



The Binnacle

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Yahoo! Newsgroup : VIRCB
 Vancouver Island Radio Control Boaters



Westshore Town Centre 3 day display attracted many potential new members, and was a financial success. Bravo Zulu.

ON THE RADAR

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 24	All Island Sailing, Lake Cowichan
MARCH 27-30	Country Club Centre, Nanaimo
APRIL 12, 2008	Ocean Pacific Marine Supply, Campbell River



MEETINGS: Second Thursday 7:15-9:15
 313 Brunswick Place
Next is March 13th, 2008!



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



SAILING: 1st and 3rd Sundays 1 – 3 PM
 Beaver Lake
Next is February 17th, 2008!!



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



From the Bridge

Hi Shipmates

As many of you will have seen from their e-mails I have been looking for input from club members for the monthly entertainment spot at our club meetings. I would like to see more input from club members regarding this and be able to put together a plan for the year. It is a good time for you to pass on some of your expertise to other members. Especially to those fairly new to model boat building such as myself. I am also looking for other subjects of interest that could be presented at these meetings. If you know of someone who is not a club member that you would like to have come along the please ask them if they are willing then pass the info on to one of the Executive members listed in the Binnacle.

We have now had our first event of the year with the Hobby show out at the **Westshore Town Centre Mall** and due to the excellent organising by **Bill Andrews** and his very able helpers it was very well received by all those that came by for a look at the display. We had some very professional judging of the models with **Rob Ross** and his MTB walking away with top honours. He was very closely followed by **Bob Rainsford** and the Master, then **Alex James** with Orca 55. We had a total of 25 boats judge and it took the judges a long afternoon to get through all of them.

I would also like to tank all those who turned out to man the display during the show and for all doing a great job with talking to the public, and hopefully new members.

See you all at the next meeting

Dave T

E-mail Confirmation

I am requesting that any member with an email address please email the club, (vmss@shaw.ca), with your name in the subject box. **Ron Hillsden** has passed the club website & email off to me and to insure that I have the most up to date records I am requesting this action. This will help keep everyone informed regarding meeting reminders, upcoming events and other important notices about your club.
 Thank you. **Scott Munford**

Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society

General Meeting – January 10, 2008

Call to order: 7:15 pm

Present: 33 members & guests

1. Outreach: Bill Birch passed away and Derek Woolard not well.
2. CanWest Mall Hobby Show: Feb. 1st-3rd. Volunteers needed, sign-up sheets passed around.
3. The Victorian on McKenzie has approached us about setting up a display. Dave Taylor to follow up.
4. Bob Rainsford discussed having specific boats for the general public to use. Bill Sturrock still has some 2008 VMSS calendars for sale. Discussion on handing out business cards to prospective new members. Ken Ensor would like a copy of the Constitution placed in our library and some more detail in the financial reports.
5. Adjourn Business portion & break
6. Dick Gill gave a demonstration on silver casting. Mark Giles showed us how to turn a standard servo into a winch. Dave Denton had some plans for a new large tug project.

Adjournment 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted

Scott Munford, Secretary

2008 Executive Committee

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Contributions to the Binnacle are welcomed. Deadline for submissions: Thursday before the monthly meeting. Editor.



Members present at Westshore Awards: (L to R) Dick Gill, VP Ken Ensor, Ron Armstrong, Scott Mumford, Mike Woodley, Bill Andrews, Jenny Taylor, Bob Rainsford, Pres. Dave Taylor, Ernie Reid, Mike Creasy, Jack Lenfesty and Jack Plummer. Photo by Bill Sturrock.

Old Wood & Rusty Iron – by Mike Creasy

Unavailable at press time. Ed.

February Sailing News

News since the last Binnacle is that the regatta we were supposed to host at the end of January was “iced” out by our recent cold weather and had to be postponed.

We did get to hold it on Feb. 10 and there was no ice. But good gosh there was wind. We had 15 entries for the regatta but unfortunately only about half of them had the alternate rigs available to them to be able to endure the conditions.

That said there were some terrific races, a few runaways, and lots of action.

With good help from VMSS members Mike Woodley, Ken Ensor and Ken Lockley we were able to get in 11 races through the day and ended up with local racer Jan Schmidt in 1st place followed by Peter Brosch from Como and the MVIMM in 2nd and yours truly able to sail back into contention to get to 3rd.

The idea of having a Spring Series start in January sounded so good but has been a bit of a bother with the weather that I think it will start a little later next year to try to avoid cold weather delays.

Next event in the Series is Feb. 24th on SaltSpring Island at a very nice pond on Sunset drive. I hope to see everyone who tried to sail today come back and also hope to

have a bit of moderation in conditions.

One of the things I have re-discovered from sailing these somewhat thoroughbred boats is that they are sensitive to tuning and maintenance.

I hadn't sailed my primary boat for almost 4 months and when I went to sail it I found that it didn't feel quite right. On checking it over I found a lot of settings and adjustments just off a little. Nothing was so far out that it was obvious but the cumulative effect was a boat that is usually quite good becoming very ordinary. An afternoon of fiddling,

lubricating, adjusting and general cleaning up turned it back to being the boat I like very much.

