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KEEPING AN EYE ON THE TIDE

For all of you who go down to the sea in ships or dangle a line from a pier, we have something special for you.

Over the years we have had numerous requests for tide clocks and we are glad to announce that we now have some in stock.

Two alternate dial designs are featured, set in black or dark blue bezels.

Price: $59.00

WYUNA - Our latest plan release

Arguably, the finest looking work-boat in Australia, “Wyuna” was built especially for the Pilot Service in Victoria. Closely resembling the Royal Yacht “Britannia” and built in Scotland at approximatley the same time, she became a farmilliar sight steaming in and out of “The Rip” at the entrance to Port Phillip Bay.

Back in the early 1960’s when I lived at Ocean Grove, I would see “Wyuna” almost every day outside the heads on station in all weather, waiting to transfer the Pilots to the numerous ships which daily called at Melbourne or Geelong. Her beautiful lines and striking yellow ochre and white colour scheme will stay in my memory for ever.

It is a pleasure to be able to draw this fine vessel and offer her on 3 large sheets and add her to our plans range. Drawings at 1:48 scale are lines, G.A. profile and deck plans and a second G.A. plan detailing the Main and Boat Decks plus bridge elevation and details.

Price is $65.00 per set and model length at the above scale is 1320 mm x 250 mm beam.

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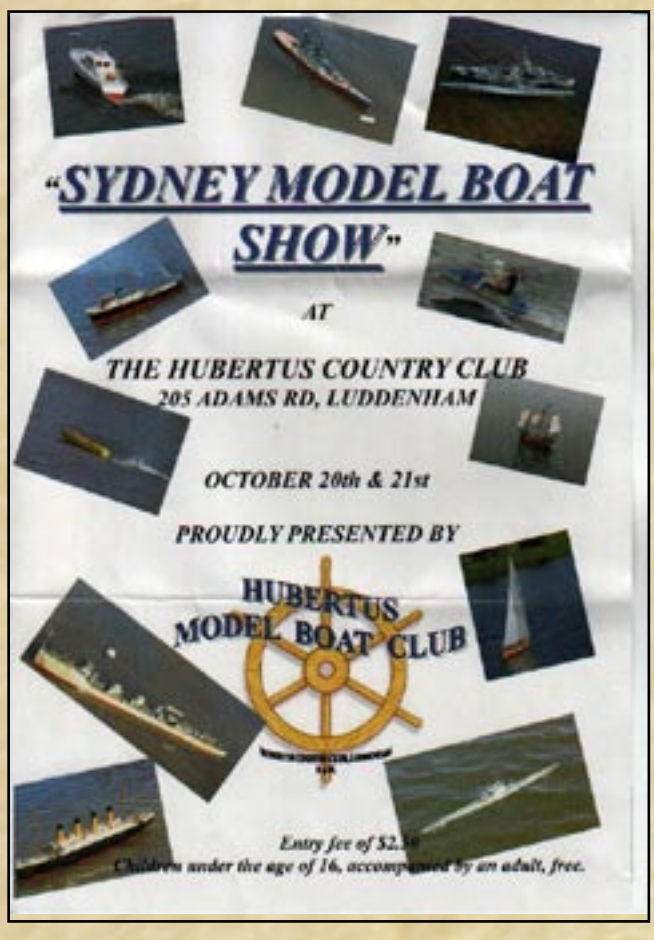
EVENTS AROUND AUSTRALIA

If you would like a change of scenery while sailing your models, then make your way up to Luddenham, N.S.W. on the 20th & 21st of October, and then to Euroa in November on Melbourne Cup weekend. Both look like a good time for family fun, relaxing and model boating.
Make sure you make yourself known to the sailing folk as they would love to welcome you.



Just a reminder, that groups and clubs are welcome to give us information of your special events, and we can get the news out to others who may be interested in attending. This is a great way for modellers to get to know other modellers, to keep in contact and encourage one another in the great recreation of Model Boating.

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READER'S MODELS

One of the advantages of running a business such as Float-a-Boat is that we have the opportunity to see some very fine models by some very skilled craftsmen. As opportunity presents itself we will sometimes include one of these models in our newsletter for everyone to enjoy.

This month we will go down to Tasmania and have a look at what can be done by "super detailing" a popular Tug kit.

Stuart Hedley has sent us some pics and notes of his very fine model. He started with a 1:25 scale "Odin" kit from Robbe. It is big at 1200 long with a beam of 340 mm and displaces approx. 25 kg. Stuart does not recommend this kit for beginners, but it does contain highly detailed drawings and step by step written instructions for those with lots of patience. Robbe provides many optional working features which can be added to this model. Clive Udy, who is known both in Victoria and Tasmania for building large models was involved in the early stages of constructing this model. Stuart writes that the boat is fitted with navigation lights, superstructure lights and forward and aft searchlights. Fitted with a single swivelling Kort Nozzle allows impressive manoeuvrability, virtually turning in her own length. Although the boat looks a magnificent piece of work, Stuart mentions that it is still a work in progress with rigging and other detail items still to complete.

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The decks have been given plenty of clutter with the addition of ropes, chains and other bits and pieces to create the impression of a real working tug.
Stuart further writes as follows: "I have emailed photos to Robbe in Germany and they were very complimentry, stating it was one of the best they had seen, and they asked if they could use the photos for future promotions. After obtaining information from the production manager at Robbe, it appears her name "Odin" was created by Robbe. Her real name was "Adrett" and a sister tug was built called "Accuratt". They were built in 1968 by "Mutzelfeldtwerft GMH" at Cuxhaven and delivered to Lutgen and Reimers Hamburg where they remained until 1986. "Adrett" was sold in 1986 to "J.Johannsen and Sohn Schleppschliffahrt" and renamed "Michael". Some years later, she was restyled and renamed "Clara". In 2007 she was sold to Bijma BV and renamed "Gruno V" where you can see her working most days." If you go to the website "Tugspotters", there you will also find her entire history.
"Adrett" was powered by a 1200BHP (583KW) diesel engine delivering 19.5 tons bollard pull. After modifications she is now rated at 23.5 tons bollard pull."
If any readers own one of these kits, Stuart would love to hear from you or if anyone wants further information or more photos he can be contacted by email. moonah@cartridgeworld.com.au

Thanks so much to Stuart for sharing this most impressive model with us all.

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