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From the Bridge

ON THE HORIZON

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 23 Massive Marine Garage Sale (*see page 2)

May 1st Battle of Atlantic Regatta, Harrison Pond

May 20-23 Maple Bay Marina Wood Boat Show

June 1—30 Sidney Museum



MEETINGS: Second Thursday 7:15-9:15
313 Brunswick Place Next is **APRIL 12**



POWER: Sundays 10 – 12
Harrison Model Yacht Pond



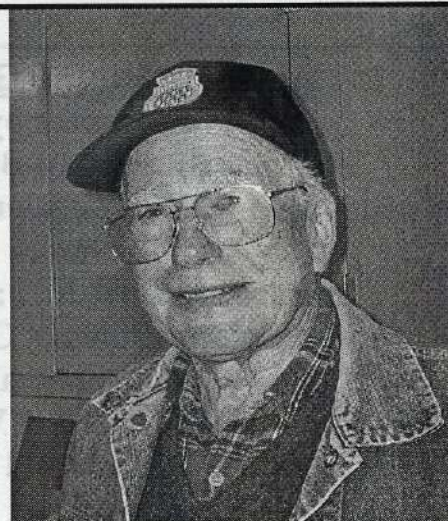
SAILING: 3rd Sunday 1 – 3 PM
Beaver Lake Next is **MARCH 20**

June 18 Cowichan Bay

June 23-26 Tall Ships(?)

" A great start for the year in events - also great weather. Harrison was just cleaned and the sailing program is underway again in a changed format at Beaver Lake. I encourage all to participate fully in the roster of events being planned for this season. It looks very promising with both the best of the old and some new challenges as well. We have a building challenge underway aimed at next year so I urge all to add a new boat to your fleet and ensure all your present fleet is refitted and ready to go. "

Ken S



Member Profile: Bud Read

I have lived in Victoria since I was 15 when I worked in the shipyards before I joined the army. After that, I logged at various places on the island and spent some time in the fishing industry at Butedale on Princess Royal Island. I then became involved with boats under civilian crews in the Dockyard resulting in a trip to Japan and other ports in the Pacific. I retired 18 years ago as Chief Engineer on CNAV St Anthony.

My wife Hazel and I have enjoyed our motor home, cabin at Shawnigan Lake, and gardening at our home. I have also enjoyed my time in the model shipbuilding club building a few boats (also a few airplanes) and I appreciated the help given when I needed it, which it much and often, for which I offer my thanks to club members.

Bud Read

Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society

Regular Meeting – 10 March, 2005

The President welcomed Members and guest Lester Chan. The Secretary-Treasurer presented the VMSS Financial Statement for 2004.

The Society has purchased Gutter Boats, which will be a new outdoor event for kids.

A challenge was issued for Members to build new models of ships with definite connections to British Columbia.

Following the break, special guest David Haynes demonstrated the use of laser cutting techniques in model shipbuilding.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Pound

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*Massive Marine Garage Sale

Sponsored by the

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Saturday, April 23, 9:00 a.m.-12:00

Pier A warehouse building at Ogden Point (the cruise ship terminal) on Dallas Road in Victoria.

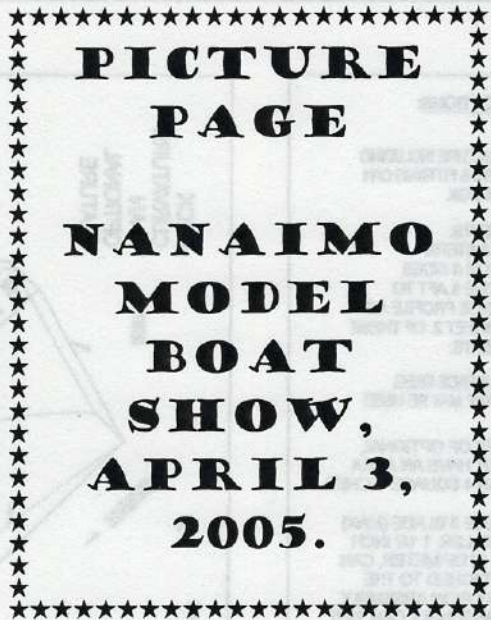
While there will be boats and marine equipment for sale, there will also be a lot of collectables, books and other items of interest to a shipmodeller.

