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MODEL MARITIME NEWS

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SHOP CHAT

November has been a great month as we have seen many new people become interested in marine modelling, taking up the challenge of building both static and working models. Along side this flurry of activity, we continue to keep having many crazy ideas about next years happenings at Float-a-Boat. This in turn creates more work and keeps us constantly on our toes and not allowing us to get a moments rest, so consequently the November Model Maritime News was put on the back burner.
We have had quite a good response to "Ready to run" sailing boats as featured in our October M.M.N, and lots of people are telling us they are having a great time.
Also, we have almost sold out of our Micro Magic kits and are currently waiting for more of the racing version kits to arrive from Germany, along with more Stabilit Express that is proving to be all it is said to be for gluing ABS. Competition sailors are buying this exciting little boat due to the fact that it handles so well and is so easily transported.
Those of you who visit our shop would be aware that the products listed on our website are only a tiny fraction of our stock range, so occasionally we will feature some of our other products in this newsletter. If you are seeking something in particular, feel free to contact us, as nine times out of ten, we will have it.

MODEL MAGAZINES

Many of you have been enjoying receiving your magazines at the beginning of the due month, either calling in to pick them up or having them mailed out. Occasionally Model Boats Magazine produces a special issue which is separate from their monthly magazine. These specials usually concentrate on a specific topic. This edition features 100 pages of kits and kit building. It is a well produced glossy magazine with much to interest most boat hobbyists and covers a range of both static and working models, historic through to modern. There is a limited number, so you can either pick it up or we can arrange to post it to you. The cost is $12.50 ($2.00 postage) For those of you who are not aware the magazines we carry are "Model Boats" , Marine Modelling International" and "Model Shipwright".

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FLAGS

Many people are delighted to know that we carry a very extensive range of flags, ranging in size from 10mm in length to 150mm. Having the correct flag on your completed model is a bit like signing your work of art - it is the final finishing touch.
We stock the BECC range of flags from England, which are high quality, double sided, cotton flags. There are National flags, Naval and Merchant Ensigns, House flags, Signal Sets and other more obscure flags. They also cover a very wide period of history so there is no excuse to have the wrong flag flown. (In some cases kit manufactures have most inappropriate flags included in their kits) BECC also have a very good range of draught marks, plimsoll lines and other hull markings in metric and imperial and covering a wide range of scales. There are also sheets of dials and gauges, emergency signage and letters and numbers in a large range of sizes. There is also a range of Naval markings with black letters and white shadow.
It is impossible for us to keep the full range in all sizes, however, we do carry an extensive range of the more popular flags and if we do not have it we can include it in our next order. We carry the full range of lettering sizes in both black and white and a more limited range in other colours, including gold and silver.

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TIME MOVES FAST !

Especially with one of our Chris Craft calendars for 2008.
Not only do these beautiful boats move fast but they are extremely elegant and turn heads in any company. With one of these calendars on your office wall you will be forgiven for constant day-dreaming.
Mahogany runabouts represent an era of elegance and style.
Chris Craft were the world's largest builder of Mahogany boats, having a long and distinguished history among recreational boat builders in the twentieth century. Although the business commenced in the 1870's, the pinnacle of their success was the 50 years between 1922 and 1972, when some of the most famous runabouts and recreational cruisers were created.
If you haven't got a lazy $300,000 lying around to restore one of these beauties, this calendar is the next best thing.
Great idea as a gift for yourself or as a stocking filler for family and friends this Christmas.
At $19.95 this is an absolute bargain for such a great collectable.

We would like to take this occasion to thank you all for your support and friendship over the past year. It has been a pleasure to serve you and to assist you in the wonderful hobby of model boating. We would like to thank those who have extended invitations to us to attend regattas and boat shows throughout the year. We haven't been able to accept every invitation but have certainly enjoyed the ones we have been able to attend.
On our last page we will leave you with some highlights from the recent Surrey Park and Lake Illawong night sails. Another highlight in early December was the B.B.Q. lunch and awards presentation organised by the Albert Park M.Y.C. and the Dandenong Valley Radio Yacht Club.

Our last trading day will be Sat. 22nd Dec. as we will be taking a short break for Christmas. We will re-open again on Tue. 8th Jan. and look forward to seeing you.

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Part of the Fleet at Surrey Park - Lights everywhere. Who has right of way? Probably the biggest!!!

Dandenong Valley R.Y.C. founding member, Clarrie Cotter presents award to multi World IOM Champion Craig Smith.

"The Christmas Paddler" at Surrey Park looking stunning.

Night sail at Lake Illawong. It is easy to see how these events are becoming more popular.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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