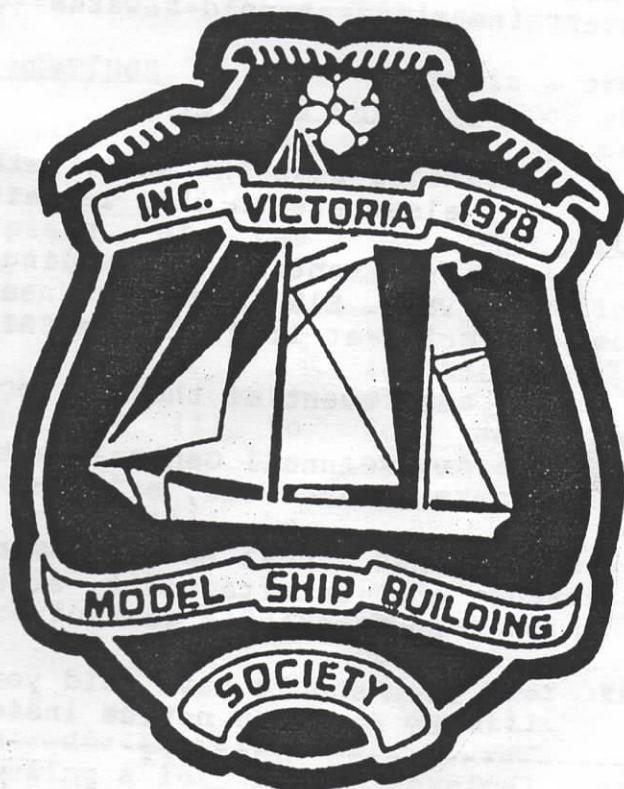


THE BINNACLE

OCTOBER 1990



NEXT MEETING NOV. 8th 1990 7:30 pm.
AT THE FLEET CLUB

Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society
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UPCOMING EVENTS.

Oct. 14 Model Swap 'N' Shop. Details elsewhere in this issue.

Oct. 21 2nd event of the sailing group of VMSS. Elk Lake beach near rowing club at 1:00 pm. See SAILING NEWS.

Nov. 4 3rd event of the sailing group.

Nov. 8 VMSS Annual General Meeting. Please come and vote, or stand for office.

Dec.13 VMSS Annual Banquet. Fine dining and good entertainment, free of club business this year!

Jan. 1 You should have paid your 1991 dues by now. See notice inside.

A SAD NOTE.

We were sorry to learn that one of our members, Des Studley, passed away recently. Des was a member who was willing to tackle interesting projects, and he will be missed.

NOTICE OF 1990 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society

In accordance with the Society Act of B.C., notice is hereby given that the 1990 Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society will be held on Thursday, November 8, 1990 at the Pacific Fleet Club in Esquimalt, B.C. The main business of this meeting will be the election of officers for 1991.

R.A. Hillsden
Secretary

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NOV. MEETINGS.

This is just a final reminder that the annual general meeting of VMSS will take place at the NOVEMBER meeting this year to free up the Dec. meeting for fun at the banquet.

John Gough has very kindly VOLUNTEERED (!) to act as head of the nominating committee again this year, and will be contacting members to see if they would be willing to run for office for the 1991 year.

We have had many new members join during the past year, showing a lot of enthusiasm in the club. As well, a number of the longer established members, have expressed opinions about how certain aspects of the club should be run.

Now is a great chance to put some of your ideas into motion by serving as a director.

JOB OPPORTUNITY.

An excellent position will soon become available in the club. This position offers fame, opportunities for advancement and a guaranteed seat at regular and executive meetings.

The successful candidate will possess a basic understanding of English but will not be penalized unduly for knowing French or Swahili.

Physical skills should include the ability to accurately aim at and hit little plastic squares with at least one or two fingers on each hand, while the eyes dart back and forth

between a scrawl on a piece of paper and the reruns of Gilligan's Island on TV.

A tendency toward verbal diarrhea is definitely an asset.

