



Log of the Washington Ship Model Society

Calendar Year 2019

Schedule of Events & Meeting Notes*

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2019 WSMS EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Jan 12	Virginia Meeting: TBD Steve Riordan CDR James Waddell Presentation
Jan 26	Focus Group: None
Feb 9	Maryland Meeting: Tim Rulon RC Model Presentation
Feb 23	Focus Group: Old Dominion IPMS Show, Richmond VA
Mar 9	Virginia Meeting: WSMS Annual Auction, Rhodeside Grill, Arlington, VA
Mar 30	Focus Group: None
Apr 13	Maryland Meeting: Election nominations. Joel Labow presentation on Hull Design techniques
Apr 20	Club Event : IPMS Northern Virginia Show, Fairfax High School 9am-4pm
May 11	Virginia Meeting: Greg Stitz presentation on the Artifacts of the Maritime Administration
May 18-19	Club Event: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Show
June 8	Maryland Meeting: Election Day and Submarine Modeling presentation Jeff LaRue and Jim Butt
June 29	Focus Group:
July 13	Virginia Meeting: Silent Auction Model Shipways Kits
July 27	Focus Group:
August 10	Maryland Meeting: Silent Auction Plastic Kits. Greg Stitz Presentation – History of Peacetime Submarine Accidents
August 31	Focus Group:
Sept 7	Club Event: National Capital Model Show, Springfield Hilton, 6550 Loisdale Rd., Springfield, VA
Sept 14	Virginia Meeting: Paint sale and book auction. Vince McCollough presentation
Sept 28	Club Event” ModelCon Philadelphia Model Ship Club at Seaport Museum
Oct 12	Maryland Meeting: Silent Auction Supplies. Joel Labow Special Presentation – Ships’ Boats
Oct 26	Focus Group
Nov 2	Club Event: Downrigging Weekend Model Show, Chestertown, MD
Nov 9	Virginia Meeting: TBD: Oxford MD Model Boat Show
Nov 30	Focus Group: Possibly Bill Kay Clifton, VA.
Dec 14	Maryland Meeting: Lou/Doug – Scotland Travels Presentation
Dec 28	Focus Group
Focus Group and Event Ideas to schedule:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baltimore ships tour • General: February Auction/Feb Richmond IPMS/May Chesapeake Maritime Museum/Sept Soldier Show/November Oxford Show • Library Displays • Make and Take Event • David Taylor Model Basin research Lab: Schedule with Lou Husser • Army/Navy Club Lou Husser • Baltimore Savannah Ship tour and harbor lunch: Schedule with Roger • US Naval Academy Museum and Workshop Attic tour: Schedule with Larry

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Washington Ship Model Society

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019, 10am - 12 noon

Meeting Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 7730 Bradley Blvd, Bethesda, MD. 20817

WSMS Members in Attendance: Valett, Erickson, Yorczyk, Frye, Smith, Nickum, Yaun, Thoresen, Pyatt, Ruxon, Stitz, Labow

New Strikers in Attendance: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Valett discussed recommendation to refine a format to keep meeting notes, compile those notes at the end of the year into a WSMS annual log book, and post them on our website. Attendees in concurrence.
- Officer nominees were made for Valett as Captain, Frye as Chief Mate, Erickson as Purser, and Stitz as Ship's Clerk.
- Valett reported WSMS member Black successfully established an account with Lands' End for the purchase of WSMS Shirts and a link on our website has been created.
- Valett announced the upcoming Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Show May 18-19, St. Michaels, MD and several members expressed intent to attend the event.
- Valett announced the upcoming IPMS Northern Virginia Show, April 20, Fairfax High School, Fairfax, VA, and some members expressed intent to attend the event.
- Valett announced June meeting scheduled presentation by the Shrewsbury, PA RC Submarine Modelers club.
- Purser Erickson stated he will notify WSMS members individually in June as membership fees become due.

Presentations: Labow presented a PowerPoint presentation on the ship's hull design of the USS *Newark*, 1890, using both the bread and butter technique, and traditional plank on bulkhead construction. Positive comments all around.

