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The Binnacle

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Upcoming Events

January 12th, 1995.

V.M.S.S. Regular monthly meeting
Don Koehler - film and discussion on building model submarines.

February 9, 1995.

Ken Lockley. Half hull construction techniques.

March 9, 1995.

Doug Dyer
Scratch building form the plans to the work bench.

April 13th, 1995

Derek Baker. Electronics - "What you did not know and were afraid to ask about."

Note: In order to help Derek plan his discussion he would appreciate members submitting their electrical problems to him well before the April meeting.

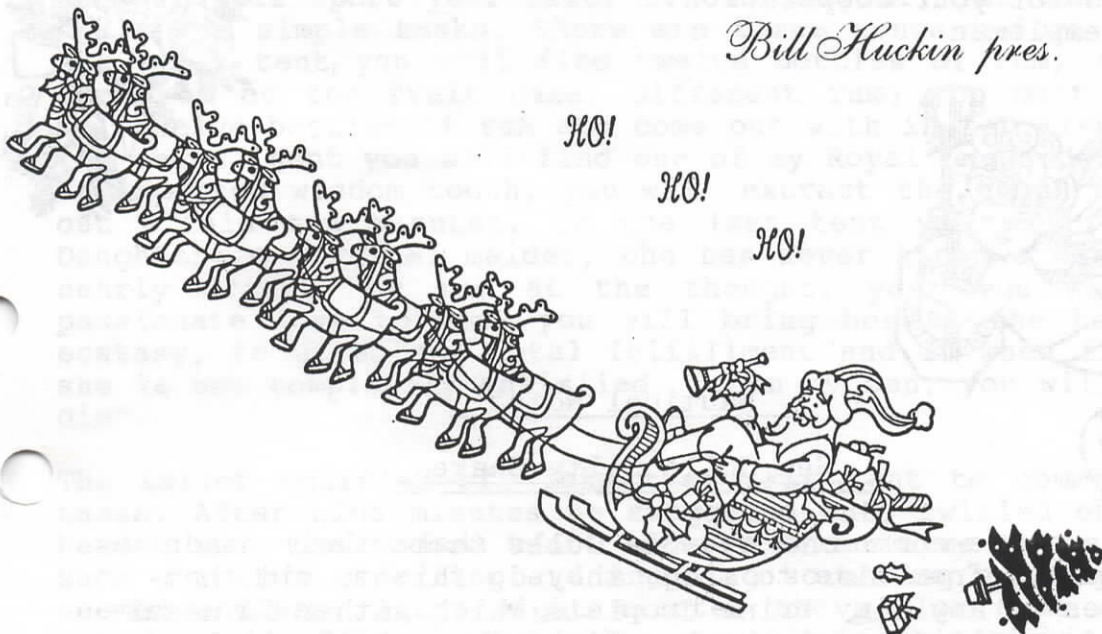
May 11, 1995

Jack Lenfesty. A showing of Jack's award-winning film "Model Ships and Sailboats".

Christmas Greetings

On behalf of the executive and the new directors of the V.M.S.I. for 1995. I would like to wish all modelers and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, good boating and happy sailing for the coming season.

Bill Huckin pres.



News Event:

Once again coming up in early in February **Canwest Mall** has asked Us to put on our now famous "MINI-MALL BOAT REGATTA" This will feature the 16" and under class, it will be a smaller version of our Elk lake regatta, we might even have some audience participation in the rubber band class. We will kick around some ideas at the January meeting, should be fun for all.

Editor's Note:

BINNACLE DISTRIBUTION FOR 1995.

The **Binnacle** will be mailed out to out-of towners and out of province members. All other members will pick up or arrange to have picked up their copy of the newsletter at regular monthly meetings. This should result in an overall reduction of postage and a saving of approximate of \$125.00 or in other words roughly the equivalent of five (5) memberships.

Thanks for your cooperation.
Gil Templeman



Nautical Notes

Sea Gulls Salty Shake

It is quite common to see Sea Gulls shake their heads violently from side to side, they do this to rid themselves of any tiny brine droplets which gather in nasal glands, exiting their beaks. It is through these glands that they dispose of excess sault which gathers in their bodies, as a result of their close association with the sea.

Turtles are known to do the same thing by shedding salty tears. Without these mechanisms, marine creatures would die of salt build up in their chemical systems.

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PEACE and Goodwill To Men

There was an old British Sailor who was in a Brunei prison condemned to death for high treason. The Sultan, while reviewing the case, thought that, out of respect for the man's religion and in the spirit of Christmas, He, the Sultan of Brunei, would spare the man's life, if he could, say, perform a few simple tasks. He reasoned, that putting a man to death at Christmas time, might seem in poor taste; not to mention the probability of an endless supply of bad luck which most certainly would follow.

