



# The Binnacle

Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society  
4996 Georgia Park Terrace  
Victoria, B.C., V8Y 2B9

Next Meeting **SEPT 9 - 7:15 PM**  
313 Brunswick Place  
Lower floor

## ON THE HORIZON

### INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

**Aug. 22** – Tug Practice 10:30 AM Harrison Yacht Pond

**Sept 4-6** – Saanich Fall Fair 9 AM – 5 PM  
contact person Bill Andrews 479 2761

**Sept 9** – Regular Meeting **REMINDER – 7:15 START**

**Sept 19** – TUG REGATTA – Open Event  
10 AM – finish

**Oct 14** – Regular Meeting

**Oct. 17** – Powell Cup – Series 2 –  
initiating Winter Sailing Beaver Lake 1 – 3 PM

**Nov 11** – Regular/Annual General Meeting

**Dec 9** – Christmas Social & Awards Night

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

\* **SAILING:** 1st & 3rd Sundays - 1 – 3 PM  
Beaver Lake

BRING - BUY – TRADE  
EVERY MEETING.

ALSO, BRING YOUR  
CURRENT MODELLING  
PROJECTS OR  
PROBLEMS TO  
MEETINGS FOR  
SHOW & TELL

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Be advised that the  
Annual General Meeting  
Of the Victoria Model  
Shipbuilding Society  
Will take place on  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2004**  
At 19:15 hours,  
313 Brunswick, lower floor  
Victoria, B.C.

The main purpose of the  
meeting will be the election  
of Officers and Directors



### From the Bridge

Two things; all members please consider  
participating in the Tug Regatta Sep 19 at  
10:30.

The preliminaries are fun - it is a bit  
challenging but it is interesting to see how our vessels perform.  
It is all in fun and provides some out of the ordinary events for our  
vessels and skippers. Lets all participate and enjoy!

Also, we are still looking for people to come forward for executive  
positions and to help co-ordinate individual club events. Please  
consider helping.

Ken Scotten, President

**TUGATTA**

**SEPT 19**

**HARRISON MODEL  
YACHT POND  
10:30 AM**



# VICTORIA MODEL SHIPBUILDING SOCIETY MINUTES EXTRACT REGULAR MEETING JULY 8, 2004

The President reviewed recent activities and upcoming events. After the business portion of the meeting came demonstrations of drawing waterlines without lasers, a jig for making railings, resistance soldering, a smoke generator, and a jig for making propellers.

T. Pound, Secretary

## 2004 Executive

President	Ken Scotten	472-6187
Vice-Pres.	Jack Plummer	592-2021
Secretary	Tom Pound	595-6487
Treasurer	Derek Woollard	658-1150
Entertainment	Paul Jordan John Gough	388-0059 479-1843
Binnacle Editor	Ron Hillsden	479-5760
Assistant Editor	Ken Lockley	477-5830
Publicity	Jack Ross	478-3191
Quartermaster	Bob Rainsford	383-2256
Director at Large	Mike Gibson	642-6540
Director at Large	Mike Woodley	598-8379

## IN MEMORY: CAL MARSHALL

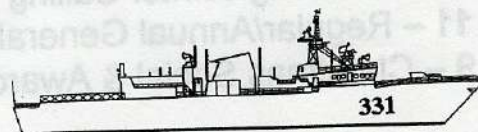
Cal was an enthusiastic mariner from a young age and joined VMSS several years ago with his interest in static sailing vessels. Due to poor health, he has been unable to attend many of our meetings in the last year. The Executive and Members of VMSS send condolences to the family.

## OUR LOCAL HOBBY SHOP

Here is one that has to be told; Ron H. and I prepared a poster for the September TUGATTA and went to B.C. SHAVER with a request to display the poster. Garnet gave us a warm welcome and asked if two posters were available, one for the window and one for the model ship area of the shop. Then proceeded to produce gift certificates for the club to use as prizes. This act of kindness, mixed with business made big points with Ron and myself and on behalf of VMSS, thanks B.C. SHAVER for this goodwill gesture. K.L.

