

# Portland Model Power Boat Association

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## ***NEWSLETTER*** **December 2023**



## **PMPBA Constitution and Bylaws of November 2016 Purpose and Mission**

The PMPBA is dedicated to the advancement of model boating. This includes the design construction, and safe operation of boats on the water. Additionally, the association is founded on creating long term positive public relations within the community fully understanding we are guests and function in public places and on private lands.

### **A Commodore's Corner December 2023**

Hello Everyone,

We are entering a new year and already it is going to be a great one. Our accomplishments for 2022 -2023 were excellent.

The PMPBA was an important factor in improving water conditions at Tualatin Commons. We've developed a good working alliance with the maintenance crew.

We also established a wonderful relationship with the City and future Memorial Day events. The pieces are in place for us to play a large part in future celebrations with the opening of the Veterans Memorial in the future.

I would like to thank Bob, Barrie, Ken, and Terry for stepping-up and wanting to lead us for the next several years.

Good times with good friends continue to come our way.

Bradley Gray, Commodore

### **Highlights of the November Club Meeting**

A large part of the November 11 general meeting was again devoted to ideas to help raise funds for the club treasury in view of rising costs for our continuing yearly expenses. In the past we just raised dues to meet expenses and did not consider fund-raising for the club.

Last month Bob talked with the Pastor and the Church has agreed to keep our club mail. We will no longer need to pay for a mailbox. When it expires next year, it will not be renewed. Thanks much for your help Bob. It's a considerable savings for the club.

With these savings the decision was made to continue our liability insurance through the Scale Ship Modeling Association (SSMA) for 2024. The idea of requiring individual member liability insurance was dropped.

To help build the treasury, I brought 4 boat kits, a Zenoah gas engine and a 40" fiberglass PT Boat hull to the November meeting to auction. Good prices helped everything sell fast. All proceeds from the auction were donated to the club. It was fun and successful. The membership voted and the "Help Your Club Auction" will be an annual event each November.

Next year as you go through your workshops and find things you are not using or don't need, set them aside. And bring them to the auction and donate a portion, or all of it, to the club. We're trying to keep dues reasonable and affordable for all. Let's help our club and keep it the great bargain it really is.

### **Highlights of the December Meeting**

It was a fun and very busy one with holiday cheer. Cindy brought the holiday cookies and drinks. After brief officer reports the Election of New Officers for 2024 took place. The entire Bob Team had the total support of the club.

Bob Muller was elected as Commodore, Barrie Swain as Vice Commodore, Ken Valk as Secretary and Newsletter Editor, and Terry Hinrich as the new Treasurer.

Dallas then turned the meeting over to Bob and the new team of officers. They explained some of the many upcoming changes and goals for the club next year. New goals include:

Increasing the number of members.

Growing the club treasury.

More time in meetings devoted to model boating.

Streamlining the club website with Face Book as a primary source of recent club activities.

Expanded liaisons and alliances with the city and other west coast model boat clubs.

A return to Tualatin Commons as our primary running site.

**One of the largest changes will be the development of far more participation and involvement from members at our general meetings.** At future meetings members will be asked to contribute with presentations or provide their thoughts and input in various discussions. Beginning in January we will be developing a list of suggestions for a

“Commodores Corner” for next year’s meetings. All will be asked for their ideas on subjects they wish to have.

Quite simply we need a wider variety of ideas and not just those from the same few members.

Our Constitution and By Laws states our “dedication to the advancement of model boating”. These changes and goals for next year will help us advance.

In a later meeting we will also be discussing the various “Advantages of Joining the PMPBA”. But simply for now, we join to learn, have fun, and enjoy the camaraderie. Refocusing on our mission will also help us advance the club.

2024 will be a year of change. The hope is you’ll share your thoughts and ideas.

The December meeting also had some outstanding presentations.

Jeff brought two of his “Brushless Electric powered boats. A large Deep V and a Traxxas Catamaran for a presentation teaching us more about the types of brushless motors, in-runner and out-runner designs, their advantages and disadvantages and costs. And the various electronic speed controls and batteries used in this new technology. Thanks Jeff, I can’t wait to see them on the water next year.

Bruce shared his latest build from an old Model Slipways Coast Guard Rescue Boat. He gave us some good insights on the difficulties of using styrene plastics in the model and the better types of glues he found to make the job easier. Here’s a photo of the model.



Skip brought in one of his latest projects. A small “Jupiter” Cabin Cruiser being built from an old out of production kit. It’s all wood and looks to be on the water soon. When you see it, look close at its finish.

As said, our December Meeting was a fun, productive, and busy one.

