



THE BINNACLE

Victoria Model Boats
Victoria, BC



Remembrance Day

"We honour those who have given their lives serving Canadians and helping people of other nations."



From The Bridge

November has arrived and with that comes a weather change, wet and cooler days and shorter daylight hours giving everyone an opportunity to head inside to that uncluttered work area.

I'd like to thank the nine members that brought their boats out to Broadmead Lodge last Wednesday – this was the first day of Veteran's Week at the Lodge and they asked if we could bring our models out and display them to allow the residents there (a large group of Veterans along with others from a maritime background) to view them. Sheldon from the BC Shaver Shop also came out and displayed a number of military models from that period. This was a new experience for most of us and I'm not sure who enjoyed it more – our members or the residents. One resident though did for sure – Romain. He was recently transferred there from VGH having been there since last May. He was visibly surprised when he was wheeled into the room to discover that he knew most of us there. I'm sure he would welcome the occasional visit from members to keep him up to date. I'd like to thank Lynne Parrott of the Activity Department at Broadmead Lodge for asking us to participate in the Veteran's Week.

Sailing has been better now out at Beaver Lake and we have pretty clean water at Harrison due to the heavy rainfall lately.

You are getting down to the wire if you're planning to enter a boat in the 'New Build' at the next meeting. The paint must be dry.

We had a variety of items for sale at the last meeting – our garage sale evening. Marion Denton donated a number of items from Dave's work bench with the proceeds from the sale being donated to the club. Thanks, Marion.



ON THE RADAR

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12th: AGM

December 10th: Christmas Dinner / Awards

December 12th: Lighted Boat Parade



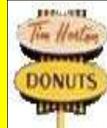
Meetings: Second Thursday 7:30-9:30
St. Peter's Anglican Church, Lakehill
3939 St. Peter's Rd.
Upcoming Meetings: November 12th,
January 14th



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



SAILING: 1st and 3rd Sundays
Beaver Lake



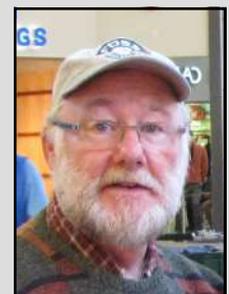
LANGFORD LAKE
Wednesdays 9:30
Langford Lake, Leigh Rd at Trillium

Our AGM is this Thursday. Please consider donating some time to the club and taking a position on the executive. Remember this is your club and we work hard to try and keep it both fun and interesting.

Don't forget to see Bill Andrews for your tickets to the Christmas social – this is our last meeting before that evening.

Enjoy the next meeting,
 See you at the pond,

Mike





Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society

Meeting called to order by President at 7:40

Welcome to all – no guests this evening

Jim Cox visited Romaine at VGH a week ago but had not gone in this week.

Ron didn't have anything to report.

Mike presented the financial update and will have copies for approval by the exec at their next meeting before the AGM.

Sailing – Barry updated members on some possible changes to sailing times at Beaver Lake. Winds have been a little better earlier in the day.

Broadmead Lodge is looking for some boats to display at their Lodge on Wednesday morning, November 4. They have a number of patients there with backgrounds in the navy and also tugboats and the Activity coordinator thought a display would be welcomed by the patients. We will have a number of boats out there.

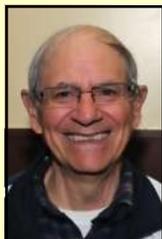
Show & Tell:

Arnold McCutcheon showed us how he modified the design of the club's paddle boat

Bill has tickets for the Christmas social.

Tonight is our Garage Sale evening and a number of priceless items were available for sale.

Meeting adjourned following the sale.



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

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Meeting Moments







Armistice Day

by *Mike Creasy*



Many readers regularly attend one of our country's Remembrance Day events; usually a cold, rain swept morning surrounded by hundreds of others, all doing their bit to say thank-you to the hundreds of thousands who did so much for us.

Armistice Day began in 1919 to mark the end of World War 1, and later became Remembrance Day to – quite rightly – include all the other wars, conflicts and police actions in which Canadians have played a role. One thing we should also remember is that November 11, 1918 was the date on which an **armistice** was signed, as opposed to a peace treaty or surrender. An armistice is a temporary agreement to cease firing while a more permanent peace treaty can be negotiated. By way of comparison, both Germany and Japan agreed to unconditional surrender at the end of the Second World War. Germany on May 7, 1945 at Rheims, France; Japan on August 28, 1945 aboard the battleship **USS MISSOURI** in Tokyo Bay. No temporary armistice in either case and since both surrendered without conditions, Allied governments were free act as they saw fit to secure long term peace. The Marshall Plan sought to return Europe to stability with civilian governments and sound economies, while Japan was largely ignored – a story for another day.



