



# THE BINNACLE

Victoria Model Boats  
Victoria, BC



This is posted on the Willow Tree at Harrison.  
Scratch one off our Wish List.

**Tree Removal Notice**

The City of Victoria works to keep our 33,000 City-owned trees healthy and beautiful. We maintain these trees, plant new trees and remove trees that are no longer healthy and often pose risks to our community.

This City-owned tree has been inspected by a Certified Arborist. Unfortunately, it requires removal due to:

a large cavity in the trunk with the tree being poorly compartmentalized. The scaffold is heavily end-weighted.

This work will occur between August 29th and October 1st 2017

Replacement trees will be planted starting Fall 2018.

Learn more about our urban forest: [victoria.ca/urbanforest](http://victoria.ca/urbanforest)

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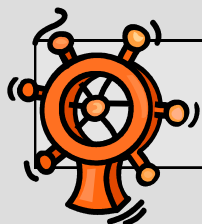
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Location: 561 Dallas Rd

Site ID#: 10542

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### From The Bridge

Well, here we are into fall! The postponed Summer Fest will now be held on September 24, and be called Autumn Fest! There will be the second running of the Denton Cup and Mark Giles' steering courses are better than ever! The Harrison Pond should be cleaned by then. Yea!

Saanich Fair was fun for all that attended. We had to buy a new liner for the pond, as there was a small stream coming from it which necessitated our having to top it up each day.

The collection for Romain's Bench is coming along well. All donations big or small are welcomed. Everyone will appreciate an additional bench. Some newer members of the club may be wondering who Romain was. He was a stalwart member of the club! He wrote an article for the Binnacle entitled The Sub Subject, and hosted many submarine gatherings at Thetis Lake. He was the "Sub Guru" of the club!

So dust off your boats for Autumn Fest and I'll see you Thursday at our next meeting at St. Peter's Church.

Jim Cox



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*All above (250) area code*



### ON THE RADAR

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fall Fest: September 24th**

**November 9th: AGM**

**December 14th: Christmas Dinner/Awards**



**Meetings: Second Thursday 7:30-9:30**  
**St. Peter's Anglican Church, Lakehill**  
**3939 St. Peter's Rd.**  
**Upcoming Meetings: September 14th,**  
**October 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**





**Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society**  
**Monthly Meeting - August 10th, 2017**







**NEXT BUILD:** by KEN LOCKLEY

Over the next six to eight months, I will be building a model of the Fairmile "B". This versatile craft was a huge success for the allied forces doing all sorts of duties, Gun boat, Torpedo boat, Mine layer and Troop carrier as well as being Ambulance ships. It was conceived as a kit boat and 700 were successfully built in eight countries. They were active in the English Channel, Mediterranean, East and West coasts of Canada as well as the hostilities in South East Asia.

The West Coast had 10 of these vessels doing general patrolling duty.

## Fairmiles of the RCN

This picture and write up is taken from the Museum of Manitoba's web site.



The versatile 112 foot "B" class Motor Launch (M.L.) was designed in England by the Fairmile Company and the boats were accordingly known as Fairmiles. Eighty were built in Canada, 59 of them in Great Lakes boat yards. Fourteen of the remainder were built on the west coast and seven at Weymouth, Nova Scotia. They were numbered Q 050 to 129.

The Fairmiles played a vital role as escorts in the St. Lawrence River and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and as escorts to convoys between Newfoundland and the mainland. They also carried out A/S patrol, port defence and rescue duties, releasing larger escort craft urgently needed elsewhere.

In 1942 it was decided to send two flotillas for the winter to the Caribbean, where the U-boats were enjoying great success owing to a shortage of U.S. escorts.



West Coast Fairmile B's were built by the following shipyards.

Vancouver Shipyard	completed 6
A.C. Benson Shipyard	completed 3
Star Shipyard	completed 5



Fairmile ML084 is likely on a training exercise in St. Margaret's Bay, Nova Scotia, just west of Halifax Harbour. Each Fairmile carried around 2,500 gallons of high octane gasoline.  
*(Photo by Gilbert A. Milne. Department of National Defence / National Archives of Canada, PA-134191)*

### Class Overview:

Name :	Fairmile B motor launch
Preceded by:	Fairmile A motor launch
Succeeded by:	Fairmile C motor gun boat
Displacement:	85 tons
Length:	112 ft (34M.)
Beam:	17 ft.
Draught:	4 ft. 10 inches
Propulsion;	two 650 hp. Hall Scott Defender
gas motors	
Speed:	20 knots or 23 mph
Range:	1500 mi. at 12 knots.



The Peterborough Examiner writer, Brendon Wedley, has written an interesting article on how Hunter Boats Co. of Orillia Ontario, on Lake Simcoe built seven Fairmile "B". The 112 ft (B)'s were small enough, with 2 feet to spare, to transit through the 41 locks of the Trent Severn Waterway to reach Trenton on Lake Ontario and eventually Halifax, NS.

Also interesting is the fact that Hunter Boats Co. was a pleasure craft builder and had never built boats as large as 112 ft vessel before.



## When warships cruised the Trent-Severn Waterway



By Brendan Wedley, Peterborough Examiner  
Tuesday, December 3, 2013 5:52:12 EST PM



**SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER** Fairmile Q060, the first built by Hunter Boatyards in Orillia, stops at the locks at Young's Point in October 1941. George M. Douglastook this photo while with Katherine Hooke, who was at the lock with her school class to watch this vessel and Q061 pass through the locks.



### A BIT OF HISTORY

During the Siege of Malta, in 1942, the "B's" were used for many duties, including working along with Minesweepers.

