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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 adorn many churches, castles and museum collections. Especially after the Second World War, building model ships also became a leisure activity with sporting elements. This is reflected in the creation 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. Many ship model clubs and individuals throughout the Czech Republic are engaged in building and competing with them. 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.

The EUROCENTRE in Jablonec nad Nisou will provide a worthy venue for the presentation of model ships, which are often small works of art. There will take place not only the competition, but also an exhibition of the collected models 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 Governor of the Liberec Region, Mr. Martin Půta, took over the patronage of the event.

The World Championships will take place between 23 and 28 September 2023. The exhibition will be open to the public briefly on the afternoon of 23 September (after the opening ceremony from 4 to 6 pm), from 9 am to 6 pm on 24 to 27 September and from 9 am to 4 pm on 28 September. On the occasion of the opening of the championship, the brass band Musikervereinigung Neugablonz will perform for the general public on the Eurocentre's summer stage from 4.30 to 5 p.m. together with our Young Brass Band.

306 models from 15 countries in Europe and Asia are registered for the competition. This continent will be represented by modelers from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and we are also looking forward to modelers from China. We will not see quality models from the Russian Federation and Belarus this time. But we will host modelers from Ukraine, who will bring 19 models, including a model of the Ukrainian Coast Guard frigate "Vinnitsa", sunk in the port of Ochakiv on 10.06.2022. *"We believe that our competition, after two years of covid forced break and knowing what is happening in Ukraine, will create a space for restoring or establishing 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 in 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 accepted models from kits."* The championships are thus attended by modellers with their models from plastic kits (category C6), models

from paper "cut-out" kits (category C7) and from kits with pre-made parts made of wood, metal, canvas and other materials (category C8).

Visitors will see models representing virtually the entire the evolution of naval vessels from ancient Egyptian ships, Greek triremes, Mediterranean galleons, galleons, the famous "Titanic", the battleships "Bismarck" or "Yamato", to modern transport ships and yachts. There will also be ships

Czechoslovakian ships, such as a model of our only larger Danube warship "President Masaryk" or the first Czechoslovak merchant ship "Legie".

A team of international competition judges assesses each of the models independently, often in the presence of the modeler, who presents the documentation used and explains his/her procedures. After evaluating the models, the judges assign points according to the quality of the models and their conformity to 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, at a competition of this level, very few models will really go without a medal.

"We believe that also this time the championship of modelers from many countries will find numerous admirers and supporters from 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 the event at a top level. Visit the exhibition and support our event and modeling activities," invites all interested parties Mr. Martin Tomášek.

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

The club has also organised many other world, European and national competitions in all categories of ship modelling and its members regularly bring home medals. However, the hallmark of our work is working with young people and focusing on strengthening their technical and manual skills. The club is a branch of the Ship Modellers Club of the Czech Republic and is financed by contributions from its members and from public subsidies or sponsorship.

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