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Building, Detailing, and Converting the 1:35 scale Italeri PT-596 provides ideas, suggestions, inspiration, and pointers for building this famous kit of a World War II PT Boat. Written by a noted naval historian with input from four scale ship modelers and noted researcher it features color photos of five models based on the kit, accompanied by descriptions of what was done to achieve such high quality models. It is illustrated with historical photos from the author's archives as well as drawings from sources including PT BOATS, INC., the official national veterans association of the men who served on PT boats in World War II.

During World War II, the U.S. Navy swiftly expanded to include an array of vessels, from smaller yachts and fishing boats bought early in the war for patrol work to fast, modern commercial ships built to haul troops and supplies. After the Allied victory, this diverse fleet became unnecessary and the Navy sold many of its vessels. This comprehensive catalog documents the Navy ships and boats sold after the war and registered under the American flag for commercial or recreational purposes. Focusing on those vessels with names or clearly identifiable hull numbers and crew accommodations, it chronicles each craft's prewar ownership, wartime history, and postwar fate. The product of painstaking detective work in a wide range of primary sources, this meticulous directory highlights an unexplored but illuminating aspect of U.S. maritime history.

By the outbreak of World War II, Germany had done much to replace the Kaiser's High Seas Fleet, which was scuttled following their surrender at the end of World War I. Forced to build anew, the Kriegsmarine possessed some of the most technically advanced warships in existence. Although the heavy units of the fleet were too small in number to pose much of a threat, Germany was particularly well served by her Navy's smaller vessels, in particular the U-Boats and the S-Boats. Known to the allies as the E-Boats ('Enemy'), they performed sterling duties in the Black Sea and English Channel, where they became a particular scourge.

The Wooden Subchasers of World War II

World War II U.S. Navy Vessels in Private Hands

Building the Pt Boats

Building, Detailing and Converting the 1

Working With Epoxy Cleanly & Efficiently

Hull and Machinery

I volunteered for the PT Service but I had no idea that it would lead to me working later for Admiral "Bull" Halsey and General MacArthur through out the South Pacific. I would start out as a lowly Ensign on a PT Boat and end up years later as an Admiral in charge of all of the PT Boats in the Philippines area.We go from running around chasing the enemy ships and eating C-rats and peanut butter sandwiches to having my own command ship and eating "Baked Alaskan" with the Admiral. Follow us as we push the Japs back to Japan.

Revell PT Boat Kits in Plastic. A Review documents the history of the PT Boat kits issued by Revell. It provides ideas, suggestions, pointers, and inspiration for building these landmark kits. Written by a noted naval historian with input from six scale ship models and noted researchers it features color photos of models based on the kits, accompanied by descriptions of what was done to achieve such high quality models. It is illustrated with historical photos from the author's archives as well as drawings from sources including PT Boats, Inc. the official national veterans association of the men who served on PT boats in World War II.

An inside look at the massive efforts needed to keep the Navy's PT Boats in fighting trim. From the stories of Repair Training Units, Bases, FEMU barges, and tenders, the reader will get a real understanding of the men who made up these specialized units. Almost two hundred rarely seen photographs selected by Frank J. Andruss Sr., curator of the acclaimed Mosquito Fleet Exhibit. Photographs and ship histories of every PT tender that operated in World War II. Numerous photographs of forward bases in the Solomons, New Guinea, the Dutch East Indies, the Philippines, the Mediterranean, and England. Detailed accounts of personnel, facilities, and curriculum at the Repair Training Units. An indispensable and unique source for anyone interested in the history of U.S. patrol torpedo boats in World War II.

At Close Quarters: PT Boats in the United States Navy

Containing a Complete and Concise Account of the Rise and Progress of Submarine Warfare ; Also a Detailed Description of All Matters Appertaining Thereto, Including the Latest Improvements

Torpedoes and Torpedo Warfare

The Boats and Ships Sold and Registered for Commercial and Recreational Purposes Under the American Flag

Hunters in the Shallows

Detail Specifications for Building 80-ft. Motor Torpedo Boats, PT's 103-138

ALSO AVAILABLE AS AN E-BOOK. Motor torpedo boat development began in the early 1900s, and the vessels first saw service during World War I. However, it was not until the late 1930s that the US Navy commenced the development of the Patrol Torpedo or PT boat. The PT boat was designed for attacking larger warships with torpedoes using its 'stealth' ability, high-speed and small size to launch and survive these attacks – although they were employed in a wide variety of other missions, including rescuing General MacArthur and his entourage from the Philippines. This book examines the design and development of these unique craft, very few of which survive today, and goes on to examine their role and combat deployment in World War II.

