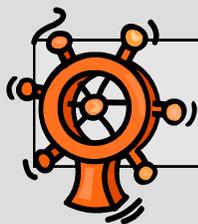




THE BINNACLE

Victoria Model Boats
Victoria, BC





From The Bridge

Here we are now January 2015! I trust everyone had a great holiday break and were able to get together with family and friends, share stories and perhaps get a small break to do some boat building. Our executive didn't change from last year and I know they are excited to come up with new ideas or improve on older ones to keep our membership interested.

Our first activity comes up in early February – the hobby show out at Westshore. Please consider offering your time to assist in the setting up and taking down of the pond, spend some time assisting during the show. There is no better way to get to know fellow members than helping out at this type of function and help improve our displays and make them better than previous years. Clean up your models and bring them out.

We plan to continue the Show and Tell portion of our meetings – always some interesting build or utilizing different materials or building techniques will catch the interest of others. One comment from a member was that he isn't comfortable making a presentation – perhaps ask another member to assist and present together.

The new challenge for the air boat looks interesting – let's see how many jump up and participate. I've decided that this isn't a build the day before project so will have to put aside a little more time for it.

We should remind our new members that they have access to a wealth of outside information sources – from the large number of old boat plans we still have, access to our Facebook page, the Club's website plus the large number of links to model sailing, steam craft and power boating sites on the internet. A lot of us have regularly visited these and just ask if you need assistance. With five members at a table you will probably get 5 different answers to your question.



ON THE RADAR

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6-8th: Westshore Hobby Show
March 28-29th: Beaver Fever



Meetings: Second Thursday 7:30-9:30
St. Peter's Anglican Church,
3939 St. Peter's Rd.
Upcoming Meetings: January 8th,
February 12th



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

Upcoming events later in the year – Nanaimo will have their boat show, Maple May Marina hope to have another regatta weekend and of course our participation in the Saanich Fair and the Sidney Air Museum.

Sailing at Beaver Lake is a regular activity and worth going out to watch some fairly fast sailing and perhaps tweak your interest to another level in our hobby. The sailing group encourages participation and would be happy to put on a clinic on tuning your sailboat.

It should be a busy and fulfilling year – happy boating!

Mike





Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society

No Regular Meeting this month.

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Your Executive meets the last Thursday of every 2nd month!

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Contributions to the Binnacle are welcomed.

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

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Christmas Dinner / Awards





Winner Best New Build Military—**Jim Cox**



Double Winner **Pascal Smyth**
Best New Build—Pleasure & Denton Cup



Paddle Wheel Challenge Winner **Jim Briante**



President's Award Winner **Jim Briante**



Show & Tell Winner **Judy Lacy**



Bent Prop Award Winner **Jim Cox**



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2014 Sailing Champion—Peter Stevens



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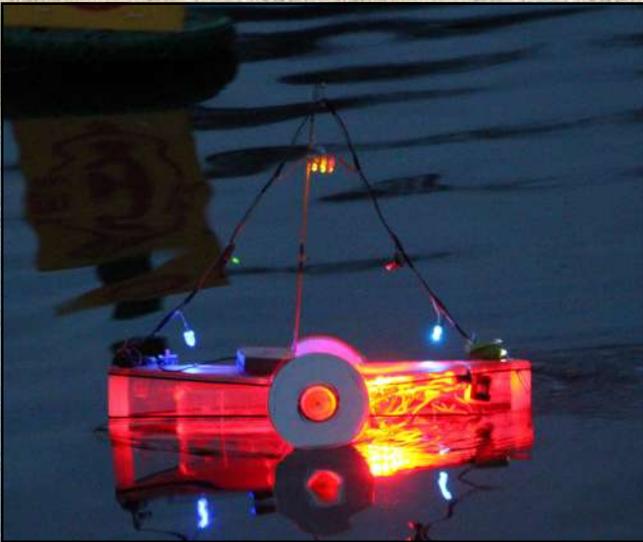
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2014 Lighted Boat Parade









Shelbourne Shipyard

Danger at Harrison Pond?

We are all aware that an alligator makes the pond his home on a regular basis. However now there have been sightings of a large Plesiosaurus that actually can reach up onto the sidewalk and grab children or small dogs. The pond must be protected.

Because of this threat, the Shelbourne Shipyard has been awarded a massive Military Contract. Being built concurrently is a 1/350 USS Enterprise (CVN-65) Aircraft Carrier and the 1/200 super-dreadnought USS Arizona (BB-39).

