FLOAT a BOAT

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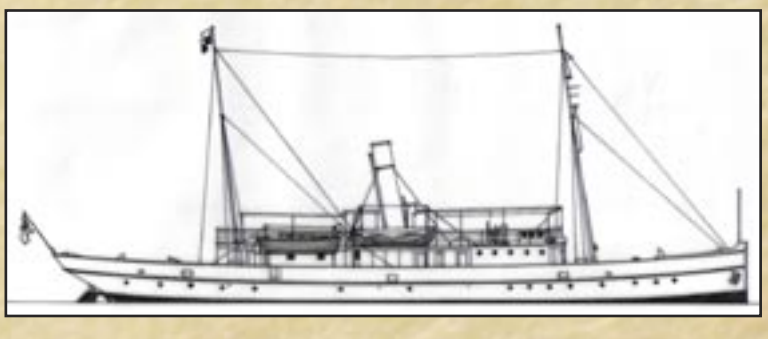
NEW PLAN RELEASE

For those of you who visit Float-a-Boat, you will be aware that there is always a drawing on the board. So over time you can always look forward to new releases.

We have just completed another of Melbourne's famous Pilot Boats, the "Victoria", built in 1889 serving until 1957 until replaced by "Akuna II". She had a long and distinguished career, free of any major mishaps and was typical of many of the work vessels of the time, with classic lines and almost yacht like features. The boat is drawn at 1:48 scale producing a hull length of 1017mm x 147mm beam.



The drawing follows our normal procedure of showing all visible detail. Lines and General Arrangement are presented on one sheet.

The drawing number is SP-214 and sells for $40.00 plus P & P if applicable.

MICRO MAGIC MELBOURNE REGATTA

This is the first get together for Micro Magic owners to exchange ideas and have fun sailing this amazing little yacht. There will be informal sailing along with a BBQ and a social evening. All boat owners and any interested persons are welcome. No experience is necessary. Interstate owners especially welcome for what promises to be a great event.

The Regatta will be over two days:

Saturday May 10th at the National Water Sports Centre, Riverend Road, Bangholme, Victoria.

Melways 97 K2

Sunday May 11th at the Powerhouse Albert Park Lake, Lakeside Drive, Melbourne.

Melways 2L A11

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NEW! BLOCKS AND GEARS.

Amongst a large number of new scale fittings to arrive in the shop over the last few weeks is a great range of timber blocks with working sheaves. Two types are available. Single and double blocks with brass sheaves and similar but slightly larger blocks with wooden sheaves. Sizes range from 10mm block length through to 17mm. They are sold two to a pack and prices range from $2.75 to $5.40 per pack. They are beautifully made and would suit models of classic sailing craft such as Couta Boats, etc. We have also been on the lookout for a range of toothed gear wheels as many scratch builders enjoy constructing models of winches and other machinery of various types. Winches with exposed mechanisms all require gear wheels of varying sizes. The wheels we have obtained range in diameters from 8.5mm up to 31mm. We also have splined brass cores to suit which are able to work with two different spindle sizes. The gears are sold individually and range in price from $1.20 to $3.50 each. The brass cores are 50 cents each.

NAVY DAY

One of the highlights of the Melbourne based Surrey Park M.B.C. calendar is the annual Navy Day. A wide range of warship models is on display both on and off the water.
For a great day out and plenty of inspiration for improving your own modelling endeavours, this is an event not to be missed.
Put Sunday May the 25th into your diary, the day starts at 11.00 am.

Lots of activity on the water.....

and in the club house.

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TITANIC SINKS AGAIN!

Como Gardens in Melbourne's outer east is open to the public on two days each year with all monies going to charities. The Surrey Park club is always the star attraction on the lake but this year was a bit different as the Titanic disaster was re-enacted once again complete with foam "iceberg". As can be seen by the accompanying photos, the event drew a huge crowd. The day is excellent exposure for the great pastime of model boating. It is a great day out for the whole family with so much to see and do.

Heading for the "iceberg" (top) and going down!!!
Just look at that crowd.

ANOTHER MAG.

We have had requests to add "Ships Monthly" to our list of magazines and have now done so. Although not a modelling magazine it is packed with interesting articles on ships and the sea. As with our other magazines, if you wish to subscribe or have us put it away for you to pick up, please advise, and we will be pleased to do so. It sells for $11.25 per copy and we will most likely have the May addition as you read this. The April edition is due in newsagents on 13th May! This addition compliments our current magazines, Model Boats, Marine Modelling International and the quarterly publication, Model Shipwright.

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