Project Displays: Nickum displayed and discussed his model of a 19th century Oyster Sharpie. Frye displayed and discussed his ongoing model of the Whaler *Kate Cory*, and how to build a backlit tracing table. Erickson displayed and discussed his paper model of the 1889 German ocean liner SS *Augusta Victoria*.

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Meeting Date: Saturday, May 11, 2019, 10am - 12 noon

Meeting Location: Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Drive, Alexandria, VA,

WSMS Members in Attendance: Valett, Black, McCollough, Buckner, Gutterman, Larson, Yorczyk, Kay, Stitz, Yaun, Rulon, Husser

New Strikers in Attendance: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Valett discussed dates of upcoming WSMS events at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum May 18-19, and the scheduled down-rigging Weekend at Chestertown, MD on November 2. It was suggested to request WSMS member Thoresen to possibly arrange a personal tour of the galleon Kalmar Nyckel during that November 2 event.
- Officer nominees were announced as: Valett as Captain, Frye as Chief Mate, Erickson as Purser, and Stitz as Ship's Clerk. No other nominations were forthcoming. Elections will be held at the June 8 meeting.
- Valett reminded members that our June 8th meeting will also include a guest presentation from the Shrewsbury, PA, model RC Submarine club. The presentation is expected to include several club models, discussions on RC submarine operation and control, and some history about the advent of the submarine.

Presentations: Member Stitz presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Artifacts of the Maritime Administration. The presentation included photos and discussion on the Nuclear Ship *Savannah*; the American Merchant Marine Museum in Kings Point, NY; the models located at the Maritime Administration Headquarters, Washington, DC; and the various Reserve Fleets around the US. Positive comments all around.

Project Displays: Yorczyk displayed scratch built timber frames for his model clipper ship *Sea Witch*, which he cut from a Lace Leaf Japanese Maple tree in his yard. Valett displayed a Life-Like model kit of the *Robert E. Lee* steamboat, converted for use on a former model railroad. Buckner displayed three books of interest titled German Destroyers, Large Warship Models, and British Cruiser Warfare. Husser displayed a resin, 1:700 scale kit he built of *USS Nebraska* battleship with photo-etched cage masts. Rulon displayed the remnants of an original balsawood model of the Lunar Excursion module, scratch built by his father in 1963. Stitz displayed two plastic kit model submarines he built in 1:700 scale of an *Echo* class nuclear-powered cruise missile submarine and a *Juliette* class diesel-powered cruise missile submarine. Kay displayed his scratch built, 1:42 scale shrimp trawler *Captain Phillips* commissioned by a private client, including fine cabin detail.

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Meeting Date: Saturday, June 8, 2019, 10am - 12 noon

Meeting Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Bethesda, MD

WSMS Members in Attendance: Valett, Frye, Yorczyk, Kay, Gutterman, Erickson, Yaun, Thoresen, Labow, Foster, Rulon, Phillips, Berry

New Strikers in Attendance: A. Stover

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Officer Elections were held. Unanimous approval by voting members present: Valett as Captain, Frye as Chief Mate, Erickson as Purser, and Stitz as Ships Clerk.
- Valett notified members of the passing of WSMS member B. Lankford and his family's intention to bequeath some of B. Lankford's items to WSMS for disposition as deemed appropriate. More information pending future contact with family.
- Prospective member and new attendee A. Stover was introduced to the crew.

Presentations: Model shipwrights J. Butt and J. LaRue from the Shrewsbury, PA, chapter of the model submarine club "The Sub Committee" gave a presentation on RC submarines, submarine history and development, and the challenges in building model RC submarines. They brought and displayed six large submarines in various scales, and provided a hands on demonstration of RC controls, submarine armament and operational torpedoes, and the mechanics involved in ballast and trim. Positive comments all around. Butt and LaRue were unanimously voted in as honorary members of WSMS and presented with WSMS challenge coins as a gift for their time and effort.

Project Displays: Phillips displayed and discussed the completion of his wooden 1:24 scale Model Shipways kit, 18th century Armed Gunboat. Labow brought a new kit of the USS Indianapolis, 1:192 scale, produced by a Latvian company inoArt, now connected with www.Fineartmodels.com. Kit is resin, plastic and metal. Gutterman brought two solid hulls from the Model Shipways kit Dapper Tom, Privateer, and discussed the details and challenges in carving a solid hull model. Comparisons between the hulls were made and discussions were had on the use of water based wood hardeners and Elmers wood filler. Kay brought photographs of a large scale

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model built of German Submarine U-140 and discussed its history off the coast of North Carolina in sinking a US light-ship during WWII.