Canada's Vimy Ridge Memorial

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American President Woodrow Wilson was dedicated to the concept of world peace through statesmanship and diplomacy, a view not shared by his top General, George “Black Jack” Pershing. Wilson began negotiating an end to the war directly with the new German Chancellor, Prince Maximilian of Baden, leaving the other Allies out of the loop. On Oct 5, 1918, Prince Max cabled President Wilson asking for an immediate armistice, but Wilson did nothing for several days. The Meuse-Argonne campaign, meanwhile, ground on at great cost to both sides.

There was little doubt that the war was nearly done; General Ludendorff (de facto Military Chief under the aging General von Hindenburg) had advised Kaiser Wilhelm on October 2 that the army was on the verge of collapse and the expected Allied offensive could not be stopped.



General Ludendorff

When the French and British finally heard about the American President's attempt to negotiate on his own terms, they were not impressed. The Allied Armies were all in rough shape after 3 years of staggering casualties – 200,000 Canadians killed or wounded, nearly a million British and 1.7 million French plus many, many others. The Americans were just beginning to take the strain (they had only entered the war in 1917), and Pershing was all for the idea of pushing on to annihilate the rapidly failing Germans, a view shared by many Allied commanders. Despite Pershing's advice President Wilson continued to negotiate with Prince Max, cabling his acceptance of the German offer on October 23. Other Allied leaders were not yet on board with the terms of Wilson's deal, but were not in position to object too strongly. Confusion and conflict reigned within the German hierarchy as well, as various officers and politicians argued for a last brave battle for the Fatherland. On November 3, Navy Commander Admiral Scheer ordered the High Seas Fleet out for a last attempt at death or glory, but the crews wanted no part of it. They mutinied, killing several officers and raising the red flag of the Bolsheviks. On land, the German Army was losing men steadily, both in battle and in a steady stream of weary men sick of the smell of death.

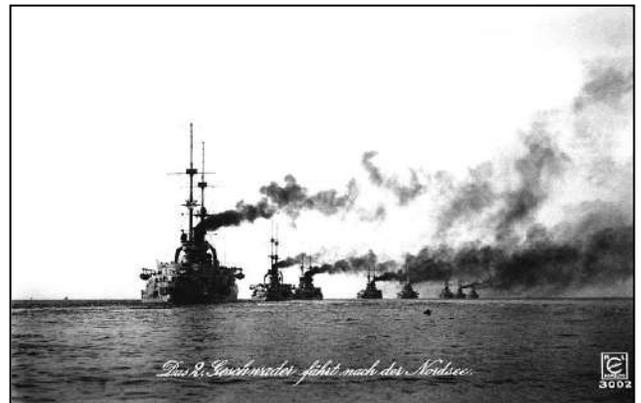
At 5 am on November 11, 1918, an armistice was finally signed, to be effective 6 hours later at 11 am (Paris time). The terms were harsh, calling for Germany to pull out of all occupied territories, and to "demilitarize". German Armies were to withdraw immediately, leaving their weapons behind. The mighty High Seas Fleet and all submarines and modern destroyers were to be delivered to the Allies as soon as possible for internment, with only a caretaker crew left aboard.

More importantly, an armistice meant that blockades of German ports would continue at least until the details of a peace treaty could be negotiated. This was a cruel blow to a starving and demoralized nation, but some felt it would be necessary to prevent the German Armies from taking up the fight once again.

The Treaty of Versailles was finally signed on June 23, 1919. The vengeful tone of the Allies – particularly French President Clemenceau – caused deep and lasting unhappiness amongst the German populace. In a final display of outrage at the perceived offense to German honour, the entire German High Seas Fleet, interned (not surrendered) at Scapa Flow since war's end, scuttled itself just before the Treaty was signed. This action allowed a tenuous mythology to grow around the idea that the German fleet had not been defeated in battle, a concept that would reappear in the second war with the scuttling of the pocket battleship **GRAF SPEE**.

Others foresaw that a punitive approach to peace would only give rise to renewed conflict – their wisdom was to be proven a few years later by a small man with a big mouth and a good understanding of human nature. His name was Adolf Hitler.

The list of names to remember becomes longer every year as the battles and wars continue. Maybe the first name was the right one – Armistice Day – a temporary peace for just one day a year.



German High Seas Fleet Sails to Internment

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Steamship *City of Nanaimo*



The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Co. operated two wooden steamships to compliment their rail operations. The *City of Nanaimo* ran on the passenger route between Victoria, Nanaimo and Comox, with intermediate calls at the Gulf Islands, while the *Joan* normally ran between Vancouver and Nanaimo.

The Canadian Pacific Railway purchased the rail and steamship lines of the E & N Rwy Co. from the Dunsmuir coal interests in 1905. Included in the sale were the wooden passenger steamers *City of Nanaimo* and *Joan*, the tugboats *Czar* and *Escort No. 2*, and the barge *Georgian*. By the acquisition of this service, the C. P. R. was able to enter the lucrative Nanaimo run.

