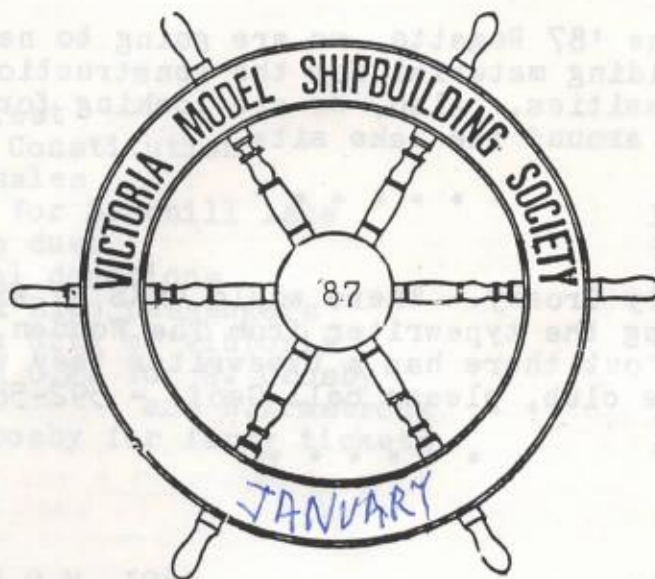


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1986 has slipped by but it has been a memorable year because of Expo 86. I would like to thank all of the directors responsible for getting us thru a very busy but fun filled year. And a very special thank you to Harry Crosby whose extra effort filled our long days with fun and enjoyment at Expo 86. Also Jack Lenfesty who managed to capture all on tape and then thankfully, to edit for all to see at our displays and shows.

So 1987 is upon us and will be filled with shows and displays as well as having our first regatta at Sand Hill Lake. I would like to ask all our members to help make it a fun filled and successful regatta. I will do my best to try and keep you informed well in advance of any shows, displays, regattas or even work days!

So I urge all members to get their static boats, as well as RC boats, ready and to support the club with a large turn out at all displays.

Fred Haire

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December 11th saw approximately 50 members and their spouses, guests, gather at the Brentwood Inn for the Annual General Meeting and Xmas Party. Good company and good food made the evening an enjoyable one.

Words of appreciation and thanks were expressed to the outgoing executive. Special recognition, along with appropriate awards were presented to those whose wit, humor and ongoing antics entertained us thru 1986. We trust "Cap'Tin" will wear his cap to all future meetings; Russ now has his boat in for refit; Fred will never again be waterless; and the Crosby's can now enjoy fun filled evenings untying 17 knots or sifting for gold.

Words of encouragement to our new executive leave little doubt that 1987 will be as successful and satisfying a year for the club as 1986.

Geoff Walton

SANDHILL LAKE

With Christmas over, we can turn our thoughts to spring and the on-going work at Sandhill Lake.

In connection with the '87 Regatta, we are going to need lumber, nails, screws and other building material for the construction of floating docks and other necessities. Also, we are looking for picnic tables that we could set up around the lake site.

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Again, Thanks to Harry Crosby. Where would VMSS be without him? Presently we are using the typewriter from The Wooden Shoe to type the Binnacle. If anyone out there has a typewriter they would like to donate or lend to the club, please call Geoff - 592-5874.

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REINDER!

Membership dues for 1987 are now due, Russ Hayden will be accepting dues at the coming meeting.

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Financial Report: for Annual General Meeting Dec. II, 1986

Bank Balance as of Nov. 30 1985	750.08	
Petty Cash	2.38	752.46

Revenue;

Bank Interest	10.41	
Raffle of Constitution	26.25	
Magazine sales	68.00	
Donations for Sandhill lake	161.54	
Members'ip dues	681.00	
Hall rental donations	239.21	
Funds from Expo passengers	40.00	
Grant from City of Victoria	580.00	
Grant from C.P. for H. Crosby and R. Armstrong	720.00	
from H Crosby for ferry tickets	260.00	2.786.41
		3,538.87

Expenditures;