Electric Boat Corporation has been a world leader in submarine development, design, and construction for more than a century. In 1900, the company delivered the Holland, the first submarine accepted by the United States Navy. Fifty-five years later, it turned fantasy into fact by sending the world's first nuclear-powered ship, the submarine Nautilus, off on its maiden voyage. It later built the world's first ballistic missile-firing submarine, the George Washington, and most of the nation's current undersea fleet. Between those years, it pioneered standardized construction of merchant ships, submarine chasers, torpedo boats, and yachts and also produced airplanes, fishing trawlers, diesel engines, and electric motors. This collection of more than 200 archival photographs traces the company's sometimes roller-coaster existence through 10 historic decades when America—and Electric Boat Cor poration—grew into an industrial giant. It is an engaging collective portrait of American ingenuity, know-how, and persistence driving technology to new heights. Electric Boat Corporation has been a world leader in submarine development, design, and construction for more than a century. In 1900, the company delivered the Holland, the first submarine accepted by the United States Navy. Fifty-five years later, it turned fantasy into fact by sending the world's first nuclear-powered ship, the submarine Nautilus, off on its maiden voyage. It later built the world's first ballistic missile-firing submarine, the George Washington, and most of the nation's current undersea fleet. Between those years, it pioneered standardized construction of merchant ships, submarine chasers, torpedo boats, and yachts and also produced airplanes, fishing trawlers, diesel engines, and electric motors. This collection of more than 200 archival photographs traces the company's sometimes roller-coaster existence through 10 historic decades when America—and Electric Boat Cor poration—grew into an industrial giant. It is an engaging collective portrait of American ingenuity, know-how, and persistence driving technology to new heights.

Hunters in the Shallows is the first book to examine the development and role of the small torpedo boat in U.S. naval history, from William Cushing's heroic attack on the Confederate ram Albatemar in 1864, to PT operations in World War II. Moreover, it offers the first critical analysis of the PT's operational value. Culled from primary sources, this myth-buster covers the inside story of the scandalous 1939 Elco deal, offers new insight into the roles of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Douglas MacArthur in PT development, dares a shocking reappraisal of MacArthur's dramatic escape from Corregidor by PT boat in 1942, and reassesses the sinking of John F. Kennedy's PT-109. It also contains numerous photos and illustrations tracing American's small torpedo boat development from the Civil War through World War II. Sure to be controversial, Hunters in the Shallows is a must read for naval professionals, military historians, and PT boat buffs alike.

Building the Navy's Bases in World War II: A History of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, 1940-1946, Volume 2

Beachheads Secured

Under a Blood Red Sun

Detail Specifications for Building Experimental Aluminum Motor Torpedo Boat

An Illustrated History of U. S. Navy Torpedo Boat Construction in World War II

The History of Patrol Torpedo (PT) Boats, Their Bases, and Tenders of World War II June 1939–August 31, 1945

In 1877, the U.S. Navy purchased the fast steam yacht Siletto from the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company of Bristol, Rhode Island, for "automobile" torpedo experiments in Narragansett Bay. The submarine service was in its infancy, and interest in the self-propelled torpedo as an undersea weapon flourished. Herreshoff's fast, steam-powered boats were the first of the delivery platforms accepted by the U.S. Navy Department for experiments at the Newport Naval Torpedo Station and service during the Spanish-American War. Dating from the Civil War, the torpedo station on Goat Island in Newport Harbor was the first torpedo armory in the United States, specializing in research, development, and manufacture. Building the Mosquito Fleet: The U.S. Navy's First Torpedo Boats traces the important and often dramatic history of the involvement between the U.S. Navy and the Herreshoff brothers' marine yards over a period of more than thirty years. It is a story of enterprise, naval development, and marine manufacturing during a time of experimentation and evolution. Included are dramatic stories of the men who built and tested these dangerous new vessels. This fascinating volume preserves under one cover a concise history of the torpedo boats built by the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company. It describes design and construction innovations introduced by the Herreshoffs and traces the events that led the major navies of the world to take notice of the Herreshoffs' work.