Both MMBC and the Naden Museum thinned their collections last year (they may or may not this year).

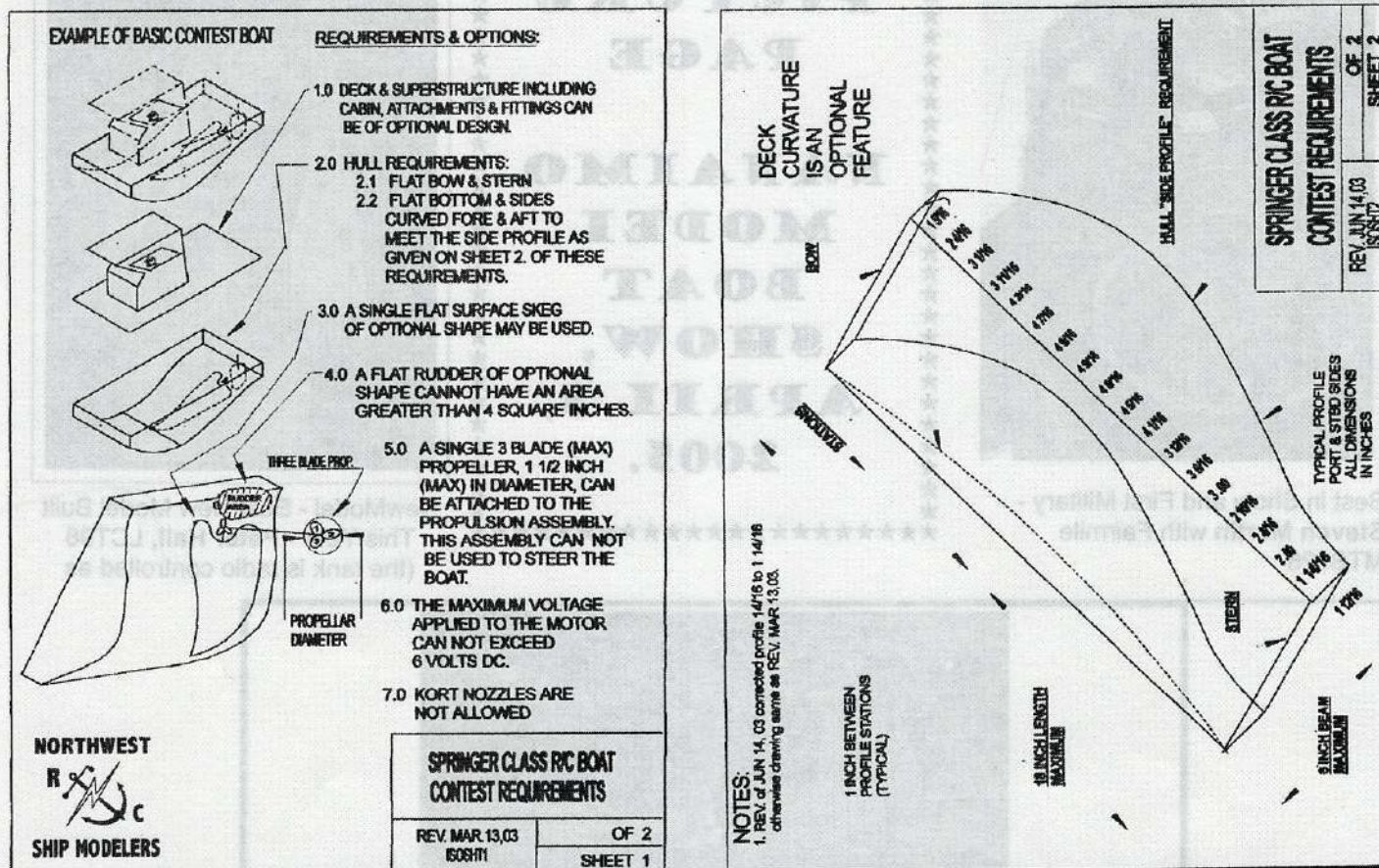
Parking is free, admission is \$2 for big kids, \$1 for the shorter ones.