He summoned the prisoner, "Sailor; he said, I the Sultan of Brunei, will spare your life, if and only if, you can perform but three simple tasks. There are three tents before you. In the first tent, you will find twelve bottles of rum, (not the same rum as the fruit cake, different rum) you must consume all twelve bottles of rum and come out with in ten minutes. In the second tent you will find one of my Royal Leopards, he has an impacted wisdom tooth, you will extract the tooth and come out within ten minutes. In the last tent you will find My Daughter; a virginal maiden, she has never known a man and is nearly driving me mad at the thought. you; you will make passionate love to her, you will bring her to the height of ecstasy, to utter and total fulfillment and if when finished, she is not completely satisfied, then my man, you will surely die".

The sailor scurried off into the first tent to commence his tasks. After nine minutes he swaggered out, swirled once then headed into the second tent. After a short time there started such a ruckus, snarling and snapping screaming and crying, it seemed endless. After eight minutes the sailor came crawling out, on all fours, staggering to his feet dripping blood profusely from about the head and shoulders. Looking strait at the Sultan through bloodshot eyes, he says, "Right then, now where's this maiden with the bad tooth? "

*Merry Christmas to all and to all,
Happy Holidays*

Al Templeman



Library Report

Another year as librarian has passed, I thank you for your confidence in my abilities, and I look forward to the coming year.

We will continue to acquire new books in the next year so your suggestions on suitable books are welcome.

Just a reminder that the loan period for books is one month, and you can come back each month to renew the book if you wish.

I have noticed that there are a few books that have been out for three months, so let's get these back by the January meeting.

Thanks, and happy holidays!

Doug Dyer - Librarian
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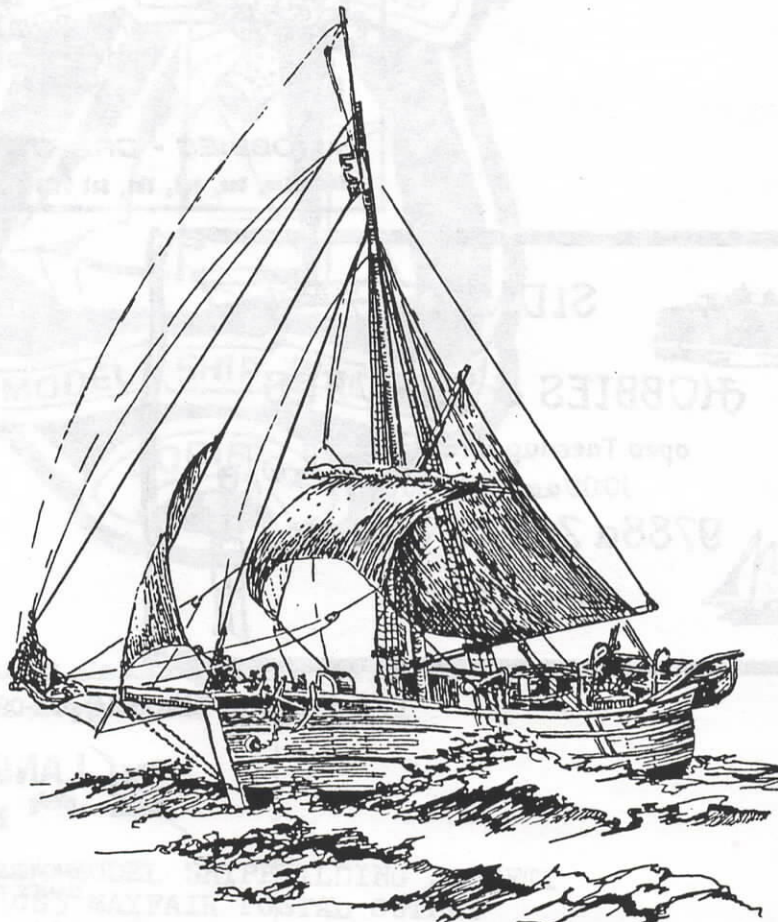
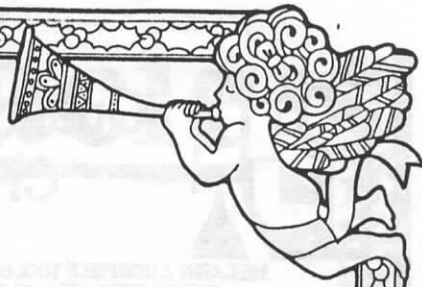
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