Patrol Torpedo—or PT boats—captured the public's imagination during WWII due to the daring exploits of their crews. Built not of plywood, as many believe, but rather of packard marine engines, these vessels operated in every theater, often facing opponents many times their size. The use of PT boats to evacuate General Douglas MacArthur and his family from the Philippines, a story dramatized in the movie They Were Expendable, put the PT boats and their crews in the public forefront, as did John F.

Kennedy's loss of PT-109 and the subsequent rescue of him and his crew. This book looks at all the PT boat configurations used by the US Navy during WWII through rare archival photos, augmented by images of the few remaining vessels of the type. Part of the Legends of Warfare series.

Beachheads Secured Volumes 1 and 2 each tell the detailed history of the 873 PT Boats, after USA construction transferred to the navies of UK, USSR, and the USA; their one hundred thirty bases, nineteen Tenderships, and fiftysix PT Boat Squadrons. This comprehensive work takes the reader to actions and thrilling operations in the North Pacific, Aleutian Islands, Alaska, the Caribbean Sea, South Pacific, Southwest Pacific, Western Pacific, Panama Canal Zone, Australia, Mediterranean Sea, and the English Channel.

US Patrol Torpedo Boats

Building the PT Boats

U-Boat War Off America's East Coast, 1942

PT Boats

Torpedo Junction

Electric Boat Corporation

*EPOXY BASICS, Working with Epoxy Clearly & Efficiently, gives a pointed overview of methods used by the author for Gluing, Filleting, Glassing, and Coating. It includes tips for fill coating, gloss coating, glassing edges and corners", using peel ply, surface preparation, tools, safety, and troubleshooting. Large color photos accompany the text. Russell Brown is well known for his precise work with epoxy and he brings his decades of experience to these 46 pages with the same precision. Contact Port Townsend Watercraft for school and special group pricing(10+ qty). An e-book (.PDF) version for \$5.99, is available on the ptwatercraft website. ** books purchased before November 16th, 2013 are entitled to 4 bonus pages (.pdf) that are now part of this book. Thank you!*

This book is the first comprehensive history of an important, but mostly overlooked, element of the World War II Patrol Torpedo (PT) boats: the Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons Training Center (MTBSTC) in Melville, Rhode Island. While not every sailor who served on PT boats went through the training at MTBSTC, every PT sailor was affected by what went on there. The MTBSTC created the PT boats' operational policies and tactics, as well as weapons and equipment experimentation and development. Even the orders the men received for their PT boat assignment were dictated by the MTBSTC. Most of the books written about PT boats have only a passing reference to the MTBSTC. This lack of detailed information on the Training Center has left a large hole in the overall printed history of PT boats. This book fills that gap. This book documents the Training Center from its beginnings when the land was undeveloped swampland, through its growing pains during construction and expansion during the war. It traces the problems of developing a training curriculum from scratch, the struggles to keep the training current, up through the point when the training reached its peak of proficiency just as the war ended. It provides insight into what life was like for the sailors that spent two to three months going through the training program and of those who were stationed at the Training Center as instructors or staff personnel. This book also details the Training Center's post-war career and its current development as a thriving marina and boat building enterprise. This book is culled from the MTBSTC's wartime correspondence files and other deck logs, published and unpublished books, articles, and reports; and interviews with PT boat veterans who underwent the training at the MTBSTC. It is lavishly illustrated with archival, private, and public photographs, most of which have never been published before. This book completes the written history of the PT boats in World War II.

The complete World War II record of one of the most celebrated warships in American history—made famous by her final commanding officer, John F. Kennedy. Fleshing out the little-known chronicle of this patrol torpedo boat under two officers during the swirling battles around Guadalcanal. " John Domagalski brings PT-109 and her crew back to life once again and, in doing so, honors all who served in the patrol torpedo service " (Military Review). In these mainly nocturnal fights, when the Japanese navy was at its apex, America ' s small, fast-boat flotillas darted in among the enemy fleet, like a " barroom brawl with the lights turned out. " Bryant Larson and Rollin Westholm preceded Kennedy as commanders of PT-109, and their fights leading the ship and its brave crew hold second to none in the chronicles of US Navy daring. As the battles moved on across the Pacific, the PT-boat flotillas gained confidence, even as the Japanese, too, learned lessons on how to destroy them. Under its third and final commander, Kennedy, PT-109 met its fate as a Japanese destroyer suddenly emerged from a dark mist and rammed it in half. Two crewmen were killed immediately, but Kennedy, formerly on the swim team at Harvard, was able to shepherd his wounded and others to refuge. His unsurpassed gallantry cannot resist retelling, yet the courage of the " s previous commanders have not until now seen the light of day. This book provides the complete record of PT-109 in the Pacific, as well as a valuable glimpse of how the American Navy ' s daring and initiative found its full playing field in World War II.

