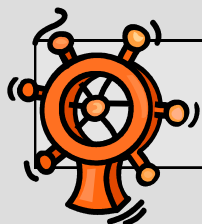




# *THE BINNACLE*

Victoria Model Boats  
Victoria, BC





## From The Bridge

The Christmas season has shown up yet again without warning! We all take time to prepare for the holidays with family and friends and to look forward to another active boating year.

This is the 36<sup>th</sup> 'From the Bridge' that I have written and in looking back I have enjoyed doing it although the due date each month does sneak up.

We had another active year and introduced a number of people to the model boating hobby. The shows at Westshore, Saanich Strawberry Festival and the Saanich Fair were well attended by both members and the public. We had a few members and their boats participate with the Nanaimo Club at the Maple Bay Wood Boat Festival.

We were not able to run the Powell Cup event this year but did manage to have the Denton Cup. The Airboat competition again showed the imagination and building skills of some of our members – always interesting.

The Sailing group ran quite a few races throughout the year with members also participating in events in California, Washington State and Alberta. It looks like the Burnaby Club has had a successful number of races with their Dragon Force fleet – members with these should consider attending one of their sailing days next summer.

To those that are new to the club and the hobby – don't be afraid to ask for assistance. The Show and Tell portion of the meetings will often bring out solutions to a building process or help solve a wiring problem.

The Best Builds were presented at our last meeting – some very nicely detailed models were on display and we wish all the participants the best of luck. The results will be announced on Thursday evening. Thanks to those members who took the time to complete their models and bring them to the meeting.



## ON THE RADAR

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

### December 12th: Lighted Boat Parade



**Meetings: Second Thursday 7:30-9:30**  
**St. Peter's Anglican Church, Lakehill**  
**3939 St. Peter's Rd.**  
**Upcoming Meetings: January 14th,**



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



**SAILING: 1st and 3rd Sundays**  
**Beaver Lake**



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

Early in the New Year we will be out again at the Westshore Town Centre Hobby Show – don't forget to dust off your boats, touch up the paint and have them ready for that weekend.

Thanks to all members and families for your participation and assistance with our events.

To all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – good sailing in 2016.

**Mike**







## Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society

Annual General Meeting November 12, 2015

Call to order: 7:40 pm

1. New member/guests:

- Cliff Moffat

2. Health & Welfare:

- Romain now at Broadmead Lodge

3. Club Financial Report:

- Mike Creasy absent
- Financial report approved by all

4. Sailing Update (Barry Fox):

- Sailing every Sunday starting at 10:30 am and in the water by 11:00 am
- Sailing group to create up/down island 1 day events

5. Christmas Social (Bill Andrews):

- Need a few more people

6. Election of Officers –Run by Barry Fox:

- President: Jim Cox
- Vice- Pres: Pascal Smyth
- Secretary: Susan Nelson
- Treasurer: Mike Creasy
- Director at Large: Jim Briante

7. Appointed Positions:

- Show Coordinator: Bill Andrews
- Binnacle Editor: Scott Munford
- Quartermaster: Terry Gerard in training by Bob Rainsford
- CRD Liaison: Adrian Harrison
- Harrison Liaison: Mike Claxton
- Sailing Director: Peter Stevens
- Publicity: Ron Armstrong
- Membership : Bev Andrews

8. Best Build (winners to be announced at Christmas social) Boats voted on:

- Military: None
- Sail: None
- Work: Bob Rainsford, Bryon Calverley

## 2015 Executive Committee

<b>President: Mike Claxton</b>	<b>479-2258</b>
<b>Vice-Pres: James Cox</b>	<b>382-3266</b>
<b>Secretary: Jim Briante</b>	<b>590-5708</b>
<b>Treasurer: Mike Creasy</b>	<b>888-4860</b>
<b>Director @ Large: Pascal Smyth</b>	<b>508-1016</b>
<b>Show Coordinator: B.Andrews</b>	<b>479-2761</b>
<b>Binnacle Editor: Scott Munford</b>	<b>382-1673</b>
<b>Quartermaster: Bob Rainsford</b>	<b>383-2256</b>
<b>CRD Liaison: Adrian Harrison</b>	<b>592-4232</b>
<b>Parks Liaison: Mike Claxton</b>	<b>479-6367</b>
<b>Sailing Director: Peter Stevens</b>	<b>656-8999</b>
<b>Publicity: Ron Armstrong</b>	<b>385-9552</b>
<b>Memberships : Barry Fox</b>	<b>294-0350</b>

*All above (250) area code*



*Your Executive meets the last Thursday of every 2nd 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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- Novelty: Kevin Hamilton ,Dave Taylor, Arnold McCutcheon
- Pleasure: Pascal Symth , Dave Taylor, Bryon Calverley

9. Show & Tell:

- Arnold McCutcheon: Experimental rubber band propelled paddle boat

10. Upcoming Events:

- Christmas Social December 10 at St. Peter's Anglican Church
- Lighted boats – Harrison Pond, December 12, Starting at 5:00 PM



## Best Build Winners



Best Build — Novelty  
Canoe by Kevin Hamilton



Best Build — Work  
Auld Reekes by Bryon Calverley





## Other Notable Entrants









## Christmas Comes to Harrison Yacht Pond

*On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me a partridge in a pear tree.* Well thanks, sweetie! The partridge was bit tough but the pear wood will make nice decking for the next boat project.