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Meeting Date: Saturday, July 13, 2019, 10am - 12 noon

Meeting Location: Hollin Hall Senior Center, Alexandria, VA

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Larry brought Model Shipways wooden kits from the estate of Ben Lankford for a Silent Auction
 - Will be bringing a small part of the estate each meeting
 - His son and daughters are still going through the house and may find some additional ship models / kits
- Dues are due. Dues are \$10 a year.
- August - Greg will do a presentation on Submarine Museums.
- Lou may present on the Titanic in December
- Lou is willing to try to arrange a tour of the David Taylor Model Basin, but it would be on a Monday or Tuesday.
- The next event is the National Capital Model Soldier Show. WSMS will have three tables. Show will be at the Springfield Hilton on September 7th
- Lou found some more old club logs. They were turned over to Carl for scanning and posting to the website.
- Mid-November - WSMS cocktail hour at the Army-Navy club. Lou will send out an invite with information. It was a good event the last time we participated.
- Lou is working with the Army-Navy club to create a semi-permanent ship model exhibit.
- Carl - we had a gift to WSMS from Peter Ansoff of a number of books. Hardbacks are \$10 and paperbacks are \$5
- Grant - brought some built ship models from an estate of a long-time railroad club member. Will bring some books next month.

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- The club suspended for 30 minutes to allow members to look at the built models, silent auction models and pay dues.

Project Displays: Bruce - Anatomy of the Ship books are being republished by Osprey, with additional material. Drawings are supposed to be in scale. Books include a number of 3D drawings; The *Yamato* book includes all known photographs (the Japanese destroyed many of the photographs and documentation at the end of the war); Lou - HMS *Iron Duke* model (Jellicoe's flagship at Jutland) - Airfix kit. It was severely damaged. As I built it, I ran across missing parts, including a missing turret. Lou used a resin casting set to create the missing turret from an existing turret. Boats were largely scratch built. During the rigging, the HF antenna is represented by wire wound around a nail of about the right size, and the rigging run through it. Bruce turned the barrels out of brass; Goodwill.com find of a *Victory* ship model kit. Partly built wood model; Roger - The ongoing project, with some progress on hatches, etc. and more sanding on the hull; Learned one way to make planks out of raw wood. Glue the branch to a flat piece of wood, then drill 1/8" holes through the branch and insert wooden dowels. Then, as you cut the branch with the band saw, it will cut right through the dowels; Alan - Working on a 3D CAD virtual model of SS *United States*. Using scans of the original drawings. Eventually, the 3D model would allow a modeler to build a physical model; Grant - curiosity consignment - has 30 ship models on his eBay shop. The physical shop is in Damascus and if you pick the model up, you can save the shipping; Dave - Billings *Cutty Sark* kit. 1/75 kit. Started by a friend who passed away. Only the framing was completed. The drawings are dated 1971. Started on the strikes of planking yesterday. The planks are made of mahogany.

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Meeting Date: Saturday, August 10, 2019, 10am - 12 noon

Meeting Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Bethesda, MD

WSMS Members in Attendance: Larry, Dave, Roger, Peter, Alan, Warren, Greg, Kevin, Joel, Carl, Larry, Bell, John, Michael, Rick

New Strikers in Attendance: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Silent Auction - This month is plastic model kits from the estate of Ben Lankford, longtime WSMS member. He was a naval architect for NAVSEA and was a professional model designer, especially for Model Shipways.
 - Bill - Ben's children are still organizing the estate
 - We should come up with a way to memorialize Ben
 - Carl - A remembrance of Ben would be a good article for the Lynx
- September 7 - National Capital Model Soldier show at the Springfield Hilton in Springfield, VA.
- ModelCon Philadelphia - Independence Seaport Museum - USCG *Eagle* will be there - September 28th
- Downrigging weekend in Chestertown, MD will be on November 2nd. We will have space for about 6 models
- We have discussed updating the bylaws for a number of small items (associate memberships, etc.). Larry's plan is to have an update done and voted on as a package by the end of the year.
- Carl - Books are from Peter Ansoff, a long-time member.
- Bill - Reminder that WSMS clothing is available through Land's End.

