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WHEW!!!

A NEWSLETTER AT LAST!

We are sure that you have all thought that we had left the country and many of you have been enquiring as to when the next newsletter is coming. The last few months have been extremely busy in the shop and we have not had a chance to think about it.

Plans we had to advertise coming events have now changed to reports on past events.

Anyway, we have enjoyed the time with our customers and the many new folk we have been able to welcome to this wonderful past-time.

We have had the pleasure of directing many people to clubs all over Australia and we must express our thanks to so many of you for making them feel very welcome.

The Christmas Season is almost upon us and as this is the last newsletter for 2011, we would like to wish you all a blessed and safe Christmas and holiday period.



GOOD HOLIDAY READING...

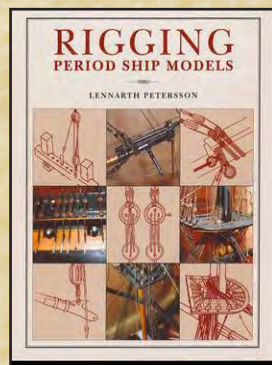
LUBBOCK & UNDERHILL

We have many books by these very famous writers - two of the greatest authors of the sailing ship era.

Harold Underhill both wrote and illustrated his numerous books and Basil Lubbock was a most authoritative writer who collaborated in a number of his books with the great Jack Spurling, one of the finest Maritime Artists of all time.

Lubbock books are profusely illustrated with many lines drawings, GA's and sail plans. If you are after something by these fine authors, then please make contact as we have all their current published titles in stock.

Prices vary but they are very reasonably priced for such detailed reference books.



RIGGING PERIOD SHIP MODELS

by Lennarth Petersson

Originally introduced in 2000, this helpful book for Period Ship Modellers is once again available but at a lower price of \$65.00. Each page is very well illustrated and by the end of the book all aspects of the rig have been covered in easy to understand instructions.

A very good reference book for those of you modelling late 18th Century ships.

We also have the companion volume, Rigging Period Fore-and- Aft Craft by the same author.

MODEL BOATS WINTER SPECIAL

For those of you who are on the look out for the Model Boats twice yearly specials, you will be glad to know that we have stock of the "Model Boats Winter Special". This is a large 100 page edition with lots of interesting articles, mainly on building and fitting out, but this edition also carries a good section on yachting. Priced at \$12.00 it's a very good read and can be referred to time and time again.





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RHONDA'S BURIED TREASURE BLOCKS

Something that people are often searching for are blocks in various forms. Our catalogue shows some of our range but we have been expanding over time with many of our fittings and so there is more choice. Here we are showing you a few of the types available and they come in many sizes so if there is something here that you need, do get in touch and we will do our best to help you. Some are working blocks and some are for static models.



ATLANTIC HARBOUR TUG / BRISTOL BAY - RTR

After a long wait, we have been able to once again get supplies of this finely detailed, ready-to-run, R/C tug. It is very good value at \$439.00 with its fibre glass hull, lots of scale fittings, movable life boat davit, working lights and much more. It operates with a 550 electric motor via a forward / reverse electronic speed controller and even has its own boat stand for display. Batteries are not included and you will need a 7.2V power pack along with a charger to suit and ten AA batteries (8 for TX and two for the lighting system). Overall length is 770mm x 250 beam and an overall height of 483mm. Well worth a look if you are wanting a good fun scale model without a lot of construction time involved. Also in the Aquacraft range is a little fishing boat called "Bristol Bay" which is of similar quality to the Atlantic Tug. This is an "almost ready to run" model. All that is needed is the setting up of the masts. We have sold many of this popular little boat priced at \$399.00. Batteries are not included.





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NEW - MTRONIKS digiSOUND 5m

We have added a recent release by Mtroniks. It is claimed to be the world's first 100% waterproof, plug-n-play sound module designed to take the hassle out of giving your model a realistic sound. It requires no programming or set up. It comes with the sound pre-installed. Complete with built in amplifier, wiring loom and even a 75mm diameter waterproof speaker. The speaker should be installed in a suitable enclosure in the upper part of the hull.. The digiSOUND module will operate between 6 and 12 Volts. The first version is available with a small diesel tug sound effect - more sounds will become available over time.



WARSHIPS FOR COLLECTORS

We have recently introduced a collection of ready made Capital Ships which are fully finished with beautiful detailing and fine painting. They cover US, German and Japanese vessels from the second world war. "Bismarck" comes in 1:1000 scale and "Missouri", "Tirpitz" and "Yamato" are all at the larger 1:700 scale. Over the years we have often been asked for ready made warships and we are pleased that this range has come onto the market. Prices are \$59.95 for the 1:700 scale and \$39.95 for "Bismarck".





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RECENT EVENTS

9 8th Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally

We felt like intrepid explorers as we set off in pouring rain heading for Lake Goldsmith for this famous steam rally. It had been a rotten weekend and we wondered what we would find on arrival, but as we passed through Ballarat the rain lifted and the rest of the day was most enjoyable as we wandered around the many exhibits over this enormous site. It has been noted as the "Perfect Living Museum" and is like a permanent men's workshop that is opened up for all to enjoy the delights of the amazing machines they are restoring and in some cases restored to absolute perfection. We had some good chats with many of the exhibitors and of course visited the model boats pool, sipping hot chocolate along the way to keep warm.



Como Gardens

On the 15th and 16th October, Como Gardens in The Basin, Victoria was once again opened to the public with all proceeds going to local charities. The Surrey Park Model Boat Club was again centre stage on the lake with many different types of boats which attracted a lot of attention from the general public. This is always a great family day with many other attractions but the boats always create a lot of interest. Below we have a few pics on the day.

The next open garden day at Como Gardens will be the 14th and 15th April 2012. Hope to see many of you there!





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SPOTLIGHT ON MODELLERS

David Lumsden

Modellers will always draw the attention of a crowd with finely detailed models. David Lumsden is one of those modellers who does things differently and prefers to work with card. He has kindly lent us some of his models for display in the shop and there has been many a gasp when people realise that these are actually paper models.

Below we have some pictures of his work just for you to enjoy and be encouraged.

David has built his models from the range of kits that we have in stock. They have already inspired other modellers to have a go, especially as it can be done indoors and makes very little mess. Maybe we will see a steady growth in this facet of the hobby and one day it may be as popular in Australia as it is in Europe. There is a card modelling society which would be delighted to hear from those of you who wish to take up this interesting form of modelling. Call us at the shop and we will pass on the details.



Pictured are HMS "Bellona", German Cruiser "Emden", the Sydney Ferry "Golden Grove" and the Murray River Paddler "Alexander Arbuthnot". The Paddle Steamer "Pevensey" is also available.



Christmas Break

A news report recently stated that Australians were the most holiday deprived country in the world with many people reluctant to take holidays. We have decided to fight back!!!

The shop will be closed from 12 midday Christmas Eve and reopen again on Tuesday 10th January 2012.

We look forward to what the new year brings...