The re-discovery part goes back to my car racing days when a great deal of attention to preparation and detail resulted in a consistent vehicle that responded to small changes and was just more enjoyable to drive. The transition to model competition boats has just brought all that back.

So if you find your boating pleasure is hampered by this or that little thing not

working quite right, maybe take an afternoon and just dig in and go through your boat from end to end and make all those little things be right. Not just close, but right. Many times that won't involve buying a bunch new parts, just your time to take things apart and clean them, oil or grease them and put it back together like it was meant to be.

Barry Fox



Sunday at Beaver Lake. Ernie Reid photo.

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: **DIGITAL (jpg) only!**
2. Send by email attachment to: vmss@shaw.ca subject line: “PhotoContest Entry”
3. Model ships and related topics only, please. **Limit of 3 entries** per person.
4. **Deadline November 15th, 2008.**
5. Judges decision final; prizes to be announced at a later date in the Binnacle.

NOTE: It is intended that the top 12 BEST entries will be used in our VMSS Calendar for 2007. **Questions:** email to: vmss@shaw.ca

GOOD BOATING AND SHOOTING!!

THE SUB SUBJECT

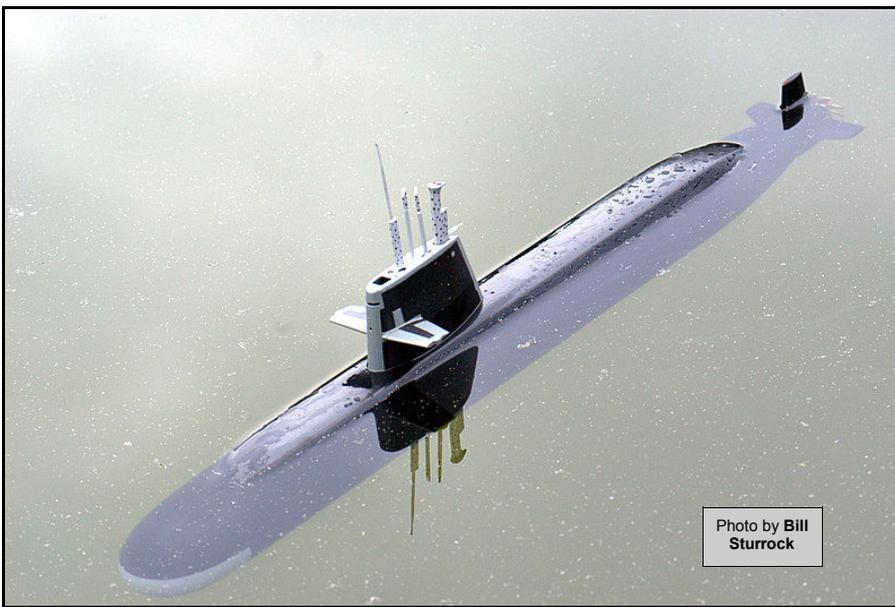
IN PURSUIT TO THE QUESTION: “WHAT DRAWS MODELERS to the still narrow submarine sector?” I did, as announced last December, interview the newest V.M.S.S. entrant in the field, *i.e.* **SCOTT MUNFORD**. Excellent. But it also made me decide to expand to a few (emphasis on few) more...not to say all...model submarine builders/operators in our parts. The roll call of respondents takes in **LEN GIBBS, GREG SHARPE, JACK PLUMMER**, and (for laughs, hand to talk to) your devoted columnist. That then, expanded the scope of the “The Sub Subject” to two parts: this month and March. Off we go.

PART I

Scott’s modeling interest started with R/C cars ‘n’ buggies some 20 years back in New Brunswick. Upon moving to Victoria he visited the annual CanWest show and, as a result, came out HMYP way where he got to feast his eyes on a smorg of surface and subsurface operational handiwork.

Now Scott lives with a predilection of originality. The first skimmer he built is a catamaran sailboat. Next, all well and good, a tug by Billings came off his ways. Then a Swampworks video caught his interest. Battleships sinking each other...? Yes, but...at HMYP? Not too all so likely, Still, he did build

HMS Exeter...four motors, shafts and mills no less... but he skipped the paper thin balsa panels meant for penetration by bee-bee shells. Then, through E-Bay, he garnered a a self-sterring, 37” carrier model. But that went to rest under his bed...giving priority to what he’d viewed on the SubCommittee’s web. Nothing



but boats that could dive and, above all, resurface. Wow. All of this while he’d already seen **Len Gibb’s Tally-Ho** and my sundry USN nukes in action at the Pond.

Among all he could scroll up on the screen, Oyashio stood out because, (a) she had a GRP hull and, (b) her 33.5” l. o.a. Now Scott’s looking at a 44” Type 7C U-Boat. Bottom line: Scott likes the “third dimension”, or “the flying in water” afforded by model subs. Also,

their relative exclusivity, plus the “oohs and haas” and the often intelligent questions from the Pondsides public.

Following Scott, I targeted **LEN GIBBS**, former crew member of the HMS Tally-Ho, and now the owner, builder and CO of her 1:64-scale model.

