

HOBBY RESOURCE LIST
DEVELOPED FOR THE PORTLAND MODEL POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION
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INTERNET HOBBY SHOPS

Harbor Models: Is all boats, kits, accessories, hardware, electronics, motors, electronic speed controls, lights, etc., everything needed to build an RC boat. Harbor is the first place to go for model boating. Owner Nick Jacques also carries the high quality one piece lost wax cast brass props previously from England. Excellent customer service.

9153 Duarte Road
San Gabriel, CA. 91775
Phone: 626-292-1617
Website: Harbormodels.com

Tower Hobbies: An old standby supplying RC model boats, cars, planes, and helicopters since 1971. With increased interest in planes and cars over the years their selection of boats and boat kits has dwindled. But they carry a wide array of radios, tools, building woods and adhesives, and various paints and associated equipment. Their prices are fair and customer service is excellent. It's worth getting their large annual reference catalog.

PO Box 9078
Champaign, IL 61826-9078
Phone for Orders: 1-800-637-4989
Phone for Technical Assistance: 1-800-637-6050
Website: Towerhobbies.com

Ages of Sail: A good selection of boat and ship kits including Dumas, Bluejacket, Billings, Caldercraft, Amati, and others. Also carries a good line of deck fittings, including brass. Good customer service, and if they don't carry it, they'll help you find it.

Address: 676 Bockman Road, Unit C, San Lorenzo, CA
Phone 510-889-6000
E-Mail: agesofsail@g.mail.com
Website: agesofsail.com

Horizon Hobbies: Carries a lot of ready to run electric boats, boat kits, primarily Dumas. And has radios, motors, batteries, electronic speed controls, etc. Order direct or thru your local Hobby Town USA.

Website: horizonhobby.com

Loyalhanna Dockyard: Professes to be the biggest single most complete source for radio control boats, kits, plans, fittings, electronics, accessories, running gear etc.

7527 Gilbert Road

Bergen NY 14416

Phone: 585-494-0027

E-Mail: lhdockyard@aol.com

Hobby King: If you are looking for low prices, this is the place. They carry a line of ready to run power and sail boats, a long line of electronics, motors, batteries, chargers, radios, servos, esc's, etc. They also have a line of radio control cars and helicopters.

Address of the warehouse is: 14140 SW 72nd Ave, Suite 130, Portland, OR. It's open to the public.

Phone: 503-747-7658

Website: Hobbyking.com

Mobile Marine Models: A UK supplier of Tugs, Barges, Coaster, Fishing and Pleasure Boats. Also has a selection of various deck fittings.

Phone: 44 01 733 244166

Website: mobilemarinemodels.com

RADIO CONTROL MODEL BOAT KITS

Dumas Products: Dumas has been the mainstay for model boat kits for 60 years. They are best known for their plank on frame construction mahogany runabout kits. Dumas also supplies 6 and 12-volt motors. They are not cheap but are long life and reliable.

909 E. 17th Street,

Tucson, AZ 85719

Phone: 520-623-3742

Website: dumasproducts.com

Wooden Model Ship Kit: This independently owned US company carries a line of about 800 high quality wooden radio control and static ship kits, 1200 fittings, and 600 precision tools. Most fittings are from Italy, renowned for their quality.

Many of their kits are from England Spain and Italy. They also carry Saito Steam engines and boilers. And say if they don't carry it, they'll help you find it. Close to a one-stop shopping site.

Phone: 855-449-1467

E-Mail: woodenmodelshipkit@gmail.com

Website: woodenmodelship.com

Legend Model Boat Kits: Legend is an extension of Mack Marine Products. The kits are primarily another source of small plank on frame 1/8th scale mahogany runabouts patterned after the Dumas concept.

PO Box 464

Long Branch, NJ 07740

Phone: 732-870-2966

Website: macproductsrc.com

Deans Marine: In the UK, but an old-time company offering a lot of boat kits, accessories and fittings.

Phone: 44 (01) 733 244166

Website: deansmarine.co.uk

Sarik Hobbies: Is in England and offers a good selection of RC boat kits, fittings, and boat plans. They have been in business over 30 years.

