

# THE POTTERIES MODEL BOAT CLUB COMPASS

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## Scale and Semi Scale Sail Regatta

Despite an early morning frost the morning turned out quite pleasant. It was partly cloudy with a suitable wind for scale sail boats. A number of skippers turned up with a good selection of models.

Pat and John sported their models based of the 'Will Everard' a coastal sailing barge of the famous Everard fleet.

These two were complemented by Ken's 'Thames Sailing Barge'; these were a good representation of the cargo boats trading with the capital and numerous locations around the UK years ago.



All three of these boats have a spritsail as their main sail with Stay, Jib and Flying Jib and a Mizzen.



Fishing was represented by Neville's 'Oyster Fishing Boat' (technically a Gaffed rigged Cutter or Sloop). These boats required to be handled with great skill in their work of dredging for oysters.



She was equally as well handled by Neville, gracefully sailing around the lake with great agility.



A new comer to the scale sail scene was a very attractive Ketch (possibly a Bermuda Ketch).

It sailed beautifully and Tony was obviously delighted with his new acquisition.

These lovely boats were ideal for cruising around islands such as the Caribbean but also for deep sea navigation.

Pat sailed the Grand Banks Schooner for awhile but unfortunately had to put into dry dock due to difficulties when the wind increased a little.



These schooners were very fast and replicas are used for racing today. They fished off the Grand Banks in the Atlantic and had home ports in Eastern Canada and the USA. With the advent of steam and diesel power many of them were broken up. Some did survive and found their way into the Caribbean as island hopping trading boats.

The Junk is adapted from drawings for the Amati Giuna Chinese Pirate Junk, it is also very similar to the Chinchow trader.



There are many Junk designs with a large range of decoration from nothing to elaborate

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For those interested; a glossary:-

*Cutter or Sloop*- A single masted sailing ship with Mainsail, Topsail, Staysail and Foresail attached to the bowsprit.

*Ketch*- A two masted fore and aft rigged vessel where the after mast or mizzen is shorter than the main mast and stepped forward of the rudder.

*Schooner*- Any vessel with two or more masts where the foremast is the shorter.

*Spritsail*- A sail where a double tapered boom runs diagonally across the sail

NB Any errors are mine own, therefore I apologise in advance for those and any omissions. RG