*On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.* The turtle doves took off as soon as the box was opened, but I put the partridge on the barby this time – it was a little better. Sure hope the doves don't poop on the sidewalk.

*On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.* I'm getting the hang of cooking partridge, but the French hens got away with the turtle doves. Man, they're fast.

*On the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.* These calling birds can sure make a racket! Got the partridge on the rotisserie this time, but the rest of the birds got away again. Some concern about the increasing bird population around the pond.

*On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me five gold rings, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.* Isn't that nice! I should paint the kitchen more often.....

*On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me six geese a laying, five gold rings, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.* More rings are great, but we don't need any more geese around here, especially pregnant ones! The partridge was ok, but maybe we could just go with hamburgers tomorrow? And the FedEx guy is starting to get a little ticked about having all those birds in his truck.

*On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me seven swans a swimming, six geese a laying, five gold rings, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.* These swans are BIG! And if you think a goose can repave the sidewalk in no time, wait 'til you see these manure generators.

*On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me eight maids a milking, seven swans a swimming, six geese a laying, five gold rings, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.* The maids are kinda cute, but they brought their cows along!!! Forget the swans, these cows must have diarrhea. And they make this mooing sound while they unload so there's no chance you'll miss the event. We're gonna need bigger shovels..... Oh, and FedEx called – they're sending us a bill for cleaning up their truck.

*On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me nine ladies dancing, eight maids a milking, seven swans a swimming, six geese a laying, five gold rings, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.* Am I ever glad I took ballroom dancing lessons!!! But nine of them?? – better call that guy from Riverdance.





*On the tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me ten lords a leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a milking, seven swans a swimming, six geese a laying, five gold rings, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.* Thanks hon, but guys in tights don't do anything for me.... I really hope these fellows prefer each other's company over the dancing ladies and milkmaids, if you get my drift. Last thing we need around here is a bunch of baby strollers to trip over. Maybe they can help shovel the sidewalks??

*On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me eleven pipers piping, ten lords a leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a milking, seven swans a swimming, six geese a laying, five gold rings, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.* Now this is good – the seagulls were gone as soon as the first over-inflated sheep's gut made a sound. Might get the campers out of the bushes, too! FedEx wants us to pay for the driver's hearing aid.... Sorry, pal.

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*On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me twelve drummers drumming, eleven pipers piping, ten lords a leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a milking, seven swans a swimming, six geese a laying, five gold rings, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.* Well, it had to happen. City Parks wants us to install toilets next to our table because there's so many people hanging 'round. We're being fined for producing milk without approval from the Milk Board, and Immigration has scheduled a refugee hearing for the French hens. Two of our members are down with food poisoning from the barbeque sauce, FedEx is really unhappy and the James Bay Residents Association has complained about the pipe band. The next lord that passes overhead while I'm up to my knees in partridge/turtle dove/French hen/calling bird/goose/swan/cow manure is going to get a shot from my home made Taser – then we'll see some leaping!

The worst part is that I'm going to have to smile and say how much I liked my present this year, just like the socks I got last year!!!!

The new President can deal with this mess.... I'm going dancing with the ladies!

