



"THE BINNACLE"

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INTRODUCTION

GREETINGS! This is the first issue of the Society's very own newsletter. We hope that this little broadsheet will become a valuable information source for all members. It will be the way everyone is kept posted on anything of interest to ship modellers in Victoria.

REPORTS

General Meeting October 21, 1983

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Oak Bay Scout Hall on Monterey Avenue, Friday evening October 21, 1983. Approximately 25 people turned out, which was disappointing, considering the advance notice. Especially for Jim Holt and wife Daphne who had spared no effort in preparing a magnificent buffet. The main business was the election of a new Executive for the year 1983/84. Elected by acclamation were:

JIM HOLT	PRESIDENT
BOB STEWART	VICE-PRESEIDENT
DAVE ROBERTSON	DIRECTOR
JOHN CLAYTON	DIRECTOR
MICHAEL BIBB	DIRECTOR
MALCOM BLYTH	DIRECTOR
RAY TESSIER	DIRECTOR
RON ARMSTRONG	DIRECTOR

Passing of Bob Stewart

It was a great shock to all who knew Bob Stewart when he succumbed to a massive attack in November. His passing was a great loss to the club. He was the club's founder back in 1978 and a constant source of strength, help and ideas ever since. At the time of his death he was guiding our youngest member, Mike Dowd, in the construction of a warship model in Bob's workshop. Bob himself had nearly completed a scale model of a Forestry launch. The model will be finished by his son-in-law and Club Director, Michael Bibb. Bob, we'll miss you.

Christmas Dinner, December 13, 1983

Approximately 25 people came to our formal dinner at the Princess Mary Restaurant on Tuesday, December 13, 1983. Members and wives turned out in full "full bib and tucker" to enjoy great food, good service and all round bonhomie. President Jim Holt made a brief speech and asked for a minute's silence in memory of Bob Stewart. Harry Crosby was his usual gleeful self. (Can anyone equal his laugh?)

"Article"

Thanks to our inside "agent" Gordie Ackerman, The "City Wide Star" did a story on our club. It appeared in the January 11 issue under the title "Preserving Maritime Heritage". It focused on Bob Stewart, but also featured Michael Bibb and that prolific craftsman, Darius Djafer-Zade. Copies of the paper should be available at the Star's office Newport Avenue.

Executive Meeting February 21, 1984

Jim Holt (President) Dick Bryant (Sec-Tres) John Clayton and this writer gathered at Michael Bibb's house on February 21, 1984. Several items were discussed after the minutes of the last meeting were passed as read.

Most important was re-arranging the Club's Exhibit in the Annual Hobby and Crafts Show at the Victoria Curling Club April 26 - 29, 1984. Our display was one of the most colourful and dynamic there. It consisted of tables, erected to represent the bow and stern of a ship. Upon these were arranged all kinds of static models. Between the tables was a pool built in the shape of a ship also. Rising from the midship position was a three-piece square rigger, mast, complete with blocks, tackle, rigging and full-dress signal flags. Radio-control models were placed in the pool and operated continuously. Altogether, a tremendous attention-getter.

This year we are changing the placement of the tables and enlarging the pool to provide greater room for more models to operate. The result should be an even more exciting display that will attract the interest, and hopefully the participation of potential club members.

Another major item was the go-ahead for this newsletter, a task delegated to your erstwhile Publicity Director, with the help of Gordie Ackerman who has done a great deal of the preliminary research.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Bryant informed us we have \$89.00 in the kitty. He also reminds all members that dues are now payable and many are delinquent! So let's have your \$12 bucks. Unfortunately no organization can long survive without money. You can reach Dick at the number listed.

OTHER BUSINESSFRIDAY YARN NIGHTS

These monthly gatherings are very successful and well-supported. They are perfect for swapping shop talk, scuttlebutt and viewing the host's works in progress in his "shipyard". Our last one was held at George Laws' place on March 9th. There we saw his "King George V" on display and his U-Boat under construction. John Clayton conducted a sale of tools and materials from the estate of Bob Davies, one of our founding members.

In February it was decided to hold the gatherings on the first Friday of every month. The next one will be on April 5th at Dick Bryant's house, 580 Birch Street in Sidney. Next in line is May 4th, at your editor's place, 563 Crossandra Crescent, near Burnside and Tillicum.

Director Mike Bibb is in charge of co-ordinating these meetings. Any member can host one, provided he arranges with Mike beforehand. Also, each host is asked to notify the C.L.M. Answering Service 2 - 3 weeks in advance with all details of time, place, route, direction, etc. That number is 478-5559.