Phone: 44 (0) 1684311684

Website: sarikhobbies.com

Modelers Workshop: Located in Canada they offer many popular boat kits, produce custom made laser cut frames and a selection of veneers and other woods.

Phone: 514-973-7741

Website: modellers-workshop.com

Blackway Boat Models: Located in Maryland, they specialize in east coast fishing and workboats such as crab and oyster draggers. They make a line of crab traps, baskets, barrels, nets and even scale out board motors.

Phone: 215-290-3722

Website: blackwayboatmodels.com

The Floating Drydock: A supplier of US Navy Warship information such as plans, photos, drawings, books, etc for military models. Extensive line of fittings.

Website: floatingdrydock.com

E-Mail: drydock@floatingdrydock.com

MODEL SHIP/BOAT PLANS

The Model Shipwright: For scale/static ships

Website: themodelshipwright.com

Modelers Central:

Website: modelerscentral.com

Model Expo: Primarily ship plans

Website: modelexpo-online.com

SAILBOAT SITES

Model Yacht Fittings: Specializes in machined deck and rigging fittings for sailboats. However, owner Roger Cousineau custom makes brass fittings for power boats. If you need a special piece, it may be worth a call.

Phone: 352-633-0548

Website: modelyachtfittings.com

Midwest Model Yachting LLC: Another source for sailboat fittings and accessories.

Phone: 317-796-9513

Website: midwestmodelyachting.com

Brighton Boat Works: A source for kits, glass hulls, and accessories for small RC sail craft.

Phone: 818-268-1845

Website: brightonboatworks.com

Long Beach RC: Primarily another source of hardware and accessories RC sail boaters. No phone number listed, contact by e-mail only.

Website: longbeachrc.com

Sirius Sails: Maker of sails for AYMA Class for RC sail boats.

Phone: 561-676-7639

Website: siriusails.com

Carr Sails: A well-known NW WA State company that makes high performance sails for any model sailboat on the water. Established in 1969.

Phone: 425-881-2846

Website: carrsails.com

RMG Sail Winch: An Australian company specializing in electric power winches, drums, and switches for sail boats. Established in 1961.

Website: rmgsailwinch.com

MODEL ENGINEERING

Precision Scale Model Engineering: Quite simply PSME is the most complete single source of materials, products and services for the scale modeler. Over 7500 hand, power and precision machine tools. Over 10,000 DC motors, gears, belt drives and pulleys. And over 1,500 products for lighting and bulbs. Owner Larry Milo is a master scale modeler and can help with any project. Call, too many products to list.

33 Harding Street

Milford, MA 01757

Phone: 508-478-3148

Website: psmescale.com

Email: psme@psmescale.com

Stock Drive Products: They specialize in engineering components such as drive lines involving sprockets, gears, pulleys, and belts. Also carries dc motors and universal joints. They provide technical sales service to assist with project design and supply components to suit the design with short delivery of parts.

Phone: 1-800-819-8900

E-mail: info@designatronics.com

Website: sdp-si.com

MOTORS AND ELECTRONIC SPEED CONTROLLERS

Astroflight: A US manufacturer of well-made brushed, and brushless, geared and direct drive motors for powering RC boats. They also carry electronic speed controls, chargers, testers and other electronic accessories.

Phone: 949-855-9903

Website: astroflight.com

GRAPHICS

Callie Graphics: Callie specializes in creating colored graphics lettering and numbering schemes for model boats, planes, and cars. She uses thin vinyl which can be covered with clear coat. Not the thicker vinyl found in most retail paint and sign shops. And does custom graphics from drawings, photos, Corel draw or jpeg, pdf, & ai files. Custom orders usually take 5 weeks.

Website: callie-graphics.com

E-Mail: info@callie-graphics.com

SMALL HOBBY TOOLS

MicroMark: The small tool specialists. Hand and power tools for the hobbyist. They also carry a supply of glues and adhesives, casting resins and supplies, paints finishes, compressors and airbrushes. If you're not receiving their catalog, call and get on their mailing list.

Website: micromark.com

Phone: 1-800-225-1066

Rio Grande Tools and Equipment: Since 1944 is one of the largest suppliers in the US for tools and equipment used in jewelry making. They have an extensive catalog of hand and power tools including "high quality" files, pliers, cutters, soldering, wire shapers, shears, vices, gauges, polishing and finishing items, mold making, optics, etc. They carry near everything relating to finishing metals. It's well worth requesting their tool and equipment catalog.

