



# The Binnacle

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Vancouver Island Radio Control Boaters

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## ON THE HORIZON

### INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 20-21** Maple Bay Marina Wooden Boat Show *Also Shop n Swap*  
Two ponds! Maple Bay
- All June** Sidney Museum Display
- June 8** Regular Meeting—bring your current project and a cup of coffee and be prepared to socialize!
- July 22** HARRISON POND BIRTHDAY PARTY
- July 9** Strawberry Festival, Beaver Lake
- Sept 3 –5** Saanich Fall Fair



**MEETINGS:** Second Thursday 7:15-9:15  
313 Brunswick Place Next is June 8



**POWER:** Sundays 10 – 12  
Harrison Model Yacht Pond



**SAILING:** 1st and 3rd Sundays 1 – 3 PM  
Beaver Lake Next is May 21 and Jun 4



**LANGFORD LAKE NAVY** Wednesdays  
9:30 Langford Lake



### From the Bridge

Battle of the Atlantic.  
Wasn't that a splendid day? It didn't start out on a very high note, but we

all did our duty and trudged down to the pond and there was Bob, tables set up, tents up and a smile on his face. Everything went steadily uphill from there. We had the traditional sail past and Thank You To Those Who Served, followed by Tug Boat Frolics. After lunch sail boats prevailed. Some very significant races, we saw Mike Woodley win his first race against some of the fastest yachts in our club, Congrats Mike. The next event we should do our best to attend is the Maple Bay Wooden Boat Festival. I will be there on Sat the 20. This has always been a fun event with no responsibilities, except to have fun. Sunday the 21st is sailing at Beaver Lake.

I talked with many interesting people today, this is a good venue to pick up new members. One person in particular was Terry Loeppky who is connected with the Lantern Festival. He suggested that we would be a significant addition with some lighted ships on one of the lakes in Beacon Hill Park. Something to think about. Until next time K.Y.A.U.  
Dave Denton



Battle of the Atlantic Sunday Regatta M. Woodley

### Harrison Model Yacht Pond improvements Update

On May 5th your HMYP Committee (Mike Woodley, Dave Denton, Ken Lockley, Ron Hillsden and Bill Sturrock) met with the City Parks staff and they showed us the plan they have developed for Holland Point Park. We are very encouraged that the plan incorporates many of our suggestions. We will see improvements over several years as their budget allows and we can help find some funding from grants.

We stated we would like to see these first: an unloading zone, a new path from the loading zone to the pond, a storage box, boat tables (which we will be providing when the design is approved), electricity, and a drinking fountain.

Improvements to be made over a longer term are a bike rack, three new benches, thinning invasive species in two locations, pruning some overhanging trees, access for wheelchairs and identifying signage.



### Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society Regular Meeting – Minutes

The President welcomed new members Ernest Reid and Doug Bri-erlev.

Plans were reviewed for upcoming events including the May 7 Battle of the Atlantic regatta, and the Powell Cup events.

Following the break, members participated in Swap 'n Shop 'n Chat.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Pound  
Secretary-Treasurer

### 2006 Executive Committee

|                            |                       |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>President :</b>         | <b>Dave Denton</b>    | <b>478-1800</b> |
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| <b>Secretary/Treas:</b>    | <b>Tom Pound</b>      | <b>595-6487</b> |
| <b>Show Coordinator:</b>   | <b>Bill Andrews</b>   | <b>479-2761</b> |
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| <b>Director at Large:</b>  | <b>Derek Woollard</b> | <b>658-1150</b> |

### Supplier News.

**Huber's Trophies and Awards**, our trophy supplier, has just purchased a laser cutter. Jeff says he would like to experiment with various materials and drawings, so if you have some model ship parts you would like cut by laser, see Jeff at 350 Burnside Rd E 383-0848

An ad in the Burnaby Assn Marine Modellers newsletter states that **J.N. R/C Electronics**, a Hitec warranty shop, will repair radios. They are in N. Vancouver 604-924-7477 or john7227@telus.net

