gould (Pending Member)
David Grafton (Snr)
David Grafton (Jnr)
Mark Johns
Keith Lynes
Adrian Nash
Glen Prisk
Kelvin Rusling
John Slater
Clive Soan
Ian Tessier
Brian Timms
Peter Trevett
Jerry Watson

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and apologies

Presenter: Peter Binns

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting and a few minutes silence was taken in memory of the members and members partners who had sadly passed away during the year.

He then acknowledged the apologies received from Ben Emberson, John Jasper, Michael Iles, and Brian Sanders.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes of last meeting.

Presenter: Sara Harvey

The 2025 Annual General Meeting took place on Sunday 2 March. It was attended by 10 Committee Members plus 18 Club Members (there was 1 apology). Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the apologies.

Sara provided a summary of the minutes from the 2024 AGM were provided and Peter shared the matters arising relating to the repairs to the club hut. No further questions were raised on the 2024 minutes.

Peter then provided the Chairman's report to include a review of the regular sailing meetings and club and other events attended during 2024.

Tony Harvey provided the Deputy Charimans report, to include an update regarding alternatives sailing arrangements (Heartlands and Trevassack Lake) and planned renewal of the C02 trigger. He then announced that he would be stepping down as Deputy Chairman, however was willing to continue serving as a Committee Member.

Sara then shared the Secretary's report advising that at the 2024 AGM there were 71 club members. As of 28th February 2025, the club had 78 members, including 3 Honorary Members and 6 Junior Members.

Then advised that as in previous years we were contacting other model boat clubs and event organizers to share details of our open days and gather the dates of their open days or other events scheduled for 2025, and Peter provided additional information regarding the open days and other events later in the meeting.

Tony Clark then provided the Treasurer's report. He confirmed that Online banking was smooth, there were no outstanding bills, and membership had increased.

Tony advised that the accounts were now aligned AGM to AGM to include all current year subscriptions in the statement, and he shared details of the Income and Expenditure for 2025.

Sam Ramsden then shared the Publicity Officer's report. He advised that at the time of the 2025 AGM there were 269 Facebook members, with numbers increasing monthly.

He also confirmed that the new website went live in January 2025, with 5 pages but could be expanded to 10 and requested suggestions for additional content, and shared website costs and confirmed that the website could be cancelled at anytime.

Norman Emberson and Peter Binns then led the Election of Officers and Committee members Peter then shared the '2025 Event Programme handout' with attendees and encouraged members to notify the Club Secretary, if they wished to support at any or all of these events.

He also provided an update on measures to prevent/control green algae in lake.

There were no other specific matters tabled by members in advance, so Peter thanked the attendees and declared the 2025 annual general meeting closed.

Matters arising from the 2025 AGM not dealt with in later items on the agenda:

- i. The negotiations to use Trevassack Lake on The Lizard as an alternative sailing venue were abandoned as terms acceptable to the Club could not be agreed.
 - ii. The CO2 trigger mechanisms in the lifejackets kept in the club hut have been replaced.
 - iii. Most of the measures outlined at the last AGM to prevent the growth of green algae were implemented during the year with varied results. Despite these measures, the combination of exceptionally prolonged hot periods, lack of rain and pollution from a still disproportionately high level of wildfowl on the lake eventually proved too much and the lake was badly blighted on occasions during the high summer and in October. Monitoring of water quality in the lake continues and we wait to see if the cumulative build up of the measures taken last year will be more effective this year.
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Agenda Item 4: Chairman's report**Presenter: Peter Binns**

We have kept up our regular sailing meetings, only except when the weather has just been too bad, on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. It's always good to see a clutch of members and onlookers as you walk round the lake to the Club hut, but, as I always say, it's a mystery to me why we don't see more.

In an attempt to attract more members to come and sail, during the year we have begun running some more organized events such as the successful tug towing contest, the brainchild of Ruth and Tony Windo. This has given us the appetite to try other fun model boating or yachting events in the future.

2025 was a busy year for the Club. We ran two very successful and well-attended open days and supported two other events at the lake organized by Helston Town Council and South Kerrier Alliance. We held some very successful evening sails, evening workshops and 'boat chat' gatherings.