PO Box 122777

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87195

Phone: 1-800-545-6566 Website: Riogrande.com

Lee Valley Hardware: Offers a wide variety of hand and power tools for woodworking and various hardware.

Phone: 1-800-267-8767

Website: leevalley.com

McMaster-Carr: Not specific to hobby use, but they are an on-line general tool company with extensive categories of tooling, hardware, and materials beyond what you'll likely find in your local hardware stores.

Phone: 630-833-0300

Website: mcmaster.com

Amazon.com: Look under small power and hand tools. Usually, Amazon offers good prices on name brand tools. But prices vary for the identical items, so check out the various vendors offering the tool.

Harbor Freight Tools Stores: Sometimes you can find some good bargains on hand and power tools, sanding, and metal supplies, etc. Recommend finding the store nearest you. Check in occasionally as their products and inventories change frequently.

MINIATURE FASTENERS

J.I. Morris Company: A Division of Swiss Turn facility they CNC manufacture high precision miniature fasteners, all made in the US. The company is over a hundred years old and estimates it carries about 10 million screws, nuts, and washers for aerospace, medical, research labs, and hobbyists. If they don't have it, it may not be made.

Phone: 508-731-0075

Website: jimorrisco.com

Micro Fasteners: Small miniature size wood, machine, socket screws, washers for hobby use.

Phone: 1-800-892-6179

Website: microfasteners.com

RTL Fasteners: Another source of fasteners for hobbyists.

Phone: 1-800-239-6010

Website: rtlfasteners.co

ELECTRONIC SOUNDS AND LIGHTING

Ram Electronic Devices: Is a US company established in the 80's and specializes in sound, power, and fail – safe devices, lighting systems and control switches for radio control models. Good service and a very helpful owner. Don't be afraid to call if you have questions or need help.

Address: 299 E. Rollins Road, Round Lake Beach, FL 60073

Phone: 847-740-8726

Website: ramrcandramtrack.com

MAGAZINES DEVOTED TO BOATING

Model Boats: This 50-year-old magazine from the UK is being published again and may be one of the only magazines left devoted to model boating. It is a good source for new hobbyists and seasoned boat builders. It features ready to run boats, fine detailed kits, plans, and various accessories, equipment and other model boating products from the UK. It's published 12 times per year. To subscribe go to the website under subscriptions.

Website: modelboats.co.uk

E-Mail: support@mags-uk.com

Classic Boating: Primarily devoted to the building and restoration of full-size classical mahogany runabouts and cabin cruisers. But has excellent photography and is a good source of ideas for making vintage pleasure craft models and fittings.

280 Lac La Belle Dr, Oconomowoc, WI

Phone: 262-567-4800

Website: classicboatingmagazine.net

Wooden Boat: Features full size modern and vintage power and sail boats. Also has plans. Another good source of ideas for making model replicas of the real ones.

PO Box 292859 Kettering, OH

Phone: 888-590-0020

Website: woodenboat.com

MODEL BOAT FORUMS

These forums are another source of information on boat building blogs, how to articles, plans, for sale classifieds, galleries, and various clubs and lakes.

RC Groups: Is the most active site for RC boats, cars, planes, drones and helicopters. Has open discussion forums, blogs, videos, and classifieds.

Website: rcgroups.com/boats (Also click on Dock Talk)

Model-Boats: A large forum with over 6,000 subscribers. Primarily for RC boats with forums on building blogs, how to articles, plans, gallery of boats, the boat harbor and a listing of boat clubs and lakes.

Website: model-boats.com/forum

RC Universe: Is another forum for RC boats, radios, batteries, engines, etc. Also has a classified section.

Website: rcuniverse.com/forum/rcboats-229

ON-LINE ELECTRONICS STORES

All Electronics: Is based in Southern California and was established in 1967. It has an extensive array, over thousands, of electronic parts and supplies at discount prices. They are well known for fast and reliable service. Most orders are filled in 24 hours.

