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General Meeting – November 14th, 2013

Call to order: 7:35 pm

1. Welcome: **John Pineau** from Nanaimo was introduced as a guest.
2. Club finances: **Mike Creasy** was not available to attend the meeting but as the year end has been sent to each member, **Barry Fox** Motioned to accept the financial statement. Seconded by **Bill Andrews**. Motion carried.
3. Upcoming Events:
 - The Christmas Social will be held at the church on December 12th at 5:30. Tickets are \$18.00 per person for a full meal. See **Bill Andrews** for tickets.
 - December 14 will be the lighted boat parade at Harrison Pond.
4. Elections were held with the following results:
 - President: **Mike Claxton**
 - Vice President: **Jim Cox**
 - Treasurer: **Mike Creasy**
 - Secretary: **Jim Briante**
 - Show Coordinator: **Bill Andrews**
 - Binnacle Editor: **Scott Munford**
 - Quartermaster: **Bob Rainsford**
 - CRD Liason: **Barry Fox**
 - Parks Liason: **Mike Claxton**
 - Sailing Director: **Adrian Harrison**
 - Publicity: **Ron Armstrong**
 - Membership: **Barry Fox**
 - Director at Large: **Pascal Smyth**
5. Best New Build:
 - Military: **Ron Armstrong** showed his British Landing Craft
 - Sailing: **Dave Taylor** presented the "Argyle"
 - Pleasure: **Pascal Smyth** presented the "SS France".
 - Work: **Scott Munford** presented his finished "Happy Hunter, **Bryon Calvery** presented his "Kelly Ann" fish boat, **Rick Nicholson** showed his springer fire boat and **Bob Rainsford** showed his "Roamer" model. **Bryon Calvery** won the vote.

2013 Executive Committee

President: Mike Claxton	479-2258
Vice-Pres: James Cox	382-3266
Secretary: Graham Smith	477-8234
Treasurer: Mike Creasy	888-4860
Director @ Large: Jim Briante	590-5708
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Parks Liaison: Mike Claxton	479-6367
Sailing Director: Fred Herfst	652-8445
Publicity: Ron Armstrong	385-9552
Memberships : Barry Fox	294-0350

All above (250) area code



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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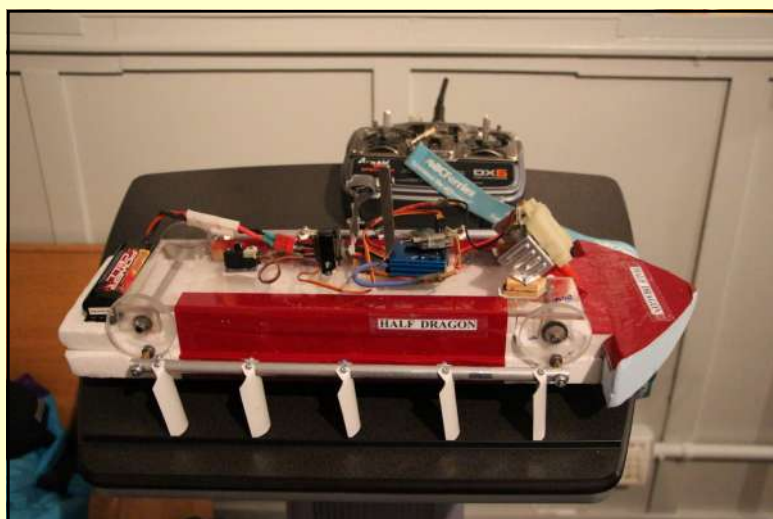
6. Adjourn and break to tour the Naden Museum.
7. Show and Tell:
 - **Arnold McCutcheon** showed his mini dragon boat
8. **Norm Higgins** won the 50/50 draw for \$11.00

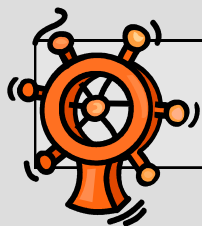
Respectfully Submitted
Graham Smith, Secretary





Meeting Moments





From The Bridge

Month number twelve is upon us – this past year has gone by quickly. We now prepare for the holidays with family and friends and look forward to another active year in the model boating world.

Thanks very much to Clare and her staff at the CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum for making their facility available for our AGM. A few had some difficulty finding the Museums in the dark but a great place for a meeting. I'm sure all will try to find time to visit it again as there are a lot of displays to see and take in.

Election of officers was very quiet – **Jim Briante** moves up on the executive to become Secretary and we welcome **Pascal** to the executive. **Graham Smith** leaves us as Secretary and we thank him for his two years looking after the minutes and keeping us informed.

The Best Builds were presented at the meeting – a smaller number this year than I expected. It should bring out more next year – it would be nice to see more sailboat entries – give us an idea of what is being built out there. Thanks to everyone that entered – the results will appear elsewhere in the Binnacle.

