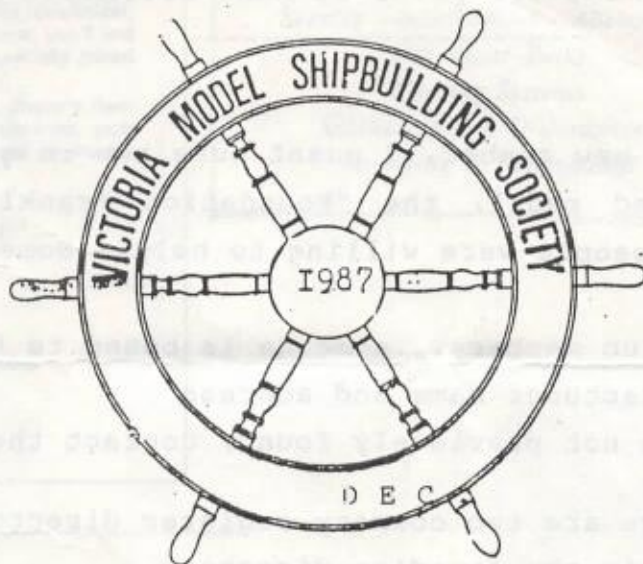


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Once again we are fast approaching the end of a year and a time for looking back at what we accomplished within that year. 1987 has a year of activity - we participated in numerous craft-hobby-boat shows around the Victoria area, enabling us to maintain a high profile in the community. The allgatta proved once again to be a crowd drawer and proved to ourselves that we can handle the crowds at Sandhill Lake. It is interesting that we have also enjoyed a noticable increase in membership in the club.

1987 also saw advertisers introduced to the Binnacle; their patronage has helped in offsetting some of the Binnacle costs. Also a big thank you to those who contributed paper and to Ron Wild who took on the printing - saving us further expense. to Fred for often getting the paper out to Ron and back to Geoff for mailing and also a special thanks to Harry for letting the Wooden Shoe become the drop off and pick up point. To all the executive and members who contributed items - thank you again!

For myself, I would have to say although I have sincerely enjoyed doing the Binnacle, there were times it also created challenges, headaches. Filling 6-8 pages can be easy or tough. To all the membership I would like to say - contribute to your paper - tell your editor what you'd like to see in it. The Binnacle is for the membership and to keep the membership informed of the clubs activities.

Thank you each and everyone for your support now lets get behind the new editor and give him the same. To all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - will see you at the dinner... Geoff Walton



NOTICE!! - RE MOTIONS

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Anybody who wishes to raise a MOTION at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING being held December 10th, 1987, please submit a written copy of the proposed motion to Dick Bryant, Secretary, prior to same meeting. Thank you.

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**"Letter to the Editor"**

As a novice modeller and new member, I wasn't sure how to get information and history about my intended model, the "Foundation Franklin". The more I asked, the more I found people were willing to help. Some ways I have found successful:

1st - ask fellow club members...someone is bound to know

-get company or manufacturer name and address

-to get any addresses not previously found, contact the Public Library Reference desk.

Also at the Library, there are two company register directories:

1-Dunn & Bradstreet, is the Canadian directory

2-Standerd & Poores, is the International directory

-contact a museum or news in the area the original was/is from.

The information will start coming in in a few weeks.

The Mechanical Drafting Department at Camosun College may be able to help you with your model plans. I wanted my model plans scaled up and someone suggested one of the trade schools. A contact was made at Camosun College Drafting Department. I explained what I had in mind and asked if they might be able to accommodate. What I wanted was to enlarge my plans from 1/8 inch per foot to 3/8 inch per foot. The chief instructor agreed and over the summer a student worked with the C.A.D. computer program (Computer Aided Design) to increase the size of the prints. I am pleased with the results and the school indicated they would be willing to help with other plans. To enquire, call Camosun College, Mechanical Drafting Department 479-7141, local 449 Chief Instructor Mr. Baldev Pooni or local 458 Mr. Bill Metcalf.

Thanks to these people!

[thanks for the information and the Binnacle contribution - Geoff]

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**Performance:** maximum speed 17 kts, range 16,675 km (10,360 miles) at 15 kts

**Complement:** 238

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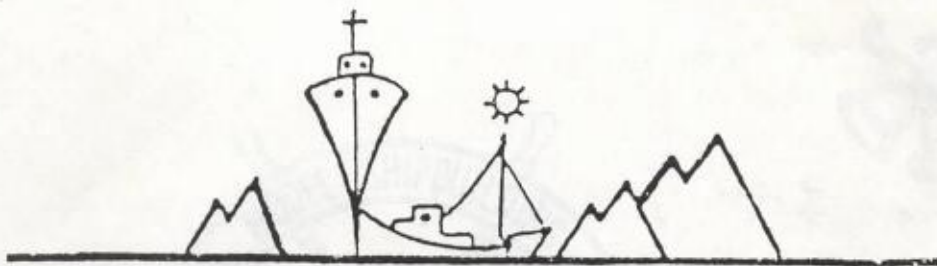
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MARCH 19th to 26th 1988.

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Again this years show will not be a contest, with the exception of modelers and publics choice awards. The prize for modelers choice will be a four channel R/C system, and the publics choice a two channel R/C system. In addition four two channel R/C systems as well as numerous other prizes will be awarded by a draw. Each entrant has an equal chance of winning one of many prizes. At last years show there were 115 marine models on display.

Models will be accepted from Friday evening March 18th until Sunday noon March 20th. Advance notice of any models over 48" in length would be appreciated, to assist us in arranging exhibit space.

Entry fees are \$5.00 for the first model, \$1.00 for each additional model to a maximum of \$10.00.

Modelers are requested to provide a fair estimated valuation of their models for insurance purposes.

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