
readers' letters

Fine modelling from King Henry

Sir,
I am sending you a photograph of three wooden models made during a recent voyage of *King Henry* to Calcutta.

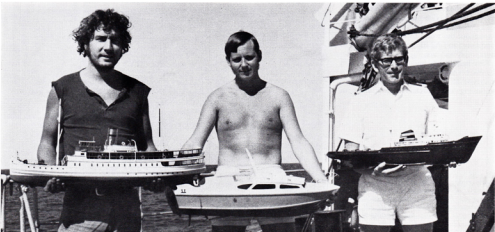
The model of a passenger ferry (see the picture) made by Alwyn John was named the *Bobuslan*. It was provided with an electric motor to turn the propeller but was intended for display only. Its length would be roughly three feet and it would, I estimate, have taken about 100 hours to build.

The launch model was a *Fairy Swordsman*, three feet in length, with 1½ inch beam and powered by a 5cc water cooled diesel engine. It had radio control on throttle and steering and its speed in the water was about 30mph. It was made by Paul Pepper.

John Ritchie, purser/catering officer (on the right of the picture) constructed a model of a Dutch ocean going tug named *Zwarte Zee*. It was just over two feet long and was powered. It took approximately 50 hours to build.

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■ Models constructed during the last voyage of *King Henry* to Calcutta. From left to right Alwyn John (junior engineer), Paul Pepper (chief electrician) and John Ritchie (purser/catering officer). See the first letter, column one. Picture: A. B. Clubb.



Rescue earned Lloyds Medal

Sir,
You mention the retirement of Capt. Mair in *CLANSMAN* No. 18 and his service in *Clan MacArthur* when she was sunk by enemy action off South Africa. I recall that he and the late John Ruthven (who was chief refriger.) received what I understand to be a very special award, Lloyds Medal, for their bravery during the sinking.

With complete disregard for their own safety they rigged up means of escape for Asian crew members who were trapped below deck.

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Enter Donald on the crew list

SIR,
You might be interested in including news of our son's birth in *CLANSMAN*. My husband, Bill, was serving on *Edinburgh Castle* when Donald Michael Cameron was born on November 22, 1972. We are most grateful to R. J. Bartlett and *Edinburgh Castle's* chief engineer for getting the news to Bill (who is now serving on *Reina del Mar*).

We both enjoy *CLANSMAN* immensely, and Bill likes to keep track of fellow engineer officers through your crew lists.

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