Compensation can be discussed (if you can get the President to stop laughing) but the benefits package is extensive, including the mental peace of knowing you are a contributor to the club's well being, the chance to escape household chores for a second meeting night each month, and an excuse to play with stuff like whiteout, glue sticks and pointy scissors in the privacy of your own home.

What this all means is that I will be giving up the post as editor of the Binnacle immediately after the Dec. issue is pasted up.

Hopefully before then, another member will show an interest in taking over as editor. I am quite willing to show an interested person how I have done it, and while I used a computer, it is not essential. A typewriter could be used to produce a good newsletter.

Dave Teece

NO DUES INCREASE.

In the last Binnacle a scheme was suggested to raise the dues to cover costs of mailing the newsletter to all members.

At the last executive meeting this was discussed further and it was decided that the fees should remain at \$20 for the 1991 year.

DECEMBER SAILPAST.

Plans are underway to hold a sailpast with our boats all lit up with pretty lights for the holiday season.

While the date has not been finalized, the sites been considered are the Dallas Rd. boat pond, or a local swimming pool, such as Juan de Fuca where we had a successful meet during the past year. Consideration has to be given to the possibility of poor weather at that time of year, so a pool may be the safest choice.

It is hoped that many of our members will take the time to dress up their boats with extra lighting for this event, as it is a unique chance for some night running. Who will be the most creative?

method, to preserve its appearance when not racing.

A second concern was the possible conflict in radio channels when we start to get a large number of boats out. (Several boats are under construction right now, so that at the initial events this won't be so serious).

The people present were polled for their channel numbers to see what conflicts might occur, but as usual, most of us could not remember our channel numbers. Several people had more than one crystal set to choose from however.

On this topic, some cooperation is requested from the other VMSS members who may come out with their tugs, corvettes, submarines etc. While there will be a rescue boat available during this time slot, making running of power boats as well as the sailboats safer on the big lake, please remember that this rescue boat is chiefly there in support of the sail boat people who made the effort to bring it. If the sailboats can not race, due to lack of available radio channels, there is no point in going and the rescue boat and other

aspects of these events will soon cease, during this time slot. It is hoped we can all share the channels we have and the power boat owners will refrain from using a conflicting channel until a race is finished.

The group will try and do future planning at the regular VMSS meetings, so there will be plenty of chances for other members to listen in, ask questions and get involved if they are interested. It is a great way to keep your nicads cycled during the winter monsoons, while that ongoing masterpiece sits safe and dry in a warm basement, awaiting a spring launching!

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SAILBOAT PARTS.

For those who may be getting tempted, Fred has returned from Vancouver with a price list of parts, sails, masts, winches etc. from Bob's Boatyard. Bob Sterne, the owner, recently captured 2nd place in the Canadian Marblehead Model Yacht Racing Championships, and designed and built most of the boats and made their sails, so he knows which is the "good stuff".

Of course, it is hoped you will support our local hobby dealers, who certainly support us, but for those special items not available locally, you might have a look at Fred's list.

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REGATTA MASTERS.

Many club members have expressed frustration at seeing the same boats year after year, competing for the top spots in our regatta.

The clubs who attend our event have a few very exceptional modelers who are impossible for most of us to surpass, and while we want their participation, it is felt that the "mere mortals" should have a chance for the glory.

At the last executive meeting, a discussion was held concerning this and Fred Haire presented an idea that is worth developing.

He suggested that previous WINNERS in the master category would not be eligible to compete with the same boat again, but instead, would advance to a "demonstration" category.

In this category the modeler would be required to put on a 20 min. to 1 hour show for the judges, demonstrating their skills as well as showmanship.

Rather than following a set course with certain required elements such as the rest of us follow, it would be up to each of them to do whatever they could to convince the judges that they are the best one on the pond! This would open the door for someone with slightly less than perfect modeling or navigation skills to top someone else by overall showmanship.

It seems that this would not only leave the masters class open for some other modelers but would provide our visiting public with a unique experience that they would talk about for a long time.

I am sure, Fred would welcome your views in order to develop this idea.

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