### VMSS MODEL BOAT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

OPEN TO MEMBERS OF ANY MODEL BOAT CLUB

#### Just a few Rules:

1. Maximum of 3 entries per amateur-photographer/member: **PRINTS only!**
2. Print size: 4 X 6 to a maximum of 8.5 X 11 inches; may be colour or B&W inkjet on any paper (or commercial prints), but, **please**, no mattes and no frames and especially no glass!
3. Must have member name and club name on the back along with signed consent to use in our VMSS calendar (see below). Entries will not be returned.
4. Model ships and related topics only, please.
5. Deadline **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006**.
6. **SNAILMAIL** or courier or in person to **VMSS Binnacle Editors, Photo Contest, Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society, 303-2151 Haultain St, Victoria BC V8R 2L8**
7. Judges decision final; prizes to be announced at a later date in the Binnacle.
8. **NOTE:** It is intended that the top 12 BEST entries will be used in our VMSS Calendar for 2007. Those photographers will be requested to supply their entries in digital format (JPG).

**Questions:** email to: [vmss@shaw.ca](mailto:vmss@shaw.ca)

**GOOD BOATING AND SHOOTING!!**



**A Tip re: Antennas**

Received in response to Barry Fox' Article last month

Barry , regarding your article on Antennas, here in Hamilton Ontario what we do is find a piece of cardboard that has the holes between the outer skin and the inner skin and we thread our antenna wire through these hole and as long as we do not double back on the wire we have no problem with radio interference. We then use double face tape to mount this cardboard as high as we can in the hull. Just thought this tip might be of help to your club.

Doug Grinyer

President Confederation Marine Modellers

### Powell Cup Spring Event Results

Great day sailing! great weather, friends and high winds.

#### Powell Cup Standings:

|                  |                |           |
|------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Dave Denton    | 44 points |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Barry Fox      | 32        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Ron Hillsden   | 24        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Scott Ringrose | 23        |
|                  | Ken Lockley    | 23        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Mike Woodley   | 20        |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Bob Rainsford  | 18        |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Don Mills      | 16        |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Lois Lockley   | 6         |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Ernest Reed    | 5         |

#### Racing Program in the afternoon:

##### 1st fleet

|                 |                |           |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Scott Ringrose | 12 points |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Dave Seager    | 13        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Lois Lockley   | 27        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Barry Fox      | 29        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Ron Hillsden   | 32        |

##### 2nd fleet

|                 |               |           |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Bob Rainsford | 14 points |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Dave Denton   | 17        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Dave Taylor   | 18        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Mike Woodley  | 29        |

### VMSS Newsletter Article Writing Contest

Open to any VMSS Member

In the interest of promoting new articles and encouraging new authors for this newsletter, Bill Birch has offered to award a prize of a book to the best new article written and published before the November Binnacle.

The rules are simple—the topic will be marine related and be about 1,000—1,500 words. The judges will be your editors and our favorite contributor, Romain Klaasen.

So warm up those pens and keyboards, folks! Your idea or story counts. We can help with grammar and spelling and other stuff like that.

Ron or Bill will gratefully accept your submissions, or you can e-mail them to [vmss@shaw.ca](mailto:vmss@shaw.ca). Any marine related story is good, as are tips or instructions for anything related to model building—research, techniques, you name it!

We are looking forward to your articles!

Your Editors.







## Notes to Table 1:

- The electric motors usually were torpedo motors. The six cylinder gas engines were Opel (German General Motors) and the diesels were Busing N.A.G. 60 HP truck engines.
- The 393 Molch were built from June 1944 to Feb 1945
- The Seeteufel had tracks, so it could self-launch and come back for more torpedoes. Unfortunately, the tracks were too narrow and the beaches too soft. The one and only Seeteufel was scrapped so it wouldn't fall into Allied hands.