Splinter Fleet

PT Boat Odyssey

Mtbsic

35 Scale Italeri Pt-596

The U.S. Navy's First Torpedo Boats

Building the Mosquito Fleet

Small though they were, PT boats played a key role in World War II, carrying out an astonishing variety of missions where fast, versatile, and strongly armed vessels were needed. Called "weapons of opportunity," they met the enemy at closer quarters and with greater frequency than any other type of surface craft. Among the most famous PT commanders was John F. Kennedy, whose courageous actions in the Pacific are now well known to the American public. The author of the book, another distinguished PT boat commander in the Pacific, compiled this history of PT-boat operations in World War II for the U.S. Navy shortly after V-J Day, when memories were fresh and records easily assessable. Bulkeley provides a wealth of facts about these motor torpedo boats, whose vast range of operation covered two oceans as well as the Mediterranean and the English Channel. Although their primary mission was to attack surface ships and craft close to shore, they were also used effectively to lay mines and smoke screens, to rescue downed aviators, and to carry out intelligence and raider operations. The author gives special attention to the crews, paying well-deserved tribute to their heroism, skill, and sacrifice that helped to win the war.

A tale of a lifelong passion for a WWII aircraft that changed the author ' s life: "It is almost like an adventure novel except it is true" (Air Classics). This book tells the story of a Dutch boy who grew up during the 1950s in postwar Borneo, where he had frequent encounters with an airplane, the Douglas DC-3, a.k.a. the C-47 Skytrain or Dakota, of World War II fame. For a young boy living in a remote jungle community, the aircraft reached the proportions of a romantic icon as the essential lifeline to a bigger world for him, the beginning of a special bond. In 1957, his family left the island and all its residual wreckage of World War II, and he attended college in The Hague. After graduation, he started a career as a corporate executive—and met the aircraft again during business trips to the Americas. His childhood passion for the Dakota flared up anew, and the fascination pulled like a magnet. As if predestined, or maybe just looking for an excuse to come closer, he began a business to salvage and convert Dakota parts, which meant first of all finding them. As the demand for these war relic parts and cockpits soared, he began to travel the world to track down surplus, crashed, or derelict Dakotas. He ventured deeper and deeper into remote mountains, jungles, savannas, and the seas where the planes are found, usually as ghostly wrecks but sometimes still in full commercial operation. In hunting the mythical Dakota, he often encountered intimidating or dicey situations in countries plagued by wars or revolts, others by arms and narcotics trafficking, warlords, and commen. The stories of these expeditions take the reader to some of the remotest spots in the world, but once there, one is often greeted by the comfort of what was once the West ' s apex in transportation—however now haunted by the courageous airmen of the past.

The complete history of the building of PT boats for the U.S. Navy at the Elco, Higgins, and Huckins plants. One hundred sixty-two full-page illustrations, selected by Frank J. Andruss Sr., curator of the acclaimed Mosquito Fleet Exhibit, give the reader an unparalleled understanding of the construction and operation of U.S. Navy torpedo boats. It's the closest thing to being on board! This book will take its place on the shelf alongside other essential references to U.S. Navy ship types: an essential companion to similar books about battleships, cruisers, and carriers.

A Review

Motor Torpedo Boat Squadrons Center

Jack and the Devil Boats

The US Navy's Fast Attack Patrol Torpedo Boats in World War II

Detail Specifications for Building 93.3' W.L. Motor Torpedo Boat PT-809

Revell Pt Boat Kits in Plastic

In 1940s New Orleans, young Jack helps with paper and scrap metal drives while learning about the torpedo boats his father helps build, and when he is an adult, helps to restore one. Text is interspersed with facts about the boats and World War II.

