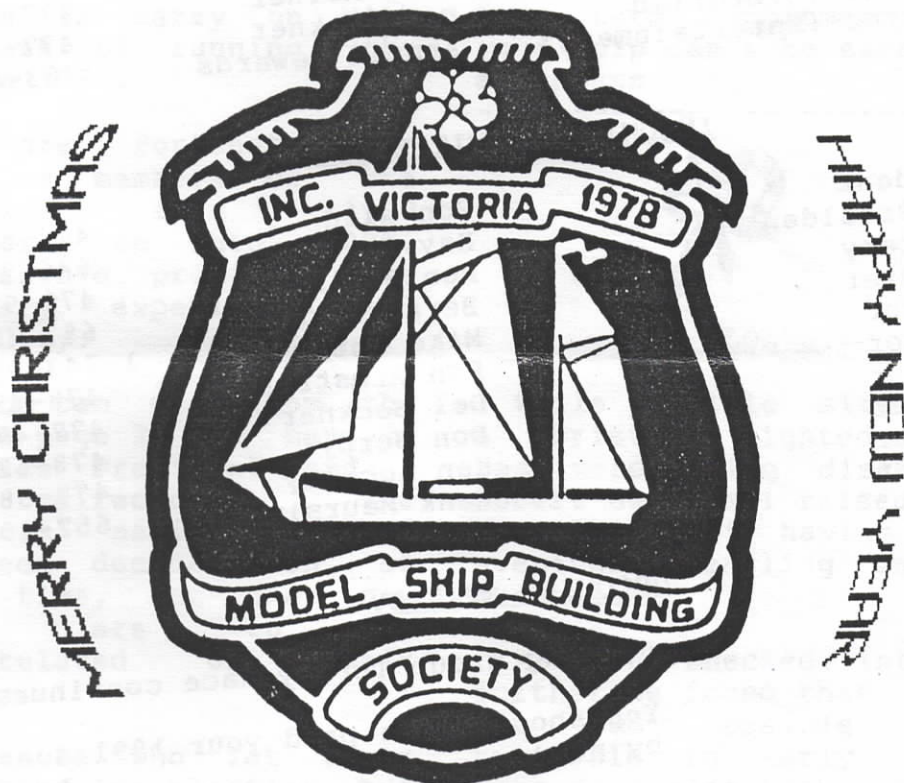


THE BINNACLE

DECEMBER 1990



NEXT MEETING JAN. 10th 1991 7:30 pm.
AT THE FLEET CLUB

Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society
Box 4114 Postal Station A
Victoria, B.C.
V8X 3X4

OUTGOING COMMITTEE 1990.

President	Ron Wild	478-5430
Vice President	John Marsh	385-5740
Secretary	Ron Hillsden	479-5760
Treasurer	Bernard Eeles	652-4842
Director-(Publicity)	Fred Haire	474-3650
Director-(Newsletter)	Dave Teece	478-3701
Director-(Newsletter)	Peter Favelle	652-5086
Director-(SHAS Liason)	Neil Milner	477-6103
Director-(Librarian)	Del Beckner	477-4994
Director-(Entertainment)	Arnold Sowards	383-4801

INCOMING COMMITTEE 1991.

President	Ron Wild	478-5430
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Secretary	Ron Hillsden	479-5760
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Director	Mike Anton	1-743-9325
Director	Ron Armstrong	478-4974
Director	Del Beckner	477-4994
Director	Don Gorby	478-6283
Director	Ken Lockley	477-5830
Director	Henk Meursing	652-4095

UPCOMING EVENTS.

Dec. 16

Jan. 1

Jan. 16

Feb. 7, 8 & 9

Sailing group Turkey Race continues.

You should have paid your 1991 dues by now.

Fun float at Naden Pool. (details inside.)

CanWest Hobby Show. CanWest Mall
This is a great chance to attract
new members by showing what we do!

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Both the outgoing and incoming executive wish to extend their wishes for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all V.M.S.S. members, their families and our advertisers. May 1991 bring you all many happy hours of modelling enjoyment.

ELECTION RESULTS.

Well, another year is almost over and we already have a new executive elected to carry on with the work of running the club in 1991.

We are fortunate in having 4 members of the executive from 1990 continuing on into 1991. This should provide some necessary experience and continuity.

As you can see from the list on page 2, we have a new Vice President and 5 new directors. The directors' assignments had not been decided on at press time, but the new people are to be congratulated on their success.

To those who let their name stand for election but were not successful, thank you for being willing to work for your club.

To those who couldn't run this time, please support

support the new executive. There will be lots of individual jobs at various functions throughout the year that do not require a long term commitment, and your help can make each one a success.



