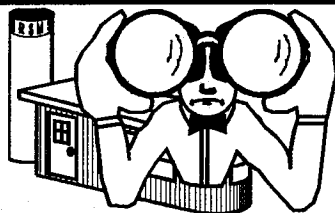


From the Pilothouse



A few months ago, I asked the members at our meeting if they wanted to continue with the annual dinner. There was an enthusiastic response that, all wanted to continue this. The dinner is scheduled for March 30th. I hope that everyone will make every effort to participate. The food is always good, the fellowship even better. We might also hope that some of our colleagues from Washington will make the effort to join us.

Speaking of the Washington Ship Model Society. I have a communication from Dick Strange about the next Mid-Atlantic Maritime Festival to be held Friday, 17 May through Sunday, 19 May 1996. This year the festival will be held at St. Michaels, at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. He requests models from us; they will be a part of the model display. I have sent Len the info for this newsletter and I shall have extra copies at the next meeting.

We are all deeply indebted to Len Wine for the great job that he's has done in putting our monthly newsletter together. We should also thank Lois, too. Len has agreed to continue as editor and publisher for this next year. Bully for us!

Jack

Minutes



February 9, 1996

Members: 15

Guests: Ken Knittel
Mike Wallace
Bill Abbott
Alan Flanders
Arthur Fournier
Dennis McWalters

Meeting called to order at 2024.

Corrections:

1) Bob Comet and Tom Saunders were the hosts for the January meeting.

New Member

The club unanimously accepted Mike Wallace as our latest member. Not even Joe McCleary and his ancient firearms could scare Mike away.

Old Business

Banquet- The annual banquet is scheduled for March 30. The details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

Steel Navy Seminar- Bill Clarke once again reminded everyone that the Steel Navy Seminar is coming up on March 22-24 in Annapolis. There are two spots left. The registration is \$100.

Permanent Meeting Site- The church worked out well for this meeting as did the M&M museum in January. The consensus seems to be that a more central location and free would be ideal.

Officers- The officers nominated last month were accepted without discussion and the clerk was directed to record one vote for each candidate. Welcome back to:

Skipper	Jack Bobbitt
Clerk	John Cheevers
Purser	Bill Clarke

Congratulations to our new First Mate, Alan Frazer.

New Business

Big Lathe- Chuck Reynolds announced that he has finally acquired his latest dream, a nice, big lathe. Being a machinist by trade, Chuck has felt compelled to put together a complete machine shop in his garage. (Ed. note: This is lucky for all of us frustrated metalworkers since Chuck has offered help on our projects. See you soon, Chuck!)

Show and Tell

By Force of Arms- Alan Frazer brought along an announcement of this new book written by James Nelson. It features a US Navy officer, Captain Bittlecomb in the period

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from 1774. The book is published by Simon and Schuster and it sounded pretty good.

Plate III- Alan also brought along a plate showing the rigging of a ship from the early 1800's. The plate explained such esoteric terms as lardwedges and blubber gudgeons.

Hull Carving Machine- During some research, Alan was asked to identify the device in an older photograph. It turned out the machine was used to carve wooden hulls for the test tanks at the David Taylor Research Center. It seems to be a kind of parallelogram device with a cutting head that is guided by a template. The photo shows a very large hull being carved, perhaps 8' long.

Racing Shells- Graham Horne brought along two model shells he is building, one of which appeared to be finished right down to scale tennis shoes. (Ed. Note: the shoes seem to have been improperly laced. They should have been left over right not right over left. Or maybe it's the other way around. Had to try and find something wrong with the model.) As usual, Graham's building jigs were as much a work of art as his models.

Eagle- Joe McCleary brought along his model of the Eagle and it seems to be coming along nicely. Joe always makes it a point to demonstrate the 1001 things you can do with the box a model is transported in. The box is always quite a show and demonstrates that some retired submariners have more than water in the ballast tank between their ears.

