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WELCOME TO A NEW DECADE !

It is certainly time to get a new newsletter together as the year is up and running and it will be Christmas before we realize it. We have been extremely busy with no sign of a slowdown and we thank you all most sincerely for your continued support. We will continue to bring new items to your attention in the coming year starting with an item regularly requested for several years now.

BRITISH NAVY CREW FIGURES

We are very pleased to announce that we have been appointed the retail agent for the Southern Hemisphere for the very fine crew figure sets in 1:72 Scale by Gunthwaite Miniatures in the UK. There are only two other outlets for this brand and both are in the Northern Hemisphere.

These are some of the best modelled and molded figures we have seen and rank with the famous Preiser figures which we have sold for a number of years. The figures show Royal Navy and Commonwealth Personnel in a wide variety of uniforms and depict a range of poses and are packaged three to a pack. They are cast in white metal and come unpainted. However, a short time with a fine paint brush will produce a very realistic figure which will add a most interesting extra dimension to any model built to this large scale. There are 14 sets in all, each set of three figures retailing at \$10.50 plus P&P if required.

The figures are illustrated below showing both painted and plain castings.



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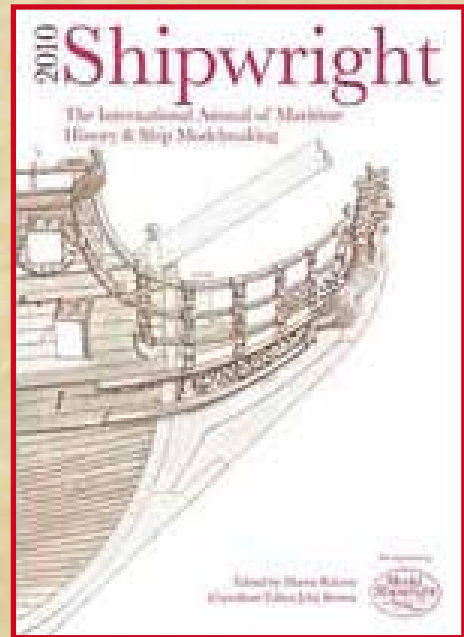
“MODEL SHIPWRIGHT” Annual

The “Model Shipwright” magazine has been a much sought after quarterly publication containing top level ship modeling information over many years. Edition No. 144 was the last of the quarterly magazines and this has now been replaced with a much larger annual production.

The official “blurb” reads as follows -

“Introducing a brand new full Colour annual focussing on all facets of ‘scratchbuilt’ model shipbuilding, as well as related articles on restoration, archaeology, historical research and marine art. Twenty articles describe, explain, inform and inspire, illustrated with modelmakers’ own photographs, archival plans, prints and artworks This new publication succeeds Model Shipwright, the quarterly journal for ship model-makers which ran to 144 issues spanning 36 years. Fully international in scope, Shipwright is an essential Volume for any dedicated ship modeller or budding enthusiast.”

Copies of this new publication will be in the shop in March as our supplier is expecting stock to arrive at that time. We have numerous orders already, mainly from our customers who used to order the quarterly magazine, but if anyone wishes to add their name to the order list you are very welcome to do so. Our distributor estimates the cost in Australia to be \$69.00. Great reading for yourself and a most acceptable gift for others.



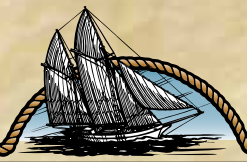
STICKY BITS !!!!!

After a lot of badgering from our customers we have decided to bring back an old favourite, “Purbond”.

This adhesive was invented some years ago by a company in Queensland and took the boat building world by storm as it is a single pack, fully water proof, wood to wood glue. It also sticks a huge range of other dissimilar materials so it is quite a versatile adhesive.

It translates very well to the model world and if you build timber hulls you can't go far wrong and it is certainly easier to use than epoxies.

We have the 125 ml bottles at \$8.95 each.



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AUSTRALIAN BATTLE GROUP - AUSTRALIA DAY MEET

This was a most interesting event and a first for both of us. We received an email inviting us to this event on the 24th & 25th January which was organised and run most successfully by the Victorian Battle Squadron. The event was staged South of Melbourne at Baxter on private property. Due to the nature of the event, Regattas cannot be held in public areas due to safety issues. Safety glasses are mandatory and the safety of competitors and spectators is most important to the organisers. We enjoyed catching up with many of our interstate customers who we had not met up until this event. The skills of the Skippers were most competent in their attack and defence and we witnessed many vessels go to the bottom in the flurry of battle.



Thanks so much to everyone for making us feel so welcome.



MELBOURNE WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL

Feb 20th - 21st 2010

This event is the first of its type in Melbourne and will be held in Victoria Harbour at Docklands. All major wooden boats and classic yacht groups will be represented. Displays will be held ashore and on the water including model displays, marine trade displays, musicians and maintenance classes on a range of boating issues. You can get more info from their website at www.woodenboat.com.au/MWBF2010



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SYDNEY MODEL BOAT SHOW 13TH - 14TH MARCH

An invitation is extended by the "Hubertus Model Boat Club" to attend or exhibit at the 2010 Sydney Model Boat Show. If you would like to participate in any way or just visit the Boat Show you would be made very welcome.

HUBERTUS COUNTRY CLUB, 205 Adams Road, Luddenham, N.S.W.

You may like to visit their website for more information.

<http://sites.google.com/site/hubertusmbc/>

Email contact - hubertus.mbc@gmail.com



MODEL MAKERS & COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION EXHIBITION MARCH 20 & 21ST 2010

www.mmaca.com

Derwent Entertainment Centre, Glenorchy, Tasmania.

This modelling show is probably the largest in Australia and is held every second year. Float-a-Boat will be descending upon Tasmania in no uncertain terms, and we hope to meet up with many of you over there. We know of quite a few of our boating friends who will be there and we understand that there will be some club contingents making the trip also. The show covers many hobby areas and features model boats, cars, planes and trains. Something of interest for everyone. If you wish to register as a participant, contact the following email address info@mmaca.com.





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FIRST AUSTRALIAN MICRO MAGIC REGATTA EASTER 2010

The Australia Micro Magic Cup Regatta will be held in Canberra ACT over the Easter weekend. Racing will be conducted on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th April 2010 on Lake Burley Griffin at Bowen Park, Kingston and hosted on behalf of the AMMCA Inc. by the Canberra Model Yacht Club. This follows a very successful promotional event for the Class held at the same venue at Easter 2009. Competitors are expected from all over Australia. See the association's website: www.aus.magicmicro.org/news.php



MAGIC GLUE FOR THE MICRO

Speaking of the Micro Magics we have a great new adhesive which is most suitable for constructing kits such as M.M's and any other boat kit which utilises ABS mouldings.

It is distributed by Krick Modellbau of Germany and is specially formulated for gluing ABS to ABS and ABS to timber, especially balsa which can be difficult with these very liquid glues. It comes in a plastic squeeze bottle with a "hypodermic" nozzle to get into those awkward spots.

Quantity is 50 grams and is priced at \$9.50 per bottle.

Also a reminder that we continue to carry the Stabilit Express ABS adhesive which is a two part mix doing a similar job and which is recommended by a number of major kit manufacturers.