Our event programme started in early March with an evening sail as part of the St Piran's Day Lantern Parade which attracted hundreds of people. Then in mid April, we returned to the Great Cornish Model Show at Pool Academy organized by the Falmouth & Helston model railway society. The event is now Cornwall's premier all-model type show and is growing every year.

Having agonized over it for several years and on each occasion decided not to participate, a little later in April 2025 we finally put on a big static model boat display in Camborne Parish Church alongside our friends, Cornwall RC Flyers on the occasion of Trevithick Day. For once, the wet weather outside played to our advantage as it encouraged a steady flow-through of spectators, most of whom seemed glad they had found the exhibition when sheltering from the rain. We also received some good media exposure when James Dundon of BBC Radio Cornwall came to interview the exhibitors on air.

Our Spring Open Day was held on 4 May in brilliant weather and was attended by 6 visiting clubs and individual exhibitors. The rest of May, as usual, was a quiet month with no special events.

June was busier with two 'away' events. Member Adrian Nash from Somerset invited the Pond Hoppers to attend the Shepton Mallet Drifters' (his other model boat club) open day on Saturday 14 June as part of the annual 'Collett Day' celebrations in the town's park. We were made most welcome and it was worth the long journey.

A week later, some of us made another out of county trip to Bideford as guests of the Kenwith Castle Model Boat Club. Set in the private grounds of an upmarket retirement village with an attractive

natural lake, we spent a very pleasant, although damp at times day in the company of several clubs from further afield.

In mid July we again supported the Helston Water Carnival by setting up a lakeside workshop, helping schoolchildren and their parents make near on 100 simple model boats from recyclable materials which they then entered in a race on the lake prior to the 'Grand Parade' of floats. We were then due to travel up to Torpoint for the Millbrook Model Mariners Open Day but unfortunately this had to be called off because of severe weed infestation in Millbrook pool.

In August we attended the always enjoyable Ruan Minor Vintage Rally where they make us a superb large temporary boating pond which attracts many visitors to the show.

Rounding off the summer season, we celebrated the Club's 25th anniversary at own Open Day on 7th September. It started off in torrential rain, but by midday the sun returned and together with the seven visiting clubs and individual exhibitors we ended up having another smashing day.

Our very last event of 2025 was an evening sail at Coronation Park lake on 1 November which was well attended and attracted quite a crowd of onlookers thanks to the pre-publicity organized by Sam Ramsden.

So far this year, we have also introduced monthly special interest events at the lake on Sunday mornings. These began with a very successful tug-towing event on the first Sunday in January and a regatta at the beginning of February.

So, lots of activity in the last 12 months, most of it down to the hard work and enthusiasm of just a small number of members. Unfortunately, my circumstances have prevented me from doing my full share so I would therefore like to thank everyone else all for the time and effort they put in to make each event such a success.

In the social side, we held our usual Club Christmas Dinner at The Shire Inn near Camborne attended by members and their partners. A great time was had by all.

At this time last year we reported we had a total of 78 paid-up or honorary members. It is gratifying to know that even though, sadly, two of our members passed away during the year, we start this one with 81, by far the largest membership of any model boat club in Cornwall, and no doubt many east of the Tamar.

It is therefore with both satisfaction and regret at the same time, that for personal domestic and health reasons I have decided not to stand for re-election as Chairman at this meeting. However, I know that whoever takes my place, and the Committee around them, will continue to take the Pond Hoppers forward in the same way.

It just leaves me to thank my fellow committee members for their help and support over the last seven years, without which none of the success we have enjoyed would have been achieved.

Agenda Item 5: Deputy Chairman's report

Presenter: Anthony Clark

No additional comments to add following the Chairmans report

Agenda Item 6: Secretary's report**Presenter:** Sara Harvey

As mentioned during the review of the minutes from the 2025 AGM the club had 78 members as at 28th February 2025, now we have 81 members.

We are reaching out to other model boat clubs and event organisers to confirm the dates for the 2026 events and Peter will be sharing the *2026 Event Programme handout* later in this meeting.

In the future to save postal and stationery costs the minutes from today's AGM and other general communications will be sent via email to those who have email addresses, leaving only around 13 club members without email to which these will continue to be posted.

