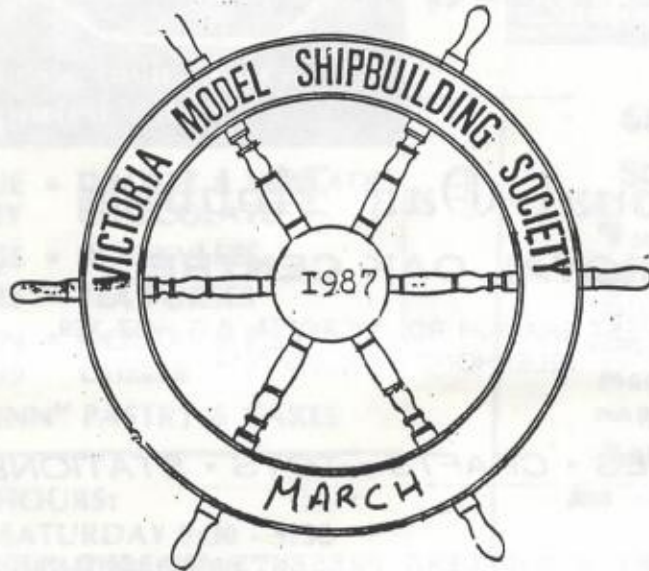


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DOCKYARD TOUR

The tour started, as planned, from Esquimalt Plaza, however, our enthusiasm had put us ahead of schedule and therefore we had to wait a few moments for our tour guide at the Dockyard Main Gate. Leading Seaman Kemp, our tour guide, was well versed on his knowledge of the dockyard and buildings. We had plenty of time to look around and he answered all of our questions.

Then we went aboard one of the 75 foot in length, wooden hull, and twin screw yard crafts. Again, the crew were very pleasant and helpful. We toured the harbour, passed Versatile Pacific Yard, the Government Graving Dock and jetty then across the harbour to the diving school jetty, the fueling jetty and the buoy maintenance jetty. Then back across the harbour to where we boarded, which is the small boats float and is located just outside the entrance to the dockyard graving dock.

On our harbour tour we saw all kinds of ships, most of them navy but some of them were commercial and also some from B.C. government fleet.

The wind was very chilly - it didn't rain and the sun did shine for a while! I must say all fourteen members who made the tour enjoyed it immensely! Thank you to the organizers and well done.

Fred

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 23, 24, 25, 26 - Hobby Show at Curling Rink - we will keep you posted.

May 16-17, Saturday & Sunday, V.I.M.E. Spring Meet.

June 20-21, Saturday & Sunday, S.H.A.S. Fair

July - date not confirmed, Social Credit Picnic on Artifacts Grounds, again we will keep you posted.

Aug. 1-2, Saturday & Sunday, V.I.M.E. - Efficiency Trials

Sept. 5, 6, 7, Saturday, Sunday & Monday - Saanichton Fair

Sept. 12, Saturday - S.H.A.S. Thrashing Day

Sept. 13, Sunday - Vintage Car Club Picnic 0900 hours to 1800 hours.

Oct. 3, 4, - Saturday & Sunday - S.H.A.S. & V.I.M.E. Guy Fawkes Day & evening party - we are waiting to hear what you think of making it a boat illumination's night!!! Let's hear your ideas.

NOTICE

Attached to your "Binnacle" you will find a slip of paper containing the amended section 5(e) of our Bylaws, passed at the last Annual General Meeting. If you have a copy of our constitution and bylaws, stick this slip of paper over the amended section 5(e). If you don't have a copy of the constitution and bylaws please put the slip of paper, the amendment, away for safekeeping (in your model ship??) and bear with us - we will print up additional copies of the document when funds permit.

Dick Bryant -Secretary



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The prize for modelers choice will be a Four Channel R/C system, the Public Choice, a Two Channel R/C system. In addition five Two Channel R/C systems plus numerous other prizes will be awarded by draw. Each entrant has an equal chance of winning one of the many prizes. Last year every modeler won something and we hope to be able to do the same this year.

Models will be accepted from Friday evening, April 3rd until Sunday evening April 5th. Security will be provided throughout the duration of the show. Modelers are requested to provide a fair estimated valuation of their models for insurance purposes. In addition, please provide an estimate of the physical dimensions of the model to assist us in arranging exhibit space.

Entry fees are \$5.00 for the first model, \$10.00 for each additional model to a maximum of \$10.00. For more than 6 models entered there is no additional charge. An indoor pool 20' x 20' x 8" deep will be available for those who wish to operate R/C models. Enquiries - Don Ferguson 758-9871
Entry forms are available from the Editor (Geoff Walton).

PAT DUFOUR - LADY OF THE SEA

The entire maritime community of Victoria was shocked by the sudden death of Times-Colonist reporter, Pat Dufour, in December. Only 66 years old, she was at her terminal when felled by a brain hemorrhage, lapsed into a coma and died three days later.

Tributes have come from everywhere, as much from newspaper colleagues as from the nautical fraternity. She was a remarkable woman who left behind a long list of achievements, both afloat and ashore. It was Pat who persuaded me to become a Maritime Museum Trustee, and that institution will feel the loss of her passing more keenly than others she gave her talents and energies to. Our club will be the poorer also.