For Sale: Sterling Models #B11M kit

Hello, I have a Sterling Models #B11M kit of a 63' Chris Craft (length 40", beam 10.25") with box and instructions and all fittings. It has been completed as far as step 1 - the keel has been laid. My father was a machinist, (Srebor Engineering) so the work he has done on the ribs and keel is true and of good quality. Sadly, my father has passed and will be building no more models and this should be completed. I would be happy with what he paid for it twenty years ago - \$350 "Douglas level" <dplavell@hotmail.com>



First Sail - **Bruno Clozza** with schooner Valdivia



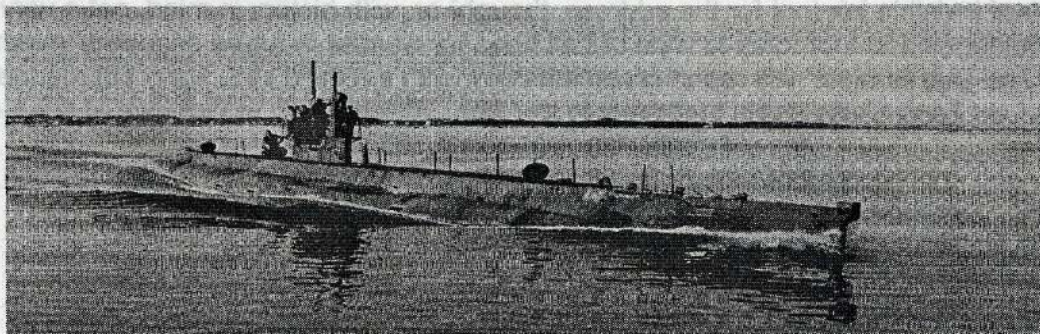
Shown above are the contest requirements for the Springer Class R/C Boat. The kit includes all the wooden parts finely laser cut by David Hayne of *Laser-Cuts.com* in NanOOSE, and donated to the VMSS at our March meeting. The finished boat is shown below.



U.S.A.

Type: Holland (1)
Class: "M1"
Dimensions, feet: 165 x 16 x 13.5
Torpedo armament: 4 torpedo tubes
Guns: 1 x 3in AA
Main machinery: 2 sets 8-cylinder 900hp Nelsco diesels

Speed, knots: 14 surfaced
Dates: 1915
Special features: Range 3,000 miles at 14 knots surfaced, 3 periscopes fitted
Notes: Built by Electric Boat Co.



M-1 (U.S. Navy)

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THE SUB SUBJECT

One's ability to be thrilled with a surprise present tends to decline with age. In my case such ability (if it resided in me, ever) shriveled to near nada some good long while back. But, yes, it still flares up every now and again, and it did so days before Christmas Anno 2003.

Lo and behold. A nice person of the male persuasion had thought of me during one of his second-hand/collectibles stores forays in Vancouver. He picked up a chrome-framed, under-glass postcard with a submarine photograph.

The donor and I had only met twice--with 10 years in between--but I no doubt mentioned my model sub hobby. That must have left an impression and here was the result: A like-new 4.1/8" by 5.5/8" Roaring Twenties keepsake. Now, while I'm neither a cartophilian nor an aficionado of pre-WWII subs, this kind gift found its way into my unsettled life--big time. In retrospect, the reasons for that are three fold, in. this order: (1) the thoughtfulness of the donor. (2) the great condition of the object and, (3) the weathered looks of the depicted sub. (Jules Verne would have [no doubt] made Captain Nemo turn his back on her.)

Looking at it long and often piqued my curiosity to point that I had to undo the clips on the cardboard backing. That opened up a broad, new gamut of intrigue.