Agenda Item 7 : Treasurer's report**Presenter:** Anthony Clark

Income and Expenditure for 2025/26

- Total Income: £1,102.00
- Total Expenditure: £1,398.52
- Bank Balance @ 01/03/2026: £3,245.25
- Bank Balance @ this time last year: £3,484.25

Please see attached Income and Expenditure breakdown for full details.

Agenda Item 8 : Publicity Officer's report**Presenter:** Sam Ramsden

There are now 297 Facebook members.

We have received 50+ hits via google searches, and 300+ website hits.

Latest events are now published on the club website, and other local sites, link to you tube videos to be added to website

Agenda Item 9:**Presenter:** Norman Emberson / Peter Binns

Election of Officers and Committee Confirmation:

	Nominee	Nominated By	Seconded By
Chairman	Anthony Clark	Adrian Nash	Mark Johns
Deputy Chairman	Tony Windo	Glen Prisk	Adrian Nash
Secretary (Non-Committee)	Sara Harvey	Norman Emberson	Jerry Watson
Treasurer	Peter Binns	Mark Johns	Glen Prisk
Publicity Officer	Sam Ramsden	Robert Cox	Mark Johns
Committee Member 1	Clive Liddell	Norman Emberson	Ian Tessier
Committee Member 2	Ivor Johns	Adrian Nash	Clive Soan
Committee Member 3	Brian Sanders	Robert Cox	Norman Emberson
Committee Member 4	Tony Harvey	Brian Timms	Mark George
Committee Member 5	David Dingley	Norman Emberson	Brian Timms
Committee Member 6	Mike Emberson	Robert Cox	Adrian Nash
Committee Member 7	Ruth Windo	Robert Cox	Mark George

Agenda Item 10: Event programme for 2026

Presenter: Sara Harvey

For information and dates of 2026 events we plan to attend, please see the attached '2026 Event Programme handout':

- St Piran's Day Helston Festival of Lights Evening Sail
- The Great Cornish Model Show
- Trevithick Day Model Show
- Camborne Pond Hoppers Spring Open Day (TBC)
- Kenwith Castle Model Boat Club Open Day
- Shepton Mallet Drifters Model Boat Club Open Day
- Wherrytown Model Boat Club Open Day
- Helston Water Carnival
- Millbrook Model Marriners' Open Day (TBC)
- Ruan Minor Vintage Rally
- Camborne Pond Hoppers Late Summer Open Day (TBC)

If you wish to support us at any or all of these events, please notify the Club Secretary, Sara Harvey.

Agenda Item 11: Alternative sailing venues

Presenter: Tony Harvey

Tony shared a few words about Heartlands, as seen reported in the press and on social media, the National Trust are taking on Heartlands and were hoping to finalise the handover last week. When they have had a little time to settle in Tony H and Tony C will visit to negotiate the continued use of the ponds.

Secondly, as the Heartlands ponds are not deep enough for the yachts we have in our club, it's been negotiated with Falmouth Model boat club based at Swanpool that we can use their lake if ours has an algae problem. They have given us a copy of their club rules that we must abide by, these can be found on our web page. If you don't have access to the internet then please see Tony H and he will give you a copy at the lake.

Like our club, they do not allow fast boats or internal combustion as they are also a wild bird sanctuary. Also do not tolerate swearing, due that there will be children in the surrounding area. Any one heard swearing will be asked to leave the area.

Please note car parking is in the Pay and Display car park adjacent to their lake.

They do request that you contact them on an individual basis beforehand both as a courtesy and more importantly so they can get extra milk for the teas, these are 50p a cup. A lot cheaper than the café. Contact details will be available on our club web page.

Please carry your membership card if you do use either Heartlands or Swanpool as this has our insurance details.

Agenda Item 12: Other specific matters tabled by members in advance **Presenter:** Peter Binns

No statements, questions, or proposals were received in advance.

Agenda Item 13: Close

The new Chairman, Tony Clark, thanked Peter Binns for his leadership and contribution to the club over the last 7 years and the attendees gave Peter a round of applause to show their appreciation.

Tony Clark thanked the attendees and declared the 2026 annual general meeting closed.