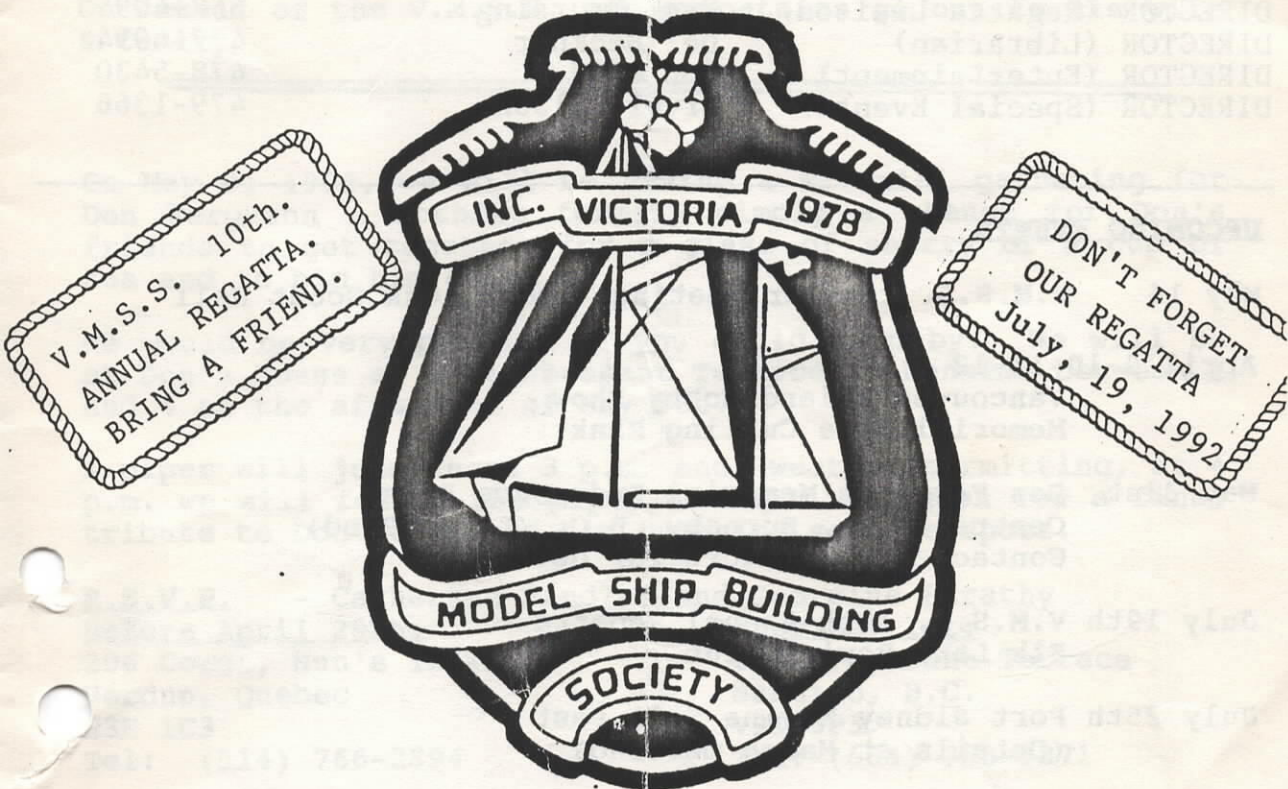


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APRIL 1992



NEXT MEETING MAY 14, 1992. 7:30 pm.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14 V.M.S.S. regular meeting - Royal Oak Scout Hall

April 9-10-11-12

Vancouver Island Hobby Show  
Memorial Area Curling Rink

May 31st Don Ferguson Memorial Endurance Race  
Central Park, Burnaby, B.C. (Lower Pond)  
Contact Ray Goodacre for details

July 19th V.M.S.S. 10th Annual Regatta  
Elk Lake Rowing Club

July 25th Port Sidney Marina Sail Past  
(Details at March meeting)

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### NOTICE OF PASSING

This spring marks the passing of yet another long time member of our club. LIEL MILNER passed away on March 23rd after a lengthy illness. Liel was forced to retire from the Club a couple of years ago due to poor health.

On behalf of the V.M.S.S. our sympathies go out to his wife & family.

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On May 9, 1992, we will be having a memorial gathering for Don Ferguson - nothing formal, simply a chance for Don's friends to get together for a glass of sherry or a cup of tea and to bid him adieu.