14928 Oxnard Street, Van Nuys, CA 91411

Phone: 1-888-826-5432

Website: allelectronics.com

LOCAL ELECTRONIC STORES

Surplus Gizmos: One of the last remaining surplus electronics stores left. It offers a vast array of electronics and accessories at reasonable prices.

5797 NW Cornelius Pass Road
Hillsboro, OR.
Phone: 503-439-1249
Website: surplusgizmos.com

FIBERGLASS RESINS & CLOTH

Tap Plastics: Is likely and probably the best source for resins, fiberglass cloth and fabrics, window film, plastics, mold making and casting products. And the store staff is very knowledgeable and helpful.

Locations:

2842 NE Sandy Road Blvd
Portland, OR
Phone: 503-230-0770

15957 SW 72nd Ave, Tigard, OR
Phone: 503-620-8465
Website: Tapplastics.com

West Marine: Carries a full line of high-quality marine (West System & Evercoat) epoxy resins, hardeners and adhesives, polyester and vinyl-ester resins, caulking, adhesives, sealants, fiberglass cloth, wood sealers, paints, stains, and varnishes.

Locations:

12805 N Parker Ave,
Portland, OR
Phone: 503-289-1154

15230 SW Sequoia Parkway, Suite 190
Tigard, OR
Phone: 503-624-6090
Website: Westmarine.com

Douglas & Sturgess: Founded in 1947 and is a supplier of materials for building trades, fine art, and sculpturing. Products include adhesives, airbrushing, clays, fiber glassing, resins, mold making, painting, weathering & much more. Located in Calif, ships to OR & WA in 2 days.

Address: 1023 Factory Street, Richmond CA.

Phone: 510-235-8411

Website: douglasandsturgess.com

BATTERIES

Battery Space/AA Portable Power Corporation: They are a good on-line source of LIPO, NIMH and Sealed Lead Acid, batteries, chargers and other miscellaneous battery equipment.

825 South 19th Street

Richmond, CA. 94804

Phone: 510-525-2328

Batteries Plus Bulbs: A good local source for sealed lead acid, alkaline, and button cell batteries and chargers. And they can test batteries “under load” to determine their strength. And will re-cycle your used weak batteries.

Locations:

4812 SE 82nd Ave in Portland

Phone: 503 771-1377

7715 SW Nyberg St, Suite A, Tualatin

Phone: 503-783-3252

Website: batteriesplus.com

WOODS

Wood Crafters: Fine woods including veneers, hand, and power tools.

212 NE 6th St. Portland, OR.

Phone: 503-231-0226

Crosscut Hardwoods: Good selection of fine woods.
3065 NW Front Street
Portland, OR.
Phone: 503-224-9663

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware: A source of fine quality woodworking tools, hardware, and materials including fine woods and veneers.
11773 SW Beaverton Hillside Highway
Beaverton, OR 97005
Phone: 503-672-7266

Balsa USA: Good selection of the best AAA grade balsa, basswood, and birch plywood. Call and ask for their latest catalog.
PO Box 164
Marinette, WI 54143
Phone: 1-800-225-7287
Website: balsausa.com
E-Mail: balsausa@balsausa.com

National Balsa: Another source for basswood, balsa, & hard woods.
Website: nationalbalsa.com

Northeastern Scale Lumber: A manufacturer miniature scale lumber & trims for dollhouse, boats, railroad, and architectural models.
Website: northeasternscalelumber.com

PLASTICS

Evergreen Scale Models: For polystyrene plastic shapes, strips, and sheet materials in metric and inch sizes.
Website: evergreenscalemodels.com

Plastruct: Supplier of plastic scale model parts for every facet of miniature scale.
Website: plastruct.com

DOLLHOUSE/MINIATURES

If you are building in 1" to 1' (1/12th) scale dollhouse and miniature shops may offer accessories to help detail your boat with deck and cabin parts. Most of these shops are on-line.

Try doing a search by typing in dollhouse/miniatures and you will find dozens of specialty shops. Most items are 1/12th scale. Sources such as:

Amazon.com

Etsy.com

Offer many sources for dollhouse and miniature accessories. Below are some other shops found to be helpful.

Miniatures.com: Carries a large supply of quality dollhouse accessories. Allows you shop by room, category, scale, or brands. Good prices, and a no questions asked return policy.

