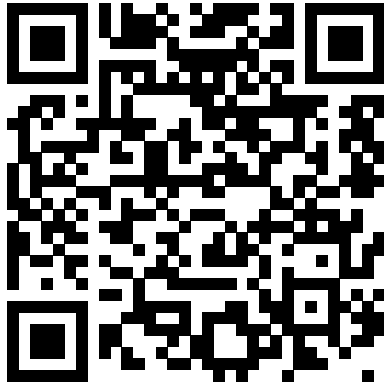


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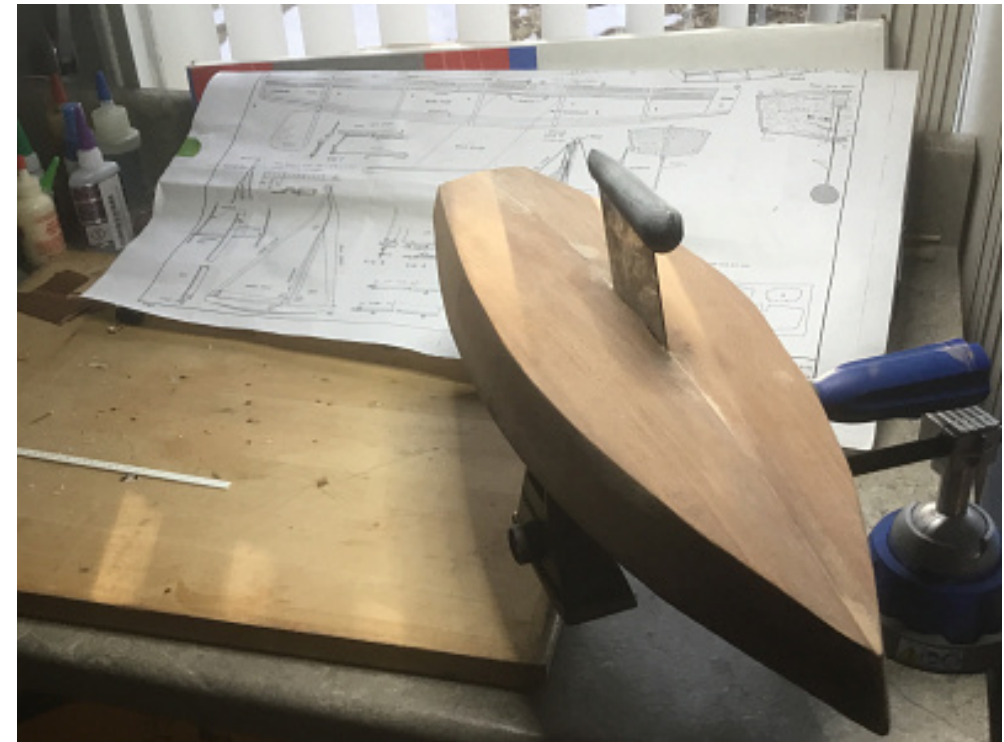
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Racing Sloop

by CaptLarry



10th Feb 2021

Racing Sloop

I found this neat little pond free sail, "Racing Sloop" by Dumas. Decided to build it for my Grandchildren's enjoyment. Boat specs= LOA- 43cm, Beam- 12.5cm, Depth (waterline to keel bottom)- 7.5cm. The main and jib are boomed for self-tethering. I plan to glass the hull for durability, and probably expanding foam between bulkheads/ frames for flotation.



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Racing Sloop-2

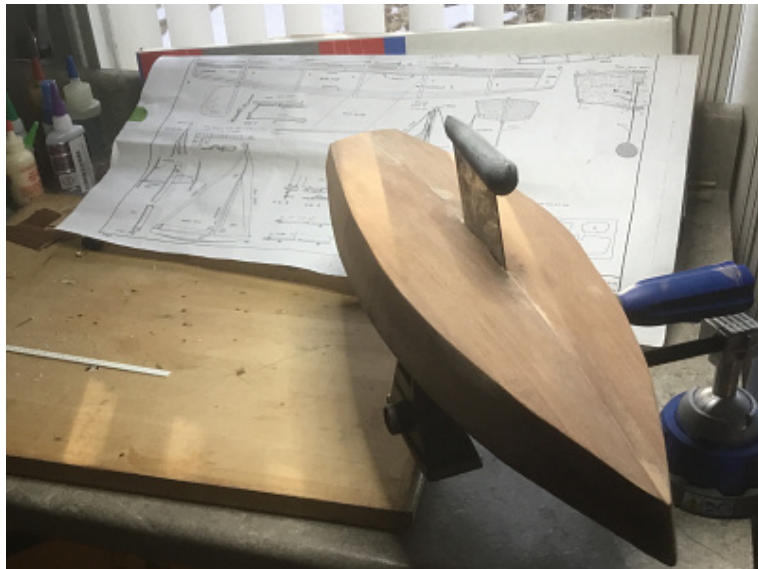
The build on the sloop is going slow. The kit is basically a POS, incomplete instructions, and poor materials. Certainly, what I would NOT expect from Dumas. If this was designed as a beginner kit, forget it! The die cutting is incomplete, and inaccurate. The so-called quality materials are a true extension of the truth, the balsa supplied crumbles when you handle it. Soooooooo..... I have substituted the balsa with basswood, remade several frames from hobby ply, put bolt ropes in the leading edge of the sails so they will rig correctly, and will glass the hull with 3/4oz. fiberglass cloth. It is a good thing I know how to sail, because this helps to understand the vague rigging instructions. This might make a good beginner boat, but built under the supervision of an experienced modeler.



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Things are moving slow....I am at the fiberglass stage, and without a heated garage it is too cold (-8) to work outside. So I am content to piddling with small stuff. I don't like the sails that came with the kit, as there is no room for a bolt rope or sail hem. I think I found a fabric store that carries the Dacron I need. OWOK



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BTW.....still no response from Dumas.