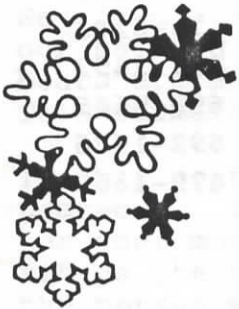


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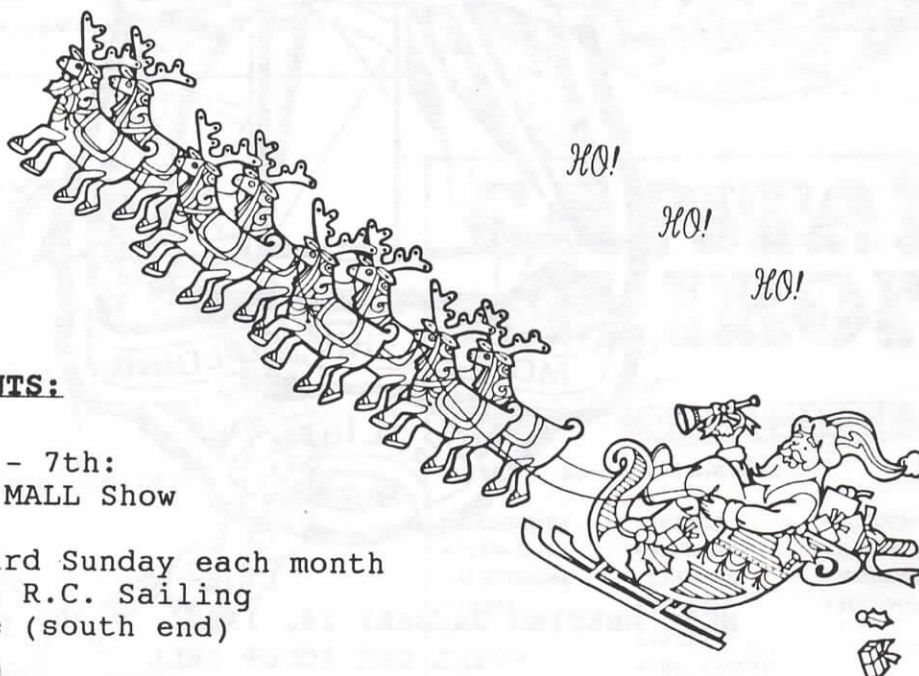


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UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 5th - 7th:
CANWEST MALL Show

First and Third Sunday each month
V.M.S.S. R.C. Sailing
Elk Lake (south end)

Second and Fourth Sunday each month
V.M.S.S. R.C. Power Harrison Pond

Editorial

Once again, this coming February, we have invited to put on the **CANWEST MALL SHOW** for which we have now become famous.

Ron tells us that our time slot will be the first week-end in February. We are going to require lots of volunteers for both set-up and take-down as in the past. Let's not have it all fall on the same shoulders. This year, we will have more tables and perhaps a slightly different layout for the viewing audiences. We would like to see as many "half-builts" and "boats under construction" as we can get out. We would also like to see another good representation from our sailing division. The mere size of these magnificent boats are a real eye-catcher. This stimulates interests in would-be and future modellers.

In this month's newsletter, please find the information card tear-out. I would like to have each of you to fill out one for your model or models with as much information as will fit on the back of the card. The reason for this is to give the person working the show on your behalf as much knowledge of your vessel as you have. The cards will then be given to one of our members who has volunteered to have them laminated for durability and uniformity in appearance. Cards in the past have been of all shapes and sizes, and amounts of information.

Let's live up to our reputation and make the first show of the year at CanWest the best ever.

I am told that there will be a People's Choice Award this year. I am also told that there will be Hardware awarded.

G.W. Templeman,
Editor.



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There are no drawings for these models, but Henk does have the name and phone number of the original owner. The moulds are in excellent condition and anyone using them would end up with a very good hull.

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Scale:

1:48

Working capacity:

5.729 pounds

Built: 1991

by: Gil Templeman

5.50"

A.95"

Information Spec. Card

Above, please find a sample of our new information card which will be placed in front of every radio controlled or static model on display at one of the Mall Shows or Regattas you attend. The ideal thing would be to have a info. card on everyone of **your** models. The purpose of this, is to enable the club member who is working the Show, to answer as many questions from the public as possible, on the model, the original vessel and indeed about the modeler.

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If we are to standardize these cards, it would help if you could follow this sample format. On the card's front, will be about the MODEL: physical size, weight, scale, method of construction, year built, approx. time taken and of course, by whom. Then on the reverse side, as much info. as you can get on the actual vessel, such as the year built, country of origin, past and present history and other interesting data such as change of use, how many passengers does it carry, how many barrels of oil does it carry, and any colourful history such as: was this particular vessel used in a newsworthy event such as a battle or disaster. All these questions have been put to more than one modeller for which he did not have the answer. The information side of the spec. card will give your club member all the data that you have assembled in researching this model.

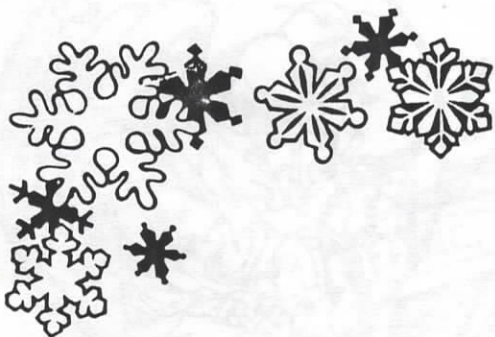
If you would kindly fill out this information card and get it back to me well in advance of the February Mall Show, we will try to get these cards prepared by then.

Gil Templeman

Note from the librarian:

It is noted by our records that there is several books still out by the membership. The new policy for 1993 will be: All books, periodicals and videos will be lent out on a 30-day basis only and will be due back prior to the next meeting. If further time is requested, the item will be re-issued.

Doug Dyer, Librarian.





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