FUN FLOATS.

While possible sites for a Christmas lighted sail past were being discussed, Robert Gwalchmai raised the possibility of having some evenings of sailing in the Naden pool.

After he checked into it further he found that there are two possible dates available in early 1991. (The pool sees heavy use in the evenings.)

The first date available is Wednesday Jan. 16 from 8:30 to 9:30 pm. and the second is Feb. 13 (again a Wednesday at the same

times.)

Due to base security, this is only available to club members (the current membership list will be checked.) Parking is available around behind the pool, and it is recommended that you bring a small card table to hold your model at pool-side if desired.



SAILING GROUP.

This group is continuing to grow as we see more sailboats out each time we meet.

The first of the Turkey Races got off to a bit of a shaky start, as the early arrivals at Elk Lake found a major rowing event in progress, with our corner of the beach very busy. A quick decision was made to change the location to Beaver Lake for the day's events as discussed at an earlier meeting, and Henk asked his wife to start phoning people to warn them. A few people were missed and they arrived at Elk Lake after the rest had moved to Beaver. It is hoped that such an

occurrence can be avoided in the future, so everyone gets to sail together.

Those who did sail on Beaver Lake seemed to enjoy the day, and with winds varying from quite strong to very light throughout the racing, it proved difficult to predict one's finishing time.

Member Don Ferguson came all the way from Nanaimo to sail and we also were pleased to have a visit from Bob Sterne from Vancouver to join our racing, and provide some valuable instruction.

Bob brought one of his fabulous Marbleheads and an East Coast 12. He raced the Marblehead and between races was very generous in letting others try their hand at sailing it.

After the races were finished he launched his East Coast 12 and again handed over the controls to some of us who were lucky enough to be standing there with a longing look in our eye! He then gave a demonstration of sailing trim both on the water and with the boat in its cradle on the beach. It was very instructive to learn how to shape the sail by tensioning or easing each

part of the rigging, and what shape to be striving for.

Bob concluded by giving a short discussion about forming a Northern Racing Circuit (NORC) Group which requires promotion of both Marblehead and EC 12 classes, and he handed out several informative papers on sail trim, as well as lists of available boat parts for these classes.

Two weeks later we had another meet at Elk Lake and again, the rowers were busy, but we managed to share the lake nicely and several races were held under sun and light winds.

With several more boats under construction, we seem to be well under way with Rangers (64"), Marbleheads (50") and smaller boats in the 36" to 39" range being popular.

FOR SALE.

Bob Sterne 36/600 SAILBOAT.

..EVLAR HULL (extremely light).
CARBON FIBER MAST (high aspect suit of sails)
ALUMINUM MAST (high wind suit of sails)
FUTABA 2 channel (75 MHz) radio and FUTABA sail servo

Sacrifice at \$425.00

Contact Don Ferguson
758-9871 (Nanaimo)

Editor's note: I may have misplaced another sheet listing more goodies Don has for sale. Maybe he can submit it again if I did.



SAIL BOAT SOURCES.

As mentioned elsewhere, Bob Sterne has supplied us with a lot of information, including sources, and typical prices for sail boat items.

Rather than print it all here, I will just indicate that the info includes several sources for East Coast 12 hulls, sails and fittings. As well pricing is indicated for hull assemblies, suitable brass fittings from A.J. Fisher, rigging components and other bits and pieces so that anyone considering one of these fine boats can get an idea what he can expect to pay before it is completed. (It is often a real surprise to find out what one of our little projects takes out of the

family budget!)

As well a number of finished or partially finished boats for sale are listed (Marbleheads and EC 12's) and if nothing else, these give further ideas to the beginner about how little or how much you can spend.

Henk has listed some "typical" prices for various boat types as well, including a few of the more conventional kit sail boats for comparison.

If anyone is interested contact Henk or myself.

Dave Teece



STATIC SHIP KIT.

While the efforts of our radio control modellers are constantly being displayed when they operate their boats, or bring them to the meeting to show off their latest operating radar antenna or electronic sound synthesizer, it is easy to forget that many of our members go quietly about building static models that just sit there, looking fantastic.

For those people, here is a kit offer I just spotted in the Dec. issue of Model Railroader. They are promoting it as an HO scale boat (possibly as a prop for a layout) but at 1:96 it is only an approximation of HO's 1:87 scale. However this probably is of no concern at all to you static boat builders, right?

The model shown is a 13.5" model of the Port of New York pilot schooner "Phantom". The kit consists of pre-carved basswood hull, wood parts for cabins etc., ready to use blocks and deadeyes, brass and cast fittings, cotton rigging line, and copper strips to plate the hull. It even comes with a hardwood base and launching ways.