## 2004 SUB-COMMITTEE HEADS

Librarian	Jack Ross	478-3191
Webmaster:	Ron Hillsden	479-5760
City Parks Liaison	Ed Boddaert	746-4459
Binnacle Mailing	Bill Birch	592-6456
Show Co-ordinator	Derek Woollard	658-1150
Bandit Commodore	Rick Rainsford	382-0898



## Flags for model ships

Ron Hillsden  
(250) 470-5760  
<http://members.shaw.ca/modelflags/>

## MODEL SHIPYARD DAVE DENTON

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POWER & SAIL  
TUG - SCHOONER - SLOOP - GILL NETTER  
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## KEN LOCKLEY DESIGN & MODEL

Plans for Wood Construction  
[lockley@pacificcoast.net](mailto:lockley@pacificcoast.net)  
4114 Cedar Hill Road Victoria BC V8N 3C4  
250 477 5830  
[www.sail.to/modelboats](http://www.sail.to/modelboats)

## BC Shaver & Hobbies

Bob Rander  
Garnet Rander

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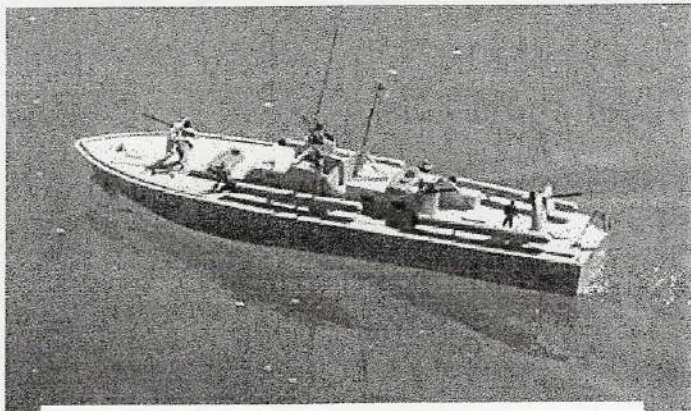
## Lowell's Hobbie Shop Radio Control Boat Supplies

Box 181, RR1  
Saulnierville Nova Scotia B0W 2Z0  
Tel: 902-769-2277 Fax: 902-769-3177  
[lowell@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:lowell@ns.sympatico.ca)  
<http://www.geocities.com/Eureka/Plaza/9506/>



## RECENT ADDITIONS TO HARRISON FLEET

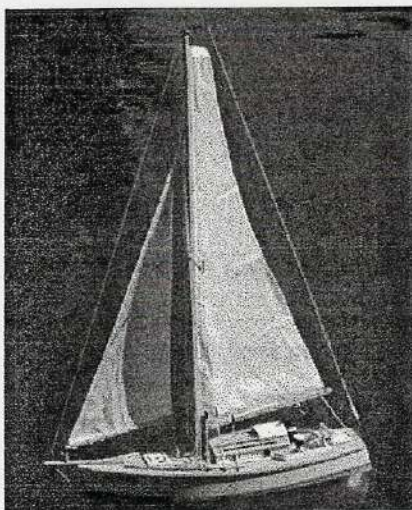
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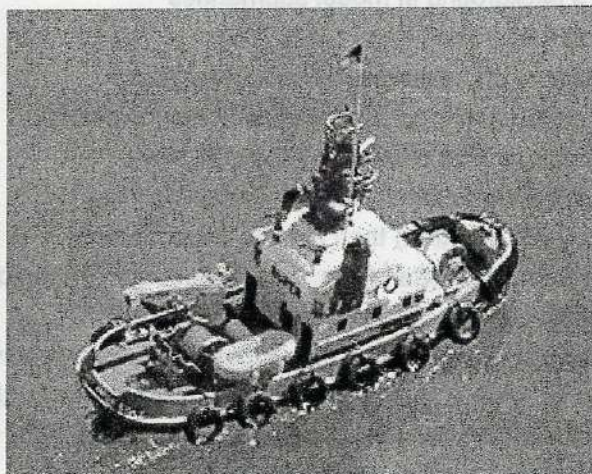
Len Thomas



