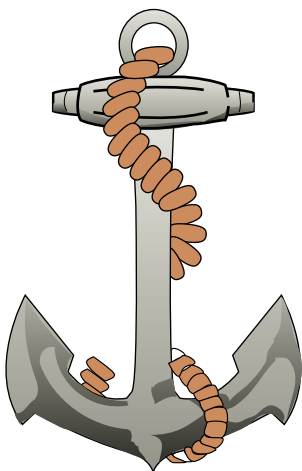


BOAT NEWS

The
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of the
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This year's Second Annual SUBCOM-ON meeting was held at Andrew Haydon Park on July 20th. There was larger club participation than last year and the event turned out very well. This year's winner was our own Ben Cliffe. Ted Scrivens, the organizer, is already looking forward to next year's meet.

Skipper's Shorts

By Tony Mitchelson
President

This year's Sub regatta sponsored by the club was once again a terrific success. Kudos to Ted for organizing the event so well. The participants were mostly members of the Ontario chapter of the Sub Committee. Competitors had to complete a prescribed course, part on the surface and part submerged. Points were awarded for completing the course close to the time that the competitor had predicted. Two runs were made and the times averaged out.

The winner was our own Ben Cliffe, second was Helmet from Guelph and third was Chris Klepsch from Milton.

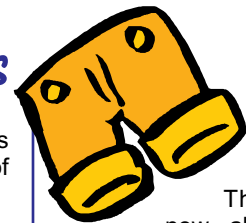
The quality of craftsmanship on most of the models was awesome and then when one viewed the interior functions it was even more mind boggling.

Those of you that missed this year should make a point of attending this event next year.

We now own half a dinghy. This is for rescue purposes at the pond and we have shared the cost with the sailing group. It is stored in the compound with oars and two life jackets. The agreement states that two persons must carry it to the water and life-jackets must be worn.

By the time that you read this our show season will be over but I would still like to organize some kind of competitive event later this month or early September. Would a Saturday or Sunday be feasible? Let me know your opinion.

An industrial type First Aid Kit was donated to the club by Bob Fiset (Joan's brother in law) from Levitt Safety, this will be carried in the club trailer so will be



available at all events.

The trailer is now also equipped with a tool kit for on the spot repairs, thanks to Joan.

Our transmitters for the club tugs finally gave up on us at Perth although they were giving us some problems at Merrickville. Three new transmitters have been purchased and installed on the control consul. This is one of the reasons that we had to cancel our commitment with the Children's Museum.

If you have not done so yet, check out the new web page at WWW.RIDEAUNAUTICAL.CA

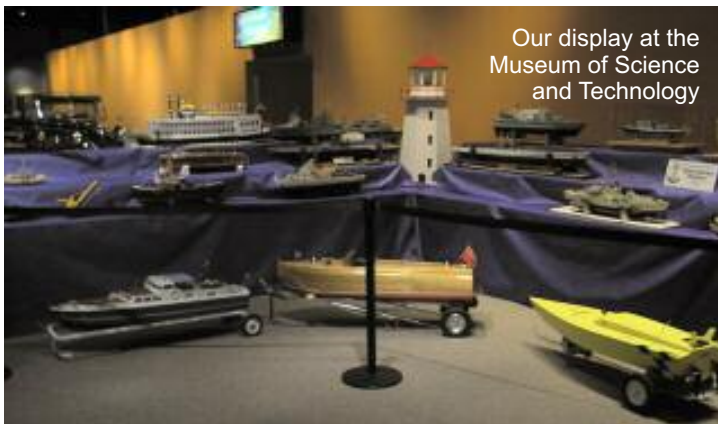
Start getting all your good stuff together that you no longer need and bring it out to the first meeting in October for the auction, you could go home a millionaire.

2002 Winter Meetings

We had a very interesting winter with all but one of the meetings being held at the Science and Technology Museum. The one exception was our usual trip the pool in Perth, which took place in February.

