

## **HOBBY Resources & Suppliers LIST**

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## HOBBY SHOPS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

**Sheldon's Hobbies:** Large store showcasing a range of remote-control vehicles & equipment, toys, model kits & rockets.

1155 Lincoln Avenue

San Jose, CA 95125

Phone: 408-946-3801

Website: sheldons hobbies.com

## HOBBY SHOPS IN CA, USA, OUT OF COUNTRY

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lhdockyard@aol.com)

**Hobbytown USA:**  
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:**  
Website: hobbylobby.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](http://mobilemarinemodels.com)

**Banggood:** Hobby supplies.

[usa.banggood.com](http://usa.banggood.com)

**SHG Models:** UK Hobby Supplier

[shgmodels.com](http://shgmodels.com)

**Bauer Models:** German Boat Supplier

[bauer-modelle.com](http://bauer-modelle.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. 17<sup>th</sup> Street,

Tucson, AZ 85719

Phone: 520-623-3742

Website: [dumasproducts.com](http://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: [woodenmodelsshipkit@gmail.com](mailto:woodenmodelsshipkit@gmail.com)

Website: [woodenmodelship.com](http://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 1/8<sup>th</sup> scale mahogany runabouts patterned after the Dumas concept.

PO Box 464  
Long Branch, NJ 07740  
Phone: 732-870-2966  
Website: [macproductsrc.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://blackwayboatmodels.com)

**The Floating Drydock:** A supplier pf US Navy Warship information such as plans, photos, drawings, books, etc for military models. Extensive line of fittings.  
Website: [floatingdrydock.com](http://floatingdrydock.com)  
E-Mail: [drydock@floatingdrydock.com](mailto:drydock@floatingdrydock.com)

**M.A.C.K Products:** Kits, drivelines, fittings.  
[mackproductsrc.com](http://mackproductsrc.com)

**A J Fisher:** Kits  
[ajfisher.com](http://ajfisher.com)

**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](http://bobsboatdock.com)

E-Mail: [bobsboatdock@gmail.com](mailto:bobsboatdock@gmail.com)

Phone: 503-860-9016

## MODEL SHIP/BOAT PLANS

**The Model Shipwright:** For scale/static ships

Website: [themodelshipwright.com](http://themodelshipwright.com)

**Modelers Central:**

Website: [modelerscentral.com](http://modelerscentral.com)

**Model Expo:** Primarily ship plans

Website: [modelexpo-online.com](http://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](http://modelyachtfittings.com)

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

Phone: 317-796-9513

Website: [midwestmodelyachting.com](http://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](http://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](http://longbeachrc.com)

**Radio Sailing Shop:** Australian Sailboat supplies.  
adiosailingship.com.au

**Radio Yacht Supplies:** Australian Sailboat supplies.  
radioyachtsuppliesaustralia.com

**SAILSetc:** Located in the UK. Advertises themselves as one of the largest suppliers of equipment for radio control sailing. Their range of products is focussed on the four international classes.

Phone: +44 1376 570583

Website: sailsetc2.com

**Sailboat RC:** Located in Europe.

Phone: 385-97-600-5727 (business office in Croatia)

Website: sailboats.com

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

Phone: 561-676-7639

Website: siriussails.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](http://carrsails.com)

**Power Sails:** Located in New Zealand. Dragon Foiler, sails, parts, and accessories.

Phone: 64-21-999-320

Website: [powersails.co.nz](http://powersails.co.nz)

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

Website: rmgsailwinch.com

**Blue Crab Model Yachts:** Located in Maryland. Source for hulls. They are on Facebook and Instagram, but have no website.

Phone: 410-310-2453

Contact: dscotttodd63@gmail.com

## MODEL ENGINEERING

**Motion Industries:** Gears, belt drive components.  
motion.com

**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](http://psmescale.com)

Email: [psme@psmescale.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@designatronics.com)

Website: [sdp-si.com](http://sdp-si.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](mailto: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

### SMALL HOBBY TOOLS

**Dan-Mar:** Machine tools, drill bits.

907 American

San Jose, CA

Phone 408-591-2651

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://jimorrisco.com)

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

Phone: 1-800-892-6179

Website: [microfasteners.com](http://microfasteners.com)

**RTL Fasteners:** Another source of fasteners for hobbyists.

Phone: 1-800-239-6010

Website: [rtlfasteners.co](http://rtlfasteners.co)

**Model Motorcars LLC:** Another source for miniature fasteners. However, be sure to check out their selection for “real leather” for model boat custom upholstery. They are a US company and have been in business for 33 years.

