



The Binnacle

Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society
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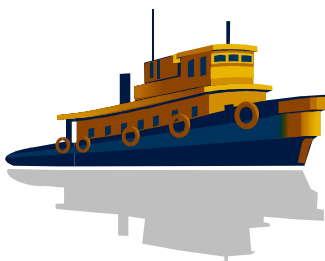
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Vancouver Island Radio Control Boaters



Time: 10 minutes before opening, waiting for the tide and people to come in...



Time: 90 minutes before closing, tides in, people in, great time had by all!



Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society

General Meeting – July 14, 2011

Call to order: 7:30 pm (21 members & 1 guest in attendance)

1. Welcome: Past member **John Van't-Haaff Sr.**
2. Outreach: None at this time.
3. Club Finances: So far this year, the club has had income of \$4730 and expenses of \$5805. We are hoping to come close to break even by the end of the fiscal year.
4. Upcoming Events: The club has been invited to set up a display at an event at the Western Speedway on July 23rd & 24th. Saturday, August 6th is the Sidney Air Museum Open House. They have run out of display space for us so we just have our pool area for boats. A Commemorative Sail Past (to honour our members who have passed away) and Tug Event is planned for August 14th at HMYP. The Saanich Fair is coming up on September 3rd through 5th. **Bill Andrews** will have the sign-up sheets at the next meeting.
5. Open Forum: **Dave Taylor** had some batteries & wire to give away. **Bill Andrews** had a boat from **Jack Plummer** for sale for \$60. **Romain** mentioned that **Norm Farley** had donated some books, a helicopter and a model boat kit to the club.
6. Show & Tell: **Rob Ross** showed us the plate component for the davit being installed at HMYP.
7. Adjourn business portion & break
8. After the break, **Bill Sturrock** won the 50/50 and **Alex James** won the raffle prize. Following this, the members broke up into several groups for small talks on various subjects.

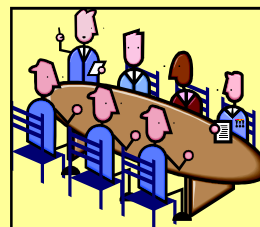
Respectfully Submitted
Scott Munford, Secretary



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[Your Executive meets the last Thursday of every month!]

The Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society is a non-profit club, open to all, established in 1978 under the Societies Act of B.C.

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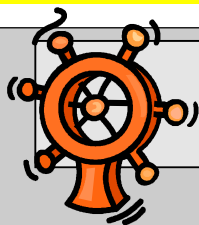
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The Prez Says...

Prez Says;

We have been a bit busy since our last issue of the Binnacle.

We spent a gorgeous weekend at the Western Speedway Fun Park sailing our boats in completely pristine water. Perched on a small island in the middle of their pond, with our tents up for sun protection, we had a great couple of days.

A submarine was there (**Scott Munford's**) and it dived and surfaced all over the place, visible at all times. Dave Taylor had his schooner out and it sailed all over the pond without any problems. And a great variety of other powered boats were in attendance with lots of room for everybody. If you weren't there then you should be looking in a mirror and asking yourself why not. A great couple of days in a very nice pool. We should try to go back there a few times each year. This past Saturday, we put on a display at the Air Museum again. A beautiful day and lots of people stopping to see what we were doing. This one is a great opportunity for us to show ourselves off. We get to set our pool up on the lawn right beside the main entrance. Everyone who goes to the museum that day walks by us. It is another great chance to hang out with your fellow modelers and an equally great chance to show the club off and maybe attract new members. Once again, if you weren't there . . . where is that mirror? One thing is sure that, thanks to a core group of your club, we put on a pretty darn nice display and show. We come away from these events looking very good. If a few more of you would come and bring a model or two it would be just that much better.

This month's meeting will be a bit different again. No focus groups and no main presenter. It will be a visual night instead with some good videos of model boating. It will be a bit of a variety pack. There will be a little bit of sailing and a little bit of towing and a little bit of Springer Tug action from all over the world. The longest single one of them will be less than 10 minutes and the total will be around a half hour or so. Should be fun.

On the weekend the radios arrived for our new club boats so we should have them fully ready to run for the Saanich Fair weekend. Oh, that means that the Saanich Fair is right around the corner. Bill will have the signup sheets at the August meeting. Sign up and help your club put on a successful show.