VACANCIES

Due to Bob Stewart's passing we have one opening on the Board of Directors. Any recognized member is welcome to volunteer his name for this position.

BOB STEWART AWARD

The Directors also decided on February 21st to create an award to honour the memory of our late Vice-President. It will be awarded annually to a club member. The criteria has not been finalized yet. Craftsmanship, and club contribution, are two suggestions. We would like the membership to give us their views, so that the Award will be given fairly and openly to the most deserving candidate.

HEARING FROM YOU

Here are your Directors for 1983-84 with the phone numbers where they can be reached. Don't hesitate to call if you have any questions, suggestions, or ideas.

PRESIDENT	JIM HOLT	478-7338
SECRETARY-TREASURER	DICK BRYANT	656-9908
LIBRARIAN	RAY TESSIER	382-9738
PUBLICITY	RON ARMSTRONG	479-3928
DIRECTOR	MICHAEL BIBB	652-3649
DIRECTOR	MALCOLM BLYTH	477-8307
DIRECTOR	JOHN CLAYTON	386-5250

UPCOMING EVENTS

Maritime Museum - April 15th

Members interested in nautical lore shouldn't miss the special series of talks put on by the Maritime Museum, Bastion Square on Sundays, at 2 P.M. Next on their agenda is a Harbour Walking Tour by Bob Spearing on April 15th. Cost to the general public is \$2.00, the price of admission.

Weedeaters, Easter Sunday, April 20th.

The "Victoria Weedeaters" are a group of model hydroplane enthusiasts. They have received special permission to race their craft at Beaver Lake on Easter Sunday. They invite the general public to watch and any radio-control modellers to operate their ships between main events.

20th Annual Hobby Show, April 26th - 29th.

This is the biggest event of the year for us, held as always at the Curling Club behind the Memorial Arena. All club members are urged to participate. It is especially important for static modellers as it is the main showcase for their talents.

It must be emphasized that the exhibit is not restricted to completed models. Incomplete models, drawings, or just photographs are more than welcome to round out our exhibit.

For those worried about the safety of their craft there will be 24 hour security and full insurance coverage.

Naturally, we need help setting up the exhibit, manning it during the hours of public admission, and taking it down. The show is open 11 A.M. to 10 P.M. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. Sunday.

All displays, including models, MUST be at the Curling Club between 4 P.M. and 9 P.M. on Wednesday April, 25th. Jim Holt is co-ordinating the action, and asks that all volunteers be there to help him as near to 4 P.M. as possible. There is lots to do. Each club member gets one free pass (spouses, friends, etc. must pay full admission).

Your views on the Bob Stewart Trophy should be given to Jim during the show.

Lynnwood Regatta, May 6th

Cliff Shaw of Edmonds, Washington is sponsoring an "Electric Radio Control Boat Regatta" on Sunday, May 6th in Lynnwood, Wash. Judging will be by popular vote:-

Best in Show
Best Scale
Best Scratch Built
Most Innovative

All club members interested in going should contact either Jim Holt or Dick Bryant at 478-7338 and 656-9908.

Spring Recreation Show, Gordon Head Recreation Centre, May 13th

Integrated Recreation Services and the Victoria Handicapped Recreation Services are co-sponsoring this festival for the benefit of disabled persons. They have asked us to participate by displaying models and putting on a radio control event in the pool. The Directors agreed to our involvement and ask that all club members consider taking part. We will have about 30 minutes to perform, and tables set up for static models. Contact Ron Armstrong at 4793928 or Malcolm Blyth at 4778307 for details.

First Annual "Maygatta", May 20th

The Valley Model Boat Club invites Model Boaters to a Regatta on Sunday, May 20th at Mill Lake in Abbotsford. This should be an exciting and action-packed day as this is a very dynamic club. They will have 8 categories of prizes and awards! Phone coordinators Jim Holt(478-7338) or Ray Tessier(382-9738) for more information.

Victoria Harbour Festival, May 21 - 25

This is the second year for the Festival designed to link the Victoria Day holiday with Swiftsure Race weekend. It is a unique celebration of our maritime heritage. Last year about 100,000 spectators watched a week of acrobatic, aeronautic, athletic and musical events never before staged in one place.

We have been asked to put on a radio-control show on the evenings of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday(May 22, 23, 24). The Directors ask that as many R/C members as possible turn out to "show the flag". It is important that the hundreds of visitors see the Society as a dynamic group of Victorians preserving our maritime heritage.

