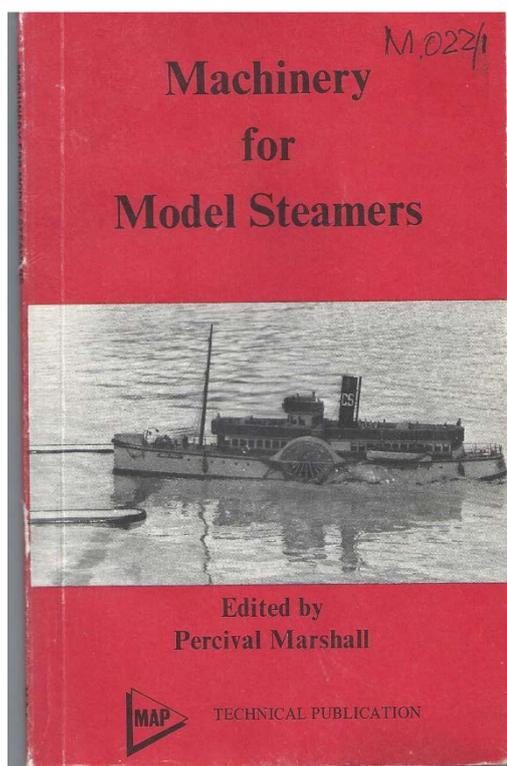


Book Review Nr 11

The two books this month are both boating related.



The first book **Machinery for Model Steamers** is in A5 format and is described by the editor, Percival Marshall, as a practical handbook on the design and construction of engines and boilers for model steamers, the use of liquid fuel and the proportions of machinery for model boats. This book is a companion volume of Model Steamer Building which was reviewed last May.

The book runs to 43 pages with 44 basic illustrations. Chapters cover simple boilers, firing boilers, simple double-cylinder launch engine, single-cylinder engines for driving twin-screw steamers, double-cylinder engines for twin-screw steamers, machinery for model paddle steamers and sizes of engines and boilers.

This book was first published in 1920; ours is a 1977 edition. Few of the illustrations have dimensions and need developing and this is acknowledged in the preface. The designs are suggestive in their character and the last chapter is intended cover proportioning engines and boilers to the size of your boats. The introduction recognises this is a book for the amateur which I suppose means this is really a summary introduction to the subject.

The second book is **Waterline Ship Models** by John Bowen dated 1972.

I am going to own up to copying (summarising) a review of the book undertaken by Edward Hobbs at the time of publication. He was requested to review the book by the editor of the Nautical Magazine and he stapled his review onto a blank page inside this book.

An A4 hard backed book of over 100 pages with detailed drawings for ships (some named) including cargo boats, liners, oil tankers and battleships. Chapters deal with tools and general construction methods. Details are conveyed by photos and descriptions of actual features of such things as capstans, deck fittings and structural details.

The book covers the construction of a variety of different ships. In most cases the drawings are full size (100 feet=1 inch) and each is accompanied by a few pages of constructional details. There are details of colour schemes (although there are no coloured photos).

The book is intended for builders of static models.

These two books will be available to peruse at the next club night.

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