Wine for A.G.M. 1985	49.50	
North West Model Association	25.00	
Flowers for Mrs Laws	10.70	
Min of Finance	10.00	
40 Copies of Scale Ship Mag	120.00	
Printing Stationary, Postage, etc	93.99	
Bank charges	7.84	
Binnacle	148.71	
Hall rental	210.00	
Damage deposit	50.00	
Photographs	24.05	
Business cards	37.34	
Lighthouse and island	58.00	
Plastic for hobby show pool	33.98	
B.C. Ferry tickets	260.00	
Grant from C.P. to H. Crosby and R. Armstrong	720.00	
Weedeater and face shield	306.93	
Refunds to Expo drivers	646.00	
Cement etc. for Sandhill Lake	326.35	
Excavation and pumping for sandbagging	300.00	3,438.39
		100.48

Bank Balance as of Dec.6,1986	98.10	
Petty Cash	1.98	100.08
Owed to R.Hayden for Sandhill Lake expenses	110.58	-10.50
Date: Dec 6,1986	Balance for Year End	-10.50

R.Hayden Treasurer

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Russ Hayden

Quiz

DO YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF THESE SEA TERMS?

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A.B (Seaman) | 6. Cheat the Devil |
| 2. Achmen | 7. Cavil or Kevel |
| 3. Bleed the monkey | 8. Cobbing |
| 4. Bowgrace | 9. Con |
| 5. Breaker | 10. Coracle |

Answers:

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| 1. Able bodied | An old name for freshwater thieves |
| 2. To steal from the grog barrel | A frame work of old rope laid around the bows, stem, and |
| 3. sides of a vessel to protect her from floating ice. | A small water barrel |
| 4. Using soft explosives where strong ones would most | naturally occur |
| 5. A ship's cleat | Punishment at sea by spanking with flat board |
| 6. To direct a helmsman | An ancient type of small boat made of wicker covered |
| 7. 10. | with leather, which is carried by fishermen upon their |
| 8. backs , still in use in England. | |

What do you have for sale
What do you want to buy? Borrow? Share?
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Contact your Editor by the first of the month with your
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NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

This is your News Letter. We need letters from you to
keep it interesting . When did you last write to the
Editor? Let us have your stories anecdotes etc..
If you live away from Victoria at least write to let
us know of your well being in order that we may pass
the news on.

AN IRISH TOAST

I wish you all health
I wish you all wealth
I wish you all happiness galore
I wish you all Heaven when you die
What could I wish you more.



BARQUE* RIGGED SCHOOLSHIPS

One of the most modern craft of this rig is the West German Gorch Fock of 1,870 tonnes displacement, built in 1959 to carry 140 cadets. She has a long poop and the characteristic German double spanker gaffs instead of the normal single spanker. The Norwegian 1,710 tonne barque Statsraad Lehmkuhl built in 1914 as the Grossherzog Friedrich August, is based at Bergen. Perhaps the best known of all the sail training vessels is the American Eagle built in Germany in 1936 as the Horst Wessel, 1,600 tonnes displacement, and length of 80m, taken over at the end of the war by the US Coast Guard Service. One of her sister ships, Gorch Fock passed to Russia to be renamed the Tovarisch while yet another sister, Albert Leo Schlageter now sails as the Portuguese Sagres II.

Russia's huge Krusenstern and Sedov are both ex cargo carrying four masted barques. Other four masters are the new Japanese Nippon Maru II (1984) built to replace the earlier vessel of the same name and her sistership Kaiwo Maru (1930).

OF INTEREST

MERCHANT FLEETS/6- BLUE FUNNEL LINE by Duncan Hawes

This book, the sixth title in a series of reference books on world merchant fleets, past and present, covers the 330 vessels of Alfred Holts Blue Line plus China Mutual's original fleet. A chronological company history is followed by the fleet list giving detailed technical data and brief history of each vessel. the book is illustrated with scale profile drawings by the author.

There was a man who had the good fortune to win a sizeable sum of money. My goodness, can you believe it?" he said to his wife, "75,000 Dollars. Aren't we the luckiest people in the world".

