

Marina del Rey Bait Boat



Three Sons Bait Boat – Marina del Rey

I had no other building plans than a bunch of pictures from port to starboard.

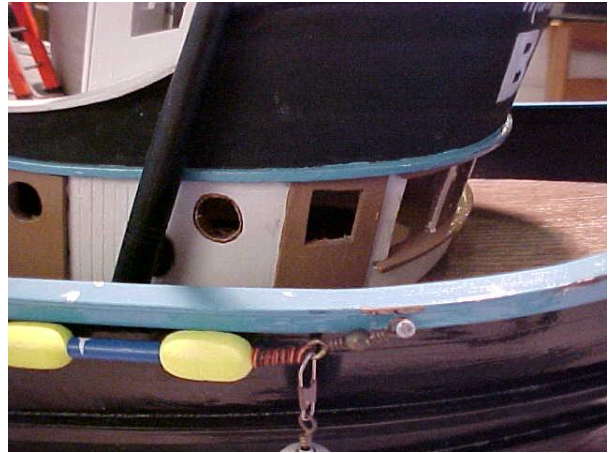


Three Sons Bait Boat – Built from Scratch

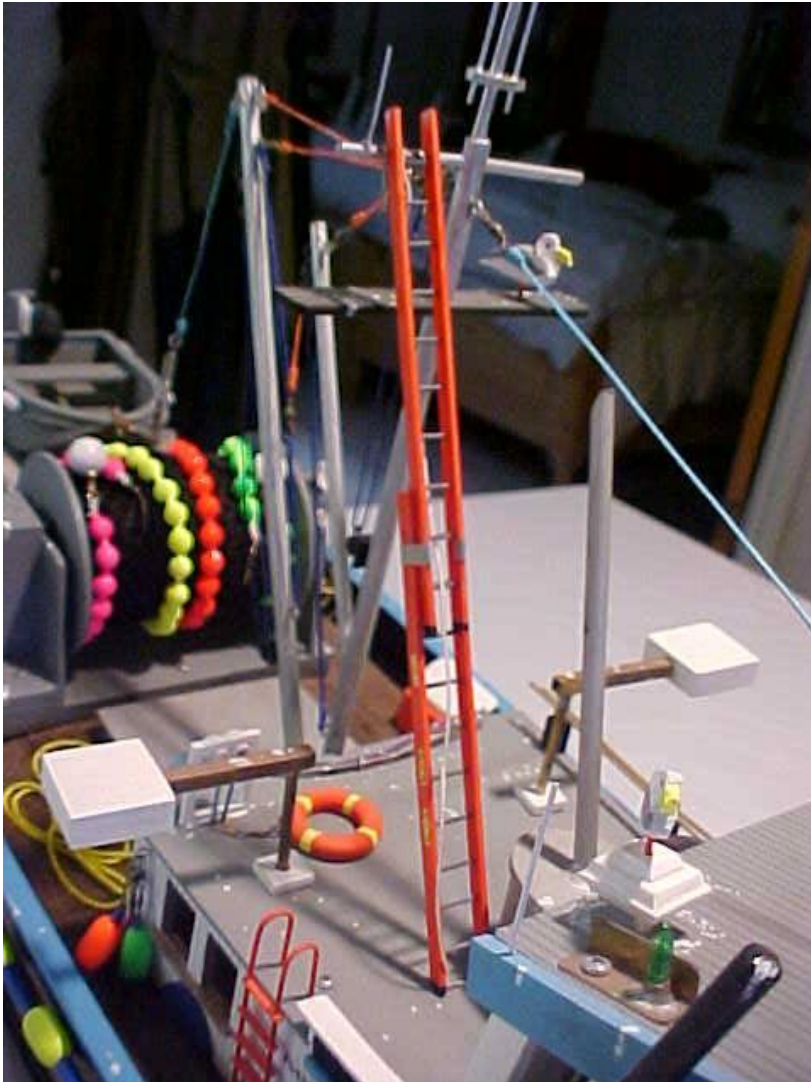
Remote control, battery-powered with variable speed. Hull has five coats of spray paint and 27 coats of clear latex-based lacquer – it sears through the water!