In just about 3 months we will be holding the Club's Annual General Meeting. That is going to include the election of club officials. There are at least



ON THE RADAR

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

August 14th VMSS Commemorative, HYMP Sailpast September 3-5th Saanich Fair



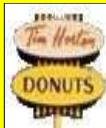
Meetings: Second Thursday 7:30-9:30
4050 Carey Road
Next is: September 8th, 2011



SAILING: 1st and 3rd Sundays 1 – 3 PM
Beaver Lake
Next is: TBA



POWER: Sundays 10 – 12
Harrison Model Yacht Pond (HMYP)
Dallas Road at Government Street



LANGFORD LAKE NAVY
Wednesdays 9:30 AM
Langford Lake, Leigh Rd at Trillium



two vacancies to be filled. Have you jumped in to run for one of these (or any of the others actually as well) positions? Why not?

In a week, the club will be having the second round of Tug-a-Thons. The first one helped prove that almost everyone can drive their boat around the pond but almost none of us can make them go to very exact points, in order on the water. Many of us also found that our star boat also had a few reliability issues. I know that the reliability part has been getting worked on, how is the boat handling going? The proof comes on August 14. See you at water's edge.

-Barry



THE SUB SUBJECT

WHILE MOST V.M.S.S. members now access the web, there are occasional request for "The Sub Subject" columns' topics of recent times. This one goes back to August 2009 and is brought forward to next month, i.e. September.

- 2009 August: State of the (Romanus) fleet. The ravages of neglected MAINTENANCE.
- September: January 2006 to September 2009 Index
- October: The U.S.Navy's decommissioning process for its nukes.
- November: Book review: Model Submarine Technology, by Norbert Brüggem. First published in 1993. A translated copy resides in the V.M.S.S. library.
- December: An update on the RCN's struggle with the four used submarines, acquired from the UK.
- 2010 January: A rerun of the September 1999 visit to the USSR/Russian museum sub in New Westminster.
- February: Background to the Russian Foxtrot's new life away from home.
- March: An overview of Nazi Germany's midget submarine development and deployment.
- April: Part II of the midget subs. The Japanese ones this time.
- May: Part III. The Italian midgets and manned torpedos.
- June: Romanus hospitalized (3rd.) time, but the Editor ran an earlier column dealing with the RN's midgets.
- July: The USSR/Russian development and experiments with the Shkval. A torp that, upon launch, blows a hole in the water, and can hit 200 knots.
- August: The new Russian submarines, known as the Boreis (Northern Lights).
- September: Japan's elaborate plans to knock out the Panama Canal's gates at the Atlantic's end.
- October: A four-part series of advice columns aimed at accomplished model ship builders who want to branch out into submarines.
Part A. Preparations before (false) starts.
- November: Part B. Boat construction.
- December: Part C. Ballast tanks.
- 2011 January: Part D. Trimming and tuning the model.
- February: Background to Tally-Ho. (By builder, Len Gibbs.)
- March: The CIA's Project Azorian. Background and fast forward overview. Five parts in all.

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Romain L. Klaasen

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- April: Project **Azorian's** main equipment: the lift ship, the pipe-string and recovery vehicle. And what seems to have gone wrong.
- May: Hiring and staffing for **Azorian**.
- June: **Azorian's** HMB-1, i.e. its Submersible Barge. Design and function.
- July: Odds and sods about **Azorian** that didn't make the March to June columns.
- August: August 2009 to September 2011 "Sub Subject" index.
- September: Jim Cox's contribution to the U-25 saga. Built by Jack Plummer, bought by Jeff Webster; then resold to Jim Cox. (Now back in the V.M.S.S. family.)
- October: Some details about Japan's planned submarine/aerial attack on the Panama Canal's Atlantic gates. (Too long for inclusion in the September 2010 Binnacle.)

As the writer of the monthly "Sub Subject" column, I both applaud and regret its electronic availability. Happy to know that now almost all V.M.S.S. members get the publication, but regret that it has also become easier to skip than the hard copies. What more can I say?

Next month, as noted in the updated index, more will be said about how the kamikaze pilots were kept in the dark. Not pretty.

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A note about the four October to January articles, aimed at accomplished model builders with an interest to expand into model submarines. At this point, an elaborate pamphlet is contemplated. The individual intros and sign-offs will be grouped. That should save space and improve the flow. Editor Bill reckons that \$2.00 a copy should cover the cost. For now, about a dozen will be produced. Keep your loose change handy.

Romanus Unicum



(Victoria, June 9, 2011)

Romain L. Klaasen



Old Wood and Rusty Iron

- *by Mike Creasy*



Summer break for Mike...back in the next issue.



ELECTIONS

IN

NOVEMBER...