We would be very pleased if you could drop by. We will be at Don's house at 2301 Pheasant Terrace in Nanaimo between 1 and 4 on the afternoon of May 9th.

A piper will join us at 3 p.m. and, weather permitting, at 4 p.m. we will follow the piper to Piper's Lagoon for a final tribute to Don at one of his favorite seaside spots.

R.S.V.P. - Catherine Findlay and Georgine Strathy

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## REGATTA 1992 - JULY 19

Our tenth annual regatta, ten years in a row, that is really an event to celebrate.

It demonstrates that our club is strong and growing. It seemed appropriate to being in some novelties with regard to the coming regatta.

**First:** Because we have members who are dedicated to static modelling, without R/C gadgets, a special category will be added for only static; they can compete in the scratch, modified or kit class.

**Second:** Another newsy bit is an award for "animation", i.e. demonstrate the moving parts by R/C.

**Third:** The scratch modified and kit modified classes from past years are now combined under the heading "modified". The point differences between the classes are very much narrowed from 50 points in the past, to 27 points now, quite a lot.

We hope that these changes will wet your appetite to participate.

In the POWER boat section there are novice, skilled and master categories, divided in kit, modified and scratch.

The SAIL boats have also these three classes, but only in skilled and novice.

Sailboats will sail (wind permitting) at least three Olympic triangles and will be submitted to an ingenious instant handicap system, specially designed with computer by Derek, who develops miracles.

Another way to improve the whole procedure is to give the judges more and better information.

All the changes and new rules will hopefully improve the quality and smooth performance of our tenth regatta, which is open to everybody, club member or not.

The entry price for the first boat you enter is \$5.00 and the next boats are \$1.00 each.







Thanks to the cooperation of the VICTORIA ROWING SOCIETY, we can hold our regatta at the same place as last year, at their premises at ELK LAKE.

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ear members

Just a note of thanks to acknowledge your response to the Maritime Museum membership drive. It is a fine start to what I trust will be a successful venture and that more of our members will join us as time passes.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,  
John Gough



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## SAILS ON A LOW COST BUDGET:

Sails are a cost consideration for all kit or scratch builders getting into R.C. sail. Most of the kits that are sold by local hobby shops have single panel sails included. When buying hulls & decks, etc. from a commercial designer-builder-producer, like our own Rob Woodward with his Ranger kits, or Bob Sterne with his full range of different classes of kits, sails are treated as a separate cost item. Therefore, your choice becomes dollar & cents versus performance type of decision.

Professional sails today are truly efficient & the level of development in the last 15 years is a credit to the enthusiastic lot of sail makers producing these multi-panel Mylar & Dacron sails.

If you are persistent in the idea of producing your own sails, I hope some of the following text will help you produce a better product. I personally have bought professional as well as produced my own, under a Ma & Pa type of operation. I believe heavy weather sails should be the choice of the home builder & leave the light air sails to the pros.

Please make constant reference to the diagram enclosed as you read the following steps.

- (1.) Draw a full size sail plan on pattern making material such as heavy paper or board.
- (2.) Follow the proportions for curvature on the Luff & Foot of the main sail I've shown. The length of the Luff & amount of Foot are usually stated by the class rules & of course the amount of Roach is determined this way also.  
The Ranger sails very well with no roach on the mainsail & because of this, I decided no roach for the storm sail for "Black Magic". On "Annabelle", I designed roach into the main. As of writing I haven't had sufficient trials to state a personal opinion on roach or no roach.
- (3.) The Leech of the mainsail pattern should always be laid out onto the edge, parallel with the selvage edge of the cloth, to avoid stretch in the leech of the sail.
- (4.) If you design a roach into the leech of the sail, a hem or single fold will be necessary & also battens sewn in will be needed.
- (5.) The selvage edge is sufficient for a sail with no roach (no battens needed).
- (6.) How the luff is going to be attached to the mast is a major decision. I have made sails with a luff rope as well as the traditional tied rings around the mast. Professional, Bob Sterne suggests the latter system, as he believes the sails hang better. Sometimes Class rules dictate what has to be.
- (7.) A careful study of the following drawing will give most information necessary for a single panel sail. Remember, at least 3 pieces of reinforcement are needed at the head, tack & clew.