Recently Malta issued the postage stamp shown here, to commentate the role these vessels played in "Operation Toadstool"



The Fairmile B on the right was built by Bill Murray of the Langford Navy. Bill Andrews has been the custodian of this excellent model for many years and has recently sold it. I was fortunate enough to get many pictures of the model before it left Bill's home. Thanks Bill,



On the left is a model of Q-069, which was started in 2010 by Ron Turner and now is a nearly a completed project. Ron is an extremely talented modeler, mostly in aircraft. But in this case he built the boat because his father served on Q-069 during the war years out of Esquimalt. Thanks Ron.





## Saanich Fair







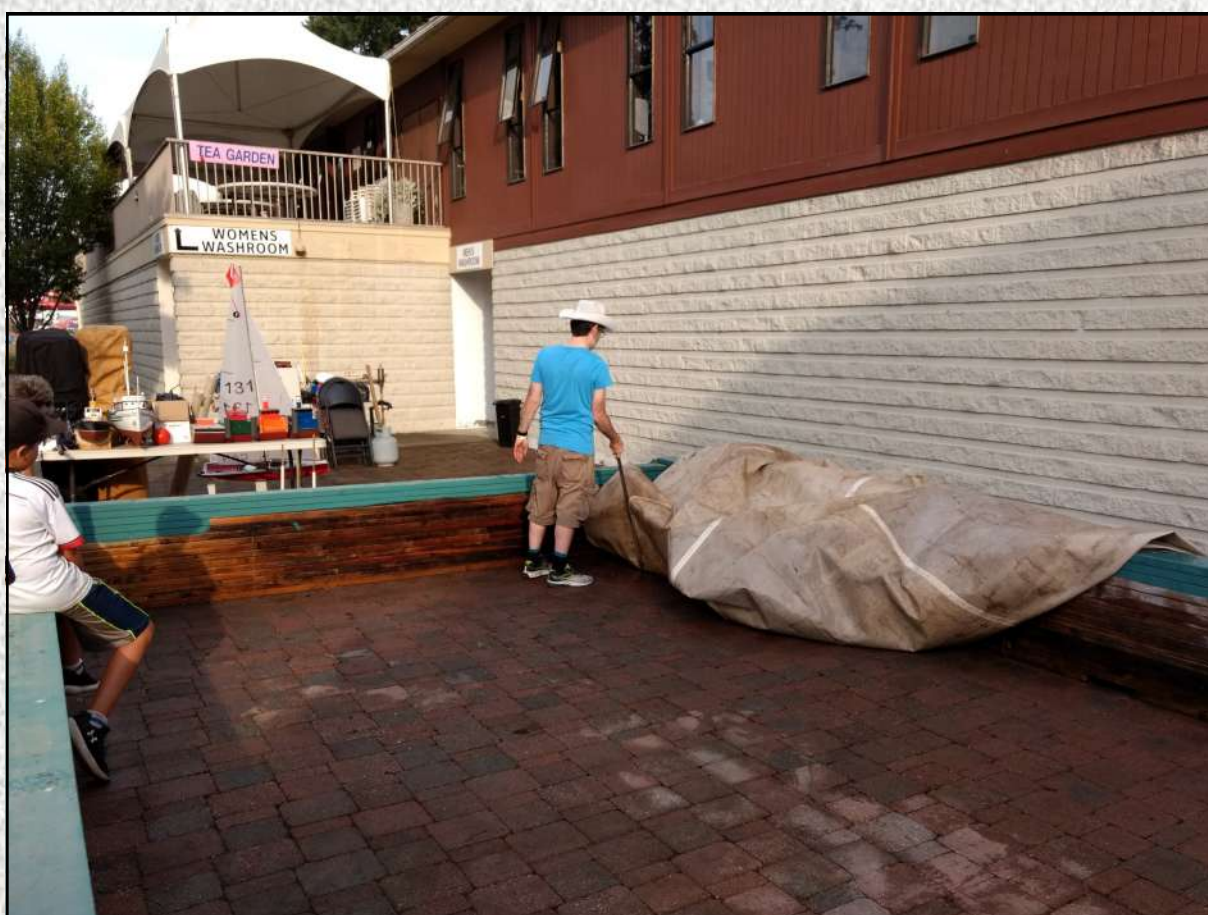














## *Shelbourne Shipyard*

Well as promised two issues ago, I took the Boomer to the Saanich Fair to use the pool for trimming. My initial goal was to set-up the submerged trim, then I'd play around with the ballast tank for surface trim. That didn't go as planned. Fully loaded, it sank to the bottom. I finally stuffed enough foam in the bow for her nose to rise but the stern was a problem. I figured out how much foam I would need but I was not even close to having the available space for it.

Plan "B". Set-up for surface trim. Once I kept the ballast tank full of air, it settled nicely, not perfect, but nicely. I was able to manoeuvre around. The bow thruster worked extremely well. At full power, it will torque the sub over a bit but under minimal thrust, it swings the bow around nice. So if it can run in this pool, Harrison should be no problem. Since I do only have 4-channels to play with, I used a Y-connector so the rudder & thruster run on the same channel. When I turn the rudder to port, the thruster also engages and swings the bow around. I should have a small turning radius with this set-up.

Using surface trim will also extend my run time. Because I will only need a small amount of water to drop it down of few inches in the water (missile launching depth), correspondingly it should require less Propel to expel the water and raise her, giving me more time between reloads.

The final trimming will occur at Fall Fest. At the Fair, I just shoved loose foam in everywhere. Now I have foam glued every open space. If it goes right, I should have too much foam and will only require a knife to cut away the excess.

I'll let you know how it goes.

See you at the pond.

Scott Munford  
Yard Master







## Government House

(photos supplied by Bill Andrews)











*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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