



The Binnacle

Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society
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Dates to Remember

Next Meeting **SEPT 12** - 7:30 PM
Westview Gospel Chapel
313 Brunswick

2002

Aug 8 -12 - Richmond Model
Ship Competition

Aug 14 - Harrison Cup 2nd HMYP

Aug 17 - Foss Cup, Model Tugs
Twin Lakes, Marysville, WA

Aug 18 - Powell Cup Beaver Lake

Aug 21 - Harrison Cup 2nd HMYP
Last Event

Aug 29 - Executive Meeting

Aug 31 - Sept 2 - SAANICH FALL FAIR

Sept 1 - Powell Cup Beaver Lake

Sept 12 - Regular Meeting
Annual SWAP & SHOP

Sept 15 - Powell Cup Beaver Lake

Sept 26 - Executive Meeting

Sept 29 - Powell Cup Beaver Lake
Last Event

POWER: Sundays 10 - 12 - HMYP

SAILING: 1st & 3rd Sundays 11 AM
Beaver Lake

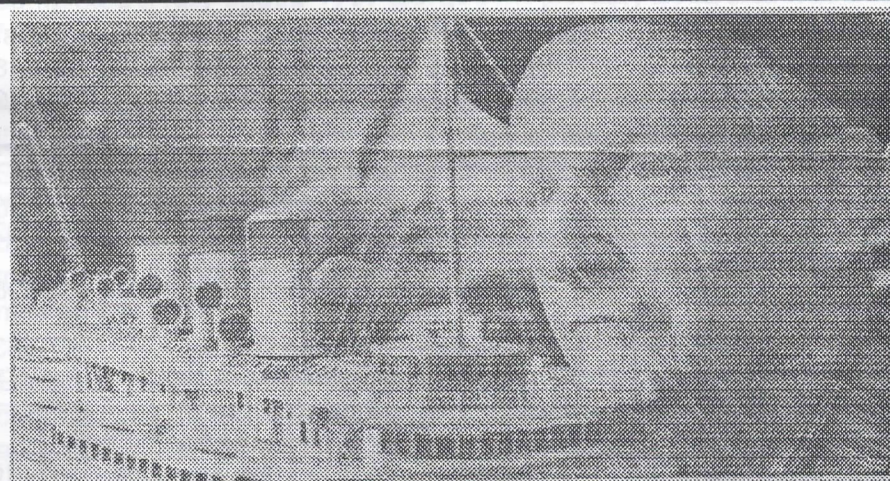


PHOTO AND EXCERPT FROM TIMES COLONIST - FEB 7, 1998

With an expert's eye, Jack Lenfesty looks over the detail of the replica of the Princess Kathleen that he built from scratch. Lenfesty can truly claim to be an expert on his subject. He used to work on the original ship when he was a young lad and lovingly recreated the ship to the last tiny porthole.

The editor welcomes any photo's of interest to publish in the 'Binnacle'



From the Bridge

Ed Boddaert informs us that due to the heavy algae bloom that has occurred recently at Harrison Yacht Pond, the City Works plans to

drain & clean it during the coming week and that they may, at the same time, repair the float valve that was installed during the past few months. A word of caution though, we must insure that the drain outlet on the eastern side of the pond is continuously cleared of any debris that may accumulate to prevent overflow.

For those of you who were not present at the last general meeting, your executive has decided to forego an organized model display at the Richmond City Hall since the logistics of moving the models en masse without incurring damage requires a great deal of effort on a few members. Instead, your executive has decided to encourage members to participate and assume responsibility for their own transportation, etc.

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EXTRACT OF MINUTES MEETING JULY 10/02

The shows at Cowichan Bay, Sidney Days and the Strawberry Festival were well-attended and very successful.

In future shows, the society will use new plastic holders to carry standard-format information on models which are on display.

Coming up August 8-12 is the Richmond International Model Boat Show, which will attract visitors from the United States and the UK as well as Canada. Arrangements have been made to transport models and provide for their security. Hotel packages will be available.