Her regular column "Around Our Shores" was always open to our contributions. Right from our first Fallgatta in 1983 (before it was known as such), Pat readily gave us coverage to promote our activities to the wider public. We probably got more ink through Pat than any other organization of such size a relative newness.

As yet, the Timmes-Colonist has not filled her place. In many ways they never will. It is unlikely that any replacement will give VMSS the unstinted support that was Pat's hallmark. Journalist, sailor, organizer extra-ordinaire she was truly a Lady of the Sea.

We'll miss you Pat.

Ron Armstrong

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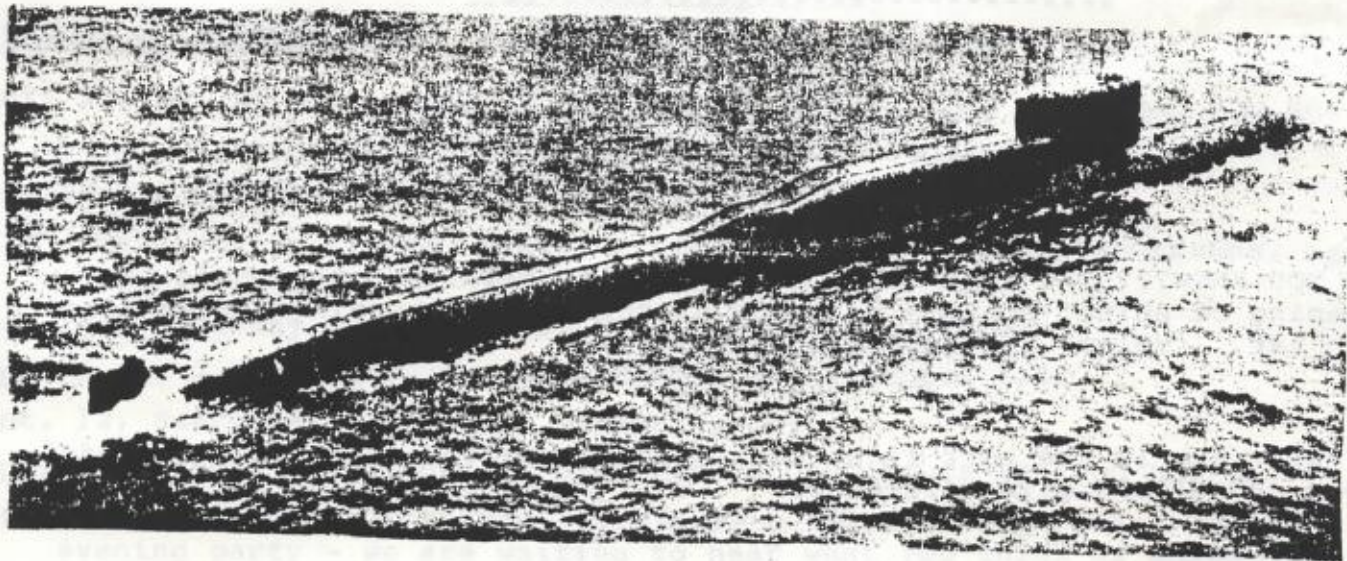
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Looking at the steady flow of new warships being built in every major martime country, it is hard to believe that 20 years ago, the need for surface warships of any sort in question. After 1945, it was argues that the atom bomb had rendered the warship obsolete; then it was the bomber, and then the nuclear submarine became the boggey. Yet the surface warship is still here, bigger and more powerful thenever before.

DELTA CLASS

Delta I, Displacement 8350 tons (surface, 9300 tons submerged). Propulsion two shafts, geared steam turbines, nuclear reactors; 40,000 shp, approx. 25-30 knots (submerged). Armament 12 SS-n-8 SLBM launch tubes, 6 - 21 inch torpedo tubes, complement - approximately 120 officers and men.

At the end of 1972, it was announced that a new class of Soviet SSBN's had been identified, code name the Delta Class. Successors to the Yankee Class, they are reported to have a new missile, the SS-N-8, with more than twice the range of the SS-N-6. The missile is clearly much bulkier than its predecessors, as each Delta has only 12 launch tubes instead of the previous.16.



BRIG

The brig is a two-mast sailing vessel with square sail on each mast and fore-and-aft staysails. Jibs and a spanker. This was a common rig for coastal and short-sea traders of the last century and the well known east-coast colliers were usually rigged in this way. Some of the fastest brigs of the period were the fish carriers, bringing cod from Newfoundland banks to Bristol and other ports. The snow was similar to the brig except that the spanker was set on a trysail-mast just abaft the main lower mast which extended from the deck to the main top. Later the term referred to either a snow or a brig rigged vessel from the Baltic. During the nineteenth century the Royal Navy continued to use both brigs and snow as training ships long after the steamship had become firmly established in the fleet.

The brig "Royalist" was launched in 1971. Owned by the Navy League, she is operated by Sea Cadet Corps from her base in Portsmouth Harbour. Her period look - with painted square ports and stern boat davits - ensures that she is easily identified.

JUST A THOUGHT

The cost of living's pretty high -
There's little free in life;
No end of things I can't afford,
And neither can my wife.

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TRIVIA - Why is the port light red? Can anyone come up with a truthful story and please give reference.