The "Big E" has been under my bed for more years than I care to admit and the Arizona is a recent purchase. Since both will implore similar construction methods, it will be faster to build them at the same time. While my HMS Exeter is a formidable match for the wildlife at the pond, she lacks detail. It is after all a Swampworks kit. For those who don't remember, Swampworks sold kits for actual R/C combat. Due to the constant firing of BB's at it, having a detailed superstructure didn't make sense. I bought that kit when I wanted a quick build of a Navy ship. I was torn between the Arizona and Bismarck. But since we already have a top-notch Bismarck in our club, why build another one? Size also played a role. The Arizona comes in at 36.5" while the Bismarck is 53". Living in an apartment building and negotiating the stairwell played a factor in my decision.

The Enterprise will be built using a single motor running all 4 screws. I already had the gear case & shafts glued in from before. Now that I have more building experience and the benefit of learning from my fellow modellers, I look and wonder what was I thinking back then? Got to live with my choice now. The only modification I plan is to add a keel. I know everyone is shaking his or her heads. From scouring the shipbuilding forums, I have discovered this is a common mod. With her shallow draught and sail shaped hull, any crosswind will push the boat sideways. The overall ideal weight of the model w/keel seems to be 4lbs. I'll probably rob the keel from my retired catamaran sailboat.

The Arizona is a different beast. She'll have a motor on each screw with two independent speed controllers. I might make the turrets turn. I've seen some interesting approaches in the forums and on YouTube. The only upgrades will be actual wooden decks and brass barrels for the turrets instead of the supplied plastic. I'm not building a museum piece but it should look semi-presentable.

In the meantime I call on all Military Craft operators to patrol the pond and protect the viewing public and our fellow modellers ships until my Navy is operational.

Scott Munford
Yard Master





Beaver Fever 2015

In 2010 VMSS conducted the first edition of Beaver Fever, a regatta that is meant to host the IOM sailors from all over the Pacific Northwest of North America. We tried to have it in the early fall so that we could be reasonably sure of nice weather so that we could attract more sailors from other cities and countries to come visit Victoria. Well, we got the weather but also had to deal with the end of summer weed situation at Beaver Lake. A few of us spent almost two full days raking, pulling, chopping and trying to gather the weeds up so that we wouldn't have too much interference with the racing. We ended up having a good entry and a lot of good racing but the weeds still got in the way some and not a lot of the skippers were too excited about coming back again.

In 2011 we moved the date to March to avoid the weed season and that time frame has stuck for every year since. The other benefit to that time is that the water level is very high in the lake and we get the dual effect of the weeds not having grown much yet along with deeper water, and clear sailing. And the final thing that makes that time of year good is that we get some of our best and most consistent winds then as well and, for sail boats in particular, that is a crucial piece of good racing.

2015 is no different and we are headed for the weekend of **March 28 and 29** for the event to take place. The normal routine for this event is that we invite everyone to arrive on Friday and have some practice time and then spend Saturday and Sunday getting in as many races as possible.

We have been fortunate to get good support from the IOM sailors around this region with entries not just from VMSS members but from all over Vancouver Island, some of the Gulf Islands, the mainland as well as many from across the border in Washington and Oregon.

We have also managed to have our event blessed as points gathering event for the Canadian IOM Ranking System and a cross border series called the CanAm COW (**C**anada, **O**regon, **W**ashington) Series. Having this status attached to our event helps bring us a number of our entries.

We can always use the help of a few non sailors to operate the event. Even if you have no experience in running a regatta there are a lot of jobs to do that are relatively easy to pick up on and you can be in on the "action" to some extent. If you would like to help just let me know and we'll work out a schedule to let you be involved and fit it into your available time. We get a fair amount of help from our VMSS sailors to do some of the pre-organizing but it is nice to have them be free to sail in the event on the race weekend so that VMSS is well represented in its own event.

So mark down March 28/29 as a time when you should come to Beaver Lake and watch some very nice sailboats be sailed very well with the chance to see some excellent racing. See you there.

-Barry





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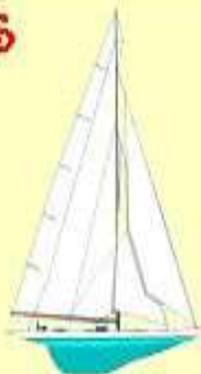
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So dust of your projects, tips & ideas and bring them along.