THE BINNACLE

June 1997

Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society
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Next Meeting: Thursday July 10 1997
7:30 PM Harrison Yacht Pond

VICTORIA MODEL SHIPBUILDING SOCIETY

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN 1997

Every Sunday	Harrison Model Yacht Pond	10:30 - 1:30
Sundays 1st & 3rd	Sailing - Beaver Lake	10:30 - 3:00
June 15	Maritime Museum	Tentative
July 6	Fungatta	
July 10	Regular Meeting	7:30 pm
July 13	Strawberry Festival Beaver Lake	
August 10	Burnaby Regatta	

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Wanted

Mrs. Candace Galoway of Glen lLake area wishes to purchase 1 model boat including radio control- for her sons. will pay up to $200.00
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Maritime Quiz

By Ron Wild

1. In what year was the speed of 34.5 knots attained?
(a) 1928 (b) 1901 (c) 1894 (d) 1066

2. he "Landsort", a Swedish Tanker launched in 1991 has worlds largest rudder. It covers an area of (a) 824 sq ft.
(b) 716 sq. ft (c) 624 sq. ft. (d) 490 sq. ft.

3. In 1873 the Russians launched a new coastal defence ship called "Novgord". She was unique because
(a) she had the worlds largest guns.
(b) she had 6 propellers
(c) she was completely circular in shape
(d) she was powered by electric motors
(e) she was the first ship to have wireless

4. The Titanic had two sister ships, one being the "Olympic" Can you name the other?
(a) Germanic
(b) Britannic
(c) Oceanic
(d) Teutonic

5. What was the name of the mystery ship which failed to respond to the distress rockets from the Titanic?
(a) California
(b) Campanian
(c) Caledonia
(d) Carmania
(e) Carpathia

6. The ships City of Glasgow, City of Rome, City of New York, City of Paris, were owned by what shipping company?
(a) White Star Line
(b) Clan Line
(c) Anchor Line
(d) Inmasn Line
(e) Cunard Line
(f) Telephone Line

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Maritime Quiz Cont'd from page 3
By Ron Wild

7. In 1919 the British tug "Cretecable" was launched. She was 262 tons displacement (not gross, or deadweight, or net, learned that last month, thanks Ray) and was different in that she was made of
(a) Aluminum
(b) Wood
(c) Cast Iron
(d) Concrete
(e) Stainless Steel
(f) Fiberglass

8. The first submarine to be successfully used against the enemy was the Confederate sub "H.L. Hunley" when she sank the Union ship "Housetonic" in 1864. She was powered by
(a) electricity
(b) clockwork
(c) steam
(d) manpower
(e) compressed air

Saturday April 25th

During the past weekend, members of the Victoria club visited Naniamo to attend the Mid Island Marine Modelers static judging competition and mini steering course at the north end mall. About a dozen Victoria models were representative of the ninety-five models on display and competition was of the very highest quality, as witnessed by Bill Barker, who took 2nd prize for his side paddle wheeler in the working boat category. Fred Stoltzenberg won 1st & 3rd prizes in the pleasure boat category and 1st prize in the sailboat class. Of particular interest to me was the quality of workmanship in the five models displayed by Steve Martin of Naniamo, who took 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes in the military static judging contest. His work was the best I ever witnessed and truly worthy of the awards in that category. Alas, none of our hearty souls who entered the steering contest could beat the favorites, Alf & Bruno on their home turf and we went away empty handed. The club organized their usual children's boat building table that was an overwhelming success in the eyes of their parents who awarded the club by tossing generous amounts of coinage into the collection boat anchored in the middle of the pond. All in all, it was a very successful showing and should be considered a must for those of us who wish to travel to out of town regattas next year. **Jack Plummer**

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By Ron Hillsden

I don't think So Tim.....

Tool Time fans there is always more than one way to get things done. There is also always someone to tell you why a new idea won't work. These are a few ideas from the INTER-NET news groups which are worthy of Tim's fertile imagination.

Painting

To find faults before final painting, brush Testors non-buffing metallizer paint over your work. It drys rapidly and the metallic colours shows faults well.

For fine lines, check an Arts Supply store for a 'Pigma Brush'. It's like a disposable pen filled with paint. It has a flexible brush like tip which stays sharp and doesn't brush out.

Masking

3M makes a tape called 'POST-IT CORRECTION AND COVER UP TAPE' which is like, well post-it notes. The glue covers the back and it can be cut to mask small areas. Since the glue is gentle, it's not likely to pull up the base coat. Blue masking tape is a lower tack than regular buff. For fine masking, try 3M Magic Transparent tape. It comes in low tack as well (you may have to get it at a stationary store). Aluminum foil is a great masker-crimp to shape and it stays. Cheap, too...

Glue

You can use clear varnish to glue small parts to a painted surface. Unlike crazy glue, you have time to position the part and it is a lot than epoxy. Cut the eye in half on a sewing needle and stick the sharp end in an eraser. This is a little tool for applying super glue. The horseshoe shape needle end holds the right amount of glue for small jobs.

Blu Tack

Blutack, Bluetack or Funstick is a silly putty like substance which is sold for various purposes, IE sticking posters to a wall. I've seen it in Radio Shack. We can use it to hold parts together while dry fitting or while glue drys, or as a paint mask. This is especially

useful if you are painting before you assemble and you want to keep paint out of holes

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and other glue points. Put some on the end of a toothpick, and it will hold small parts for painting. Stick the south end of the toothpick in a piece of Styrofoam, or Florist's foam..

