

The Frog Caister Lifeboat

**Doug McHard gives you
some building hints for
the boat shown on our
cover painting.**

Here's an off-beat plastic kit for those of you who want to get out of the well-worn rut. It's one that handsomely repays careful paintwork and it offers numerous possibilities to the innovator. The Frog Caister Lifeboat kit costs 10s. 10d. and measures over 9 in. from stem to stern.

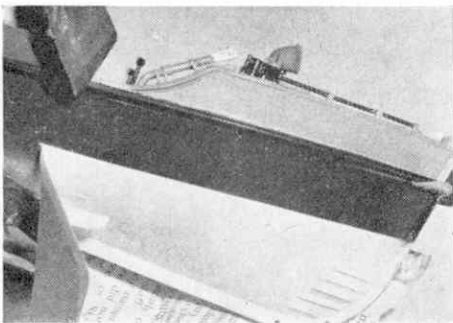
1 Paint the royal blue part of the hull after completing the detail painting of the upper works, but before fitting the handrails, etc. Use p.v.c. masking tape rather than the normal transparent kind. This will enable you to follow the curved water line

2 When the hull is quite dry, clean out any paint that may be clogging the holes, for the lifeline rings and deck stanchions, with a $\frac{1}{16}$ in. drill. Use a pair of tweezers to position the rather fiddly rings.

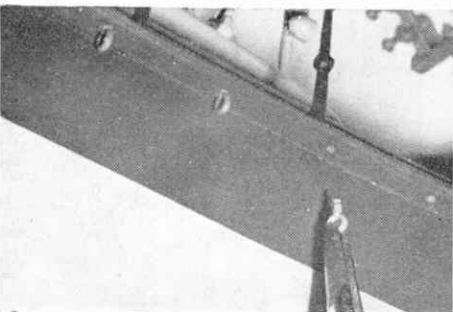
3 Allow the rings to dry *completely*, then thread a length of thin orange coloured plastic-covered radio hook-up wire through the lifeline rings. Bare the ends of the wire and twist it back upon itself through the end rings to secure it. Paint the bared wire orange.

4 Using Kleintex Invisible Thread or fine nylon, tie the lifelines together below the rings. This photograph also shows the 'rails' in place and painted

5 & 6 A cheap, effective yet simple method of producing simulated chain rails, is to take a loop of heavy fuse wire and, using a hook in the chuck of a drill brace, twisting the two strands together

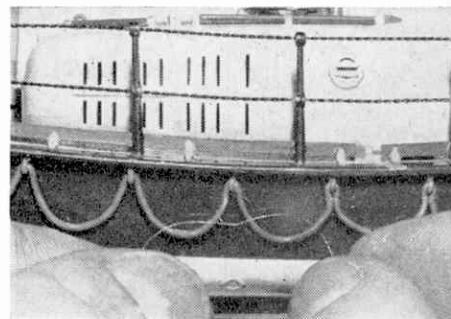
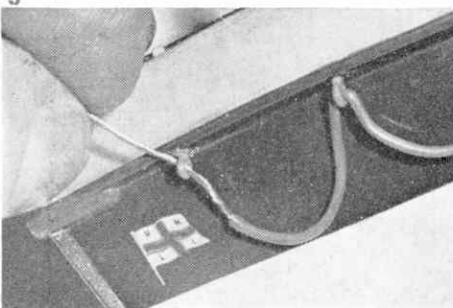


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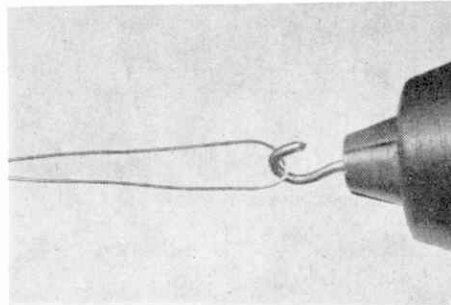


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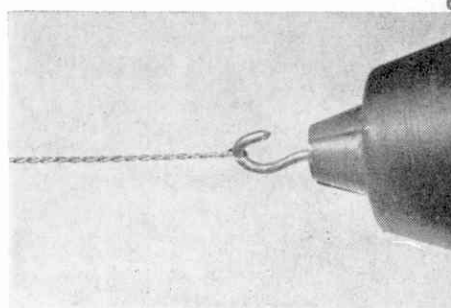


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