The new VMSS rescue dinghy will be named in honour of Bill Huckin.

Cal Marshall's team was victorious in the final round of the VMSS Challenge Questions game at the meeting. T.P.

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POWELL CUP STANDING AFTER EVENT #4

1. Dave Seager	126	8. Robbie Woodward	59
2. Scott Ringrose	118	9. Dave Denton	51
3. Ken Lockley	96	10. Peter Smith	50
4. Ken Scotten	93	11. Ron Hillsden	46
5. Rob Woodward	85	12. Bud Reed	44
6. Bob Rainsford	83	13. Paul Jordan	37
7. Lois Lockley	68	14. Steve Stevens	22
		15. David Powell	20

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HARRISON CUP (COAST CUP) STANDINGS AFTER EVENT #5:

1. Mike Claxton	79	7. Ken Lockley	39
2. Jeff Webster	71	8. Ron Hillsden	37
3. Paul Jordan	69	9. Lois Lockley	36
4. Bob Rainsford	54	10. Alex James	32
5. Trevor Webster	53	11. Jack Plummer	29
6. Alex Craven	40	12. Ken Scotten	26
		13. Ron Armstrong	23

Those that showed up Wednesday evening, July 31, were very disappointed to find no water in the pond. But were pleased to see it getting cleaned and repaired, and all enjoyed a beautiful evening just socializing anyway. We all look forward to the next three Wednesday nights to see how the scores turn out. Everyone is welcome to join in for some comradely fun.

IN MEMORIAM Richard Reed 1907-2002

It is with deep regret we have learned of the sad passing of **Richard Reed**, our eldest and esteemed VMSS member who died peacefully on July 3rd, 2002. Richard never stopped building wooden model sailing ships from the tiny "workshop" in his Nursing Home room in North Vancouver and produced some truly excellent examples. His work was featured in our September 2001 "Binnacle" when he had just completed a stunning model of the brig "**Poor Richard**." Although he could not personally visit a hobby store he was, in his own words, "ably aided and abetted" by the nurses and staff of the Everglen Nursing Home who always encouraged him and made sure he had the necessary supplies to continue building his fine model ships. He completed a fully rigged **1797 Barque** in February 2002 and was well under way with his latest project, the famous Canadian fishing schooner, "**Bluenose**".

A television interview featuring him and his models was being planned to coincide with the Richmond International Model Ship Competitions this August and, with the theme of "you're never too old to build a model Ship", Richard was greatly looking forward to this interview. He would have celebrated his 95th Birthday in July and his cheerfulness, enthusiasm, vitality and skills serve as a tremendous inspiration to model ship builders everywhere. He thoroughly enjoyed his monthly "Binnacle" which gave him a feeling of staying "in touch" with the VMSS and the model shipbuilding community he was such a part of. Richard will be sadly missed by us all.

On behalf of the President, Executive and Members of the Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society our sincere condolences go to his daughter, Mrs. Shirley Roberts of Victoria, who was instrumental in keeping us in contact with her father.

"Calm Seas and Fair Winds to you, Old Friend."

**TIP OF THE MONTH:**

Grind down a fine toothed saber saw blade so that it fits into an 'Exacto' handle, to make a very handy key-hole type saw. I have found this saw really helps in those awkward spots under the deck of your model, etc. It is more ridged that the 'Exacto' saw blade that you can buy.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR FAVORITE TIP.....

THE SUB SUBJECT:

Logical, driver-friendly, or ergonomically sensible? The describing adjective matters not, but an R/C model sub TX should have its sticks or switches hooked into the RX in such manner that operation of the model—surfaced or submerged—will not be vulnerable to human error. Routine or panic reactions should be duck soup.

Ideally, even southpaws should use an at least four-channel radio with two two-way sticks for single throttle boats. Then, in step with aerial and nautical navigation norms, the two-way stick on the TX's left operates the throttle vertically (up = forward; down = reverse) and the rudder(s) horizontally (left = port; right [you guessed?] = starboard). The two-way stick to the TX's right is then dedicated to the diving and surfacing functions which, depending on the model's dynamic or "static" class, can encompass either stern – or bow planes' /fairwater planes' settings, or stern planes and ballast tank operation. In some models, both sets of planes and the ballast tank need controls. If that applies, only the stern planes call for a dedicated and progressive channel. Bow/fairwater planes can piggyback on an extension of the ballast tank linkage.

