

# The Lynx

Monthly newsletter of the Washington Ship Model Society

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## Next Meeting

**Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 10 a.m.**

**Hollin Hall Senior Center**

**1500 Shenandoah Road**

**Alexandria, VA 22308**

**Room 213 “Club/Model Railroad Room,”**

**or Room 217 “Class Room”**

### Directions

- The Senior Center is only a few miles away from the Sherwood Hall Regional Library, where we have been holding our meetings. From the beltway go south on Route One to the first left which is Fort Hunt Road (SR 629) and head south about 3.5 miles to Shenandoah Road. There will be a Shell Gas station on the near right corner and the Hollin Hall Shopping Center sign on the far right corner. This is Shenandoah Road.
- Make right turn and go to the right drive entrance just beyond the 7-11 store and some trees. There is a large parking lot. The building is a converted school.
- Enter the building by the doorway under the green pitched roof/canopy at the flag pole. Turn right and there is an elevator. Go to second floor, turn left, go to end of hall, turn right and go down corridor to room 213 or 217.
- Coming from the south turn off Route One to the right at Sherwood Hall Road and continue past the Library about a mile to Fort Hunt Road. Turn right on Fort Hunt Road and head south to the gas station noted above.

Please plan on arriving on time for the start of the meeting. The doors will remain open, but usually they are locked after Saturday meetings begin. If they are locked call Lou's cell at 540-226-2110.

## **Skipper's Corner**

Better not let any late winter snow deter ya from coming this Saturday—it's going to be another good meeting to make, especially if you have any interest in airbrush painting and hand tools! Commodore Buchner is going to provide us with a 101 primer on the subject, including different kinds of brushes, air sources, and paint types. It will include a demonstration using a compressor and at least two types of brushes. Also, come with your favorite hand tool for modeling and expect to explain your choice.

My house can be a long way to travel for many of you for Focus Meetings but Bruce, Warren, and Warren's friend Bill (sorry, lost his last name), an award-winning designer and painter of warriors, were able to make it. Besides the normal show-and-tell we watched a 20 minute DVD on *HMS Victory*, admired Bill's winning Marine DI and Recruit model, kibitzed about the antique New England fishing schooner I am restoring, and played around with my airbrush.

During this month's regular meeting we will be voting on a proposed bylaws change. The change, included elsewhere in this issue of the *Lynx*, is my proposal for improving the way we select our nomination committee so that it is less of a hassle than it has been at least ever since I came aboard. There are some that think it unnecessary, and we can talk about that at the meeting. If passed, it will go into effect with the 2014 election cycle.

As I indicated last month, and in keeping with one of my WSMS New Year's resolutions, I contacted the US Navy Washington Museum to schedule a visit. They have graciously invited us to hold our April meeting at the museum. A docent will provide a tour with an emphasis on the model ship collection. Following the tour we will meet in a classroom to conduct the business portion of the meeting. For those who are interested in visiting the museum ship, the *USS Barry*, I will lead a tour right after the meeting concludes.

Everyone give Patricia a big "Bravo Zulu" for her excellent work on the newsletter. We have gotten several kudos from other ship model clubs and the NRG, which have asked us to participate in a newsletter exchange. Keep watching for even more improvements. If you are interested, she could use some help to develop some new sections ranging from article writing, advertising, tips, etc.

Don't forget, the regular schedule of Spring 2013 events is beginning to take shape with the IPMS Northern VA annual Model Classic contest and show in the latter part of April followed by the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Model Expo in May. Contact Warren Yuan ([wyaun@cox.net](mailto:wyaun@cox.net)) and let him know you plan to participate the IPMS event and Vince McCullough ([mvmccullough@cox.net](mailto:mvmccullough@cox.net)) if you would like to attend the Chesapeake Bay event. If you haven't attended any of these in the past make a resolution to attend at least one this year. They really are great fun and it not only helps with our recruiting but also is an opportunity to meet others interested in our hobby. It's also an educational opportunity to expand your own knowledge and learn new techniques.