His wife was not quite as elated as he had expected. Indeed she frowned a little and then said "Oh, yes, but what about all the begging letters?" "Oh, My dear," He replied "it won't do any harm for you to keep on writing them."



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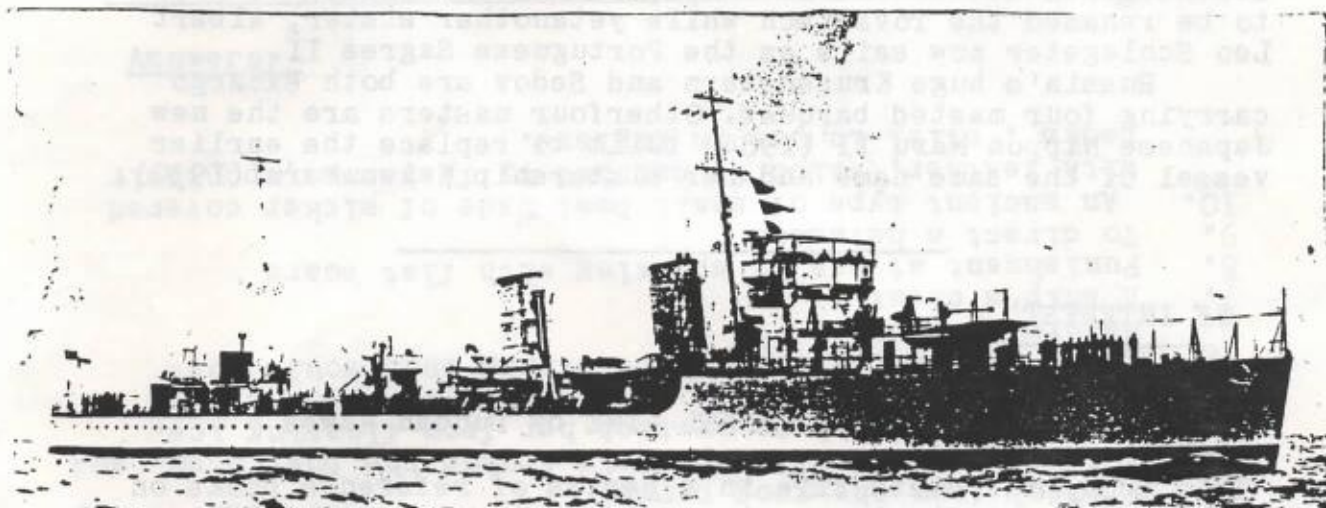
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The club has been invited by the DEPT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE, for a conducted H.M.S. Dockyard tour followed by a conducted tour of HMCS Gatineau. the tour would start at 1:00pm and end 3:15pm. The maximum number of people would be 30. This tour would be either Feb.17 or Feb 18.1987. There will be a list for signing up at January s meeting For further information call Geoff Walton 592.5874.

SAGURNAY



THE RIVER CLASS DESTROYERS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY by Ken Macpherson

The first made-to-order RCN warship, Saguenay was commissioned on May 22. 1931 at Porthsmouth, England. In company with Skeena, she sailed for Halifax on June 25 and on July 3 made her way up the harbour to an enthusiastic welcome. That September she steamed up the river for which she was named and visited Chicoutimi.

With Champlain, a much older destroyer transferred to the RCN in 1929. The Saguenay made up the Eastern Division of Canada's infant Navy, and the two took part in the Jacques Cartier Quatercentenary celebrations at Gaspé in August 1934. That January, they called at Bermuda, Jamaica and Colon, where Skeena and Vancouver (Champlain's sister-ship) joined them, having come round from Esquimalt. The four then proceeded on a grand tour of Caribbean ports. In the course of this cruise they exercised with ships of the HOME FLEET. among them the 'C' class half flotilla, which was to join the RCN a few years later.

NEW BOOKS

Anatomy of the Ship: Submarine Alliance(Lambert&Hill)
Ark Royal- The Name Lives On (Hobbs&Smith)
The Elder Dempster Fleet History 1852-1985 (Cowden&Duffy)
New Observers Book of Ships (Penguin)
Warships Illustrated
No. 5 Soviet Navy Today (Vego)