**Table 2: K-VERBAND'S RESULTS (SUNK OR HEAVILY DAMAGED)**

| <u>Sunk/<br/>Damaged</u> | <u>Cruiser</u> | <u>Destroyer</u> | <u>Merchant</u> | <u>Naval Aux</u> | <u>Tank<br/>Lander</u> | <u>Tanker</u> | <u>Trawler</u> | <u>Other</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Neger                    |                | 3                | 5               | 1                |                        |               | 1              | 5            | 15           |
| Seehund                  |                |                  | 6               |                  |                        | 1             |                |              | 7            |
| Biber                    |                |                  | 1               | 2                | 1                      |               |                |              | 4            |
| Marder                   | 1              |                  |                 |                  |                        |               |                |              | 1            |
|                          |                |                  |                 |                  |                        |               |                |              | 27           |

## Note to Table 2:

The two totals of Table 1 (1,218 and 325) divided by the 27 total of Table 2 show that about 45 midgets were built and delivered (never mind the numbers ordered) for every recorded hit. Alternatively, it took some 12 K-Verband losses for each Allied loss. Pretty lopsided, What?

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The reasons for Kleindienstverband's inefficacy are legion, but these are the four (interrelated) prime pinpoint-tables:

- **Timing**

Way too late in the game. Some three years plus into fighting a losing war. Most all of the other identifiable causes of K-Verband's woes derive from impossible-to-meet deadlines.

- **Equipment**

Far too wide a type array, inadequately engineered, under-tested and under equipped midgets. Some had neither scopes, navigation instruments, nor trim tanks.

- **Personnel**

Short training courses, with drivers recruited "off-the-street." Some of the "volunteers" were mere teenagers. Among the few taken POW, some admitted they'd joined K-Verband to get out of reform schools and other correctional institutions.

- **Shore Facilities**

No adapted docking and repair/maintenance facility had been readied in time. Further: All of the sundry types of midgets had to have their one or two fish attached while clear of the briny.

After weighing all of that and more, it is stunningly amazing and admirable that Admiral Heye's efforts bore any fruit at all. Yet, as shown, he caused a tad of direct damage, and must have tied up the Allied watchdogs.

As far as wartime-records reliability goes, the gathered and tabulated data seemed good enough to draw a modicum of conclusions. Useless and, "on the surface" ineffective as K-V's sacrifices may have proven to be, isn't it remarkable that despite raw materials shortages and the interfering attentions from the R.A.F. during the night and the U.S.A.A.F. while there was daylight, the boys at sundry wharfs whipped up some 393 Molches between mid-June 1944 and the end of February 1945? That calculates to an average production of about 1.5 copies a day. Not bad. Not bad at all.

Meanwhile, shortages of steel and other materials had become so severe that parts of the midgets had wood substitutes where steel should have gone, e. g. for the Seehunde hull extensions that carried the upper end of the rudder a wooden beam was fitted. But it worked.

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The poor suckers who drove the Neger (little more than a G7e torp with a plexi bubble covering a tight cockpit) had virtually nothing to look at once the canopy was oil covered by the slicks stretching from the landing beaches. Also, most unfortunate in the Type Neger, the torpedo release system was quirky.

Upon pulling the "Launch!" lever, two things were meant to happen. The torp's motor would start, and the weapon was to slide forward on a rail, and make 20 knots toward its target. But it often happened that the motor got spinning okay, launch rail didn't let go of the G7e. Thus the torp dragged the Neger forward at breakneck speed—fully out of control. All the pilot could do, if he felt that way inclined, was say his prayers—seldom to great avail, one must surmise despite the "Gott mit uns" battle cry.

Next month, space permitting, an overview of British, Italian and Japanese midget doings will be trotted out. Italians, as it happens, were the champs.

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Romanus Unicum

## TEAM U CAN 2

You may not know that one of our members, **David Cook**, is a member of Team U CAN 2. Team U CAN 2 is four dedicated and talented sailors, pursuing their Olympic dreams to represent Canada in the two-person boat event at the Paralympics in Beijing in 2008.

The team is representing the Disabled Sailing Association (DSA) – Victoria, a registered Canadian charity since 1994; the Canadian Forces Sailing Association (CFSA) and the Royal Victoria Yacht Club (RVYC).

They have had national and international success in a wide variety of disabled sailing competitions, including a Silver Medal at the 1996 Atlanta Paralympics and 2nd and 3rd at the 2004 Two-Person World Championships.

