



THE BINNACLE

Victoria Model Boats
Victoria, BC



Relaxing Sail at Harrison Pond





No, this is not a new R/C action figure built by **Kevin Hamilton** but an actual boy, whose name I'm told is **Oliver**, sailing a boat at Harrison Pond. Thanks to **Bill Sturrock** for providing the pictures





**From
The Bridge**

March is upon us and we look forward hopefully to spring weather with a little more warmth and sunshine at the pond and lake. Looking at the weather patterns east of us we are fortunate to have chosen this area as home.

I'd like to remind members that have not paid their dues please try and do so as soon as practical or perhaps send Barry a note to let him know you will not be returning.

I visited the Nanaimo Club yesterday and enjoyed coffee with their group. The lake yesterday morning was windless and those that thought they would get a sail in needed a push to get back to the wharf. They have added a couple of new bench areas to put their boats on and benches out on the wharf to enjoy the sun. They showed me their new club boats that have been built – they will replace the ready to run boats that they were using last year.

Beaver Fever is coming up at the end of March – this event attracts boats from up island, lower mainland and Washington State. Please try and offer your assistance over the two days or just come out and watch some hopefully fast sailing and good competition. The IOM website has a link to the Seattle bulletin – first time I've read through these and some interesting information in there for those starting to be interested in sailing. We have seen two or three new ones coming to Harrison.

Tidy up the boats and perhaps consider updating those old batteries – they do get tired and you can be surprised how a new battery or a properly charged one can make for a more enjoyable trip to the pond. We have witnessed a few frustrated members arriving only to find the battery didn't charge properly or a loose connection is just waiting until you have reached the middle of the pond.



ON THE RADAR

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

March 28-29th: Beaver Fever

**May 3rd: Battle of the Atlantic Celebration
& Race One of Denton Cup**



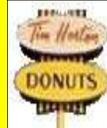
Meetings: Second Thursday 7:30-9:30
St. Peter's Anglican Church, Lakehill
3939 St. Peter's Rd.
Upcoming Meetings: March 12th,
April 9th



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

We hope to run two or three Denton Cup events this season plus there are the other events that will be published shortly. Looks like a busy season ahead. See you at the pond.

Mike





Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society

General Meeting February 12, 2015

Call to order: 7:40 pm

1. New member/guests:

- Guest-Terry Gerard

2. Health & Welfare:

- None

3. Club finances by **Mike Creasy**:

- Nothing new to report
- Dues are due- pay **Barry Fox** or **Mike Creasy**

4. Sailing Update (**Barry Fox**):

- Weeds are down- Sunday sailing getting better

5. Westshore Show Comments:

- **Mike Claxton** thanked volunteers
- More boats from last year
- Mall attendance down

6. Upcoming Events:

- Beaver Fever March 28/29

7. Show & Tell:

- **Bob Rainsford** – demonstrated jig for making your own propellers
- **Jim Briante** – showed a prototype for lighting using smart LEDs
- **Barry Fox** – showed his improved homemade harness for a Tx

8. Other Business:

- New sailing group
 - See **Jim Cox** if interested
 - **Barry Fox** will go over sails setup and sailing techniques

2015 Executive Committee

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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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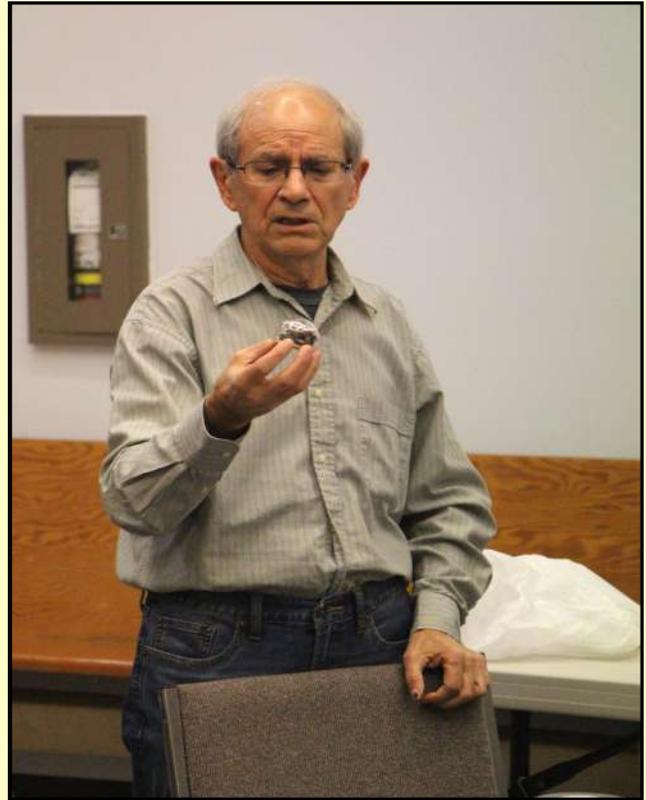
Contributions to the Binnacle are welcomed.

Deadline for submissions: Sunday before the monthly meeting.

Editor: newsletter@vmss.ca



Meeting Moments





2015 Scheduled Events

March 28-29 th	Beaver Fever
April 9-12 th	Nanaimo Club's Show
May 3 rd	Battle of the Atlantic & Denton Cup
May 16-17 th	Maple Bay Marina Wooden Boat Festival
June 4-5 th	Anacortes Maritime Festival
June 13 th	Northwest Club Opening Regatta – Bellevue
June 14 th	VMSS Swamp Buggy Challenge & Denton Cup
July 25 th	BC Aviation Museum Open House
August 9 th	Denton Cup
August 16 th	Burnaby Regatta – Central Park
September 5-7 th	Saanich Fair
November 12 th	Annual General Meeting
December 10 th	Christmas Dinner & Awards

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Sailing School

A group of members interested in improving their sailboats met last Saturday to go over basic boat building, setup and tuning processes. About 8 people got together and over the course of about 3 hours we covered a lot of ground with a goal of making the boats more reliable, easier to set up and then simpler to work on to get to where the boat(s) will be fun to sail.

Lots of good discussion, good questions and hopefully good answers. At the end of the meeting it was decided that we should do this again. A date hasn't been established yet but in roughly a month's time a second school day will happen. It is not a prerequisite that you have to have been at this first session to come to the next one so keep an eye out for a notice of the next session and come join in.

- Barry



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.

Classified

Wanted: Model AR6000 receiver for the old Spektrum DX 6 radio. Call Arnold at 250-360-2875



Silent Auction



Up for silent auction is a Reno sailboat. Comes with radio and two keels. Starting bid is \$100. Auction closes at the March 12 meeting.



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