The pool from the Hobby Show will be set up at a site on Ships Point(by Air B.C.) It will be filled each day and drained each night. Our event will be scheduled for one performance at either 6:30 P.M. or 7 P.M. Afterwards, we are free to pack up and go home. No models or displays can be left at the site because security is not possible.

Contact this writer or Jim Holt for further details.

Radio Control Warship Combat, early June

This rapidly growing sport will be seen in action at Lynden, Washington at some time in early June. Unfortunately we have no further details as yet. Malcolm Blyth (477 8307) or Dick Bryant (656 9908) are the coordinators for this event.

Publicity Report.

We are in the process of getting personalized buttons for all club members, to be readr for use during the Hobby Show. We are also getting letterhead paper produced. Both will feature the club's new logo, which headlines this newsletter.

Any club member will be able to use the letterhead paper to corrispond with any outside organization (i,e, obtaining plans, photos etc.)provided he gives a copy of same to a Director. This service will enable modellers to more readily obtain essential documents for their individual projects. Naturally, the letterhead will be primarily used for Club business.

Swap'N Shop.

John Clayton still has a selection of tools etc. for sale from the collection of the late Bob Davies. All proceeds from this sale go to Bob's Widow. So lets "clear the decks ,lively Lads".

This space in each newsletter will be available for members to Sell,Swap, Buy or Give away anything appertaining to modelling.

Coordinator for Swap'N Shop --- John Clayton 386 5250

LIBRARY REPORT

The society is in possession of a library containing approximately thirty books and publications. The books deal mainly with PERIOD SHIP MODELLING, covering everything from hull construction to rigging and more. The authors include Howard Chapelle, Harold Underhill, and Vincenzo Lusei and E. Armitage McCann just to name a few.

The books are available at all of the general meetings, and can be signed out for a period of one month. If more time is required, the book can be re-signed for at the next meeting.

It is hoped that the library will be expanded in the future to include more books, magazines, plans and catalogues. Therefore any donations will be gladly accepted. Just contact the Librarian.

We also want to make up a list of books and workshop facilities that members have and are willing to let other members use. If you are willing to contribute, contact the Librarian and have your name put on the list.

If you have any addresses for catalogues, plans, museums etc. , or if you have any suggestions for the Library, contact the Librarian.

Happy Modelling!

Ray Tessier, Librarian

Ph. 382-9738

LIBRARY LIST

Seventeenth Century Rigging	R.C. Anderson
Yacht Designing and Planning	H.I. Chapelle
The Baltimore Clipper	" "
Ship Modelling Hints and Tips	J.H. Craine
The Ship Model Builders Assistant	C.G. Davis
The Built-up Ship Model	" "
Development of Anchors	H.L. Dove
American Ship Models and How To Build Them	U.R. Grimwood
Mayflower	Noel C. L. Hackney
How To Make Old Time Ship Models	E.W. Hobbs
Ships in Bottles	J.P. Lauder & R.H. Biggs
Young Sea Officers Sheet Anchor	Darcy Lever
Lusci's Ship Model Builders Handbook	Vincenzo Lusci
Mantua Models Catalogue	Mantua
Ships and Ship Models	Percival Marshall
The Galley and The Galleon	E. Armitage McCann
Modelling the "Revenge"	C. N. Millward
Modelling the "Golden Hinde"	"Model Shipwright"
Model Ships from the Port of New York	Catalogue
Build a Boat	"Popular Mechanics"
Reed's Seamanship	C.M. Swainston
Secrets of Ships in Bottles	Peter Thorne
Plank on Frame Models Volume I	H.A. Underhill
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Masting and Rigging the Clipper Ship and Ocean Carrier	" "
List of Working Drawings(Catalogue)	Underhill & Langford
The Techniques Ship Modelling	Gerald A. Wingrove

From Your President.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how pleased I am with the rapid growth of the club.

We have a very active group of directors who are working hard to build for all of us a society that we can be proud of.

Please give them your full support and a Well deserved pat on the back.

There are a number of events happening this summer, so get involved with your boats and families, and ENJOY yourselves.

Closing Notes.

Well, this has certainly been a jam-packed first issue. We hope to produce one each quarter. The next issue will be out in July. Your editor welcomes all submissions, suggestions and ideas. All contributions for the Summer Issue must be submitted by Friday June 15 th.

I hope we can expand the coverage to include Member Profiles, Ship's histories and much, much more. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing more of you at the many upcoming events this spring.

FINE LINES and SMOOTH WAKES **** Ron Armstrong Editor.