As a final word for this month's column: these meetings and events are not for a core few to pursue but something for all of you to become engaged in. If there is something that you think would energize you, tickle your fancy, or float your boat let the bridge know!! Our e-mail addresses are posted herein. We want to hear from you!

C'ya Saturday and bring a friend!—Lou

### **Note from the Editor**

Here are the e-mail addresses for your Bridge crew:

Skipper, Lou Husser, [skipper@dcshipmodelsociety.org](mailto:skipper@dcshipmodelsociety.org)  
First Mate, Vince McCullough, [firstmate@dcshipmodelsociety.org](mailto:firstmate@dcshipmodelsociety.org)  
Purser, John Reeder, [purser@dcshipmodelsociety.org](mailto:purser@dcshipmodelsociety.org)

**MARCH 2013 WSMS MEETING AGENDA**  
**Hollin Hall Senior Center**  
**1500 Shenandoah Road Alexandria, VA 22308-1100**

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- Ψ 1000 – Skipper’s Remarks
  - Recognition of any new guests or strikers
  - More Volunteers for Focus meetings in 2013 needed
  
- Ψ Treasurer’s Report – Jim Reeder
  
- Ψ 1015 – Basic Airbrush Painting Demonstration by Bruce Buchner
  
- Ψ 1100 - Show & Tell – Besides the regular stuff, also bring along your favorite hand tool and describe it’s use and why it’s a favorite!!
  
- Ψ 1140 – Business Meeting
  - Old business
    - February distribution of members list and e-mail addresses
  
- Ψ 1050 - New Business
  - Vote on Proposed Bylaws Change – Appointment of Election Committee
  - Election Committee Progress Report – Commodores’
    - Bruce Buchner – Head of Committee
    - Mr. Doug Wilde – Committee Member
    - Charles Huete - Committee Member
    - Rick Yorczyk – 1<sup>st</sup> alternate
  - Discussion on developing a Purser’s Assistant position
  - Internal distribution of other club’s newsletters
  - 2013 Venues and their coordination
  
- Ψ 1230 –Meeting Adjourn

**Upcoming Schedule of Events**

- Ψ Focus Group Meetings
  - February – Lou Husser
  - March - Carl Erickson
  
- Ψ Events WSMS Participating In
  1. IPMS Northern VA annual Model Classic contest and show  
27 April, at Fairfax High School
  2. Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Model Expo  
18 & 19 May
  
- Ψ Always looking for opportunities/venues to display our creations

## Lynx Links

<http://www.dcshipmodelsociety.org/>

<http://www.cnc-models.com/>

<http://mysite.verizon.net/ELLshipmodeler/index.htm>

<http://www.papermodel.jp/english/>

<http://wmunderway.8m.com/home/home.htm>

<http://www.modelslipway.com/>

<http://www.boatnerd.com/>

<http://www.billingboats.com/>

<http://mysite.verizon.net/vzepsy9w/sealaunchcommander2/>

<http://www.greatlakesmodeling.com/>

<http://www.jdproduct.com/>

<http://www.micromark.com/>

<http://www.joesmodels.com/>

<http://www.servicehistorique.sga.defense.gouv.fr/02fonds-collections/banquedocuments/planbato/atlas/rec.php>

## February 2013 WSMS Meeting Minutes

This document presents the minutes of the Washington Ship Model Society meeting held at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on February 9, 2013. The meeting was conducted by Lou Husser. Twelve members were present.