Jack Plummer



Norm Farley



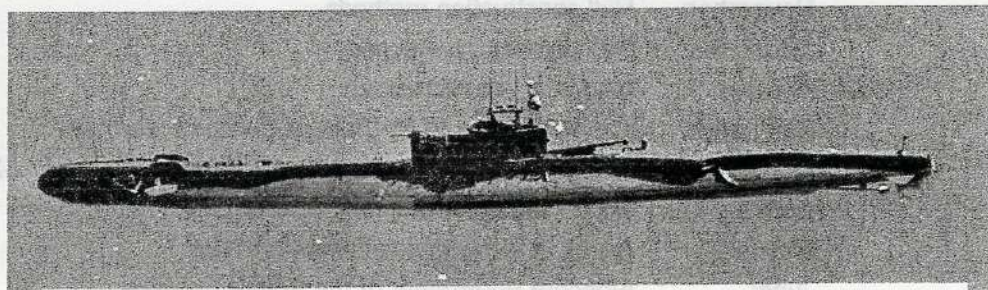
Bill Andrews



Jack Plummer



Alex James



Len Gibbs



## THE SUB SUBJECT

Herewith the complete six-year index of The Binnacle's "The Sub Subject" column--updated from June 2002 to last month. The recap was motivated by the influx of new V.M.S.S. members of the past three years.

1998	June	Leak Prevention
	July:	Trimming a model
	August:	Two-page Binnacle. No "Sub Subject"
	September:	Ballast Tanks
	October:	Linkages
	November:	The prototypes (incl. Biblio.)
	December:	1:96-scale Miami model (time & cost)
1999	January	Florida's 1:96-scale Trident missiles
	February:	Florida's rescue buoy (on a 2nd. radio)
	March:	Writer's background in model submarines
	April:	Refitting 1:96-scale Miami (SSN 755)
	May:	Short history of submarine development (Bio.)
	June:	Model subs' electricals & specialized electronics
	July:	Disposal of nuclear reactors by the U.S.Navy
	August:	About the (international) SubCommittee
	September:	Visit to U-521 (Foxtrot) then in New Westminster
	October:	Visit to Pampanito (San Fran., CA) & Blueback (moored in Portland, OR)
	November:	Buoyancy, garbage disposal & noise suppression
	December:	Radio transmission, ballast tank function & torpedo room location in prototypes
2000	January	Silence vs. speed; leased Tridents; hydrofoil quirks (in the prototypes)
	February:	The Upholder-/Victoria-class boats (background)
	March:	The Upholder-/ Victoria-class's features
	April:	Oil coating for speed; screw design; launching of Trident missiles (in prototypes)
	May:	Model linkages (rack & pinion saves space)
	June:	Model linkages (wedges & inclined planes)
	July:	Model linkages (ratchets & rotating magnets)
	August:	Frequently Asked (pondside) Questions
	September:	More F.Q.A.s
	October:	The Marklin toy submarine's history again
	November:	Hull construction methods
	December:	Hull construction--cont'd
2001	January	Modelers' characteristics
	February:	The R.N.'s K- and M-Class, & France's Surcouf
	March:	Bill Birch's XVIIA's model & Jack Plummer's Krick U-25
	April:	Scott Ringrose's Skipjack & Mike Gibson's Seehund
	May:	A look at watertight cylinders (WTCs)
	June:	Albacore Forerunner of the Future (review)



