



# The Binnacle

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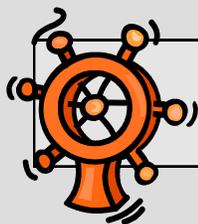
## Lighted Boat Parade











### From The Bridge

Happy New Year – I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed a great holiday with family and friends.

We had a good turnout at our Christmas social – just over forty attended. This was a new venue at the St. Peters Church hall (our regular meeting room). Thanks very much to **Bill** and **Bev Andrews** and their helpers who dotted the i's to make this a nice evening. Bill looked after supplying the food ingredients and beverages, the Church cooking team took over from there. We have received only positive feedback for this event and no one went home hungry (some went home with small care packages!)

Our Christmas light up at the pond was cancelled due to weather but we did a reschedule to Saturday December 28<sup>th</sup> – we lucked out with the weather and at one time we had about twelve boats lit up on the pond. A fair number came out to watch the lighted boats run about. Thanks to those that were able to make it out.

We look forward to the Show and Tell portion of the meeting – it seems popular not only at our meeting but at other clubs as well. We hope to have a good selection of presentations – please provide input on what you might like to see at a meeting.

**Barry Fox** is working on a new website to provide a place to share news and views about the International One Metre Radio Sailing Class around the western coast of North America. You may view it at this link - <http://coastaliom.webs.com/> . It features a Blog there with updates on sailing at Beaver Lake. I've had a brief read through parts of it – there is an interesting interview there with our member **Dave Cook**. Worth a read – it might catch the interest of others wanting to try a little sailing.



## ON THE RADAR

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 31 - February 2: Westshore Hobby Show**

**March 22-23: Beaver Fever**



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

You have only a short time to dust off your boats or perhaps finish that five year build in time to display it at the upcoming Westshore Mall display. There will be a sign up sheet for the show at the next meeting with more information. It is an opportunity to display the variety of models that are being built by our members and help promote interest in an interesting hobby.

An interesting year awaits, see you at the pond,

**Mike**





## Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society

No meeting in December.

### 2014 Executive Committee

<b>President: Mike Claxton</b>	<b>479-2258</b>
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*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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## Awards Dinner Moments



Our Meal



Our Hosts





**Arnold McCutcheon, Winner of \$200 & Free Membership Draw**



**Best New Build Winner (Work) Byron Calverley**



**Best New Build Winner (Pleasure) Pascal Smyth**



**Best New Build Winner (Sail) David Taylor**



Denton Cup Winner Bill Andrews



Bent Prop Winner David Taylor



President's Award Winner Scott Munford

## 2014 Race Schedule

The Sailing members of VMSS have settled on the following dates for the Winter and Spring sailing days at Beaver Lake.

**Informal Race Days:** January 5  
 February 2  
 March 2  
 April 6  
 May 4  
 June 1  
 Informal Race Days start at 1:00 pm

**Winter Series:** January 19  
 February 16  
 February 23 Invitational  
 March 16

**Spring Series:** March 22-23 Beaver Fever  
 April 27  
 May 25  
 June 22



## Sailing Corner

Article by **Fred Herfst**

By the way of letting the power members now what the sailing hobos are up to, I hope to regale you all with a regular bit of irreverent prose in this corner of the bulletin.

2014 looks good so far. 2013 was not so good. From about June to November, Beaver Lake was so weedy, even the ducks avoided it. From what I hear, a few swimmers got into trouble getting their legs wrapped in the green stuff. In about mid December, we finally had some weed-free days.

Today, however, our challenge was ice. We were left with some open water near the shore, enough to have some good races, as the wind was perfect for our number 1 rig. (The IOM class provides for three different sized rigs to handle various wind speeds) Happily, my boat, Belle, found her groove and I won the top prize of the day with Peter Stevens hot on my tail. Fat Tug beer was my prize, apparently to insult my beautiful Belle. Next fun race day, I get to bring the prizes.

Want to know when to come down and heckle or try out a bit of sailing? We used to use e-mail to communicate our sailing activities, but just switched to a website. Have a look at **coastaliom.webs.com** and you'll find our sailing days, Beaver Fever Regatta information and much more. Come on down sometime.

In following articles, I'll try to give a little insight into the various aspects of this terrific sport/hobby. Send me any questions you have, I'll include them next time + or – the answer.

Yep, half frozen, but sailable. Nice northerly, the best direction for Beaver Lake sailing.



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## Informal Sailing Day at Beaver Lake



Beaver Lake half frozen



Peter Stevens using the VMSS Ice Breaker



VMSS Sailors are a hardy bunch



A little ice couldn't stop these 10M's

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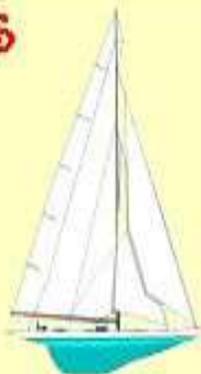
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Every member who brings an item for **"Show & Tell"** will get an entry into the draw. Bring an item every meeting and you can have 12 entries in it. At the end of the year, one lucky name will be drawn.

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