

World Pond Yacht Day – Sunday 30th May 2021

“World Pond Yacht Day” is a new annual event, launched in 2021 to fall on the last Sunday in May, so this year fell on Sunday 30th. It was created to promote the pastime of sailing pond yachts on local ponds and lakes. To celebrate this event the Warminster Model Boat Club held a one day sailing event on the lake in the Warminster Pleasure Gardens.



A Pond Yacht is a simple, inexpensive model yacht of any size that has no active controls – you simply rig the sails, put it in the water and see where the wind takes it. This hobby has been active in Great Britain since the early 1800 but has recently seen interest growing, probably because of its simplicity.



To celebrate, Warminster MBC wanted to hold a regatta of model yachts in the

Pleasure Gardens. Not all the yachts were true pond yachts because most are radio controlled, but a small fleet of true pond yachts were included. As expected some pond yachts found their way to the islands but were retrieved using a small dinghy, to sail another day.



The weather smiled on our efforts and the public were intrigued to see the yachts and the other model boats which were on display under the Club gazebos.



The day turned out to be very successful with everybody, skippers and public alike, enjoying the fresh air and tranquillity of the park. Even the wildfowl were curious to see what was going on. We should recognise that, thanks to the local Council, will can enjoy such a facility in Warminster. Many other towns are not so lucky.