NOMINATIONS?

[See your Exec]



**The price is \$150 or best offer. I have the boat at my place, phone:
250-479-2761**

Thanks. Bill Andrews

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As I write this, I'm fresh from returning from Beaver Lake. I decided before the Hunter makes an appearance at Harrison on the 14th, I should test it out at Beaver the week before in seclusion. It was a good news, bad news day. The ship sat perfectly in the water, only taking 9 lbs of lead to accomplish this. After a few cautious small laps I opened it up to see what it could do. It died, that's what it did. Patiently waited 10 minutes for it to drift back in to shore. After retrieval and some quick diagnosing, I discovered that my port speed controller was not working. After some quick re-wiring I had it back in the water operating on one screw. Just had to compensate the push with the rudder. Ran great the rest of the morning, cruised around the lake and even managed to spray some wayward swimmers who showed a little too much interest in the ship.

The bad news is that it will not be down at Harrison for the Tug Event & Commemorative Sail Past. I have to double check it's a blown speed controller and why. The good news is that otherwise it performed flawlessly and it looked good on the water. I even made a video and will post it on YouTube.

One thing that does puzzle me is why don't more power boaters take advantage of Beaver Lake. The water is cleaner and you can drive almost to lakeside to unload. The sailboats are out far enough so you won't interfere with their races. They didn't seem to mind me there; at least no one mentioned anything. See everyone on the water.



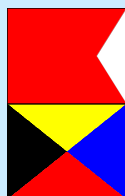
Scott Munford
Yard Master

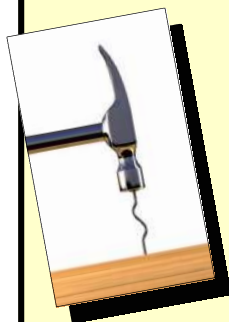


Contributions to the Binnacle are welcomed.
Deadline for submissions: **Sunday before**
the monthly meeting.
Editor: vmss@shaw.ca



Photos by Bill
Andrews





Well here it is, Sunday night, all the executive must be hammering out something for the Binnacle, so here goes my bit. Were you there when the Sabre Jet made the low pass over the museum? Real startling to say the least. Our pool was set up and we are truly blessed that we purchased the pop-up tents, as it made the sun enjoyable, because we could get in or out of it as required.

The pond was set up, and the models run, everybody did their thing. The really big hit on a pool that size was **Bob Rainsford's** little tugs, they all performed the whole day long, change the battery and go again. It caused me to stand back and admire them for their own sake, a perfect match for the size of pool. I came home with the thoughts of building a 12 inch tug, while looking around my eyes fell upon a derelict little **Thomas Tug** and thoughts came back of it's glory days, I could fix it up and get it going again. It was a real good tug, it will be again. We still have the plans if anyone is interested.

I got the radios yesterday, and today we have the first operating club Springer, it will be christened on Wed at Langford Lake, I don't have a name as yet but it has a number 1 on the transom, can you think of a suitable name? A lot of people have a reference to spring in the name, I wish I had thought of Irish Spring before **Bill Andrews** painted them. My boat will be Orange Crush, Bill's will have something along the lines of Red Bull.

I get to feeling so very fortunate to be in a club with so many possessions: we have the tents, a pool, three Springers and a whole locker full of stuff at Harrison; now we get to the sailing side, we have a club boat, and an extensive array of flags. When you start listing all the things we have, you come to realize that the most important thing is the members themselves, we supply motors, timers, excess equipment to keep the pool clean, make objects to manoeuvre around, and lend a hand as required, freely give information when needed, the biggest gift of all at this time of life is time, and I thank you one and all.

P.S. the preceding message was not a goodbye note, just a thank you.

Dave Denton



VMSS MODEL BOAT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

OPEN TO MEMBERS OF ANY MODEL BOAT CLUB

Just a few Rules:

1. Maximum of 3 entries per amateur-photographer/member: **DIGITAL (jpg) only!**
2. Send by email attachment to: vmss@shaw.ca **subject line: "PhotoContest Entry" (important!)**
3. Model ships and related topics only, please. **Limit of 3 (three) entries** per person.
4. **Deadline November 15th, 2011.**
5. Judges decision final; prizes to be announced at a later date in **The Binnacle**.

NOTE: It is intended that the top 12 BEST entries will be used in our VMSS Calendar for 2011. **Questions:** email to: vmss@shaw.ca

GOOD BOATING AND SHOOTING!!



SIGHTINGS