The *City of Nanaimo* was built by Mc Alpin and Allen at Vancouver in 1891 for the Mainland & Nanaimo Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. of New Westminster, and was acquired by James Dunsmuir on a mortgage foreclosure in 1896. She was a wooden vessel of 518 tons, 159 x 32 x 9.4 feet, powered by a reciprocating engine of 750 horsepower and capable of a speed of 11 knots. The *Joan* was built at the Albion Iron Works in Victoria and was a little larger. The two were not sisters, but looked very much alike. After *City of Nanaimo* served CPSS, she worked for Terminal Steam as *Bowena* and Union Steamships as *Cheam*. She was scrapped in 1926



I had been researching the ships for awhile with the thought of building a model. Most of the material I gathered was photographs. People more knowledgeable and better connected in the history resource world tell me plans do not exist for either ship. The closest is a side drawing produced of the *Joan* by Bob Turner for his book *Pacific Princesses*.



I picked up a nice Dumas steam tugboat hull at a club swap and shop and when I got around to thinking what I would do with it, I realized its dimensions were just about perfect for a 1/48 model of the *City of Nanaimo*.

I located some surprisingly good photographs, and I thought I might use software designed to produce posters to enlarge some of the photos to the size of my model. That worked well for some details and vertical measurements, but the photos were not taken from a true perpendicular and the photos did not show the proper proportion of the substructure. Not even close.

My solution was to make a cardboard mock up to work my way through the details quickly and with little expense.

I started by turning the hull upside down and tracing the outline onto a piece of cardboard. After some cutting and fitting, it became the template for the decks. A started making superstructure parts, but quickly realized corrugated cardboard wasn't going to work for me, so I got some poster board at a dollar store and used it instead. I knew the window size from the photos and used windows to help me figure out the sizes of various components of the superstructure. I used masking tape to mock up the windows. I also realized that the ship was altered over her life with the E&N Rwy and CPSS. Some windows were enlarged and passengers were given access to the boat deck, so handrails were added.



The mock up I have now has lots of notes written on it. It is cheap and nasty and the model will look a little different as I have seen some changes I have to make. I still haven't figured everything out yet, but I will by time I get to building them.

I have ordered some Grant Line windows, and while I am waiting for them, I will be finishing the hull modifications and installing the main deck.

Ron Hillsden



Broadmead Lodge Display







VMSS Christmas Dinner & Awards Night

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Eat time: 6:30 p.m.

Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society

St. Peter's Anglican Church, 3939 St. Peter's Road

Deluxe Jazz Buffet

Mixed Green Salad w/dressing
Beet, Orange and Arugula Salad
Greek Salad

Assorted Cold Meat & Fresh Breads

Baked Three Cheese Lasagna

Slow Roasted Chef Carved AAA Beef

Fresh Herbed Crusted Chicken Breast

Roasted Potatoes
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
Dinner Rolls and Butter
Chef's Selection of Desserts

Tickets are \$25/pp.
See Bill Andrews for tickets.
Seats are limited.



It is that time of year again where we ask for volunteers to step up and help run & guide the club into the coming year. As many of you have noticed the Executive rarely changes much from year to year. This is not because we are all power hungry tyrants, but rather no one else has stepped forward and we don't want to leave the club in a bind.

However, some of us are getting tired and need a break. Also fresh faces with new ideas is not only needed, its essential for the club to grow. So at the AGM, when nominations are called for, please consider letting your name stand. It is "**YOUR**" club too after all.

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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.



BEST BUILD CONTEST

At the next meeting, besides voting in a new Executive, we will also be choosing the Best Builds of 2015.

A refresher for the criteria. There are now 5 categories (Sail, Military, Work, Pleasure and Speciality). The project must be complete by the AGM. When it was started is not an issue but we discourage someone from taking an existing boat, adding some railing, and calling it a new build. A boat can only be entered once in its lifetime.

Looking forward to a large turnout.



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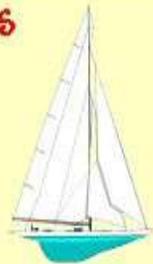
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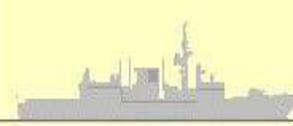
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Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society
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 As of September 30, 2012

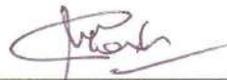
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CASH ASSETS	
Cash & Accounts	
VMSS Chequing	1,522.33
High-interest Savings	2,334.37
Term Deposit - GIC	5,000.00
Petty Cash A	24.64
Petty cash B	26.70
Total Cash & Accounts	<u>8,908.04</u>
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	<u>8,908.04</u>

I certify this to be an accurate representation of the Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society's financial position on September 30, 2015.



M. Creasy, Treasurer

This unaudited report was reviewed and accepted by the Executive Committee of the Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society, October 29, 2015.



M, Claxton, President