



# Millhouses Park—Where watercraft belong

Welcome to the First Edition of Millhouses Watercraft.

Sheffield Ship Model Society was established in 1937—that's 73 years ago—and is one of the oldest model watercraft clubs in the UK. There are still original members who sail here, the eldest being a spritely 91 years of age!

It is never too early, or too late to start the hobby of Radio Control Watercraft, which covers everything that floats from yachts, sail ships and tugs to warships, submarines and speedboats.

A question that is often asked is, "How much does it cost to start the hobby?" Well the answer to that is, "As little or as much as you wish to spend". Simple boats or yachts can be

built for around £15, with the cheapest Radio Control costing less than £30. A descent ready made one with reasonable Radio Control already installed can be purchased for as little as £75. These are called RTR (Ready to Run). The photo below shows a yacht made from old pop bottles, and it works perfectly on this lake.

As a long established Club we have many experienced modellers who are only too willing to help and offer a wealth of advice from their extensive knowledge to newcomers, and to us older ones who get lost in the maze of alternatives.

What are the advantages of joining the SSMS Club, you may ask. Well, the first

reason is **Insurance**. All persons sailing on this lake must have Personal Liability Insurance to sail a watercraft. Our Club has full cover for all of it's Members. Then there is the competition side; yachting races, scale steering courses, evening sails and Regatta's throughout the year.

The site has a Café, open 7 days a week, toilets and disabled facilities.



*It needn't cost a fortune to have fun with a watercraft model, a few old pop bottles will suffice.*

## S.M.S.S.—The Present & the Future

Our Club is actively supported. We meet on Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday mornings, though Members can sail here at any time the park is open (dawn to dusk). Special evening events go on until 2130hrs. We have a Store Room on site to store our

equipment. It also has power to boil kettles, etc. Our new website is full of useful information (<http://www.sheffieldshipmodelsociety.co.uk>).

We have a Social Evenings every month and a Christmas Dinner evening.

We are intending to expand activities and add more events throughout the year, especially in Scale Modelling. A new portable Harbour is being planned, along with fund raising events. Regular Newsletter to keep you in touch with What's On

### Dates of Interest

- 12th—14th November  
*International Model Boat Show Warwickshire Exhibition Centre, CV31 1XN*
- 10th-12th December  
*Model Engineering Exhibition, Sandown Park Racecourse*