Hastily built at the onset of World War II to stop German U-boats from taking their toll on Allied shipping, the 110-foot wooden subchasers were the smallest commissioned warships in the U.S. Navy yet they saw as much action as ships ten times their size. In every theater of war these “expendable” work-horses of the fleet escorted countless convoys of slow-moving ships through submarine-infested waters, conducted endless mind-numbing anti-submarine patrols, and were used in hundreds of amphibious operations. Some subchasers worked as gunboats to search for and destroy enemy barges. Others rescued downed airmen and retrieved drowning soldiers under heavy enemy fire. During the German occupation of Norway, three American-built subchasers and their Norwegian crews came to be known as “The Shetlands Bus” for their clandestine work as ferries—the only link between Norway and the free world. This book, written by the commander of one of the subchasers, defines their place in naval history and gives readers a taste of life aboard the wooden warships. Ringing with authenticity, it describes the cramped quarters and unforgiving lives as well as the tenacious courage and close bonds formed by the men as they sought out the enemy and confronted nature. Long overshadowed by the larger, faster warships and more glamorous PT boats of World War II, subchasers, until now, have been mostly forgotten. This work restores the plucky little ships to their hard-earned status as significant members of the fleet.

The exploits of the U.S. Navy's 'Patrol Torpedo' or PT Boat crews became famous during WWII. Known by the Japanese as "devil boats," the little PTs landed big blows on the enemy, sinking numerous ships and supply barges. They also laid mines, carried out intelligence operations, and performed search and rescue operations among other tasks. While the most famous boat of the war was PT-109, commanded by future President John F. Kennedy, PT-73 also gained fame as the star of the TV show McHale's Navy starring Ernest Borgnine. Originally created in 1945 by the Bureau of Ships, "Know Your PT Boat" was intended to educate the crews of motor torpedo boats about all aspects of PT operation and maintenance in the field. Filled with advice drawn from the battle-tested crews of the "mosquito fleet," and featuring hilarious (and sometimes impolite) cartoon illustrations, it's sometimes hard to believe this booklet was an official U.S. Navy publication. This softcover reprint features the original book in its entirety.

In the Pacific War with Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron 16, 1943-1945

The remarkable story of PT boats in the Philippines and the rescue of General MacArthur

Higgins PT Boat

History of the Bureau of Yards and Docks and the Civil Engineer Corps, 1940-1946

Preston Tucker and His Battle to Build the Car of Tomorrow

An Illustrated History of U.S. Navy Torpedo Boat Construction in World War II

In the wake of World War II, the U.S. automobile industry was fully unprepared to meet the growing demands of the public, for whom they had not made any cars for years. In stepped Preston Tucker, a salesman extraordinary who announced the building of a revolutionary new car: the Tucker '48, the first car in almost a decade to be built fresh from the ground up. Tucker's car, which would include ingenious advances in design and engineering that other car companies could not match, captured the interest of the public, and automakers in Detroit took notice. Here, author Steve Lehto tackles Tucker's amazing story, relying on a huge trove of documents that has been used by no other writer to date. It is the first comprehensive, authoritative account of Tucker's magnificent car and his battles with the government. And in this book, Lehto finally answers the question automobile aficionados have wondered about for decades: exactly how and why the production of such an innovative car was killed.

The history of impressive battleships, aircraft carriers, and submarines on Puget Sound has been well chronicled. However, the story of the smaller, fast patrol and rescue boats that have protected its vast inland waters is largely unknown. This book, through more than 200 rare images and engaging text, reveals the fascinating story. It covers Navy, Coast Guard, and Army Air Force craft in the sound, including the famed patrol torpedo boats of World War II. Featuring evocative photographs from the National Archives, as well as veterans' personal collections, this book highlights these military craft, their proud crews, and essential wartime and peacetime operations.

Includes over 110 illustrations charting the history of the US Navy PT Boats. "The destiny of our country has been inextricably interwoven with the sea. This was never more true than in the giant World War II that involved all seas and most of mankind. To fight the sea war we needed many types of ships, large and small, from aircraft carriers and battleships to PT boats. "Small though they were, the PT boats played a key role. Like most naval ships, they could carry out numerous tasks with dispatch and versatility. In narrow waters or in-fighting close to land they could deliver a powerful punch with torpedo or gun. On occasion they could lay mines or drop depth charges. They could speed through reefs and shark infested waters to rescue downed pilots or secretly close the shore to make contacts with coast watchers and guerrilla forces. PT boats were an embodiment of John Paul Jones' words: "I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast for I intend to go in harm's way." "Naval strength must function from shore to shore and on inland waters where the mobility and flexibility provided by ships can be employed to support land operations. PT boats filled an important need in World War II in shallow waters, complementing the achievements of greater ships in greater seas. This need for small, fast, versatile, strongly armed vessels does not wane. In fact it may increase in these troubled times when operations requiring just these capabilities are the most likely of those which may confront us. "The thorough and competent account herein of over-all PT boat operations in World War II, compiled by Captain Robert Bulkeley, a distinguished PT boat commander, should therefore prove of wide interest. The widest use of the sea, integrated fully into our national strength, is as important to America in the age of nuclear power and space travel as in those stirring days of the birth of the Republic."-President John F Kennedy.

