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Report from the Naviga C-Class World Model Ship Championships, August 4-10, 2025, Budapest, Hungary.

The NAVIGA C-Class World Model Ship Championships took place from August 4-10, 2025, in the Csepel district of Budapest, Hungary. The main organizer was the Székely Mihály Gyomaendrőd Model and Sports Club, represented by Janos Kornis. 308 models from 13 countries participated in the championship.

The models were displayed in three halls and in part of the corridor of the cultural center. An accompanying exhibition commemorated Hungarian maritime traditions within the Habsburg Monarchy and the Danube Navy. Artifacts reminiscent of these ships were also displayed in the exhibition halls. There was a refreshment buffet and several rest areas for the competitors and their entourage. The organizers provided excellent facilities for the judges' work and for resting the competitors while they waited for their evaluations. Janos Kornis was the competition director. The honorable role of Chief Judge of the Section "C" Championships of the world ship modeling organization NAVIGA was entrusted to me. Ultimately, three judging panels were formed:

Team 1: Classes C5 and C6
Head Judge: Martin van Gelderen (NL)
Judge: Daniel Ciosu (RO)
Judge: Vadym Goshko (UKR)
Secretary: Dan Lucian (RO)

Team 2: Classes C1, C2, C8
Head Judge: Evgeniy Genov (BG)
Judge: Giuseppe Giraldi (I)
Judge: Sergii Demidenko (UKR)
Secretary: Jan Leoniec (PL)

Team 3: Classes C3, C4; C7
Head Judge: Jarosław Leoniec (PL)
Judge: Hans-Jürgen Borchers (D)
Judge: Martin Tomášek (CZ)
Secretary: Péter Kovács (H)

Each commission of judges had over 100 models to evaluate. Considerable time was allocated for their evaluation, taking into account the varying work speeds of the individual judging panels. Romania submitted the most models from the 13 participating countries (BG, CHN, CRO, CZ, D, H, I, NL, PL, RO, UKR, UZB, SK), with a total of 86 models. Models from the USA (1 x C6 and 1 x C8) were also announced before the competition, but we did not see them.

Model registration began on August 3rd after the organizer was notified, and the main model submission day was August 4th. That same day, at 7:00 PM, a meeting of the

judges was held to coordinate the details of the work and the evaluation of the models by the individual judging panels.

The grand opening ceremony took place on August 5th at 10:00 AM in the theater hall. After the Hungarian and NAVIGA national anthems were played, the audience was welcomed and the judging panels were introduced. Invited guests spoke, and a bell rang to announce the start of the Budapest 2025 World Championships.

Following the opening ceremony, the model evaluation began. Each panel had its own room, which significantly streamlined the model evaluation process.

On Thursday, August 7th, at 7:00 PM, a section meeting was held in the judges' hotel, during which the election of the Section C leader for the next term was held. Mr. Jarosław Leoniec, representing the NAVIGA board, led the election. During the public vote, I was appointed to continue as Section C leader for the next term, for which I sincerely thank you. On Friday, August 8th, starting at 6:00 PM, a banquet was held at the judges' hotel, where we were treated to delicious refreshments in a pleasant and friendly atmosphere. The Championship closing ceremony took place on August 10th at 12:30 PM, during which the results were read out and medals were awarded to the competitors. During the closing ceremony, the NAVIGA flag was officially handed over to Mr. Jarosław Leoniec, the organizer of the future World Championships, which will be held in 2027 in Ornetka, Poland.

There were problems with a registered participant from Hong Kong, which is currently an integral part of China. A Chinese participant from Hong Kong living in Germany entered two models (1 x C2 and 1 x C8). The competitor wished to compete as a representative of Hong Kong. After consultation with NAVIGA management, the decision was made that the competitor from Hong Kong could not participate in the competition, and he had to pack up his models.

It seems crucial to clarify the interpretation of the regulations in the C6 class – for injection and resin models – and the C8 class – particularly for 3D-printed kit models, which are rapidly and vigorously taking over the modeling market.

I also believe that educating judges, as was done years ago, is crucial. Such training would help avoid future misunderstandings and ambiguities when judging models.

In summary, I must say that this was a successful and well-prepared Championship. I would like to thank once again everyone who contributed to its success, including Mr. Janos Kornis and all his colleagues who participated in the championship. I also thank all the judges and competitors for their attendance and for presenting so many beautiful models.

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