2388 Pleasantdale Road, Atlanta, GA 30384

Website: Miniatures.com

E-Mail: hbs.miniatures.com

Phone: 1-800-926-6464

Factory Direct Craft: Established in 1985, it remains family-owned and operated business to support crafters and hobbyists. It started in a 5-car garage, then to a 6,000 sq foot building, then to a 20,000 sq ft in 1997. It's currently in a 70,000 sq foot building to fill orders. Their promise is to provide a vast selection of items at good prices.

901 Pleasant Valley Drive

Springboro, Ohio 95066

Website: factorydirectcraft.com

CUSTOM LASER CUT MODEL BOAT KITS

If you want a totally unique, one-of-a-kind power or sail model boat, radio control or static, contact **Ralph Perkins**. He's a retired kit designer from Revell Plastics and designed their boats, planes, and cars. Now retired Ralph has turned his attention to the development and construction of computer designed layouts for laser cut model boats. Using sophisticated engineering computers and computer assisted design software he creates extremely accurate reproductions from plans, photos or line drawings using plank on frame construction. Ralph works closely with Martin Rosseau in Canada to make accurate laser cut plywood kits to any length/scale you want. No Website, call Ralph for more information and samples of his designs.

Phone: 505-927-5955; E-Mail: oldforedecker@hotmail.com Martin Rosseau: mraerodesign.securicom.ca

Barracuda RC Boats: Alex Sheen specializes in making laser cut model boat kits. Also, can do custom design laser cutting.

E-Mail: BarracudaRC boats.comUSA@gmail.com

Website: barracudarcboats.mysimplestore.com

3D DESIGN AND PRINTING

Shapeways: Created in 2007 they specialize in high quality 3D design and printing. And uses the most advanced manufacturing technology and have a quick turnaround time. They are in New York and will give you a quote.

Website: shapeways.com

Model Monkey: A family-owned business offering an extensive collection of highly detailed 3D fittings and name plates for military craft. They work in conjunction with Shapeways.

Website: model-monkey.com

LOCAL RESOURCES

Bob Muller: Is a professional Boat Builder of radio controlled and static model boats for others who don't have the time or inclination. This includes scratch building from plans, construction of kits, repairs, restorations, motor and electronic up-grades and conversions.

Website: bobsboatdock.com

E-Mail: bobsboatdock@gmail.com

Phone: 503-860-9016

Aimee Eng: Aimee makes highly detailed accessories such as fendering, lighting, scale fittings and doors for scale radio control and static model boats. She also creates custom fittings using 3D printers.

Website: modelminiatures.com

E-Mail: aimee.eng@frontier.com

Phone: 503-848-6774

LOCAL HOBBY SHOPS

Unfortunately, our local hobby shops are no longer a primary resource for model boats. They usually carry a limited supply of kits, and ready to run boats. But they remain a good source for adhesives, woods, plastics and other building materials for model boat building.

Hobbytown USA:

Address: 25699 SW Argyle Ave, Unit F Wilsonville, OR.

Phone: 503-685-7333

Website: hobbytown.com

Hobbytown USA:

Address: 4804 NE Thurston Way, Suite AB, Vancouver, WA 98622

Phone: 360-823-0904

Website: hobbytown.com

Hobbies Unlimited:

Address: 4503 N Interstate Ave, Portland, OR.

Phone: 503-287-4090

Website: hobbiesunlimitedpdx.com

Tammies Hobbies:

Address: 12024 SW Canyon Road. Beaverton, OR.

Phone: 503-644-4535

Website: tammieshobbies.com

Hobby Lobby:

Address: 8658 Sunnyside Road, Clackamas, OR. 97015

Phone: 503-786-0184

Website: hobbylobby.com

Hobby Lobby:

Address: 8800 Vancouver Mall Drive, Suite 120

Vancouver, WA 98662

Phone: 360-254-1776

Website: hobbylobby.com

LOCAL HARDWARE SHOPS

WC Winks Hardware: Established in 1909, an unusual hardware store with 50,000 items 7,000 suppliers. And claim to have an experienced staff to solve most hardware problems. Worth a visit for tools, stains, paints, fasteners, hardware, etc.

Address: 200 Stark Street, Portland OR

Phone: 503-277-5536

Website: winkshardware.com

