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### The 21st NAVIGA World Championship of Ship Models Section "C" in Jablonec nad Nisou with a model exhibition for the public on 24 - 28 September.

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*Ship models were created in the distant past. They still decorate many churches, castles and museum collections. Especially after the Second World War, building model ships also became a leisure activity with sporting elements. This was reflected in the formation of the world organisation of ship modellers, NAVIGA, which since 1959 has brought together the national modelling organisations of several dozen countries around the world. One of the groups of ship models represented here are non-floating models, built according to original documentation or reconstruction model plans. This group of ship models is listed in NAVIGA as Group C. Our national organization is the Ship Modelers Club of the Czech Republic and our country has been an active member of NAVIGA since the 1960s.*

The Czech Republic is not a maritime state. Nevertheless, excellent examples of shipbuilding, including accurate ship models, are being created on our territory. They are built and competed by many ship model clubs and individuals throughout the Czech Republic. One of these clubs, KLoM ADMIRAL, has been entrusted by the world organization NAVIGA to organize this year's 21st World Ship Model Championship in C classes.

EUROCENTRUM in Jablonec nad Nisou will provide a worthy place for the presentation of ship model, which are often small works of art. Not only will the competition take place here, but also an exhibition of the collected models will be open to the public. The event will be one of the events of the Jablonec Cultural Autumn and its realization is possible only thanks to the support of the Statutory Town of Jablonec nad Nisou, which is the main partner of the event. In addition to the mayor of Jablonec nad Nisou, Mr. Miloš Vele, the event is under the auspices of the governor of the Liberec Region, Mr. Martin Půta.

The World Championships will take place from 22 to 29 September 2023. The exhibition open to the public will take place from 24 to 28 September 2023. We expect more than 200 models from approximately 20 countries in Europe and Asia to participate. This country will hopefully be traditionally represented by modellers from China and possibly Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. We will not see quality models from the Russian Federation and Belarus this time and unfortunately the number of participants from Ukraine will not be large either. *"We believe that our competition, after a two-year forced covid break and knowing what is happening in Ukraine, will create a space for restoration or establishment of friendly relations between representatives of different countries and cultures. We are convinced that Jablonec nad Nisou is a suitable place for such meetings and also a region where we can present many interesting things that characterize our country,"* says Ing. Zdeněk Tomášek, one of the founders and long-time chairman of the ADMIRAL club.

So there will undoubtedly be something to watch. Visitors to the exhibition will see models of sailing or rowing boats (category C1), boats with steam or other motor propulsion (category C2). They will see dioramas, parts of ships or harbour facilities and the like (category C3), as well as miniature models on a scale of less than 1:250 (category C4). No prefabricated parts are allowed, explains Mgr. Martin Tomášek, Ph.D., Head of Section C for the Czech Republic, and adds: *"Today, however, brings a wide range of other sources of inspiration for modelling activities. Thus, the world organization NAVIGA has also adopted models from kits."* The championships are thus

attended by modellers with their models made from plastic kits (category C6), models made from paper "cut-out" kits (category C7) and from kits with pre-made parts made of wood, metal, canvas and other materials (category C8).

A team of international competition judges evaluate each model independently, often in the presence of the modeler, who presents the documentation used and explains his/her procedures. After assessing the models, the judges assign points according to the quality of the models and their consistency with the plans and other documentation. They may award a maximum of 100 points. Based on this scoring, each model can then be awarded a gold (95 points or more), silver (90 to 95 points) or bronze medal (85 to 90 points). However, very few models at this level of competition can really do without a medal.

*"We believe that this time too the championship of modellers from many countries will find many admirers and fans among the public. We would like to thank the Statutory Town of Jablonec nad Nisou and all current and future partners for their support, which will allow us to organize a top-level event. Visit the exhibition and support our event and modeling activities,"* invites all interested parties Mr. Martin Tomášek.

The ADMIRAL Jablonec nad Nisou Ship Modellers Club (KLoM ADMIRAL) was founded in 1968 and since then it has been dedicated to technical education of youth and provides facilities for active modellers – seniors. In the past, the ADMIRAL club was commissioned by the worldwide organization of ship modellers NAVIGA to organize three World Championships of ship modellers category C. In 1981, the first ever such championship was organized in Jablonec nad Nisou with great success. The next, already 7th World Championship was successfully held here in 1993. The third edition was successfully hosted in 2008.

The club has also organises many other world, European and national competitions in all categories of ship modelling and its members regularly bring home medals. A distinctive feature of our work, however, is our work with young people and our focus on strengthening their technical and manual skills. The club is a branch of the Ship Modellers Club of the Czech Republic and is funded by contributions from its members and public subsidies or sponsorship donations.

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