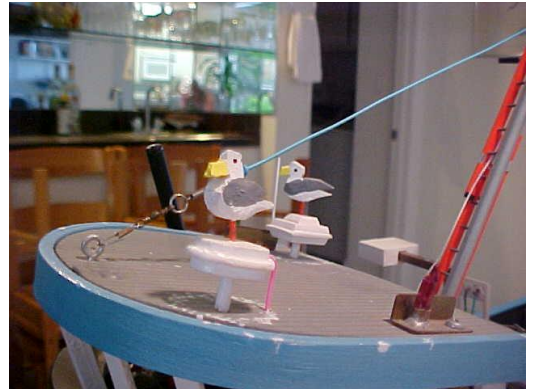
Even a tiny little computer, bunk beds and pillows...



Boat bumpers made from fishing corks and plastic tubing



Ladders made of ash strips and paper clips. Seagull poop adds to authentishitty – these birds never leave that crappy boat...



Poopy seagulls...

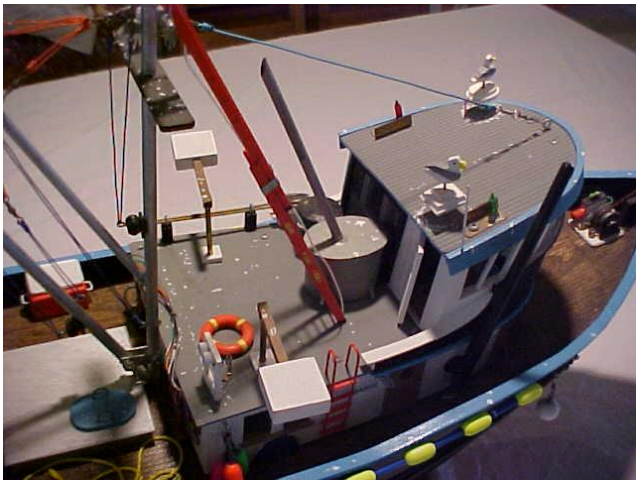


Hull, subdeck and cabin made from ash and balsa wood. Bow made from solid balsa.

Subdeck made from 3/32" ash ply. Top deck made from 1/16" scored ash.



Built like the real thing! Hull planks made from 1/8" x 1/2" balsa – one plank at a time...

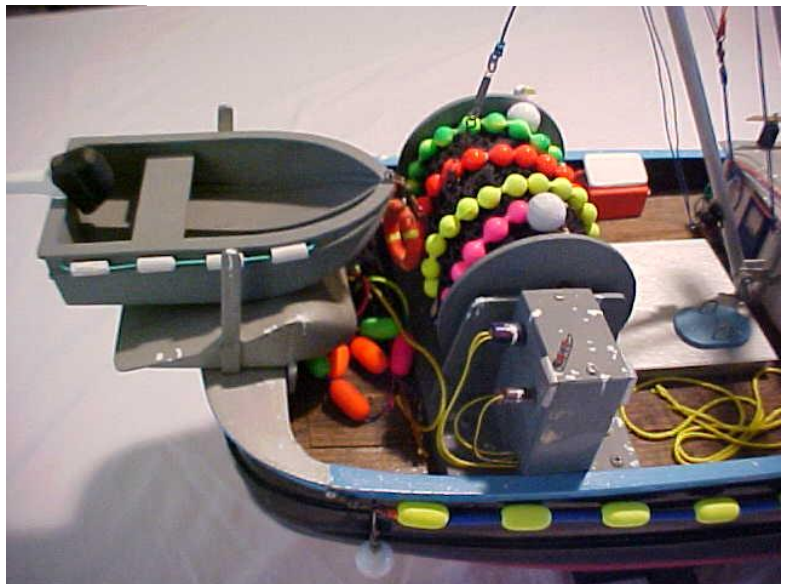


White boxes are lights that really work.



Port and starboard cabin lights work too – made from Christmas lights.