Two more activities before year end – the Christmas Social this Thursday and the Christmas Light-up of boats at Harrison on Saturday (ice permitting!) Bill tells us that over forty are expected for dinner Thursday – we look forward to a fun evening.

Early in the year will see us out at Westshore with our display of boats – dust them off, bring something different out this year.



ON THE RADAR

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

December 14: Annual Lighted Boat Parade January 31 - February 2: Westshore Hobby Show



Meetings: Second Thursday 7:30-9:30
St. Peter's Anglican Church, Lakehill
3939 St. Peter's Rd.
Upcoming Meetings: January 9th
February 13th



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



SAILING: 1st and 3rd Sundays
Beaver Lake



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

I'd like to thank all members for supporting our events this past year. It is a hobby and we all adjust our days to find time to help when required. The main thing is to enjoy it and have fun.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All.
See you at the pond.

Mike



**'Twas the Night.....**

'Twas the night before Canwest, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The boaters all nestled up snug in their beds,
While visions of clean water danced on in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,
When down on the pond there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a big flock of geese, with barge-load of gear,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than hydros, those big geese they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;
"Now, Dasher! now, Dumper! now, Pooper and Vixen!
On, Comet! on Dropper! on, Plopper and Blitzen!
To the top of the pond! to the top of the wall!
Now poop away! poop away! poop away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they see a clean sidewalk, they pile it high,
So up to the house-top the big geese they flew,
With the barge full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The thumping and bumping of each little loaf.
As I drew in my hand, and was wiping it down,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with feathers and poop;
A bundle of boats he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a modeller just opening his pack.
His eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
(He'd been sniffing the glue on his workbench alow),
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;
A blown out fuse he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke from short-circuits rose up like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then he turned with a jerk!



And laying his fingers aside of his nose,
He sprang to his sleigh, ere that stench it arose.
And then to his team he gave a great honk,
And they let fly all with more droppings, kerplonk!
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,

"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."



(submitted by **Mike Creasy** many Binnacles ago)

Best New Builds for 2013

Work



Bryon Calverley's "Kelly Ann"

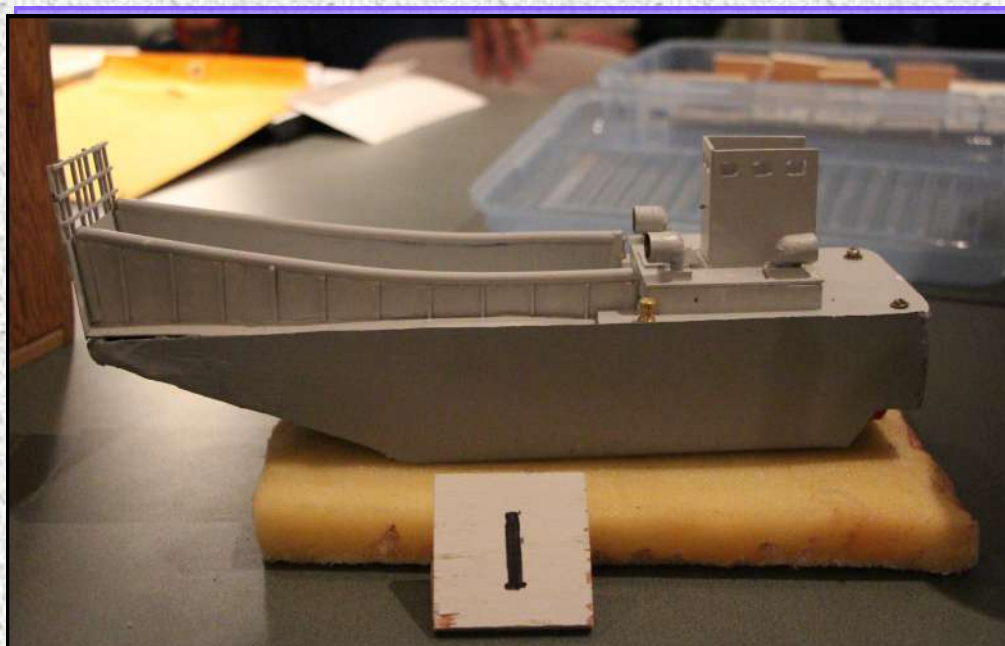


Pleasure



Pascal Smyth's "S.S. France"

Military



Ron Armstrong's "Landing Craft"



Sail

Dave Taylor's "Argyle"



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How would you like to win \$200
cash
& a free membership?

Every member who brings an item for **"Show & Tell"** will get an entry into the draw. Bring an item every meeting and you can have 12 entries in it. At the end of the year, one lucky name will be drawn.

So dust off your projects, tips & ideas and bring them along.

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Deadline for submissions: **Sunday
before the monthly meeting.**

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Winter in Victoria, sure, when Harrison freezes over.
Wait, what ?