As the Commodore was away for his pilgrimage to the Southern climes, his able Vice-Commodore looked after the meetings. We had no lack of items for any of the show and tell as we have a very imaginative group of members. Some of the show and tell consisted of some very bright and colourful LEDs brought by Jens, all kinds of

demonstrations of how motors can be driven by air power for steam conversion, animated figures for boats and sound cards by Brian, mill work by Wally, new models for use in the program for Gifted kids, a new model built from the Dumas "Creole Queen" kit by new member Jim Burton, Joan's new Gondola, a new design for speed controls manufactured by Ken Huntington, and finally, a great new method of making connections by the "Magnet Man" Warren. There were frequent updates from Rolly on the building of the "Tug Along," his most recent achievement.

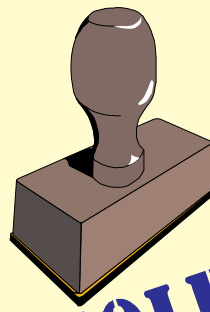


Our display at the Museum of Science and Technology

How big is this sub?!



Answer: Just under four inches. Owner: Joan Lee

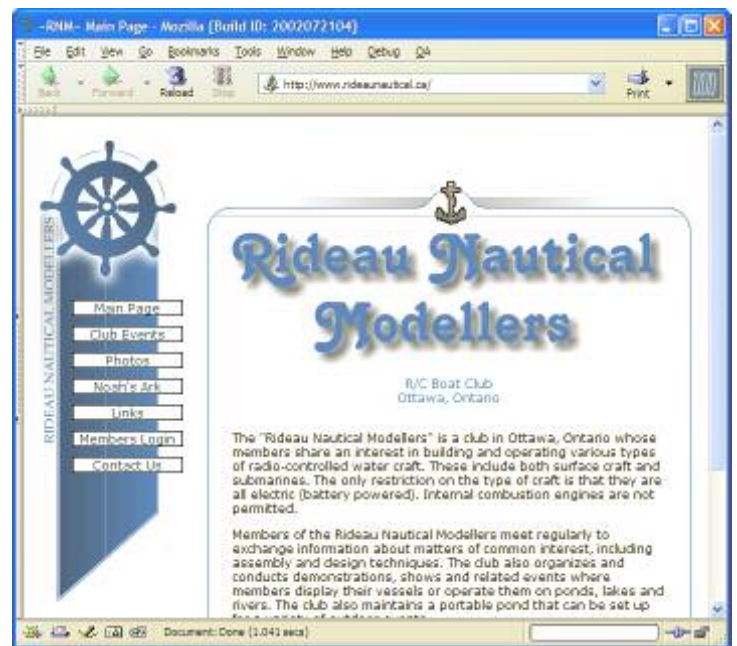


SOLD

Auction!!!

We are planning the annual Auction for the October meeting so it is time to do some house cleaning and get out all those things you didn't want to part with before. It gives you the chance to make a little money you can spend to make more boats, while letting other members have more parts to do the same!!

News From Cyberspace



Changes have been made to the administration of our web site. The location is now an easy one to remember:

www.rideaunautical.ca

The site includes a special members section that has a dynamic list of radio channels where you can add and remove your own radio channels, and see who else uses your channel; it is automatically updated so that the channel list is always current. Also, the members address list has easier to use eMail addresses: simply find the person's name and click on their eMail to send them one. To use the new members area, go to the web site and click on members. For the User Name, use '****', and for the password, use '*****' (without quotes). The members area is protected by username and password to prevent people not affiliated with

the club from sending unsolicited mail or obtaining your telephone number. When you have a chance, why not log on and make sure your channels are up to date?

With the coming of a new server for the web site, it is now possible to send an eMail to everyone in the club who has provided an eMail address (has an eMail address listed in the members listing). You can easily contact the majority of the club by sending an eMail to:

rnm@rideaunautical.ca

This is a nice way to share club news, a story, or an interesting web site you may have found. Please avoid posting large photographs, as many people have a quota on how large their received eMail can be. A link to the photo is just as effective.

The Tugboat Page



Rolly Nantel poses with his latest creation, an award-winning, fully featured, legally registered, outboard motor driven, and very fun to control boat, Tug Along.

Tug Along

Rolly Nantel has completed his winter project, a full-featured model tug he named "Tug Along," and it was brought out to numerous special events this summer.

