

# Watermead Model Boat Club Aylesbury

## Winter Racing Update

Our Winter Frostbite series has been running from the 6<sup>th</sup> January with the weather being very gentle with us.

The series is the best of 5 heats with 10 or 12 races per heat, one heat being raced against the Two Island Club at Furzton Lake, Milton Keynes.

Over the 5 weeks, we have had 14 entrants with a hard core of 7. The only challenge we really had was the in the forth heat when we found the lake had frozen over nearly 80% of our race area. Not to be beaten, we took our trusty rubber dingy out and broke up the ice to create an area big enough to race in.

The course was a simple one, with an added challenge not to end up in the mud or on the ice. At the time the wind also decided to play games by going very light and continually shifting. We still managed 12 races, although one took half an hour due to lack of wind!!

We are looking forward to warmer weather for the start of our Spring Series, which starts on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. Details can be found on our web site including the inter club events held during the summer. Follow the link on the Midlands District web site

## Club Developments (Micro magic)

Several of our members have given themselves Christmas presents of the Micro Magic. We now have 6 ready and willing to race, so we are thinking of making up some short courses to try them out against each other. There is one standard rig MM with the rest being the racing version. One skipper has also splashed out on panelled sails! We are looking forward to see what effects the different modifications have on the performance of this exceptional one class design yacht. There should be some close and exciting sailing this summer at Watermead.

The Micro Magic is a great boat which can fit easily in to most car's fully rigged and ready to go, so much quicker than rigging a one metre.



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