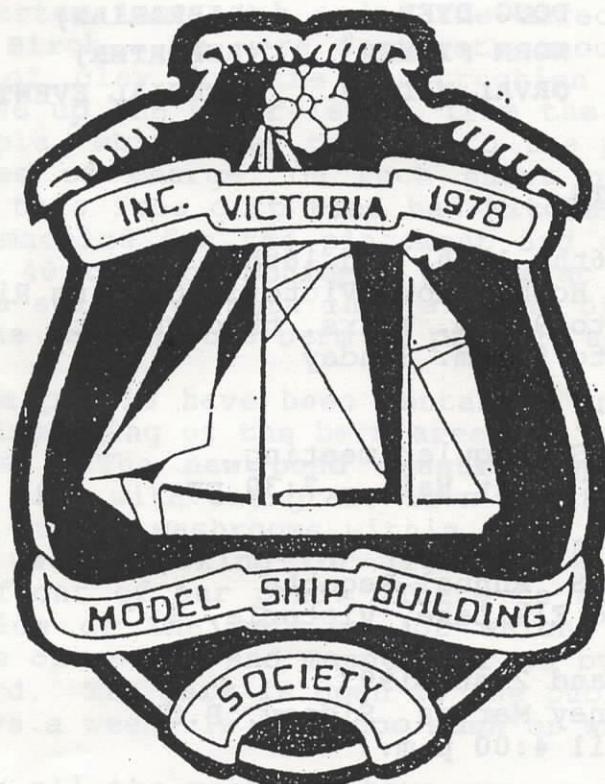


THE BINNACLE

APRIL 1993



NEXT MEETING MAY 13TH, 1993. 7:30 p.m.
ROYAL OAK SCOUT HALL
(weather permitting) J.D.F. POND

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th.:

Victoria Hobby Show, Victoria Curling Rink

10: am. to 9: pm. Thurs. through Sat.

10: am. to 5: pm. Sunday

May 13th, 1993:

V. M. S. S. Regular meeting

Royal Oak Scout Hall - 7:30 pm.

July 18th, 1993:

V. M. S. S. Annual Regatta

South End Elk Lake, Victoria, B.C.

August 20th, and 21st. 1993:

Port Sidney Marina, Sidney, B.C.

noon until 4:00 p.m.

First and Third Sunday each month

V.M.S.S. R.C. Sailing

South End Elk Lake

Second and Fourth Sunday each month

V.M.S.S. R.C. Power

Harrison Pond

Please Note: Bill Birch has informed me that the Dallas Road pond has been cleaned and filled by the city. To the City Park's Dept. once again **our thanks.**

4:00 pm Wed

*MAY 9,
first new pond
meeting*

JUAN DE FUCA POND

V.M.S.S. has come of age. We now have a pond that is officially ours. Last week V.M.S.S. received a signed lease from C.R.D. and Juan de Fuca Parks Board, for an area, on which to construct a model boat pond, located at the lower level of the Juan de Fuca Rec. Centre in Colwood.

Construction started last week under the direction of **Fred Haire and Bill Birch**. We were fortunate enough to secure some 35 loads of clay for the construction of the berm required to raise up the water level, from the Juan de Fuca Rec. Centre people, which they trucked to the proposed pond site for us free of charge. On such short notice of the availability of this free gift Fred had **Mitchell Excavation Ltd.** provide a machine for the placement and compacting of the soil. Some 40 tons of boulders were also provided and placed to form a spillway, both into and out of the pond as well as along the face of the berm to prevent soil erosion.

The Juan de Fuca people have been fantastic and offered to complete the landscaping of the berm area and bring it up to park's standards. The **new** pond measure approx. **250'** in **length** and **100' wide** with cut grass lawn for the entire way around. It has public washrooms within 200', an electrical outlet for our use. Parking for 120 cars with 30 spaces immediately in front of our pond. There is also a canteen on the other side of the parking lot which if booked in advance, will be opened up and manned for us by the Juan de Fuca Park's Board. The park is open to the public from **7am.** till **11pm.** 7 days a week. Is this **too much** or what!