Phone: 954-258-3956

Website: [modelmotorcars.com](http://modelmotorcars.com)

## **ELECTRONICS, MOTORS, GEARS, ETC.**

**Jameco:** Electronic supply.

1353 Shoreway Road

Redwood City, CA

Phone: 408-592-8097

**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](http://ramrcandramtrack.com)

**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](http://allelectronics.com)

**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](http://surplusgizmos.com)

**Futaba:** Radio Supplier  
[futabausa.com](http://futabausa.com)

**Spektrum:** Radio Supplier  
[spektrumrc.com](http://spektrumrc.com)

**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](http://astroflight.com)

**Radio South:** Radio Repair  
[radiosouthrc.com](http://radiosouthrc.com)

**Servo City:** Servos, electronic gear  
[servocity.com](http://servocity.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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave in Portland

Phone: 503 771-1377

7715 SW Nyberg St, Suite A, Tualatin

Phone: 503-783-3252

Website: [batteriesplus.com](http://batteriesplus.com)

Website: [classicboatingmagazine.net](http://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](http://woodenboat.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.

154 S. Van Ness

San Francisco, CA

There are many locations in the Bay Area.

[tapplastics.com](http://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

**Fibreglast:**  
fiberglass.com

## WOODS

**Woodcrafters:** Timber and kits.

40 El Camino Real

San Carlos, CA

Phone: 650-631-9633

**Aura Hardwoods:** Timber

210 Phelan Avenue

Redwood City, CA

Phone 408-275-1990

**Aircraft Spruce:** Plywood, wood, fiberglass.

www.aircraftspruce.com

**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](http://balsausa.com)

E-Mail: [balsausa@balsausa.com](mailto:balsausa@balsausa.com)

**National Balsa:** Another source for basswood, balsa, & hard woods.

Website: [nationalbalsa.com](http://nationalbalsa.com)

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

Website: [northeasternscalelumber.com](http://northeasternscalelumber.com)

**Sherline Lathe:**

[sherline.com](http://sherline.com)

## PLASTICS

**AIN Plastics:** Plastic products.

3380 Keller

Santa Clara, CA

408-988-6611

**Commercial Plastics:** Plastic products.

3261 Keller

San Jose, CA

408-988-6500

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

Website: [evergreenscalemodels.com](http://evergreenscalemodels.com)

**Plastruct:** Supplier of plastic scale model parts for every facet of miniature scale.

Website: [plastruct.com](http://plastruct.com)

## METALS

**GT Sitek:** Brass propellers. Located in the UK, GT Sitek fabricates scale brass propellers from brass sheeting and round bar. The hubs and blades are brazed together. The props are 2,3,4. and 5 blades. They also make custom 4- & 5-mm stainless steel prop shafts from 6" to 20" long. The only contact is thru the website.

Website: [gsitek-props.co.uk](http://gsitek-props.co.uk)

**Alan Steel:** Metal products.

505 E. Bayshore Road

Redwood City, CA. 94063

Phone 650-369-2526

**Cast Your Anchor:**

[castyouranchorhobby.com](http://castyouranchorhobby.com)

## DETAILING, GRAPHICS, DOLLHOUSE-MINIATURES

If you are building in 1" to 1' (1/12<sup>th</sup>) 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.

Search by typing in dollhouse/miniatures and you will find dozens of specialty shops. Most items are 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale. Sources such as:

**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](http://callie-graphics.com)  
E-Mail: [info@callie-graphics.com](mailto:info@callie-graphics.com)

### **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](http://Miniatures.com)

E-Mail: [hbs.miniatures.com](mailto: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 small but now occupies a 70,000 sq ft building. Their promise is to provide a vast selection of items.

901 Pleasant Valley Drive

Springboro, Ohio 95066

Website: [factorydirectcraft.com](http://factorydirectcraft.com)

**Country Store Miniatures:** Is another trusted family-owned miniature business for the crafters and hobbyists. Jim and Carol have an extensive collection of lighting, furniture, accessories, building supplies tools and various items for furnishing and finishing your model boating project. Their prices are good, and they ship. And their "Warehouse" can be seen by appointment.

Website: [CountryStoreminiatures.com](http://CountryStoreminiatures.com)

E-Mail: [minis@Countrystoreminiatures.com](mailto:minis@Countrystoreminiatures.com)

Phone: 1-360-695-1425

**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](http://modelminiatures.com)

E-Mail: [aimee.eng@frontier.com](mailto:aimee.eng@frontier.com)

Phone: 503-848-6774

**Marks Model Bits:** UK Detail Parts.  
[marksmodelbits.com](http://marksmodelbits.com)

**Macs Mouldings:** UK Detail Parts.  
[macsmouldings.co.uk](http://macsmouldings.co.uk)

## SCALE ROPE

**Syren Ship Model Company Store** carries a line of scale colored rope in a variety of sizes and colors.

Website/E-Mail: [syrennshipmodels.com](http://syrennshipmodels.com)

**Dry Dock Models and Parts** also carries a line of scale rope in various sizes and colors.

Website/E-Mail: [drydockmodelsandparts.com](http://drydockmodelsandparts.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](http://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](http://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](http://rcuniverse.com/forum/rcboats-229)

## MAGAZINES DEVOTED TO BOATING

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