- July: Trimming models (See also July '98 column)
- August: Building static models (By Len Gibbs)
- September: No evidence of publication. . . (a nice way of saying the editor lost it!!!!)
- October: Trimming revisited (from July '98 & Jul.'01)
- November: Cost & Time 1:96-scale Miami (See also Dec.'98)
- December: Dynamic divers v. Ballast – tank equipped models (pros & cons)
- 2002 January: Avoiding loss of a model (precautions & rescues)
- February: A matter of size/scale
- March: Model sub materials & assembly methods
- April: "The Sub Subject" '98-'02 index
- May: Rebuilding & finishing another's sub project
- June: Construction sequence alternatives
- July: State-of-the-art models (U.S. & U.K.)
- August: TX control layout suggestions for subs
- September: Trimming once more (from Jul.'98 & July '01)
- October: The \$\$\$s & \_99s of submarine modeling
- November: The R.N.'s & U.S.N.'s future subs (their plans & intentions, at least)
- December: Future subs (Continued from November)
- 2003 January: Linkages again (Also Oct.'98, May-July '00)
- February: Linkages (continued from last month)
- March: The Americans' & Russians' torpedos (incl. history)
- April: Submariners' training (R.N. & U.S.N.)
- May: The Molch (model) torps & their release system
- June: First five of 10 pointers for sub modelers
- July: Photo gallery of subs (V.M.S.S. 25th Anniversary Issue)
- August: Last five of 10 pointers for sub modelers
- September: More pointers (expanded from 10 to 14)
- October: Submarines' (real life) safety records
- November: A ballast tank problem (1:96-scale Miami)
- December: Maintenance & work planning (of/for models)
- 2004 January: An interview with sub modeler Jack Plummer
- February: An interview with Able Seaman Daniel Lord
- March: Under Pressure, by A.J.Hill (book review)
- April: An interview with Greg Sharpe (model plans producer & model builder)
- May: Part I of "A Strange Encounter" (With "Sam")
- June: Part II of "Strange Encounter"
- July: Part III of "Strange Encounter"
- August: "The Sub Subject" '98-'03 index (six years)

Back issues or copies of The Binnacle may be available through Bill Birch, either one of the editors or long-term V.M.S.S. members.

Next month an interview with First Lieutenant Peter Gage R.N. (Ret.) may be available for publication

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## Canadian Military History Gateway

On 30 June 2004, the Department of National Defence (DND) launched the Canadian Military History Gateway (CMHG), an online service that provides access to websites and digitized resources about Canada's military history. The goal of the CMHG is to provide the public with free access to the collective military history resources of Canadian museums, libraries, archives and other heritage organizations through a single gateway.

The Gateway provides Canada's military history dating back to 1000 A.D. It offers access to over 4000 on-line links to military history, with resources such as digitized books, music, art, photos and video, narratives, interactive games and scholarly research. The target audience - youth, educators and life long learners - can use online tools to access the military history resources of all the partners. These tools include a graphical timeline to navigate quickly through centuries, decades and years, to a specific time in Canada's military history and will also include in the near future an array of learning resources and lesson plans.

The Gateway was developed by the Department of National Defence (DND) as a National Defence Online (NDOL) initiative supported by the 'Department of Canadian Heritage's Canadian Culture Online Program. It was done in partnership with Veterans Affairs Canada, Canadian War Museum, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), National Film Board, Library and Archives Canada and Parks Canada.

This web site was developed in response to an educational need among Canadians. It is delivered in a format that is comprehensive, user- friendly, and modern, with robust, industry leading technology solutions. It is fully bilingual, and it has been designed to accommodate equitable access to the widest possible audience, including people with disabilities.

In drawing the sources of Canada's military heritage together, the Gateway provides an opportunity for all Canadians to learn about their heritage and the people who have shaped their country. It will be constantly updated and more links to sources of military history will be added.

For more information, visit the CMHG Web site at <http://www.cmhg.gc.ca>  
[Via Canadian Navy List]

Ron Hillsden

When I read Romaine's index this month, it made me think how grateful I have been for his contributions to the Binnacle whilst the Hillsden's have been editors.



I appreciate his articles anyway even if I am not a submariner, but he has been standing behind the Binnacle editors with an interesting article every month (with two exceptions— the anniversary issue which was a pictorial, and a month early in our tenure as editors when I had a computer problem!) I appreciate Romaine's wit and knowledge, and also his commitment and support which has not wavered. Thank you Romaine!

The Hillsden's and The Lockley's

**Saanich Fall Fair** is the second biggest event for VMSS and an important event for our treasury. Over the last number of years, **Derek Woollard** has been show co-ordinator and has done a great job with his support team. Due to poor health, Derek has stepped down and **Bill Andrews** has stepped up to take on this important co-ordinator job. Let's help Bill make this a great success and thanks Bill for taking on the role. At this time we would all like to thank Derek for his work on the clubs behalf.

The Fair provides us with a large model pond and this is one event that the kids love the paddle boats. Members can display their boats and/or operate them on the pond, or use the club boats. Come to the fair and have fun.