Clamping, Holding

A fly-tying vice holds small parts, and fly-tying hackle pliers make good clamps.
Hemostats-either grind the teeth off or use rubber bands (instead of using the latches) to hold them closed so you don't mar the surface of the part you are holding. A cheap little plastic gadget for holding Easter Eggs for painting ($1-$2 at Micheals) is ideal for holding bombs, paravanes, liferaft canisters etc.

Cleaning

A dust brush with a squeeze bulb is handy for dusting small delicate parts. For bigger jobs, take the model outside and mist it with water, then Windex. After the Windex soaks for a minute or so, wash it down with a hose (it is designed to get wet isn't it?)

Sanding

Fingernail buffer is a good mild polishing compound. Pink is coarse, white -is medium and gray-fine. You can make jig for sanding 90 degree edges. You need two boards (up to 6" wide and 10' long) and two 2' right angle brackets from the hardware store. Mount the two boards perpendicular to each other with the brackets. The 2 boards should look like a 'T', but leave a small gap (about 1/8" max) so the sawdust has somewhere to go. Apparently a battery operated tooth polisher is sold in the US for $5-7. It rotates a small rubber cup- maybe you can sand something with it?

Drilling

Make a bow drill if you have a lot of little holes to drill. Bend 7-9" of coathanger wire into a 'U' so that a 4-5" rubber band is tight acrossed th end of the 'U' (it's a good idea to rebend the ends out to hold the rubber band). Twist your pin vise into the rubber band for 1 to 2 loops. Holds the swivel end and move the coat hanger back and forth. It's faster than twisting the pin vise by hand, but still a lot slower than a Dremel tool.

Salvage

Pop or beer bottle caps can be used for mixing small quantities of paint. The plastic cap from Pringles potatoe chips is a good for super glue. A drop or two from the bottle keeps the 'oopsis' away from your model. Use a toothpick or piece or wire to transfer what you need. It stays liquid for quie awhile. When it drys, bend the plastic. It flakes of so you don't have to eat too many potatoe chips. Other plastic caps can be used for paint mixing or cut them up to use as access panels or other details on your ship. 35mm film cans can be used to store paint for short periods. They also store small parts and sub-assemblies. Buy only red, green and yellow brushes. When the toothbrush is worn you can make running lights from the handles.

FROM THE BRIDGE

We had a good turnout and sunshine for Maple Bay Marina Victoria Day Weekend. However I've received negative comments about the setup from members attending. These will be considered before agreeing our participation next year. The pool was the same as last year, and the large tables were apparently only available for Ron Burchelts's show. And no publicity except our small sign on Monday. For those of you not attending the June meeting the Maritime Museum show on June 15th (Father's Day is the most immediate concern. Unless the Directors and attendees vote otherwise we will be setting up our pool in Bastion Square Sunday morning between 7:30 and 8 to give time to fill. Helping hands and appropriate models are needed to make the day a success. Loading and unloading will be on the square itself and parking is free all over town. Next is an invitation to participate in Sidney Days on June 29. The Executive has not discussed it. But the organizers will provide a pool. After this is our first Fungatta of the season on Juky 6th at Harrison Pond. Geoff and Ron Wild are making the steering course but lots of volunteers will be required for all the other aspects. After this is the Strawberry Festival at Beaver Lake on July 13. Finally V-P Ron Hillsden and I are encouraging members to turn out in the <u>afternoon</u> of Sundays at Harrison Pond. Not all of us are able to get there in the morning and it would be nice to have company after 1 P.M.

Ron Armstrong

Bob Rancier
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Answers for Maritime Quiz

1. (c)
2. (c)
3. (b) & (c)
4. (b)
5. (a)
6. (d)
7. (d)
8. (d)

R/C Speed "Turbo V"
Size: 24" approx.

Material: ABS Plastic
Type: cigarette boat
Motor: Mabuchi motor
Props: Single
Batteries: 7.2 carpack
Radio: Futoba 2-channel
Speedcontrol: rheostat
Charger: "Liesure Time" quick 15 min for niads

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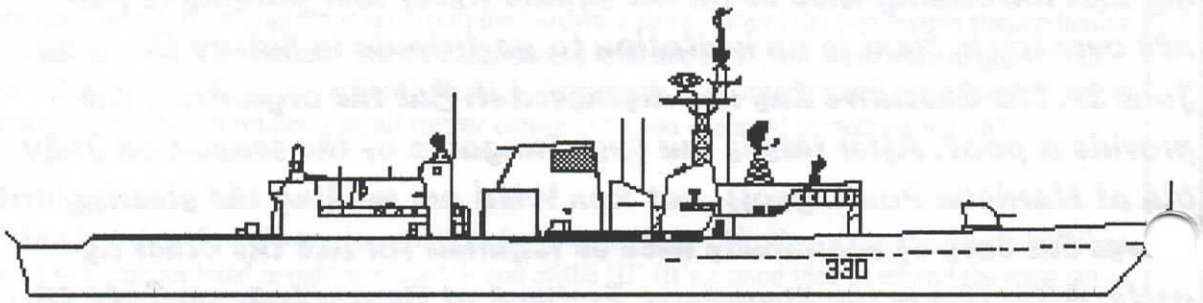
SHIPS IN PROFILE:
THE CANADIAN PATROL FRIGATE



Dimensions	134.1 x 16.4 x 6.9 M
Propulsion	1 Cruise Diesel or 2 LM2500 GE Gas Turbines.
Speed	Classified
Torpedoes	MK46
Missiles	16 VL Sea-Sparrows SAMs, 8 Harpoon anti-ship
Guns	Bofors 57mm Mk2, Phalanx MK15 CIWS
Crew	224 Officers & Men