- John Reeder has a number of WSMS patches. Distribution is to be specified by Lou Husser. They will be useful for our display attendance.
- Anyone who needs a nametag or mug should contact Gene Larson. To obtain a coin, contact Lou.
- Carl Erickson obtained official information concerning the requirements for the WSMS to communicate with the IRS. He noted that the CFR 501 stated that, for organizations like the WSMS, there are no reporting requirements so long as we have receipts less than \$50,000 per year.
- A Yahoo communication link has been established by Tim Rulon.
- Vince gave a most interesting demonstration of a rope walk.
- A rope walk was considered for purchase by the WSMS for members use. This was approved by vote.
- Lou will send an e-mail blast with the latest e-mail addresses for checking. Also proposed bylaws changes will be circulated for comment.
- There was a list presented to identify the Nomination Committee: Bruce Buchner, Doug Wilde, Charles Huet, and Rick Yorczyk.
- The next regular meeting will be at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, where Joel will provide a demonstration of a lathe.
- The special interest group meetings are:
  - February 23: Lou Husser
  - March 30: Carl Erickson
- The April Meeting will be at the Navy Museum at the Navy Yard (instructions to follow).
- Lou is working to obtain a visit to the Carderock facility.
- The WSMS will display at the IPMS at Fairfax High School on 27 April. Warren Yaun will coordinate.
- The WSMS will display at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum near Easton, MD on 18 and 19 May. Vince is coordinating and attempting to obtain adequate lighting.

—Ship's Clerk, Doug Beatty, 12 February 2013

## Model Progress Pages

WSMS Member **John Powell**, who lives in Norfolk, VA, is working on the USS Mooseburger. Here are a few shots of his progress. He added a scratch-built Sea Sparrow launcher and also some Harpoon launchers and the Captain's Gig.



Please send details and photos of your project to [newsletter@dcshipmodelsociety.org](mailto:newsletter@dcshipmodelsociety.org) for inclusion in the *Lynx*.

### Maritime Model Expo, May 18 & 19

If you've never attended the [Chesapeake Maritime Museum's Maritime Model Expo](#), you're missing out! The WSMS is given several tables on which to display our models and show off our modeling skills, and members who are staffing the WSMS exhibits get free admission. The weather is usually beautiful, and the museum—even when there isn't a special event—is a fascinating place with many unique treasures. Visitors attending the museum are friendly and eager to talk to us about our models. Make a weekend of it! The town of St. Michael's is charming, and there are several places to overnight and dine.

Please consider volunteering to help the WSMS with this outreach event. Even if you are unable to attend, please lend us a model to display. [First Mate Vince McCullough](#) is organizing the event; please let him know how you'll be supporting your society.

**We really need your help!**

## Advertisements

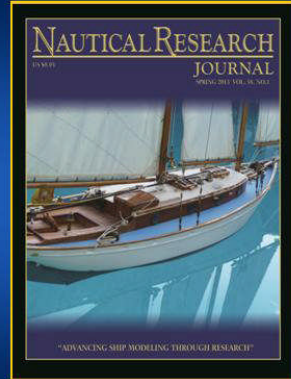
### Want more bang for your buck?

An NRG membership is more valuable than ever! Starting with our Spring issue of the Nautical Research Journal, we will feature a new 80-page format. That means more quality color photographs and articles on ship model building, as well as an expanded Shop Notes section, and features on naval architecture, nautical history, and the maritime arts.

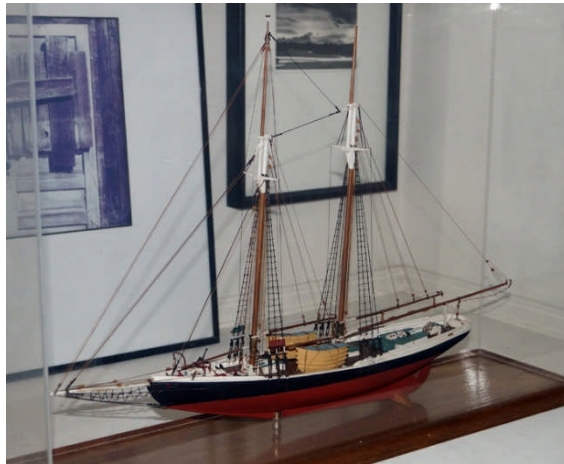
*The annual cost of membership will remain at \$38 US and \$50 for all other countries. Visit our new website at [www.theNRG.org](http://www.theNRG.org) for more information about becoming a member, the Journal, our library sale, and the 2013 Photographic Ship Model Competition & Review.*



THE NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD  
“Advancing Ship Modeling Through Research”



Model owned by late Washington, D.C. radio personality Jackson Weaver of Harden & Weaver fame. Schooner *Elsie* purchased assembled about 50 years ago. Good quality workmanship. Mounted on stand and enclosed in protective clear plastic cover. Topmast is broken off. E-mail for photos: [markw1951@gmail.com](mailto:markw1951@gmail.com). Make offer.—Mark Weaver - Rockville, Md.