Now here comes the interesting part. They claim that their regular price is \$59.95 but they are now selling the kit for \$29.95 and orders before Dec.31 will also receive a free book on model building. In addition they offer to buy back the completed model (within 3 months) for \$100 which they then resell to collectors. They also offer a complete tool chest (which they

detail) at an unbelievable price.

The company is Model Expo, Inc. (Model Shipways) and they have been around for a long time. I have dealt with them many years ago. Does anyone have more recent experience that would indicate this is not a scam? It sure all sounds too good to be true, if the beautiful model they show in a colour photo can really be the result!



WORLD SHIP SOCIETY
MODEL COMPETITION.

In the Oct. Binnacle I briefly mentioned that three of our members attended this event in Sept. Fred Haire has now given me the results of the competition as follows:

Scratch:

1. ARABS by P. Whitehead (Wash.)
2. ANTON by A. Lemaire (Vancouver)
3. PRINCESS KATHLEEN by Jack Lenfesty (VMSS)

Tugboats:

1. ARABS (Whitehead)

2. CHARLES H. CATES by Harry Crosby (VMSS)
3. CATES 2 by Fred Haire (VMSS)

Diorama:

1. U.S. NAVAL DOCKYARD by Neil Ramage

Semi-Scratch:

1. CUTTY SARK by Geof. Marples (Prince George)

Kit-Plastic:

1. SCHNELLEBOOT by Holger Michelsen

Kit-Plastic-Modified:

1. CHEBEC by Janina Jakobow

Kit-Wood-Modified:

1. H.M.S. VICTORY by Dave Pearson
2. THERMOPYLAE by P. Whitehead
3. BLUENOSE by Brian Campbell

Fanciful:

1. LIL TTO by P. Whitehead

Highly Commended

Certificates to:

LADY ROSE by Doug Dyer (VMSS)

JAPANESE NAVY DIORAMA by Ernie O'Brien

H.M.S. ARK ROYAL (diorama) by Neil Ramage

It is nice to see our own club members doing so well (my earlier report wasn't accurate) in an international competition.

VICTORIA MODEL SHIPBUILDING SOCIETY
FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Year Ended 31 October 1990

INCOME

Memberships	1292.00	
Annual Banquet 1989 (net)	133.50	
Raffles (net)	236.06	
Advertising	72.00	
Donations	66.95	
Sales of Badges & Crests	23.25	
Coffee	31.62	
Bank Interest	<u>13.38</u>	
		<u>1868.76</u>

EXPENDITURES

Binnacle & Postage	283.34	
Pool Liner	180.00	
Stationery & Supplies	124.82	
Library	122.82	
Purchases of Cups & Crests	98.21	
Miscellaneous Materials	88.98	
P.O. Box Rental	50.00	
Legal	34.10	
Bank Charges	6.84	
Regatta Deficit	<u>123.95</u>	
		<u>1113.06</u>

Net Income for the Year 755.70

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash at Bank 1668.60

SURPLUS

Balance as at 1 November 1989	912.90	
Net Income for the year	<u>755.70</u>	<u>1668.60</u>

Bernard Eeles

The following info was submitted by Don Ferguson (for more info call him at (604) 758-9871 - Nanaimo!

CATALOGS OF INTEREST TO MODEL BUILDERS.

Handbook of Small Standardized Components Master Catalog 757
Stock Drive Products
55 South Denton Ave.,
New Hyde Park,
New York, N.Y. 11040

Will not take Visa or M.C.

This company sells gear products, timing belts (miniature), couplings, U-joints, flex shafts, and pulleys (for timing belts).

The only problems I have had with this outfit is that they will not send out a price list. So you must place an order, then wait til they send you an invoice, then send them the money and they will ship the products.

When placing an order specify that goods are to be shipped parcel post. They usually ship by U.P.S. who then charge you a brokerage fee (minimum \$19.00) even if the parts only cost possibly 35 cents.

Catalog nineteen-ninty - TOOLS -

Rio Grande Albuquerque, Inc.,
6901 Washington, N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87109

Catalog price \$2.00 U.S.
Will accept Visa or M.C.

Canadian 800 number 1-800-253-9738
Minimum order \$30:00

This catalog contains many tools used by all types of craftsmen but is primarily for jewellers. Many tools that you didn't know existed. Prices are in the catalog and range from expensive to very reasonable. There is also a very good list of books that are excellent sources of how it is done. Again specify that all goods are to be shipped by post and not U.P.S. unless you wish to pay the extra brokerage fee.