

# The Lynx

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## Next Meeting

**Saturday, November 12th, 2011 at 10 A.M.**

at

**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

The coins have arrived. Kudos to John Reeder and everyone who helped. Lou will have them at the meeting so make sure you come and get yours.

Bruce



### July 09, 2011 WSMS MEETING AGENDA

Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, VA 22308, Room 213

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- Ψ 1000 – First Mate’s Remarks
  - Recognition of any New Guests or strikers
  - Sultana Down-rigging non-participation
  - Coins are in! Thanks John Reeder, and all who helped with the design
  
- Ψ Treasurer’s Report – Jim Reeder
  
- Ψ 1010 –Show & Tell
  - Joel’s Plank on Bulkhead Seminar - 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment
  - Brion Boyle’s latest Modifications to his CSS Shiloh Gunboat
  
- Ψ 1140 - Old business
  - Sultana Down Rigging and other event participation by WSMS
  - Focus Group – Need Volunteers
    - 19 November – Need a volunteer
    - December – Lou
    - January ?
  
- Ψ 1155 - New Business
  - Organizing & Management of Future Events
  - OP-Sail 2012
  
- Ψ 1230 –Meeting Adjourn
  
- Ψ 1245 – WSMS Lunch Bunch convenes

### Upcoming Schedule of Events

Future Events that WSMS is participating in

- Ψ Looking for opportunities/venues to display our creations

## **Promotional display at Potomac MD Library**

For the month of December, Carl Erikson has reserved for the WSMS a display case in the Potomac Md. Library to showcase our models and advertise our Society to include an invitation to interested people to contact us. Carl will handle the set up at the library on Friday 2 December and the take down on Friday 30 December. We will need to establish

- Who would like to join in displaying their models
- How to get models and waivers either to Carl or meet him at the library for set up.

For security purposes, the case is inside the library and is locked. However the models must be less than 15" high and 22" deep to fit on the display cabinet shelves. There is basically no length restriction. Those providing a model will have to sign an EXHIBITOR'S AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS. This can be provided by Carl.

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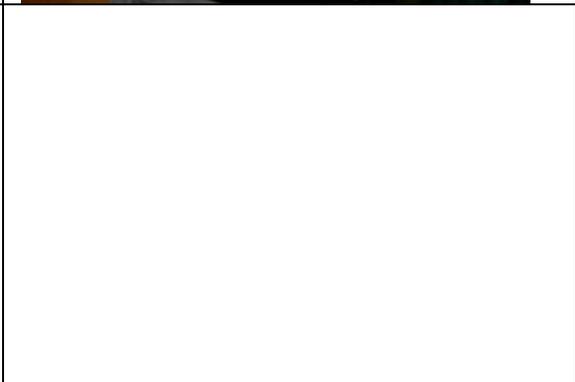
## **A Member's Beautiful Pond Model**

Ken Dorr, a long time member of WSMS owns a beautiful pond model that was a Christmas gift to him sometime in the 1930's. The dimensions of the boat are:

- Length: 36"
- Beam: 9 3/16"
- Deck to mast head: 48"
- Draft: 5 3/4" +/-

The deck is planked from stem to stern with 3/16" planking over a hollow hull. Main mast is wire stayed and includes working turnbuckles. The sails are grommeted so it can be lashed to the boom, mast hoops and the Jib Stay. There is a 1 1/2" x 3" damaged area around what I believe to be the port backstay. While Ken believes it can be converted to radio control, it would be almost a shame to modify her fine antique lines.

Ken is beginning to down size his collections and if anyone may be interested in acquiring this near-Bristol condition pond model, you can contact Ken by email at [stirlingd@verizon.net](mailto:stirlingd@verizon.net)



## OPSAIL 2012 Coming to the Local Area in 2012

Operation Sail, often referred to as “OpSail,” was the brainchild of late maritime historian Frank Braynard and IBMer Nils Hansell, who shared a vision of fostering global goodwill in an era of global uncertainty by bringing together the world’s remaining windships. Their efforts eventually gained the attention of President John F. Kennedy, an ardent seaman who enthusiastically offered his endorsement of the idea. “I am looking forward eagerly to Operation Sail,” Kennedy wrote. “The sight of so many ships gathered from the distant corners of the world should remind us that strong, disciplined, and venturesome men still can find their way safely across uncertain and stormy seas.”

With the assistance of Sail Training International, the first Operation Sail was held in the summer of 1964 in conjunction with the New York World’s Fair and became instantly iconic. Since then there have been four Operation Sails, each larger than the last and each tied to a landmark American historical event, such as the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976 and the restoration of the Statue of Liberty in 1986.

A Congressional resolution encouraged Operation Sail “to continue into the 21st century to represent and promote the United States of America in the international tall ship community, and to continue organizing and participating in tall ship events across the United States and around the world.”

## SECNAV AND OPSAIL ANNOUNCE MAJOR EVENTS FOR 2012



U.S. NAVY AND OPSAIL WILL COMMEMORATE BICENTENNIAL OF WAR OF 1812 AND STAR-SPANGLED BANNER WITH MAJOR EVENTS IN 2012-2015

-- THE TALL SHIPS OF THE WORLD RETURN TO U.S. --

--"OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE" THEME MARKS FESTIVITIES IN SEVEN PORTS AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY --

U.S. Secretary of the Navy and the chairman of Operation Sail, Inc., announced a seven-port public/private partnership for the bicentennial commemoration of the War of 1812 and the writing of The Star-Spangled Banner.

"From 2012 to 2015, the United States Navy and its partners, including Operation Sail, Inc., will commemorate the War of 1812 and the writing of our national anthem, the Star-Spangled banner

Festivities plans include week-long events, featuring parades of sail, public visitation, air shows, international athletic competitions, and community relations activities that will mark the occasions in New Orleans, New York City, Norfolk, Baltimore/Annapolis, and Boston/New London. Similar events will take place in Great Lakes ports and across the nation.

The Chief of Naval Operations has invited 120 countries to send appropriate combat ships as well as their national academy sail training tall ships to America.

Fleet Weeks, Navy Weeks and other annual events will use the commemoration as a teaching tool to impart important lessons about American heritage. As the commemorations extend into 2013, 2014 and 2015, numerous conferences, seminars, teaching moments and observances will take place in venues that were crucial to the outcome of the conflict.

In each of the port cities, the navy ships and the tall sailing ships will be open for public visiting, and citizens will have the opportunity of interacting with the talented young sailors from around the world.

Key dates for the Navy / OpSail ship visits include:

New Orleans, Louisiana, April 17-23

New York, New York, May 23-30 (Fleet Week)

**Norfolk, Virginia, June 2-12 (Harborfest)**

**Baltimore / Annapolis, Maryland, June 13-19**

Boston, Massachusetts, June 30-July 6

New London, Connecticut (Tall Ships only), July 6-July 8

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 8-13

Chicago, Illinois, August 15-20

Toledo, Ohio, August 22-27

Cleveland, Ohio, August 27-September 4

Detroit, Michigan, September 5-10

Buffalo, New York, September 12-17