### **Other New Boats**

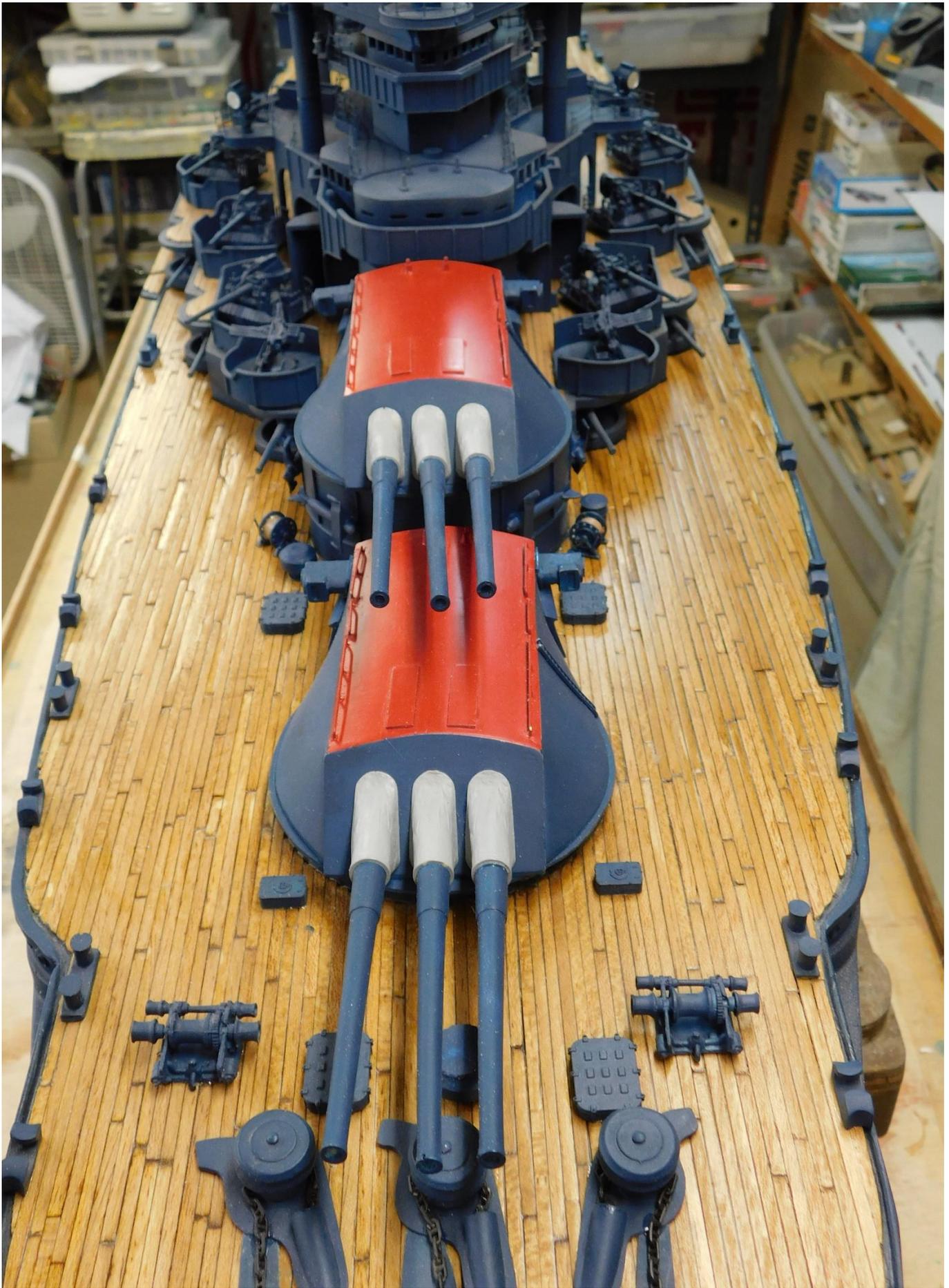
Here’s a couple of others which are currently being built. Both are still “Works in Progress”, but the hope is they’ll be launched next Spring.

This is the USS Arizona being built by Bob Muller.



It's 1/96<sup>th</sup> scale, 6'3" long and 12" wide. Now in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year of building, the Arizona is for Rick Piper to replace the Big Mo which was stolen earlier this year. It is being built on top of a Lee Upshaw fiberglass hull. The outside of the hull was modified to add details of the armor belt, bilge, docking keels and welded reinforcement rods used in the real Arizona.

