

THE BINNACLE

August 1997



Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society

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Next Meeting: Thursday September 11, 1997

7:30 PM Royal Oak Scout Hall

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1997

President	Ron Armstrong	391-0101
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Bill Barker	Ray Bethell	Bill Birch
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UPCOMING EVENTS IN 1997

Every Sunday	Harrison Pond	10:30 - 1:30
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Sundays 1 st & 3 rd	Sailing - Beaver Lake	10:30 - 3:00
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July 13	Strawberry Festival	Beaver Lake
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August 10	Burnaby Regatta	
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August 14	Regular Meeting	7:30pm Harrison Pond
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August 24	2nd Fungatta	Tentative
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All Summer	Maritime Museum Modelmania	
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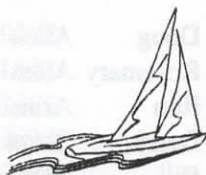
Last Sunday, six members of the "Star" class sailing group were hosted by the Mayne Islanders Vic & Peter to a small regatta on the Miner's Bay area pond. Needless to say, the weather was superb and the winds on the pond were very active and changeable, much to the enjoyment of the sailing group. Ken Lockley scored a convincing win over the locals and claims he had one of the best days in recent memory, a fact that I can surely attest to.

The rest of us mere mortals will not likely hear the end of this outing for some time. All in all, a very enjoyable day topped off by scrumptious munchies and **cold beer** supplied by Peter & Pauline. Many thanks.

jrp

From The Bridge

Summer is finally here and we are able to enjoy it, at various venues. Large more members to use Harrison Pond, especially on Sunday afternoons. Remember the Club Boat is available for those who don't yet have one. Just call ahead to V-P Ron Hillsden to ensure it will be there that day. Meanwhile...



Fungatta, July 6th, Harrison Pond

Brilliant sunshine was just one thing that made this event so enjoyable. The action began with a parade and presidential salute (despite lack of proper dress). Then 21 competitors entered the Steering Course designed by Ron Wild. To me it was only a bit more challenging than others we've had. What made it tough were the strict judging rules Ron laid down. Points lost for dithering, shunting, drifting, any kind of bumping, less-than-crisp movements and no second chances. The final tally showed a full "sailor" sweep of the top three honours. Rob Woodward's mystique grows! All day there was great camaraderie, as usual bolstered by judge Don Thompson's ribald humour. Thanks to all who helped make this Fungatta a success, especially Bill Barker on Registration, Ed on Frequency Control and, of course, Ron for pulling it all together. Bravo Zulu! (well, it was supposed to be a naval do).

Strawberry Festival, July 13, Beaver Lake

Six of us responded to the Kiwanis request for the third year in a row. We found tables and snow fence in place but no float line to separate us from the swimmers. Much presidential hectoring and the CRD staff closed the gap. Parking was well controlled and we had dedicated spaces together. We were on the water by 11 A.M. and ran until 2 when most batteries were flat. Our maneuvers were unplanned, and always in wind and wave, but seemed to delight the spectators. Especially impressive was Ron backing the "Kootenay" against the wind into the "L" of my floating wharf, perfectly. One extraordinary item as the arrival of 13 year old Dustin Adam, who called me to express his keen interest in the hobby and club. We let him try the "Bonnie C", first under Bill Barker's guidance, then mine. As I was explaining the basics of docking to him, he made a perfect portside berthing into the wind! And repeated it! This boy belongs in our club. Just as the Communist Party of the old Soviet Union had to have all top talent within its ranks, so should we. All in all a very pleasant day in the sunshine. And the free strawberries and ice cream were good too!