Joe also discussed his procedure for bending planks. He uses dry heat from a soldering iron with a brass sleeve over the barrel. The back of the plank has to be kept moist to keep it from splintering. Old Sliver Tongued McCleary uses saliva to keep the plank wet.

Joe has used Varethane, a water clean-up polyurethane, on the decks inside the model. He scrapes down to the wood to apply glue.

Models- We had a good turnout of models on the display tables. Thanks to everyone who put something out to show.

We adjourned at 2110 after what seemed to be one of the shortest meetings on record. Jim McCurdy was either in a hurry to eat or he didn't like sitting up front by himself.

Thanks to Alan Frazer and David Tagg for providing the refreshments and a big thanks to Emmanuel Episcopal Church for the use of the facilities.

(Ed. Note: I hope somebody drank the coffee after Alan and David went to all the trouble to make some.)



Notice to Mariners

Mariners' Museum Model Contest Results-

As promised 2 issues ago, I am going to go over some of the judges comments on the models that our members had in last years contest and that they brought to the December meeting. My notes were kind of cryptic and its been a while since I looked at them but I will do my best. I expect a number of corrections to next month's newsletter.

Graham Horne- Graham entered his model of a St. Lawrence skiff. Specific comments were that the thole pin lashings did not appear sufficient. Overall it was a nice model but not good enough for a medal.

Bob Comet- Bob entered 3 models in the contest.

Shore Bird- this skipjack model was well received. In particular, the winch and dredger were well done. The judges mentioned seeing some glue puddles and dirty wood and the fact that there were a lot of skipjack models.

Rothskild- this is a relatively simple kit that the judges felt really needed some more work and detailing to surmount the simplicity.

Whale boat- this Model Shipways kit had good fidelity and made an excellent impression. The judges mentioned that the sheer strakes were uneven.

Ulrich Guenther- Ulrich entered a model of a Dutch yacht from 1660. The model was built from a Mamoli kit. The hull was symmetrical and the finish and workmanship were good. The judges would have liked to see some extra research.

Joe McCleary- Joe entered his model of the HMS Epervier. Overall the model made a good impression and the gun tackles, boats, sweeps and oars stood out. They did feel the model was too bland and didn't provide enough contrast.

John Cheevers- John entered his model of the tug Huntington. The judges found the model to be historically interesting and liked the photoetched logo on the side of the stack. They felt the highly detailed deck was not consistent with the rest of the model and they would like to have seen an open and detailed pilothouse.

Jack Bobbitt- Jack entered 2 models in the contest.

Wave- The judges liked the choice of subject for this

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model. They liked the workmanship and loved the fittings, particularly the engines. They would like to have seen some hull planking, even just simulated, and they spotted an uneven waterline and a problem in the stern.

Sunny South- This model had high quality metalwork and again the judges loved the engines and the steering gear. The hull planking was well done and overall the workmanship was good. They did feel the sails were too loosely woven and that the rigging was fuzzy.

HRSMS Annual Banquet-

The annual banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, 1996, at the James River Country Club, Newport News. The social hour will begin at 1830 with a cash bar and dinner will start at 1930. Along with the choice of entrees the meal will include soup, spinach salad, wild rice, green beans almondine and creme de menthe parfait. Entrees are:

Chicken Breast Wellington (in puff pastry) \$19.60
12 oz. Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding \$21.60

Make your checks payable to HRSMS and mail to:

Mrs. Jeanne Bobbitt
69 Queens Court
Newport News, VA 23606

Be sure to include the number of each entree with your check. **All reservations must be received by Jeanne no later than March 22.**

Ship Modelers Telephone Assistance Network-

The Nautical Research Guild has announced that it is establishing an assistance network for ship modelers. The purpose of the network is to encourage the building of high quality models and help increase the number of people who practice this skill and art. Ship modelers of all skill levels will be able to use the network to get help and assistance on almost any problem. The network volunteers who will be furnishing assistance will be drawn from the ranks of the most experienced practitioners of this art within the Nautical Research Guild. Detailed information on how this assistance network will function will be published in the March and June editions of the Journal.