In Search of the Legendary DC-3 on the Last Frontiers

Building the Navy's Bases in World War II

Allied Torpedo Boats

The Dakota Hunter

At Close Quarters; PT Boats In The United States Navy [Illustrated Edition]

Patrol and Rescue Boats on Puget Sound

Drawing on his own experiences as the captain of PT 105 at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, and more, the author tells how the fastest little boat in combat contributed to the war effort.

Describes the history, design, weapons, and tactics of the torpedo-carrying PT-boats, used chiefly during World War II.

During the Pacific War between the United States and Imperial Japanese navies, the author's father, Francis Geizheiser, deployed with Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron 16A, from New Orleans to Panama to Seattle and to Attu Island in the Aleutians. After their return voyage, the PT boats journeyed to New Guinea, then battled Japanese kamikazes for the Philippine island of Mindoro. Like many World War II veterans, Geizheiser only shared his recollections of combat later in life. The author chronicles his father's experience, details the roles PT boats played in the war and examines why, despite America's overwhelming wartime manufacturing capacity, the Japanese believed they could still win the war.

A History of the PT Boat

A Higgins PT Boat Story

German E-boats 1939-45

The Story of Three Officers and PT-109

PT 105

World War II

During the opening days of World War II in the Pacific, a small group of American sailors in the Philippines were propelled into the forefront of the fighting. They were manned with six small wooden torpedo (PT) boats and led by a courageous, larger-than-life character in Lieutenant John D. Bulkeley. The men of Torpedo Boat Squadron 3 faced insurmountable odds as they conducted a series of heroic operations against the navy and air power of Imperial Japan. As America's defense of the Philippines crumbled under the weight of a massive Japanese assault, the courageous activities of Bulkeley's men made headlines across the U.S.Noften as the only good news coming from the bleak Pacific front, The unit achieved everlasting fame by evacuating General Douglas MacArthur from the front. Then the squadron continued to fight on until all six of its torpedo boats were lost under fire. The fate of the doomed American defenders was sealed when the Japanese won the battle for the islands in the spring of 1942. The exploits of the unit were immortalized in the blockbuster 1945 movie They Were Expendable, starring John Wayne and Robert Montgomery, but since then the saga of Bulkeley and his men has slipped into history. Under a Blood Red Sun revives the story of the Philippine PT-boats through the intertwined accounts of Bulkeley and his subordinate officers and men. It is a story of the courage and sacrifice of men thousands of miles from their homeland, representing American gallantry and fighting prowess, while giving the Japanese a taste of what was further to come their way.

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“An inspirational/enjoyable book with excellent representations of a wide variety of [Motor Torpedo Boats] by various modelers in a variety of scales.”—ModelGeek The ShipCraft series provides in-depth information about building and modifying model kits of famous warship types. Lavishly illustrated, each book takes the modeler through a brief history of the subject class, highlighting differences between sisterships and changes in their appearance over their careers. This includes paint schemes and camouflage, featuring color profiles and highly detailed line drawings and scale plans. The modeling section reviews the strengths and weaknesses of available kits, lists commercial accessory sets for super-detailing of the ships, and provides hints on modifying and improving the basic kit. This is followed by an extensive photographic gallery of selected high-quality models in a variety of scales, and the book concludes with a section on research references—books, monographs, large-scale plans and relevant websites. This volume follows the format of the highly successful Flower Class Corvettes where the exten has been doubled to include far more detailed drawings of the many different designs of British MTBs and US PT-boats, including their fittings, sensors and weapons. “The content is packed with information that makes you want to turn a page, from the history of torpedo boats from 1915-1945, which then goes on to model products, showcase, construction, aftermarket products for scales 1-1200 to 1-100 . . . Not only a reference to torpedo boats, but a wonderful guide to building and getting the best out of a model.”—AutoModeler

Know Your PT Boat

PT Boats Behind The Scenes

South West Pacific Motor Torpedo Boats: Follow My Time in the PT Service During World War 2

Epoxy Basics

Andrew Jackson Higgins and the Boats that Won World War II

Into the Dark Water