

HAMPTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

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A correction is in order on the report, in the last *Newsletter*, that the trip on Paul Brindza's boat had failed to materialize. Jim McCurdy reports that he and Paul had a good sail on a lovely day, but were not at the dock at the appointed time. Another member was, but apparently did not hang around long enough. Much confusion, due to the delay on top of the changed date on top of Paul's changed telephone number, which is now unlisted. Better luck next time.

The November 13 meeting, at Heinz Schiller's home, was called to order by Skipper Bill Altice at 2003, with 12 members present. Norvin Alcorn of Williamsburg was our only guest. Minutes of September 11 were approved, followed by a purser's report.

Old Business

Len Wine was authorized by formal motion to spend up to \$100.00 for a banner. It was suggested that he consider a size to skirt the front of one of our tables, since the banner would be too heavy to hang on our tent fly. We also discussed an informational brochure for distribution at public events.

New Business

The Ship Model Workshop at Life-Saving Museum of Virginia will be held on January 23, at a different hotel, but still near the museum. Gene Berger will coordinate the Society's role.

We are invited to participate in a weekend crafts event, having strong maritime theme, at Easton, Maryland, April 30 - May 2, 1993. No action; Bill Altice will look into the possibility of a joint table with the Washington Society.

Sharing [A new title for most of our non-business doings, which is really what this whole thing is about. - Editorial comment]

Tom Hesse has big pieces of holly, free. Call him. Mariner's Museum also has hardwood (including cherry) cleared from the park; speak to Alan Frazer.

John Cheevers brought two newsletters, a catalog from bookseller Edward Lefkowitz, a catalog of Jane's (as in *Jane's Fighting Ships*) publications, and two issues of *NRJ*. John also offered drafting mylar in large sheets.

Gene Berger brought a catalog of Precision Scale Model Engineering (neat stuff!).

Alan Frazer announced the major "Great Age of Sail" exhibit from the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, to be at the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk until mid-January, accompanied by two special exhibits from The Mariners' Museum. "Great Age" features 79 paintings and 23 artifacts, including three models, most of which have never traveled away from Britain. [Having since seen it, Alan adds,

"It's a must! See it at now at Chrysler, or in the spring at Peabody Museum."]

John Cheevers showed photographs of the VIRGINIA model as delivered in September. Congratulations to John and helpers; it's lovely. We have a standing offer to ride one of the current VPA launches! See John for details.

John also showed his developing plans for the Newport News-built tug/pilot boat JOHN H. ESTILL, with lovely lines drawing plotted by C.A.D. Good stuff; wish we could all have access.

Jack Bobbitt explained and showed results of his research, drafting, and construction to date on a Virginia "pungy" (probably named for Pungoteague Creek, Accomac County) schooner. Nice drawing, and a pretty model even at this stage.

We adjourned a great meeting at 2155 to delightful and beautifully presented refreshments from Heinz and Mareke. Thanks again.

Next Meeting:

Friday, December 11, at the home of Jack and Jeanne Bobbitt, 69 Queens Court, Newport News. Phone 599-0557. Warwick Blvd. to 3rd traffic light west of Mariners' Museum entrance at J. Clyde Morris Blvd. Turn left on Hiden Blvd., next to Hidenwood Shopping Plaza. After it narrows (and becomes Blount Point Road), take 4th left, James Landing Drive, then 1st right, Queens Court. Continue to #69, 2nd house in 3rd block on right, directly opposite lake.

On the Bridge:

Skipper: Bill Altice 748-4880
Purser: Alan Frazer 865-7300

1st Mate: Leonard Wine 588-5831
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NEXT MEETING:

DECEMBER 11.

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