

The Binnacle

JANUARY 1995



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 3rd, 4th. and 5th, 1995.
V.M.S.S. CANWEST MALL MINI REGATTA
10 a.m. till 4 p.m. each day

February 9th, 1995.
V.M.S.S. Regular monthly meeting
Royal Oak Scout Hall 7:30 p.m.
Ken Lockley: Half hull construction techniques.

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
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April 13th, 1995

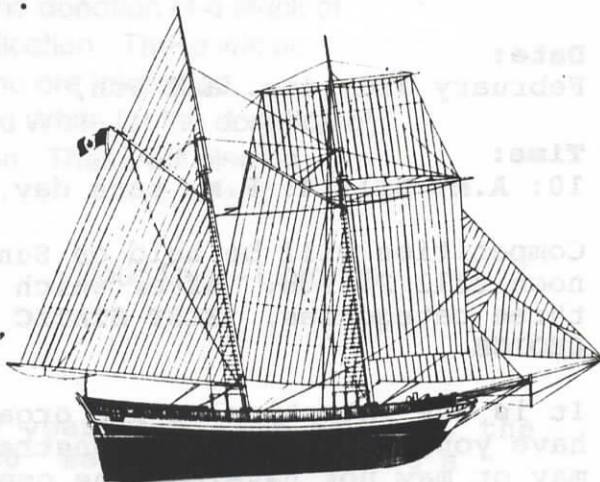
Derek Baker. Electronics - "What you did not know and were afraid to ask about."

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".

Sparred Length: 111'
Length on Deck: 78'
Beam: 20'6"
Draught: 9'9"
Rig: Square topsail schooner
Accommodation: 5 crew, 30 trainees



Pacific Swift

Retractabus prematurus

It may appear that **Bill Huckin's** \$100.00 special might need a few more hours in the test tank before relaunching takes place. On his last attempt to way anchor his boat took an immediate shine to **Geoff Walton's** boat and had to chase it half way across the pond before sinking it, oops, sploosh!! Hair Drier Time. Maybe cut back in it's hormones, Bill, or maybe it's just the colour, ah! a little more time in the tank will tell.

Gil.

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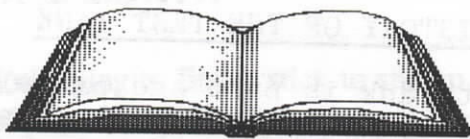
10: A.M. till 4: P.M. each day.

Competition will be held on Sunday February 5th, from 12: noon till 2: P.M. after which trophies will be awarded in three categories, **BEST STATIC STEERING COURSE** and **PEOPLES CHOICE**

It is the intention of the organizers of this regatta, to have you, the members demonstrate to the general public who may or may not have had the opportunity to attend our annual regatta, just what goes on at such an event. On a mini scale of course, In doing so, we will forgo, the media advertising, the special event liability insurance policy, the C.R.D. event permit, the caterers, the P.A. system, the FIRST AID people, and last but not least the judges. So with all this free time on our hands, there is really only one thing left to do and that is **JUST-HAVE-FUN.**

In the spirit of FUN , the open competition will be for the little guys, I mean the small boats, the 30cm and under class. these are the boats which always seem to come up **short** (no pun intended) at our annual regatta due to wind. This time the wind in the Canwest Mall should be at a minimum, so may the best Captain Win

G. Templeman



Library Report

I should begin by wishing everyone a happy new year.

Special thanks to John Moule for the donation of a stack of "Navy News", which is a Royal Navy publication. These will be made available in the Library for those who are interested.

Special thanks also goes to Elwood White for the donation of several catalogues and related information. These will also be made available in the library.

HAPPY MODELING IN '95.

Doug Dyer - Librarian

ANNUAL DUES

Dues are now due for 1995. This year, the same as last, the single membership will be \$25.00. We will be offering a family membership for \$35.00, this could be husband and wife, mother and daughter father and son etc. or in the case of my Mother-in-law with 17 brothers and sisters, that works out to about \$2.00 a head (such a deal). If you have a friend or know a friend, bring them down to one of our meetings, get them involved. Make your cheques payable to. **V.M.S.S.**

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The tank's function was to test previously built models, by testing and refining the shape to improve their speed and seaworthiness.

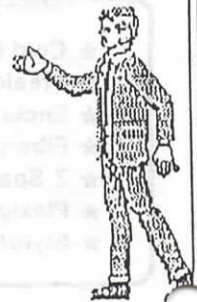
Another innovation was to build an over-sized scale model hull of a new design. The hull would have a coating of paraffin wax which would gradually be scraped off until the maximum safe speed was achieved.

The famous 'Cutty Sark' and the first turbine passenger ship, the 'King Edward' were early products of the Test Tank.

Marlin Spike.

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