Fourth Annual Mid-Atlantic Maritime Festival-

The Fourth Annual Mid-Atlantic Maritime Festival will be held in St. Michaels, MD from Friday, May 17 to Sunday, May 19. The Washington Ship Model Society has

been invited to set up an exhibit in the Steamboat Building. The skipper of the WSMS, Dick Strange, has invited our club to join them in the exhibition. They have room for 6 of our models. The festival organization will provide insurance to the value of your model and security is provided for the building. Anyone interested in showing a model at the festival should contact Dick at the following address:

R. T. Strange
1603 Timberline Road
Silver Spring, MD 20904-1476

Dick needs to know the model size and value by March 15. Len Wine and Jack Bobbitt have further details for anyone who is interested.

Meeting Schedule-

The HRSMS meeting schedule for the remainder of the year follows:

Month	Host
March	John Cheevers
April	Old Sliver Tongued Joe McCleary
May	Strawberry Bill Clarke
June	Ulrich Guenther
July	Trashman Tom Saunders
August	The Southside Trio (McCurdy, Williams, Wine)
September	The Almost in NC Duo (Reynolds, Dillingham)
October	Roadtrip to Richmond (Rumsey, Horne)
November	Heinz Schiller
December	Jack "No relation to that Other Guy" Bobbitt

Watch, Quarter and Station Bill

WQSB

May Meeting: 10 May, 2000 Hrs., Host- Bill Clarke

Mid-Atlantic Maritime Festival: 17 - 19 May, St. Michaels, MD

June Meeting: 14 June, 2000 Hrs., Host- Ulrich Guenther

July Meeting: 12 July, 2000 Hrs., Host- Tom Saunders

Skipper: Jack Bobbit
(804) 599-0557

1st Mate: Alan Frazer
(804) 865-7300

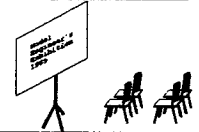
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Next Meeting



The March meeting will be held on March 8, at 2000 Hrs. at the home of John and Ellen Cheevers, 414 Burnham Pl., Newport News, (804) 591-8955. From either direction take the J. Clyde Morris (Hwy 17) exit South off of I64. Stay on J. Clyde until it ends at the entrance to the Mariners' Museum. Turn right on Warwick. Go 4-5 blocks to Glendale Rd. and turn right. Take the next right onto Burnham Pl. and it is the last house on the left. Call John for further directions.

Upcoming Events

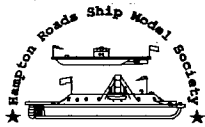
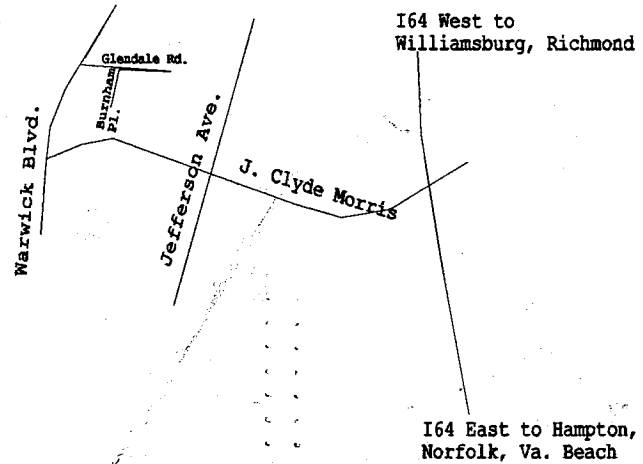
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March Meeting: 8 March, 2000 Hrs., Host- John Cheevers

Steel Navy Seminar: 22-24 March, USNA

Annual Banquet: Saturday, 30 March, James River Country Club

April Meeting: 12 April, 2000 Hrs., Host- Joe McCleary



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