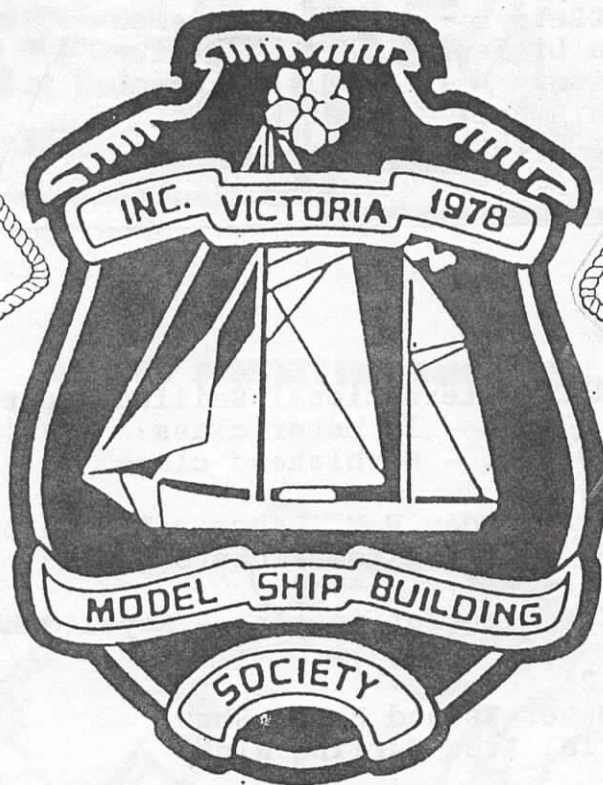


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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4-5 N.O.R.C. International Sailing Event
Sat. 9 a.m. - 12 meter class
Sun. 9 a.m. - Marblehead class

N.B. Saturday P.M. Dance - \$15.00 per person
See H. Meursing for tickets

April 9 V.M.S.S. regular meeting - Royal Oak Scout Hall

April 9-10-11-12
Vancouver Island Hobby Show
Memorial Area Curling Rink

May 31st Don Ferguson Memorial Endurance Race
Central Park, Burnaby, B.C. (Lower Pond)
Contact Ray Goodacre for details

July 19th V.M.S.S. 10th Annual Regatta
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July 25th Port Sidney Marina Sail Past
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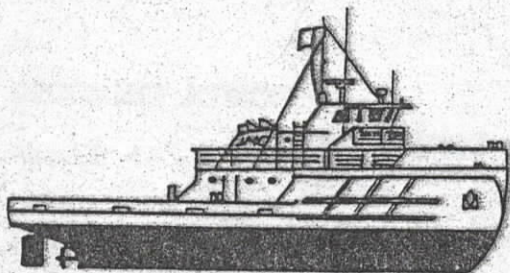


FLASH'

Saturday February 22, 1992.

South End of Elk Lake, HENK MEURSING launched his newest version of the EAST COAST 12M RC yacht, as yet Unnamed, as it didn't sink, and with HENK's EXPERTISE AS A YACHTSMAN, FOREWARNED IS FOREWARNED, I THINK WE HAVE AN OTHER SERIOUS CONTENDER ON THE POND THIS SEASON.

KEN L.



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TID BITS

Henk has a tip for getting the gum of masking tape off of a model, simply rub a little mayonnaise on it and leave for about twelve hours, then rub with a soft cloth. Sounds simple to me, thanks Henk.

Rob - Woodward accepted the Thrifty Foods Trophy for First Place Finish in the R.C. Sailing, Fall session.

Roland de Schepper came Second and Russ Hayden was Third.

WELL DONE FELLOWS!!!



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The challenge

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If you are thinking of entering your boat into competition, the appreciation for your model and the way in which you present it, is laid in the hands of the judges, it is wrong to suppose that they can read your mind, they may or may not like the color of your boat or the way in which you wrote your documentation, but their judgment is theirs and theirs alone.

When in the heat of competition against an identical boat in sailing, the introduction of a handicap system will be welcome.

Win or loose, the purpose of it all is to have a brake from the daily grind.