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"Sherry Dawn"s" Excellent Adventure

I approached Beaver Lake with the usual worries about nautical mishap. "Moyie" went first in and out beyond wading depth her battery failed. The prevailing northerly caught her and pushed over the float line into the swimming zone (see above for irony of this!). I sent "Sherry Dawn" to the res-

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cue, fearing she would need help herself. She halted the errant sternwheeler's drift south but couldn't combat the ship's great windage. So I angled them towards shore, beyond the toddlers, lifeguard and main stage. There I solved the problem of how to carry two models plus a transmitter by making the tug work. She towed "Moyie" past the perils of curious kids and idiot adult who tossed a stick for her dog within a foot of the little convoy. They made it back with only minor damage, to Bill Barker's con-

gratulations. Later "Sherry Dawn" saved Bill's sailboat from the willow tree where it was doing circles due to low battery. Later still she bunted my 25lb. Chip barge into shore. Not a bad day for a working tug! I know that many of you are saying "So what?" but given my fleet's track record this was truly an "Excellent Adventure"!

Found

after the Fungatta - a brown wash cloth

after the Strawberry Festival - a grey face-cloth

or is it the other way around? Anyway, if you're missing these call me at 391-0101

Look Ahead

At the halfway mark we have some key dates ahead. First is the **Commonwealth Pool** on Sunday, August 17 afternoon. Like April 1996 but with one more fan for the sailboats. Next is our annual show at the **Saanich Fair** all three days of the Labour Day weekend. Bill Huckin has the sign-up sheet for this. Then comes the **Saltwater Festival** at Port Sidney Marina. Details still being finalized but definite improvements over last year. While our schedule of public displays may seem demanding, they are the best means we have of showing off our hobby and thus recruiting new members. With Fall coming, think about a contribution to this newsletter. Your tips and hints will be welcome reading as we return to our workshops.

See you at waterside!

R.A.

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Mini Regatta Results

July 6, 1997

Number	Name	Model Name	Final Score
1	Moe Holden	Marion H	Scratched
2	Bill Lewis	Banckert	Scratched
3	Dave Winter	HMCS Sackville	Scratched
4	Dave Winter	HMCS Iroquois	47
5	Doug Allen	Crusader	74
6	Rosemary Allen	Emery Allen	75
7	Ed Boddaert	Zwarte Zee	75
8	Julie Hillsden	HMCS Shediak	123 3rd Place
9	Ron Hillsden	HMCS Kootenay	66
10	Ron Hillsden	St. Rock	Did not finish
11	Scott Ringrose	Lady Barbara	124 2nd Place
12	Ken Lockley	Alice	70
13	Dave Seager	Lady Barbara	122
14	Ron Wild	Laurier	Scratched
15	Rob Woodward	Lady Barbara	130 1st place
16	Geoff Walton	HMS Peacock	76
17	Geoff Walton	Mona's Queen	122
18	Len gibbs	Heatherton	59
19	Don McLeod	Anyox	Scratched
20	Ron Armstrong	Sherry Dawn	118
21	Ron Armstrong	Moyie	Scratched
22	Doug Allen	Emery Allen	92

The 1997 FOSS CUP

Operation, radio Controlled, Tugboat Regatta

Northwest R/C Ship Modelers & Foss Maritime presents the 1997 Foss Cup. A gathering of the best R/C tugboat skippers and boats from the west coast of the US and Canada.

New for '97

The Foss Cup moves to August

Vintage Tugboat Class added

- This years 'scored' events will include Barge Handling and Salvage as Sea.
- A separate Bollart Pull competition with a perpetual award.
- Many Hobby suppliers will again provide their products for our raffle.
- Judges will be Senior Foss Maritime tug Captains

The Directors of the Foss Cup, Northwest R/C Ship Modelers and Foss Maritime are again joining to present a high quality event. The format will be similar to previous years, and we hope to attract even more tugs and skippers.

FOSS CUP R/C/ OPERATIONAL TUGBOAT COMPETITION

Saturday, August 16, 1997

Bellevue, Washington, at the downtown park pond.

Begins 9:30

- Competition classes based on boat weight
- Free coffee and doughnuts
- Free lunch for contestants
- Free soft drinks though out the day
- Raffles for great Prizes

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