Well, Gentlemen, all the machines have gone and I would say that we have about received all the breaks and freebies that we are entitled to. Now the rest is up to us. We can form a work parties using every willing person to their best ability. We have a road to put in, staging areas to build, finger piers to construct, a retainer wall to erect Etc. We will try to organize this at this month's meeting. At this time, I would like to personally say thanks to both **Bill** and **Fred**, for we would not be this far without your efforts, well done.

Gil Templeman

DEAR V.M.S.S. MEMBERS and ADVERTISERS,

At this January's monthly meeting, it was proposed and unanimously agreed by all members present, that due to ever increasing costs of running our club, the **dues** for **1993** will be increased to \$25.00 from \$20.00. It would be appreciated if dues were received by month's end.

Many thanks
Gil Templeman

Dues are now overdue.

If your cheque is not into the secretary's hands by this month's meeting end, you will not receive next month's **BINNACLE** and will no longer be a member.

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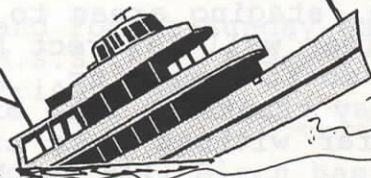
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NORC-I REGATTA -- March 27, 28/93

The sun blessed us for those two beautiful days, and our venue at Elk Lake was at its best. During the weekend, we were able to offer the 28 visiting contestants many types of wind conditions. The model skippers came from Portland, Tacoma, Gig Harbour, Seattle area and Vancouver, with Rob Woodward and Chris Rennie representing our own Club.

Saturday we were racing E.C. 12 Metre boats and Sunday was for Marbleheads. Saturday put our race committee to the test with a total of 28 heats, making 14 races to handle, a grueling day. Derek Baker, official scorer, was our key number man. (I hope by next year Dereks hair has had time to grow back.)

Henk Meursing had a few headaches over two protest, which he was able to work out amiably for all concerned. Russ Hayden's floats, course layout and foreshore control system was excellent.

Saturday night, we held a banquet at the Crest Motel where the pressures of the day's racing were talk@d about and laughed at. Our presedent, Ron Wild and wife, were there and Ron added a little humour in his welcome to the visitors.

On Sunday, we held 22 heats making 11 races and wrapped it up with prize giving about 3 PM. The Portland people had 6-8 hour push for home that night.

Our V.M.S.S. crew of helpers were great, too many to list individually, but a big thanks to them all for a job well done. Also, thanks to Harry Crosby for letting us use his sound system, it was a tremendous help.

The Powere Boaters and Static Modellers of V.M.S.S. who took time out of their weekend to come and watch and support us, we the sailors thank you. Our V.M.S.S. is a sanctioned club, hosting the NORC. regatta within the C.R.Y. and A.M.Y.A.. It's Henk M. continuing energy to promote Model Yachting in the Victoria area thats brought this all about. Take a bow HENK.

K.L.

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LIBRARY REPORT



REMEMBER BOOKS ARE ALWAYS DUE IN ONE MONTH.

The card system is now in place, I hope this will make it easier to borrow and return books.

The latest edition to the library is a detailed book called How to Cast Small Metal and Rubber Parts by William Cannon. This book contains information on just about every aspect of casting, from casting sand, to making your own casting equipment. Special thanks to John Moule and Don Gorby for the donation of magazines, including an interesting article on propellers.

Doug Dyer - Librarian
April, 1993

A NEW CLUB PROJECT

Over the next few months I will be compiling an illustrated list of all the models owned by the membership. I feel that this sort of record would be a valuable asset to the club as both a conversation piece and as a record of the excellent modelling ability in this club.

This list could be compiled in short order if members could provide me with a picture of each of their models and these basic statistics.

- 1 MODEL NAME
- 2 MODEL SCALE
- 3 MODEL LENGTH
- 4 BUILDER / OWNER'S NAME

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