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MODEL MARITIME NEWS

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MID YEAR MADNESS !!!

This newsletter has been coming for several months now but lack of preparation time has pushed it to the back burner. Within this crazy business we have tried to get these newsletters out regularly but things have not always gone to plan. Originally we wanted to do a monthly newsletter - it then drifted to every two months, then quarterly and now it is stretching out even further.

Customers are even ringing up and missing the newsletter and hoping they haven't been removed from the list. We will certainly do it as regularly as time permits but the last 12 months have been just so busy. Almost as busy as many of the retirees who come into the shop and complain they are more busy than when they were at work. So here goes with this "Mid Year Madness" edition.

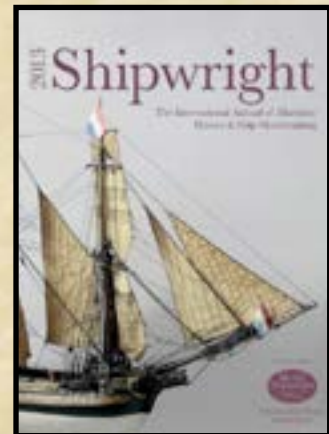
Escape from the Madness: This coming Queen's Birthday long weekend Float-a-Boat will be closed on Saturday morning June 8th, as we will be heading for Echuca to regain some sanity! Re-open on Tuesday as usual. It's also time for the Echuca Steam Festival and I know our arms will be twisted to go for a cruise on the Murray. Maybe we will see some of you there. Always a great time.

TIME FOR A GOOD READ.

Model Shipwright 2013

The fourth edition of this, full-colour annual has at last been released in Australia. To quote the publishers description - "Focusing on all facets of 'scratch-built' model shipbuilding, as well as related articles on restoration, archaeology, historical research and marine art, there are twenty articles which describe, explain, inform and inspire, all illustrated with modelmakers' own photographs, archival plans, prints and artwork." The annual took over from "Model Shipwright", the quarterly magazine of which 144 issues were published.

It is a 208 page hard cover book which like its predecessors, will be a great addition to your resource collection. Priced at \$59.00. P&P extra if required. We still have a few copies from previous years if you are missing one from your collection.



MORE '72 SCALE FIGURES

To add to our range of figures, Gunthwaite Miniatures have released additional navy figures in the 1:72 range. The first is a set of flightdeck handlers with wheel chocks (GM72-023) comprising two sailors sitting on wheel chocks and a standing figure carrying two chocks.

The second set of figures (GM72-024) Officer & Ratings shows sailors dressed in duffle coats.

Pics below show the unpainted figures and what a dab of paint can do. Priced at \$11.00 per set. P&P extra if required.





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RHONDA'S BURIED TREASURE

Exposed prop shaft sets.

There are many ships, warships included, which have various lengths of exposed prop shafts exiting the hull and terminating inside an "A" or "P" bracket just ahead of the propeller. We have never really let you know that this type of drive is readily available, so we are making amends for it now.

Many customers ring up and ask for these units on the off chance that we stock them so it is about time we let you all know in case your future project requires this type of shaft. The tube and bushings which fit inside the hull are sized from 150mm to 300mm in 50mm increments and these can be matched to shafts of any length up to 500mm (20 inches).



We also have the brass "A" & "P" brackets to accept 4mm shafts.

Along with this we also have plastic variable geometry "P" brackets if preferred.

Just a quick reminder that we have the mini propshaft sets in M2 and M3 sizes as we described in the newsletter of August 2012



Kort Nozzles.

For a number of years now we have sold the special range of propellers suitable for fitting to kort nozzles. However, in most cases, modellers have had to manufacture their own kort nozzles to fit these. We are now introducing a new range of fixed and steerable kort nozzles ranging in diameter from 40 - 90mm. These are fabricated from a durable resin material. Previously, one of the few kort nozzle ranges available commercially was from Robbe in Germany, but these are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain. We still have stock of the 60 & 100mm units.



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MODEL EXPO - 2013

8th-10th June 2013

Sandown Park Exhibition Centre, Springvale, Victoria

For those at a loose end this coming Queen's Birthday long weekend you might like to visit the Model Expo 2013 which is a showcase of everything that encompasses plastic kit modelling.

A National Open plastic model competition is conducted during the Expo and covers nearly all categories including Aircraft, AFVs, Cars, Trucks, Science Fiction and Figures.

Kit distributors and retailers will show latest releases along with a variety of model club and hobby displays.

A 'Swap & Sell' will be organised on the Monday.

For further information you may go to the Model Expo Site.

<http://www.modelexpo.com.au>



SPOTLIGHT ON MODELLERS

David Glasson

Here at Float-a-Boat we are in a very favoured situation as we constantly come across some fantastic models made by exceptional modellers.

Every now and then we like to feature these modellers and in doing so, hopefully, it will further inspire your modelling skills and creativity.

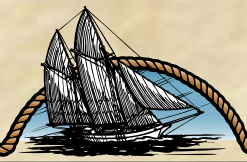
David Glasson belongs to the St. George Model Boat Club in Sydney which operates most Sundays at the Scarborough Park Model Boating Facility located at Scarborough Park, Monterey. David works for the Bridge Maintenance Department at Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority so he is never too far away from ships and the sea.

David has an eye for the tiniest detail and makes sure that everything is modelled correctly, even when hidden from view.

He is becoming known for winning competitions. Events of which we are aware are the last two Model Boat Exhibitions at the Wooden Boat Festival in Tasmania where he has taken Best of Show at both the 2011 and 2013 shows followed up with success at the Goolwa Wooden Boat Festival in South Australia.

His maritime rope craft is also amazing. Recently the Admiral commanding the Australian fleet personally visited David to collect the new bell rope and re-furbished bell commissioned from this capable craftsman.





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SPOTLIGHT ON MODELLERS - cont.

Below we have included some pics of a selection of David's boats and a closer look at some of the amazing detail. As can be seen, the boats are built "full size" but in miniature.

Every construction detail is shown.

Also in the centre of the top row is some of his rope handywork on a 1:1 scale tug.