For twin-screw, twin-throttle models, it is common to use a radio with no less than five progressive channels. Two side-by-side up and down levers—port to the left; starboard alongside, to the right.

Beyond those four or more main functions, non-progressive channels will handle most all of the more common extra features such as retractable bow planes and periscopes, LED navigation lights, torpedo and missile launching, spinning radar antennas and canned sounds such as active sonars, whoopers, dive signals, diesel sounds and more. Not one in the foregoing litany needs a main, progressive channel, and all could do their thing through a channel expander —provided, of course, that a channel for expansion can be excused from a primary, essential function.

Oh. A quick interjection here: Some readers must wonder why I bothered with the foregoing elaboration's on the "obvious." Simple answer: I've been guest driver of numerous models ("Here, try her") where the throttle stick has to move down for forward, and vice versa. That's a steep disincentive to try the other controls. Logic, I recommend, should be allowed to rule—in harmony with consistency.

Going back to two-two-way stick radios, they offer an additional, welcome feature; they allow for "mixing" any of the two left or right channels by moving either stick northeast, northwest, southeast or southwest. That way, two channels operate simultaneously, which is especially convenient in diving-surfacing maneuvers. Further, one gets to know the imputable gradations between, for example, northeast and either north northeast or east-northeast in pushing the stick. On that latter point, in recent years, the microprocessor-based R/C systems hold a raft of new possibilities, and formerly unachievable accuracy—to the computer literates.

The so-called but misnamed "computer" R/C systems, to the initiated or talented learners, offer these among other advanced features:

- * A JR XP8103, which I bought inadvertently, can be programmed to run up to 10 models. Press a selection button, and no settings/functions need to be altered. All of one's models can thus run on a same channel. All that's needed are individual RXs, and RX crystals.
- * The left-right degree of servo throw can be increased or decreased—evenly or biased.
- * Channels can be evenly or partially mixed. This could be handy to operate both stern– and bow planes, at varying rates and times.
- * The TX filters out signals emanating from cell phones, alarm systems and other electronic gadgets.

My fondest hope at this (already late) stage is that I may just begin to grasp the manual. It deals strictly with model planes, gliders and choppers. Yet, Horizon Service Center, in Champaign, Illinois, did convert the TX to surface use. Go figure.

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The cost of these micro-processor systems runs some two and one-half to three times that of standard TX-RX sets. That drawback, however, can be rationalized broadly if the (cost) savings and CONVENIENCE of individually controlling up to 10 models is cranked into the equation. And, as soon as I get it back from repairs (the ICD display screen went blank on me) I hope, guess and think that I'll learn to operate/calibrate the darn thing. If not: make me an offer.

For next month, based on a pondside question, I propose to deal with model submarine lifetimes. If prototypes (absent Upholders) are good for 30 years, what may we expect? Romanus Unicum

The VMSS Website

Your website is fairly large and contains quite a bit of information that has been useful to modelers all over the world. If you haven't had a chance to browse it, jump in and look around!

The idea for this article came from several members who had questions which were answered on the web pages, and they could have saved themselves some grief if they had known the answer was keystrokes away.

One of the resources is the "Tips" page. Actually, there are 3 "Tips" pages - all linked from the VMSS "Tips" page. The tips on the VMSS page were written by VMSS members. There are also links to Ken Lockley's pages and Ron Hillsden's pages. Ken has written a series of articles on constructing sailboats, and I see his name cropping up as a resource in the model boats internet public newsgroup. Ron Hillsden also has written tips as a response to questions received in his scale model flag business or private discussion lists.