My wife and I will be moving from our home likely during the month of April. We are in the process of downsizing. To that end, we would like to sell the entire collection including the three Pulaski display cabinets. I am sending along pictures of them. So our first desire would be to sell the complete collection & the cabinets. We would be willing to sell the complete package (cabinets & ships) at a price of \$3,200. The cabinet dimensions are 79" (high) by 30" wide by 13 1/2" deep. The cabinets alone are worth over \$600 each (you can see their quality in the accompanying photographs).—Wayne Colton, 540-785-2729, [coltonwaylin@aol.com](mailto:coltonwaylin@aol.com)



## Proposed Changes to the Washington Ship Model Society's Bylaws

**Purpose:** To propose an amendment to the bylaws as they pertain to the appointment of an annual nominating committee, charged to develop a slate of nominees for the WSMS Bridge positions of Captain, First Mate, Purser, and Ship's Clerk.

**Discussion:** The bylaws presently require the current WSMS Captain to appoint the nominating committee. This process has proven to be time consuming and cumbersome. As an alternative it is being suggested that the off-going Captain and his previous two predecessors in good standing be automatically appointed as the nominating committee. Following is the current version of the bylaws approved in 2011

### VI. Officers

(c) The Captain shall appoint a Nominating Committee at the regular meeting in April of each year which shall form a list of nominees for officers. Candidates provided by the Nominating Committee will be proposed to the membership at the regular meeting in May to which will be added any additional nominations from the floor. Election of Officers will be conducted at the regular meeting in June. Each Officer must be elected by majority vote of all Active Members present.

Following is the proposed change to the bylaws

(c) The Nominating Committee will be composed of the three previously elected Captains (termed Commodores) still in good standing. The Senior Commodore will oversee the committee's formation and announce its appointment at the regular meeting in April of each year. The committee will be responsible for developing a list of nominees for officers for each Bridge position. Candidates provided by the Nominating Committee will be proposed to the membership at the regular meeting in May to which will be added any additional nominations from the floor. All candidates must be in good standing with respect to dues. Election of Officers will be conducted at the regular meeting in June. Each Officer must be elected by majority vote of all Active Members present.

### Rules for Amending the Bylaws

#### VIII. Amendments

- (a) Any Active Member of the Society may propose an Amendment to these Bylaws.
- (b) A proposed Amendment shall be submitted to the Bridge for consideration. The Ship's Clerk shall mail a copy of the proposed amendment to the Active Membership.
- (c) The proposed Amendment shall be voted on at the next regular meeting. An affirmative vote by two-thirds of the Active Members present shall be required for approval.

### WSMS ELECTION PROCEDURES

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#### Bridge Officers Duties

Extracted from current bylaws

1. The **Captain** shall have general supervision over the Society, preside at meetings, call special meetings and appoint committees.
2. The **First Mate** shall, in the absence of the Captain, perform the duties of the Captain. In addition, the First Mate shall function as the Program Chairman, coordinating the schedule of programs for future meetings.
3. The **Ship's Clerk** shall keep minutes of all meetings, attend to correspondence and report all matters of interest to the Captain and the membership. The Ship's Clerk shall also be responsible for the mailing of the monthly meeting announcements, which may be in the form of a newsletter prepared by the Clerk or by a Newsletter Editor.
4. The **Purser** shall collect and disburse all monies of the Society and render a report of the finances at each regular meeting. His/her books and records shall be audited at the end of each fiscal year. The Purser shall maintain an up-to-date roster of members (paid and unpaid) and furnish it periodically to the Ship's Clerk.

# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <b>WSMS Regular Meeting 10 a.m.</b>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 <b>Lynx newsletter deadline</b>	30 <b>WSMS SIG Meeting</b> hosted by Carl Erikson