Merry Christmas

Author — Mike Creasy



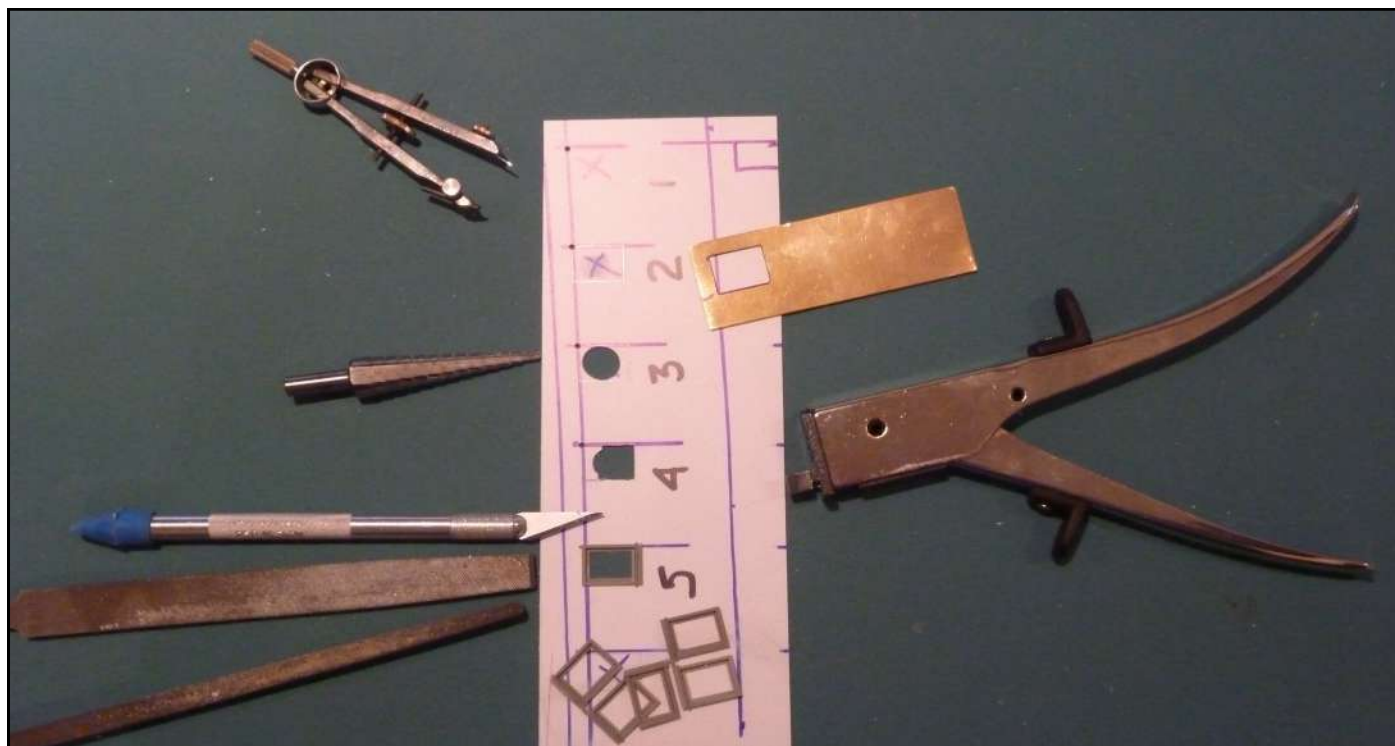
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### Windows

I prefer to start a model with a job I think is going to be difficult, in this case, the windows. They have to be done right or the model won't look right. If I can get them right, I can build the rest. I am sure I am not the only one who can't make a nice rectangular hole, much less a lot of them. This is the way I did it, but I know there are different ways to go about it.

I start by drafting the superstructure sides on a sheet of styrene. The edges of the styrene are parallel to the waterline, and the top and bottom of the side and a window reference line are measured and drawn.

The windows were vertical (because the carpenters used levels) and they will all be the same height above the deck (the reference line I drew) following the shear. I measured the window spacing along the edge (waterline) and used a drafting triangle to mark the vertical line for each window.



1. I drilled a small hole at the intersection of the vertical and reference line to make the corner easy to find. Note the "X" which will confirm the template is on the right side of the line
2. I made a brass template the size of the window openings to I could draw each window the same size using a triangle to keep the vertical register
3. A sheet metal step drill was used to quickly remove most of the material from the window
4. A sheet metal nibbler was used to remove the rest of the material and to make the corners
5. I used a hobby knife and files to tune the window openings so the Grandt Line windows fit the hole properly.



Making the windows wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. More than half the windows are made and the rest will wait until the deck is in place so I can follow the same procedure for camber. My only regret is that I didn't visit the Langford Tech Cave sooner. I didn't know they were doing 3D printing and I would have happily commissioned windows from them rather than use the Grandt Line windows. Grandt Line has an excellent product and gives good service, but I prefer to support the local guys.

**Ron Hillsden**





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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 of your projects, tips & ideas and bring them along.



ITEM: Billings Kit, superbly completed 36 inch model of "Samson 11", European survey vessel

SELLER/BUILDER: Rick Toller, PHONE: 778 678 7188 PRICE \$500

Included are twin motors, DWX radio control system, homemade working radar, and a lot of spare parts for this and other vessels

SPECIAL INCLUSION: Purpose built case



Due to health issues, Gary Mayer is selling his two tug models – Sea Imp and Sea Imp XII – photos below.  
Asking price \$2000 for each model.

Sea Imp was built by a fellow in Nanaimo, Sea Imp XII is a Gary King hull built by a former Burnaby Club member.

Please contact Gary Mayer at 250-746-9538 or e-mail: [lynnmayer@xplornet.com](mailto:lynnmayer@xplornet.com)  
Some of us have seen the Sea Imp XII – it was at Glen's a couple of years ago.





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