If you would like to learn more about Team U CAN 2, recent regatta results, and how you can help, check out their website at [www.teamucan2.ca](http://www.teamucan2.ca)

## So what is VIRCB?

**Vancouver Island Radio Control Boaters** newsgroup - YAHOO!

Barry Fox kicked off VIRCB April 26 and there are already 15 members as of May 6.

It is an internet newsgroup which enables us to communicate with each other via e-mail to exchange ideas and share information on a timely basis. An example is a recent discussion on how to solve a problem a member had when the epoxy he was using to cover a model reacted in an unpredicted manner. Several of our little group were able to give him suggestions right away and he received useful information from more people than he expected. He was able to fix the problem the same day and continue working on his model.

This internet newsgroup supplements, not replaces the contact between members at weekly sailings at the Harrison Model Yacht Pond, twice monthly sailboat events at Beaver Lake and monthly meetings. It also supplements the monthly newsletter with its articles about various topics. Many of us use the Internet now and spend time nearly every day looking around at different sites that are somehow related to our hobby. This newsgroup enables us to share information rapidly without necessarily knowing who has the information until you get an answer.

The host for our newsgroup is Yahoo!. Yahoo! is a double edged sword. There are many useful and positive features to the Yahoo! Newsgroups. In addition to sharing e-mails, we can share photos, files, links, reminders, etc. The other side of the sword is that you must set up a Yahoo! id to use all the features, and people have a difficulty with that process which seems to be a little more complex than it needs to be.

We can get you started with the e-mail by inviting you to join. You can then set up the Yahoo! id later. Or we can walk you through the process. You can talk to either Barry Fox [bdfox1@gmail.com](mailto:bdfox1@gmail.com) 250-743-5729 (Cobble Hill) or Ron Hillsden [Ron.Hillsden@shaw.ca](mailto:Ron.Hillsden@shaw.ca) 479-5760



## History of Harrison Pond—# 4 by Mike Woodley

From the Daily Times, Monday, Feb. 27, 1956, p. 3  
Outdoor Skating, Smith Plan

### WINTER USE PROPOSED FOR MODEL YACHT POOL

Conversion of the model yacht pool at Holland Point into an outdoor skating rink will be proposed to city parks committee by Ald. J.D. Smith. He said Saturday his proposal followed investigations that indicate ice-making equipment could be installed in the 240 by 90 foot pond at a cost of \$75,000. Lightweight plastic pipes would be installed in November and removed in March, according to his plan. Asked about the effect of winter rains on the open ice surface, the alderman said, "Rainfall here is not so harmful as one might think. If there was too much rain, then they'd have to flash-flood the ice again."

"This will be one of the greatest things Victoria has ever had to offer the children and a tremendous tourist attraction. It will eliminate the necessity of children getting up early in the morning to practice skating or hockey, save the high cost, especially for large families, of skating at Memorial Arena and also because of the healthful outside environment, be a great asset in combating juvenile delinquency," said Alderman Smith.

On the front page of the Times, Saturday, March 31, 1956 there was a photo of three men, in the dark, looking at something one of the men was holding.

### ATTEMPT MADE TO BLAST NEW POND

Dynamite charge laid at Holland Point yacht pond Friday is examined closely by contractor Art Winter (right), while city detectives Ray Maitland and Dick Berry look on.

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Attempt to blast the pond was foiled by passers-by

### FUSE SNUFFED OUT SECONDS BEFORE HOLLAND PT. BLAST

Three or four youths are believed responsible for placing of three sticks of dynamite at the southwest end of the pool. Passers-by snuffed out the sputtering fuse just before 1:00 am last night. The charge was laid in a small hole against the concrete wall. Mr. Winter said the blast would have been heard all around James Bay. "The main force of the blast would not have damaged the wall too much but would have taken the route of least resistance which would be the soft dirt around the pond." On Sunday morning the Colonist ran a photo of three of the four people involved in snuffing out the bomb. There was no further mention of this incident in the papers.



### Powell Cup Beaver Lake

Yes, it was a wee bit rough!  
We did have a sinking and lost the boat!

M. Woodley photos





**Battle of the Atlantic Sunday Regatta— Harrison Model Yacht Pond**

Thanks for the photos, Mike Woodley



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