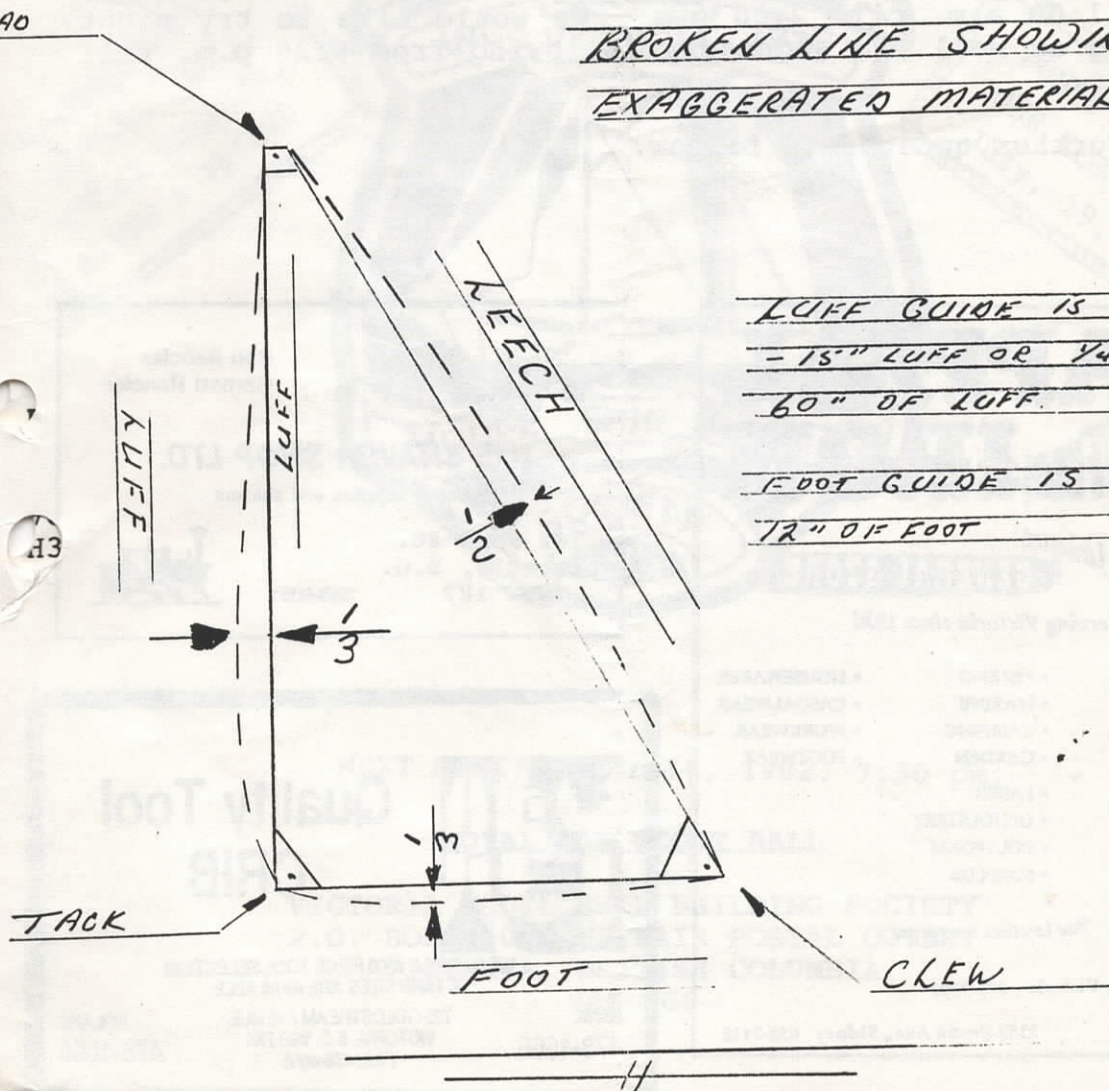
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(8.) Some type of descriptive marking such as your C.M.Y.A. or A.M.Y.A. numbers & class insignia are necessary if you are racing. Telltales are also a welcome addition.

(9.) Next month we'll continue and "Jib It".

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**STATUS REPORT**  
**DALLAS ROAD POND**  
**by. Capt. ORVAL & JEFF**

After discussing with City of Victoria Eng. Dept. ,we were told that the **Harrison Pond** would be drained and cleaned Friday March 20th. and the feathers would be skimmed off every two weeks there after till next Fall. So, guys, if we expect the City to keep this us, we, the club members, have to show them that we are using it. So like the famous saying goes "Use it or loose it".

Starting in April, V.M.S.S. Power Sailing will be at Dallas Road pond, every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. We would like to try night sailing as well the Wednesday following from 6:30 p.m. till bedtime.

Further updates to follow.

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