So, go to <http://members.shaw.ca/VMSS/> and click on "tips". These are the topics on the menu:

VMSS Tips

Different uses for Clothespins

Making a Scraper

Building a Propeller for Small Models

Build a Rope Seizing 'Lathe'

Simple Design for a Bow Thruster

Save Some Money when You Use CA Glue

Build a Smoke Generator

An Inexpensive Robust, but Fine Knife

Electronics Fundamentals, simply put.....

A Primer for Working in Brass

Scale Model Flags for Scale Model Ships Tips

Choosing the Right Size Flag for your Model

Using Frisket to Mask Painting

Using Fibreglas to Build Moulds and Hulls

Do It Yourself Photoetching, er Chemical Milling

Building a **Victoria** Class Sailboat

Flags Worn by Canadian Ships

Applying Fibreglas to the Outside of a Model

Using Acrylic Plastic for Superstructures

Selecting a Ship to Model, the math part...

Converting a 1/72 Revell Corvette kit to R/C

Ken Lockley Design and Model Tips

General Building Tips:

Reno Trainer Building Tips

Fin, Rudder, Ballast Bulb, etc

Painting and Deck Covering

Standing Rigging

Windward Building Tips

General Overview

Building the Windward Rudder

Tuning the Windward

Recommended Tools

Chines, Gunwales and Hull

Finishing the Hull

Bow, Bumpers, Boom and Mast

Bow Section Construction

Fitting the Keel

Radio Board and Deck Beams

Using Your New Plans

Ballast and Hatch

Ladder Type Building Jig

Radio Control System

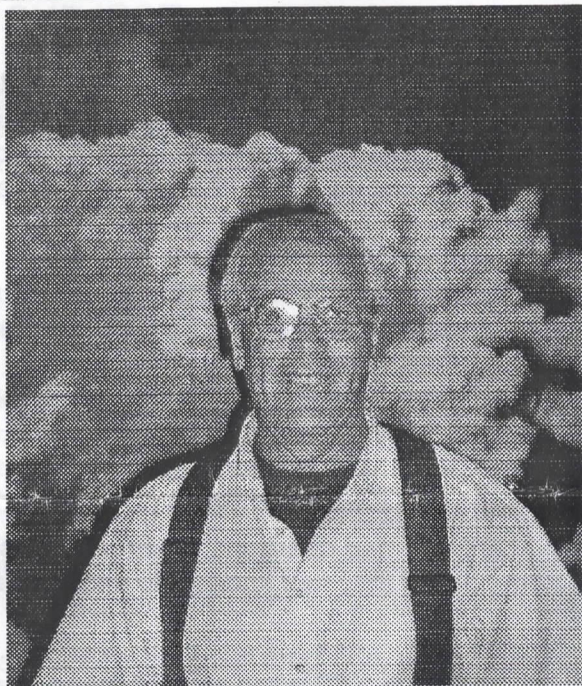
Drum Winch Installation

Decks and Hatches, etc

Deck Fittings, etc

All this information is yours for a click! Enjoy your website!

Ron H. Webmaster



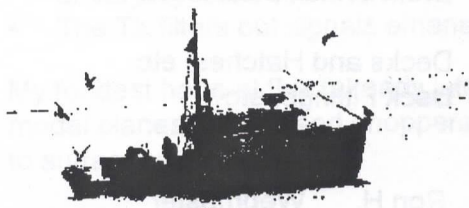
PROFILE: Dave Seager by Binnacle Bill

From the patio on Susan and Dave's personally designed and self-built home, we look through the trees down to Albert Head Lagoon. It seems as though we are a hundred miles from Victoria.

Dave's career began with four years spent at the well known 'Ontario College of Art'. We all know of his skill in building model boats, which are of museum caliber, as well as his keen sailing abilities.


Unknown to most of our members, he is also a collector of Volkswagen trucks (full size). Another 'secret' is his interest in toy guns, and in order to enlarge his present collection Dave would appreciate acquiring more of these, regardless of their condition.

Dave has been the 'Preparator' at the Victoria Art Gallery for the past three years. He is obviously well suited for this prestigious position and it is also obvious that he very much enjoys his job.



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