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# NEWSLETTER

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*Let's hope Santa has learned the lessons of previous years and replenished his stocks. Surely it's not too difficult to predict demand for basic items such as coupling inserts or propellers? You can stuff a lot of these into the average shoulder sack.*

Merry Christmas - Happy New Year  
 Buenas Navidades - Feliz Año Nuevo  
 Joyeux Noel - Heureuse Année  
 Frohe Weihnachten - Gluckliches Neues Jahr  
 Buon Natale - Buon Anno

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## Build model boats!

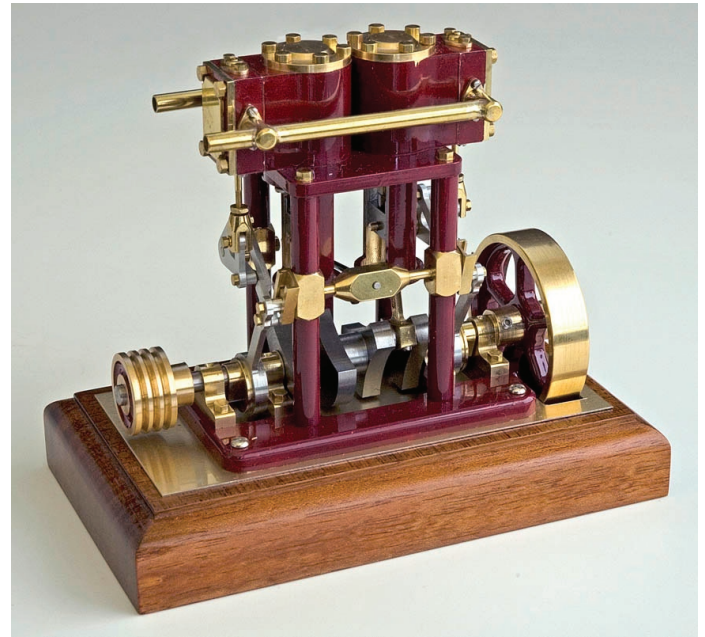
This advertisement (left) appeared in the August 1947 issue of the Australian *Radio and Hobbies* magazine.

Under the simple homily "Build Model Boats" we see what would have been pretty much all that was available to the marine modeller back in the early post-war years, when most materials and products were in scarce supply.

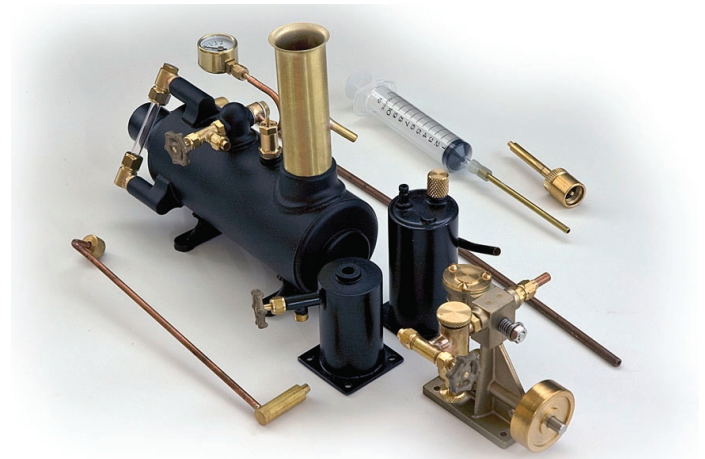
How crude that propeller looks, and the rudder blade is a disc with the leading edge cut-off! At least the burner has independent supply tubes for its two burners.

## Running out of steam

Lest I be accused of ignoring the steam fraternity once again, here are some hastily-convened steam-related items.



First up is Alan's exquisite Gage TVR1A twin-cylinder steam engine from the kit by Graham Industries of the USA (above). Alan has incorporated some cosmetic changes of his own to further improve the appearance of this engine.



For myself, I have always found the boiler to be more of a problem than the engine and, following a visit to Miniature Steam, acquired one of their new steam plants featuring a simple oscillator engine and 2-inch certificated boiler (above). Finally, Tom's revamped steamer Minnie spins its wheels into the sunset (below).

