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# MODEL MARITIME NEWS

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This year has come and gone so quickly and Christmas is nearly here, once again.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and to thank all our customers for another great year.

We have had the opportunity of meeting many of our customers from all over Australia as well as many from overseas who are here on holiday and look forward to meeting up with us.

**Holiday Break** - We will be having a much needed break and Float a Boat will close for the festive season from: **Friday 22nd. December and will re-open on Tuesday 23rd. January.**

## THE DRAFTING OFFICE

Next year will see the release of a number of drawings depicting historical vessels which plied the Gippsland Lakes in the 19th and 20th Century. Both Paddle and Screw Steamers will be covered. It is important to research these vessels, as the Gippsland Lakes were a very busy and important area of commercial shipping as this part of Victoria was developing. The Murray / Darling shipping is well known but the Lakes shipping is not nearly as well appreciated. We are sourcing historical information from a number of areas and getting particular valuable help from Rob Cook at the Paynesville Maritime Museum. These particular boats would make great models as the originals were fairly compact and they can be modelled to large scales showing plenty of detail.

There are also a couple of other vessels in the pipeline. Keep tuned.... as they say !!!

## MARINE MODELLING INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE - update

Many of you would now be aware that this U.K. modelling magazine ceased production on 18th. July. It was a very popular magazine in Australia and we have carried it for nearly 20 years. The MMI plans range has been sold to another company and we are still able to supply plans from this collection, but naturally, no new ones will be released.

The other U.K. monthly magazine, 'Model Boats' and their plans range continue to be available as before.

## GIFT VOUCHERS

Many of you may not be aware that Float a Boat have gift vouchers.

It is really the perfect gift for someone who loves modelling because they are able to choose exactly what they want from our very extensive range for the Sail and Scale Ship Modeller. Something to consider if you are scratching your head and no ideas are coming!



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