Aside from being very popular for club members to use in the water at special events such as Merrickville and Smith Falls, the first event it participated in made it a winner!

Thus far, Tug Along has received three awards. Tug Along took 1st place in the Ottawa Tulip Festival Parade of Lights on Saturday, May 18,

2002. This award was sponsored by the Casino of Lemay Lake and paid \$1,500. Tug along also took the Peoples Choice award in the Ottawa Tulip Festival Flotilla on Sunday May 19, 2002. This award was sponsored by Clarica and Tug Along received \$1,000. Most recently, Tug Along took the "Most Popular and Head Turning" Lewis Memorial Award in the Clayton, New York in-water antique boat show on Saturday Aug 3, 4, 2002. This award was sponsored by the Lewis Family and consisted of an engraved wooden bowl.

We wish Rolly and Tug Along many more successful events in the future.



Club Tug News

Spring cleanup has benefitted the Club Tugs. Complete makeovers have been completed on the tugs thanks to the help of Wally, Joan, Pat, Ken, and Brian. They are now more durable and are better for withstanding the abuse they get from the kids. They look very sharp too. Members are reminded to not use channels 72.5, 76, and 80, as these are reserved for the use of these tugs. Thanks to all for this effort.

Model Boat Building Classes

We participated again this year in a program for Gifted kids ages 8 to 12. Classes were conducted on building a small balsa/basswood tugboat with the kids. The instructors this year were Geoff Hardy, assisted by Pat Suwalski and Peter Ziobrowski. This was well received and they had a very safe six weeks with "no personal injuries." This is partially due to a requirement of parental attendance; the parents had a good time too. One of the students completed their model with full remote control capability and showed it off at one of our Tuesday meetings.



A young student brings their fully functional tug boat out to the July 30th meeting at Andrew Haydon Park.



One of Brian Clarke's copies of his boat hull, and the ship the original mold was taken from.

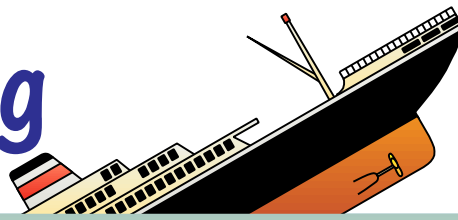
Brian's Tug Mold

Brian Clarke has been at it again. This time, he has attempted, successfully, to create a copy of an already-finished ship's hull. The original hull was covered in aluminum foil for protection and used as a plug for a fiberglass mold.

Brian hopes to make a steam powered ship from his copy. He is offering to lend the mold to anyone who may also want a copy, and if asked nicely, he may even be convinced to make the copy for you.



Sinking



Ships

We have had our share of regular vessels trying to become submarines this summer. This page is dedicated to them.

To date this summer, we have had four of our ships go to the bottom (or very close) during our Tuesday meetings, as well as other club events. All were successfully recovered through the joint efforts of club members both on the water and encouragement from shore, especially those on shore giving directions to the location, as some of the boats sank so quickly that their owners did not notice them go down!



Peter's Tug, Tuesday May 28th
First sinking of the year.



Noah's Ark, Tuesday June 4th

This was the second sinking of the ark. It could not be found immediately and was rescued the following day. See the website for a great story by Brian Clarke.



Tony's Fishing Boat, Tuesday August 6th
Was rescued in half an hour by Peter rowing and Tony with his head in the water.



Ted's Submarine, Sunday August 11th

Ted Scrivens received the sub-on-bottom (SOB) award when his submarine refused to come up due to a seized pump, in the clear waters of Smith Falls.

RNM Tees

When bored silly one night, Pat decided to design and make a few prototypes for an RNM tee-shirt. Upon taking them out to the following event, Pat found himself overwhelmed with requests for one! Upon jokingly suggesting that to keep the orders manageable the shirts should be awarded to those whose boats sink, at the Smith Falls event Tony awarded Ted with a shirt following the mechanical failure and recovery of his largest submarine. If he really wanted one, he could have just asked!

The shirts are plain white, washer-safe, with a coloured design.