I'd already been able to read the overprint before taking out the card: "Type of United States submarine that helped subdue the German U-Boats during the World War." Out of the frame more printing showed in the card's southwest corner: "U.S. Signal Corps photo reproduced by Photo Repro Co. N.Y. by permission Bureau War Photographs" Very interesting . . . but WHICH boat was shown? And never mind the gaff-rigged dinghy in the middle-distance*.

Fortunately, the U.S. Postage mark (canceling the 2 cent [!] stamp) was clear: "Seattle, Apr. 17, 1919." With that, I turned to my 1976 edition of Jane's Pocket Book of Submarine Development (spanning 1896-1967) to see if the sub in question was illustrated. I recognized her on page 23 (out of 240) already. It had to be the M1 of which just one was built in 1915 by (still active) Electric Boat Co., in Groton, CT. But the "A L II" painted on the conning tower gave me doubts. So off I went to Greg Sharpe at Deepsea Designs.

Greg took up a magnifying glass: studied every detail: stanchions, the opened hatches, profile of the retracted bow planes, juxtaposition of the extended scopes --even the locations of the casing's welds. His verdict:

"That's her. The M1."

According to Jane's, M1 measured 165' x 16' x 13'.5", had four torpedo tubes, one 3"AA deck gun, two eight-banger Nelsco diesels, and she could tool along at 14 kts., with a 3,000 mile range. There's nothing given on her electric motor(s), power output, crew size and so forth. Why, I wonder, did the U.S. Navy order only one? Most other contemporary boats came in runs of three to 10 or more copies.

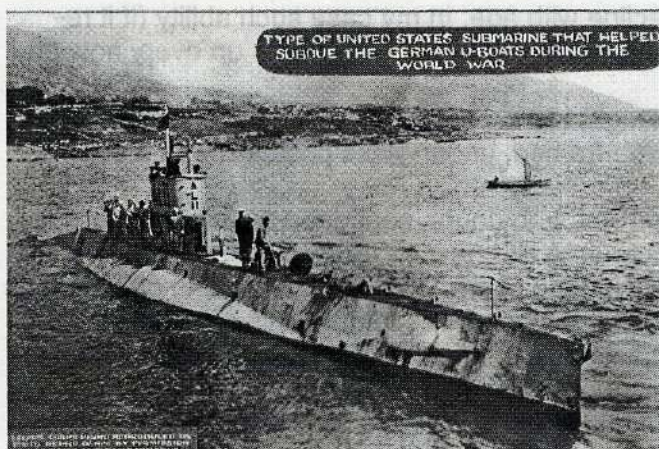
In a way, it's too bad that research is not my long suit. If it were, I'd try to trace the addressee: one H.H. Warburton, who hung his/her hat at 1736 Robson Street, Vancouver, B.C.

I'd also try my hand (?) at tracking down "Henry," who got his two-cents' worth by writing from Room 119 at the Butler Hotel in Seattle, telling H. H. W. all of this: "Everything going along fine. Have been very busy so far. Going to dinner with Phillips tomorrow. Bee has just left with Caecyl for dinner. (signed) Henry."

Was Warburton Henry's mom? Did he go to Seattle as a restaurant food columnist? How long did he stay, and how much weight did those chin digs put on Henry?

All of that is idle, whimsical thought, but shows to go juh what, 86 years later, a quickie postcard can raise in an inquisitive (albeit not tenacious) mind. Conclusion? Did I learn anything? Not really but, before I write another card, I'll get a flask of invisible ink (not for the address, though) or, with history in mind, get a very big card, with space for annotations and footnotes to wipe out all need for wonder in future snoopers' minds. Next month, with luck, "The Sub Subject" will report on an interview with a retired U.S. Navy submariner, who served in Wahoo--one of six Tang-Class boats built early in the '50s . Alternatively, a look-see at state-of-the-art subs of German design.

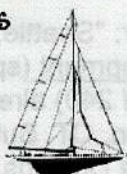
* with the gaff-rigged dinghy, the 1915-1919 period, and the Connecticut location of her builder in mind, Ken Lockley suspects that the postcard photograph was taken off of the New England Coast.



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