

*Row - Armstrong*

# The Binnacle

**FEBRUARY 1995**



**Next Meeting March 9th, 1995 - 7:30 p.m.  
Royal Oak Scout Hall**

**VICTORIA MODEL SHIPBUILDING SOCIETY  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9th, 1995.

V.M.S.S. Regular monthly meeting

Royal Oak Scout Hall 7:30 p.m.

Doug Dyer: Scratch Built, From plans to bench.

March 25th, 1995

CANADIAN OPEN EC-12 CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 26th, 1995

NORTH WEST RACING CIRCUIT,  
MARBLEHEAD DIVISION

April 13th, 14th, 15th. and 16th,

VICTORIA HOBBY SHOW

Victoria Curling Rink

Times and manning roster will be available at March meeting.

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".



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The EC 12 CANADIAN CLASS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, with approval of the CANADIAN RADIO YACHTING ASSOCIATION has given the organization of the CANADIAN OPEN EC 12 CHAMPIONSHIP 1995 to the VICTORIA MODEL SHIPBUILDING SOCIETY.

This event will take place March 25, 1995 in conjunction with the annual NORTH WEST RACING CIRCUIT, which this year will include the MARBLEHEAD DIVISIONAL on March 26, 1995.

This event will provide an excellent opportunity to further popularize model sailing in Victoria.  
Henk M. secr. EC12 CCOA.

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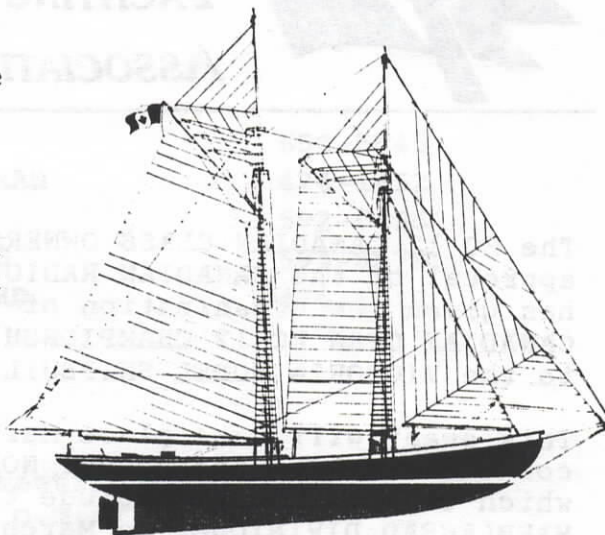




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**Robertson II**

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. Bill Lewis  
address and phone  
number to follow  
next issue.



EXTRACTS FROM THE LOG OF THE SHIP "FELICITY"

ROBERT OAKAPPLE - MASTER

June 3, 1820 Going down to the vessel for launching at 10:30 am. Met a woman with empty pail and passed Rev. Adam Noble. Launching unsuccessful. Ways broke down. Fear hull has been strained.

June 16 Hull jacked up, ways repaired. Builder reports no damage. Ship took water at 12:15 pm.

June 30 Great difficulty in securing crew to take vessel around to london.

July 12 Mate reports seaman brought one of those \*\*'furry' things on board. Ordered it's neck wrung and body thrown overboard. Temperature 70 Wind steady S E Fair.

Appendix: \*\*rabbit on a ship was considered very bad luck and was referred to as a 'furry' thing. Pigs, women and ministers were also unlucky omens. The second-named object of this trio-a woman- was only an object of ill omen if she carried an empty pail, or crossed the mariner's path.

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## *Skippers on the Shore*

by: Ron Armstrong

*From all walks of life, From the nautical to the topical  
From skill trades and tradable skills, come the skippers of the  
shores*

*Some are steeped in maritime lore and build a replica from  
scratch while others make a store-bought kit to be skippers on the  
shore*

*In workshops large and small, midst dust and parts and tools a  
dream takes shape to run, by a skipper on the shore*

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