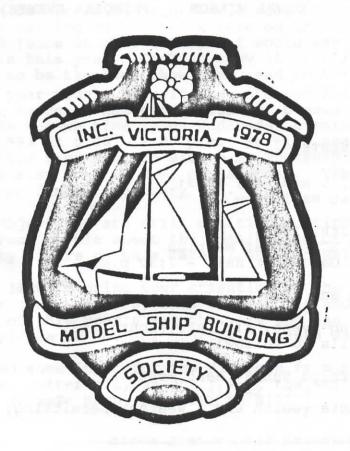
THE BINNACLE

JANUARY 1993



NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 11,1993. 7.30,p.m. ROYAL OAK SCOUT HALL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4, 5 and 6th, 1993: CanWest Mall Show

February 11th, 1993: V.M.S.S. Regular meeting Royal Oak Scout Hall - 7:30 p.m.

March 27th and 28th, 1993:

Sailing Event, Elk Lake (south end) (details to follow)

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

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

rom the President

Thanks for your confidence in permitting me to be at the helm for another year. It looks like a very interesting and entertaining upcoming season with the Hobby Show at CanWest Mall, the Hobby show at the Curling Rink, and our various sailing and power boat events at Elk Lake and the Dallas Road pond. Also according to Henk Meursing there will be another large sailing event at Elk Lake on the 27th and 28th of March 1993 (more on this later). I would ask you all to participate in this year's CanWest show if at all possible to enable it to be the best show ever, and to this end, please bring your models even if they are not finished. anyone wishes to do a "hands-on" display, please feel free to do so. The set-up time is on Wednesday evening, the 3rd of February 1993 at 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. We will need to man the exhibit from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Take down is at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 7th.

On another subject, we are still awaiting confirmation from the Juan de Fuca people about the feasibility of a pond on their property. More of this later from Fred Haire.

I would also like to bring your attention to the kind offer of one of our newer members, Jack Plummer, to undertake the coordination of this year's Regatta. If you can assist Jack in any way, please do so. My heartfelt thanks Jack!

Lastly, I need some input for the Binnacle from some of you power boaters. After all, we don't want the sailing group to outdo us, do we? Happy New Year to all.

Ron

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Berthing and Mooring

by Ron Wild

Last time we talked about anchoring the ship, this time we will take a short look at Berthing and Mooring.

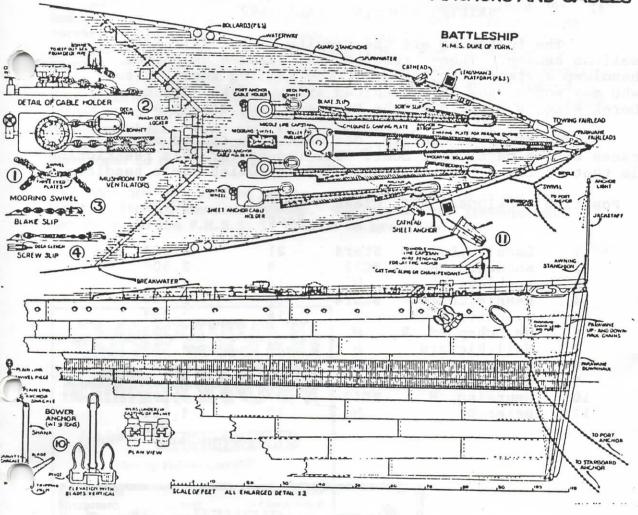
In berthing, the ship is brought alongside the wharf and she is held away from it with large wooden pontoons surrounded by thick rope fenders. In the navy, these are called "catamarans". The bow and stern are made fast by the head and stern ropes, and the ship is kept close in by the "breast ropes" and prevented for "surging" fore and aft by the "springs". For big ships, such as aircraft carriers, these ropes which are heavy flexible steel wire hawsers and belong to the ship are often doubled or even trebled. They have an eye spliced in the ends to go over the single bollards on the wharf.

In mooring, which is the positioning of the ship away from dockside, the ship or perhaps a number of ships, is/are held in place by using pre-positioned mooring bouys or if mooring bouys do not exist, by generally using two anchors which are dropped some distance apart, and bringing the cables together and attaching them to a "mooring swivel" so as to confine the ship's movement mainly to this point, and to the circle she can make between the two anchors when the tide sets the opposite way.

In the drawing of the cable arrangement of a battleship, the position of the mooring swivel at the junction of the two cables is shown; it is inserted at this point to prevent the cables from twisting together as the ship swings round since, if this were to happen, it would take a long and difficult process of manoeuvering to take out the turns. The bight of the cable from the port anchor can be seen in the drawing coming round the bows to the swivel, and in this relation it is known as the "bridle". This whole operation is known as "mooring".

Everyone should now be clear on the differences between "anchoring", "berthing", and "mooring".

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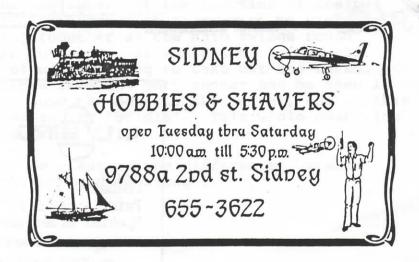
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SAILING RESULTS - FALL 1992

The following are the results of the Fall 1992 sailing season. These results were reached using the handicap system established for the sailing races. Those who may wonder how this handicap system works, can consult Derek Baker's article in the February 1992 Binnacle.

In order to qualify, one must have sailed at least 6 races with a particular boat. The reason for this restriction is that it takes that many races to establish one's handicap.

Position	Skipper		Class	# of Races	Score
1	Lockley, Lois		Star4	21	2.333
2	Woodward, R		EC12	8	2.500
3	Lockley, K		M	18	2.611
4	Rennie, Chris		Star4	27	2.630
5	Glennie, R		R	16	3.063
6	de Schepper,	R	M	6	3.333
7	Hall.Richard		M	14	3.429
8	Hayden, R		R	28	3.929
9	de Schepper,	R	36	8	4.125
10	Meursing, H		EC12	7	4.286
11	Baker, D		M	10	4.800



V.M.S.S. NEW TREASURER AND SECRETARY:

RICHARD HALL is building a Static Model of the Bluenose, about 25". It had been put on the shelf for a number of years and recently brought forward. This is what got him involved with V.M.S.S., and in the process, became interested in active sailing. Richard started a strip planked Marblehead last Spring when another new member started work on a Star. Poor Richard didn't know at that time what an involvement this would become. While construction is taking place, Roland DeSheppe loaned him a 36/600 to race on Sundays, and also gave him an old Marblehead hull. About this time, Josie Winsor, Richards Wife, thought it all looked interesting, and joined the Club, with Rolands old Marblehead to be finished as her boat.

They both are very willing workers, Josie on computers at our July Regatta, Richard whereever needed. Now they are our Treasurer and Secretary and the V.M.S.S. is pleased to have them.

L.L.

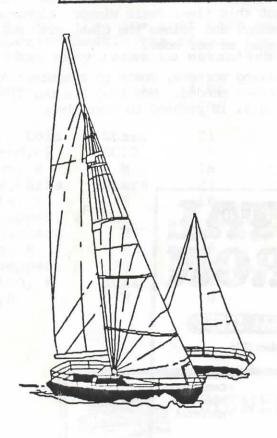




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