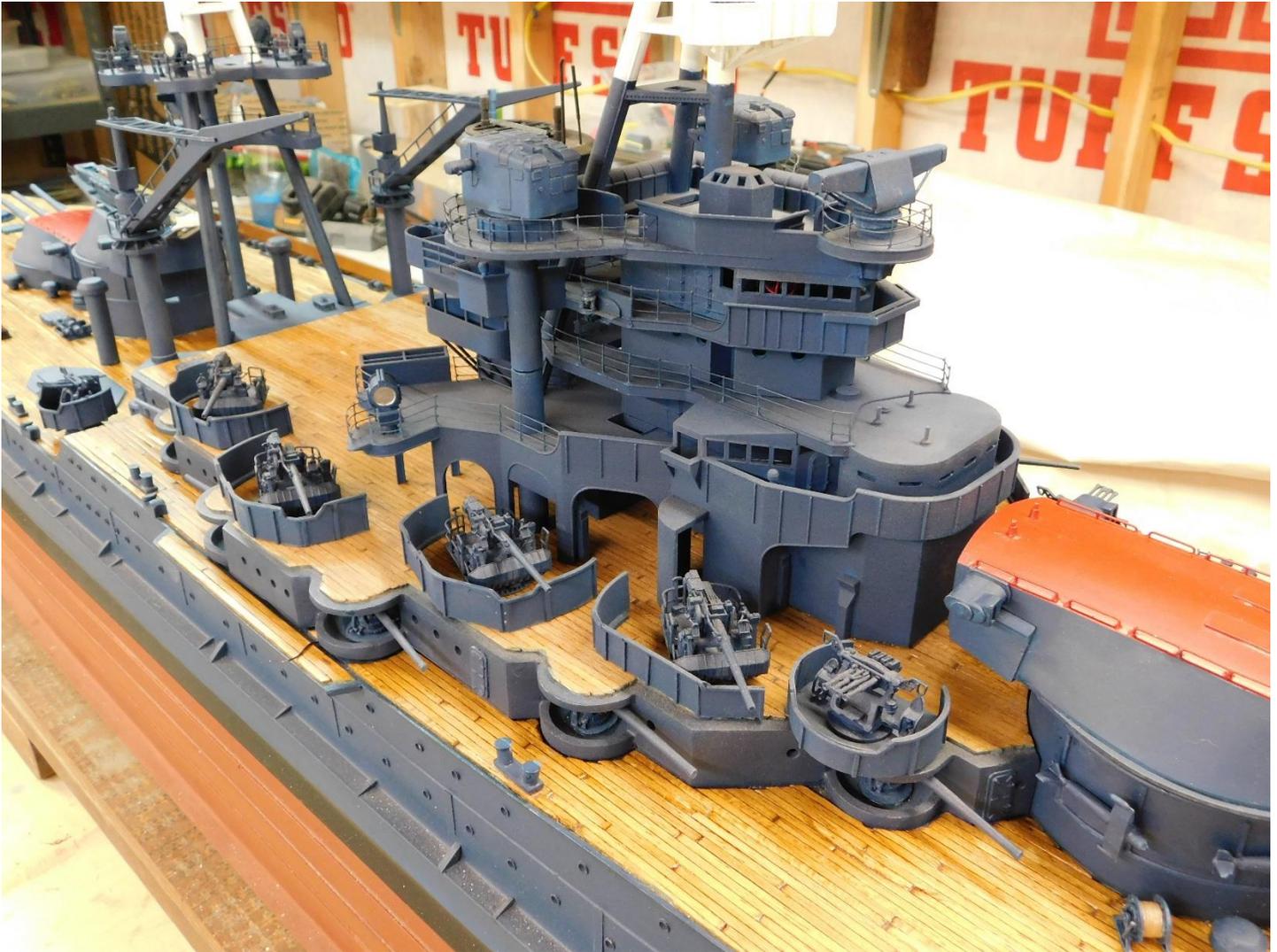
Below are a few shots which show the detailed deck and super structure.





Bob says this model represents “old school” building with new age 3D Printing. That combination achieves a speedier build and brings amazing details. And yes, the deck is hand laid with individual planking.

Below is the final shot of the intricate detailing of the model.



The Arizona will be fully radio controlled. To be powered with four 12-volt Dumas motors, wired in parallel with counter rotating  $1 \frac{7}{16}$  inch 3 blade props. The goal is to achieve “scale performance” on the water. It will certainly be a striking model on the water.

The next is this unique little boat being built by Skip Collingwood.



It began its life as a Legend Models 1950's Jersey Speed Skiff kit from Mack Model Marine Products. It's 33" long and 12 ½ "wide. It's actually 39" long overall with the outboard. It's an example of "imaginative kit bashing".

In building the kit Skip eliminated the front seat for a longer looking front deck and re-made the boat into a single seater in the stern. The Skiff was originally designed as an inboard, but Skip chose to power it with an outboard motor.

However, it's not your everyday putt-putt outboard.



This engine is a scale Mercury Outboard designed by ProBoat. It's an 1800 KV brushless, electric motor, its water cooled, & will run on 14.4 volts with Lipo or NIMH cells.

In other words, this little boat will plane out fast and be extremely maneuverable. Take a look below. Do you think the driver is having fun on this ride?



Notice the quality of finish on the mahogany deck. A special technique Skip has developed over many years of practice using automotive clear coat.



Hopefully we'll be seeing both these models on the lake next year. Bob and Skip, thanks so much for sharing these great projects with us.

**To all: We need to see more projects like these in our newsletters. And look forward to your contributions.**

And let's add a **"FOR SALE or TRADE"** section to the newsletters next year. It will add interest and might just "kick it up a notch". So let me know what you'd like to sell or trade.

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Happy Holidays to All and Best Regards,

Ken Valk, Editor

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