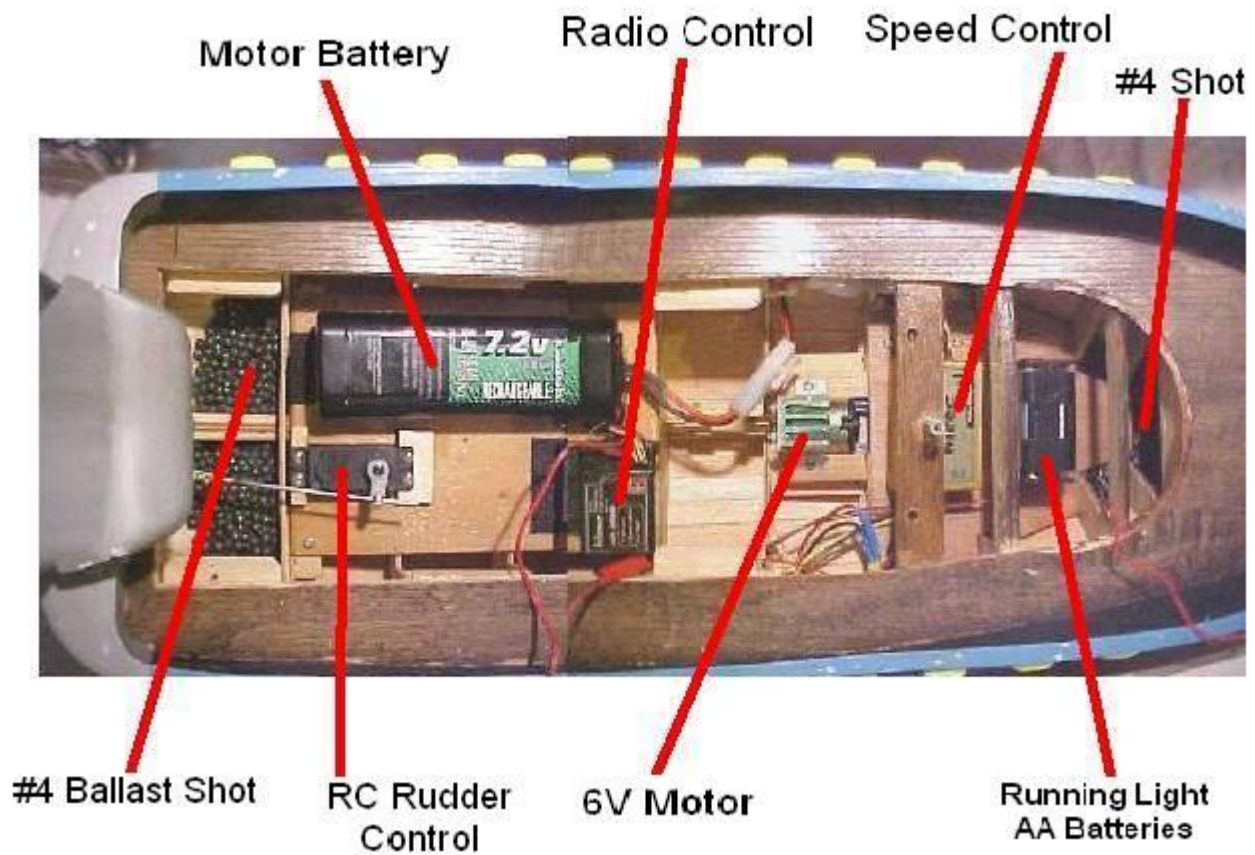
Fishnet reel works as well, although I disengage it for the kids. They'd rather reel the net and tiny skiff in and out than pilot the dang thing, which backwashes into the prop and shreds the net. Net floats made from sunfish cork bobbers.



Green trashcan behind light hides the boat's light switch.



Skiff from scratch too. Bumpers made from balsa and telephone wire. More poopy seagulls.



Deck View with Reel and Cabin removed. #4 non-lead (antimony) buckshot sealed in place with latex-based Waterbourne Polyurethane. This polyurethane dries in fifteen minutes when applying to the deck, hull and other, but can take over a week to dry when puddled – use only enough to cover the bottom of the top layer of shot. Finish the entire boat before tub-testing it for proper balance and ballast weight.



Optional Deck Clutter:
 Igloo Cooler made from 1/8" birch, paperclip handles, fish from Tyco toy package. Igloo lid made from plastic hinge – opens and closes...