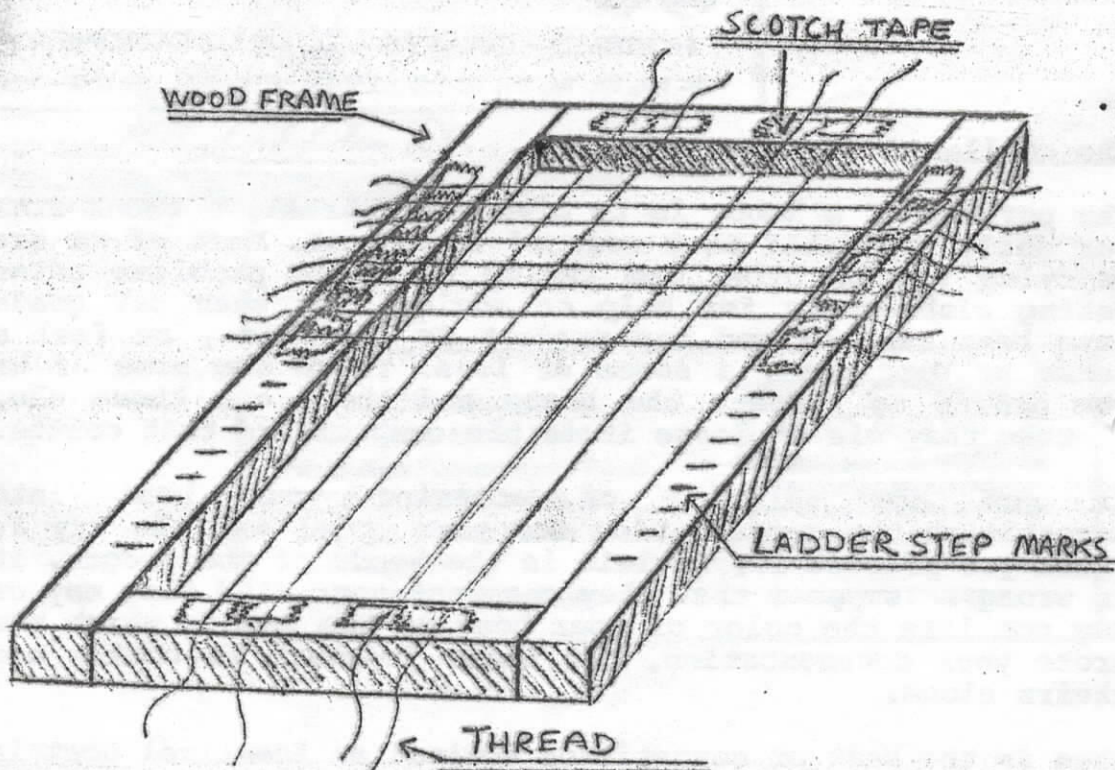
Good boating.
Henk.

SIMPLE HOMEMADE LADDERS

by Doug Dyer

This is a straight forward way of making ladders cheaply, out of a common household item called thread! Yes, who would have guessed, of all things, using thread for something other than rigging! Now I know I have probably written a few too many exams and had too much egg nog, but I gave this unlikely technique a try over the holidays and I found the results appeared to be reasonable.


The materials required to produce a ladder include the following, a four sided wood frame, scotch tape, thread, Zap Gap Glue (or any other cyanoacrylate cement), Scotch Tape, and a sharp pair of scissors.



To begin you must assemble the wood frame with appropriate dimensions, obviously the frame should be larger, and taller than the desired ladder and wide enough so that more than one ladder may be produced at the same time. On the long sides of the frame mark off the spacing for the ladder steps. Then on the short sides mark off the upright rails. If care is taken to do this accurately you will soon be producing flawless ladders. It is a good idea to cover you marks with a base layer of scotch tape to prevent your precisely measured marks from wear.

Now you are ready to manufacture your first set of ladders. Begin by choosing thread that does not have a lot of fuzz on it. I used a fairly heavy grade of polyester/cotton thread. A waxed thread may also work. Basically, to produce a ladder you tape pieces of thread across the corresponding marks beginning with the upright rails. Then finish taping the steps in place. One important time-saving hint, to mention here, is to fold a portion of each piece of tape over before applying it to the frame, this will allow for easy removal of the tape after the ladder is complete. Once the taping is completed the only thing left to do is coat the ladder in Zap-Gap glue. After waiting for a few hours the ladder will be ready to cut free.

I used this technique to make ladders in 1:96 scale. It is possible that with a heavier thread larger scale ladders could be produced. This method could also be adapted to produce grating, warship radar antennae, and other small delicate structures.





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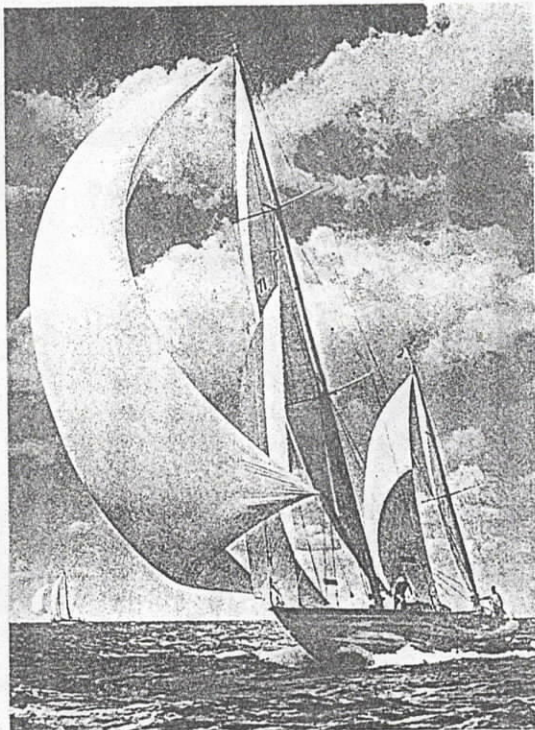
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I would like to extend my gratitude to Lieutenant Commander Richard Houseman for taking my son Michael and I on a personally guided tour from bow to stern of Royal Canadian Navy's H.M.C.S. RESTIGOUCHE just before she sailed. The structural technology behind this ship is some 35 yrs. old, but let me tell you gents, the surprises she has under her skirts in both hardware and software is definitely 1990. She is one BAD LADY. On behalf of the V.M.S.S., we wish all who sail on her GOD SPEED AND SAFE RETURN.

Gil.



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