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In the hobby (after building his own one-seater airplane in Edmonton, AB, Len moved from years of trains (too lonely) to model planes (too fast) and then to boats (just right) about 15 years ago.

At HMYP, which lies within a stone's throw of Len's abode, he met a welcoming group of V.M.S.S. members and others full of enthusiasm, ideas and good advice. In the end, he took up **Orval Wilson's** suggestion that he should build a tug. "With a tug", Orv had proclaimed, "you can do things." That made sense to Len, and he built, launched and operated Heaterton, one of the RCN's sea going tugs. The model turned out to be an award winning success, but greater challenge was on the order paper.

As a young RCN sailor, serving in HMCS Nootka, the Tally-Ho's prototype had tied up alongside in Halifax Harbour. A chat here, a chat there, and his request for transfer was greeted with open arms. He was seconded to the RN, moved his kit 'n' caboodle from ship to boat for a couple of years, and found the sub inspiring enough to model her 30 or more years later.

Despite Len's relative familiarity with the prototype, it still took much research, planning and perseverance, but the result paid off. His sub, by now, is as much part of the HMYP scene as are the ducks and gulls. After 13 plus years, some modifications and three major refits, she operates like new...only better.

Thus: time had arrived for a fresh challenge. What to tackle next? He'd handled the torpedos in Tally-Ho's prototype, so torps it was to be...one free running; one

R/C. Their generous 20" plus l.o.a. was dictated by "plastic" (?) tubing for which **Wally Anderson** had dumpster-dived on Meares Street, behind Island Blue.

The torps had their problems, but actually ran very well and looked good. Now with their scale (+_ 1.11) in mind, which model boat could launch them? Logical answer: a midget sub, but which one. Len, of course, decided on the most difficult one i.e. a See-hund, and looking for more trouble still, he equipped that model with a British pump-operated ballast system...not just a simple Propel job. Since then my friend has moved on to a set of Mk.2 torps (GRP outer hulls, Lexan pressure hulls, and both R/C) and sail. First a French (Normandy) fishing boat (Calvados) and a two master with gaff (the Elisabeth Ballantyne). Both are masterpieces, but they navigate outside of this column's purview.

Next month I'll close 2008's first quarter with Part II. **Greg Sharpe** and, if he's willing again, **Jack Plummer** will put in their two-bits' worth. The, space permitting, I'll sketch out my personal attraction to model submarines. I may just learn something. Who knows?



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The Ships are coming!!!

The **Victoria Tall Ships Society** has successfully negotiated with the American Sail Training Association (ASTA) for the return of the Tall Ships ® Challenge Race. The Victoria festival is scheduled for June 26 – 29, 2008 and will coincide with the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Crown Colony of British Columbia; a fitting addition to a year that will be rich in history and special events. Victoria will be the only Canadian port where you can experience the full compliment of Tall Ships ® participating in the 2008 .

Tall Ships® Victoria 2008 Fleet

USCG Eagle

The Eagle is a three-masted sailing barque with 21,350 square feet of sail. It is home ported at the CG Academy, New London, Connecticut. It is the only active commissioned sailing vessel in the U.S. maritime services.

USCG Eagle is a barquentine



Lady Washington

The Lady Washington is the Official Ship of the State of Washington and was the Interceptor in Pirates of the Carribean! The Lady Washington was launched in 1989 as a Washington State Centennial project.

Lady Washington is a brig



HMCS Oriole

Her Majesty's Canadian Ship ORIOLE is the oldest ship in the Canadian Navy. For three-quarters of her life, the 83-year-old steel ketch has served as a naval sail training vessel, helping sailors understand the importance of teamwork and connecting them intimately to the power of wind and sea.

HMCS Oriole is a ketch



Pacific Grace

Built at the S.A.L.T.S. Heritage Shipyard in Victoria, the Pacific Grace slipped her lines May 31, 2001 to embark on her maiden voyage. The Pacific Grace completed several successful seasons of coastal programs before embarking in September, 2003 on her maiden offshore voyage to the "South Pacific".

Pacific Grace is a schooner



Pacific Swift

Built by S.A.L.T.S. as a working exhibit at Expo 86 in Vancouver, British Columbia, the Pacific Swift has sailed over 100,000 deep-sea miles on training voyages for young trainees. Her offshore travels have taken her to Australia and Europe, to remote communities on Easter and Pitcairn Islands, and to many other unusual and far-flung ports of call.

Pacific Swift is a topsail schooner



Hawaiian Chieftain

The topsail ketch Hawaiian Chieftain is a replica of a typical European merchant trader of the turn of the nineteenth century. Her hull shape and rigging are similar to those of Spanish explorer's ships used in the expeditions of the late 18th century along the Washington, Oregon, and California coasts.

Hawaiian Chieftain is a topsail ketch



Niña

The Niña is a replica of the ship on which Columbus sailed across the Atlantic on his three voyages of discovery to the new world beginning in 1492.

Niña is a 15th Century Caravel Redondo



Courtesy: <http://www.tallshipsvictoria.ca/>