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Presentations: Greg presented on peacetime submarine accidents. Positive comments all around.

Project Displays: Rick - Scratchbuilt model of *Sea Witch*; Peter - Finished clipper ship restoration; Model Shipways *Chasser* hull nearly complete; 1:96 Mamoli *Flying Cloud*. Mamoli kits have improved greatly in quality. The company was bought out by Dusek and the new owner has invested in improving the kits. Directions have good English translations; *Chasser* - Need a resource for thin wood strips because the craftsman who made them for Model Shipways has ceased production. Using gel superglue for the hull planking. Instead of copper film, using stain followed by thinned Tamiya copper paint; Joe - Ships boats. Will be doing a full presentation in October. Resin 1/35 boat and Model Shipways ships boat; Carl - Paper model of German ocean liner (first dedicated cruise ship). Funnels and lifeboats are installed. Attached the lifeboats with watch crystal cement. During this period, the lifeboats on German cruise ships were installed with the keels aligned directly above the railing; John - Dumans RC kit of 36' USCG boat; Lou - Restoring a *Harriet Lane* sidewheel steamer from Goodwill.com (probably the Model Shipways kit); Mike - *Bluenose* plank on frame. Use a red paint from AC Moore and a black Kyrllon primer and paint combined spray; Alan - 1/96 plans for SS *United States*

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Washington Ship Model Society Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Saturday, October 12, 2019, 10am - 12 noon

Meeting Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Bethesda, MD

WSMS Members in Attendance: Larry, Alan, Michael, Carl, Dave, Larry, John, Peter, Roger, Tim, Pete, Rolf, Greg, Lou

New Strikers in Attendance: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Doug Wilde, long-time WSMS member, is busy dealing a long-term family medical issue, but is thinking of us and hopes to attend meetings in the future.
- The November meeting will be superseded by the upcoming shows.
- Doug will present on Scottish Maritime Museums in December, which he toured with Lou last year.
- Carl gave a purser's report. Our bylaws require an audit of our finance, which has been completed. We have 24 paid-up members. Last year, we ended the year with 33 paid members. Carl will contact active members who haven't paid their dues.
- Our bank balance is just over \$8,000.
- Larry will re-connect with the Tall Ship Providence Foundation in Old Town Alexandria. The plan is to donate in exchange for having a plaque about the club at their visitor's center.
- It was agreed that we would continue to rent the room in Maryland for 2020.
- Carl has WSMS patches for members.
- WSMS will do an exhibit at the Army-Navy Club on Friday, November 15

Presentations: Joel presented on Small Boats of Sailing Men-of-War, including examples of a longboat kit, a pennance kit, water casks and cannons.

Project Displays: Lou - Book on Standard Boats of the U.S. Navy, 1900-1915; Roger - Model of *Cape Cory* (sunk by CSS *Alabama*). As part of the insurance claim, the vessel

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was very well documented, wooden dowels from website “dowels on demand”; Pete - Progress on model of *John W. Cannon* (kitbash of the old *Robert E. Lee* plastic kit). Recently found more photographs of the vessel, which he shared; John - demonstrated some of his styles of clamps for hull and plank clamping; Alan - CAD project of both the 4- and 5-bladed propellers of SS *United States*

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Washington Ship Model Society Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Saturday, December 14, 2019, 10am - 12 noon

Meeting Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Bethesda, MD

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Larry brought several wooden ship models from the collection of Ben Langford.
- The 2020 calendar is being developed. The meeting in January will be in Alexandria, VA. The presentation will be on blockade runners.
- The February presentation will be on the Nuclear Ship *Savannah*.
- The Auction will be in March. Time and place still TBD.
- April's presentation will be on CAD design.
- If any member has an idea for a presentation, let one of the officers know.
- Cabin Fever Expo is January 17-19 in Lebanon, PA. Focus is on engineering models of all kinds. Vendors have great model-making tools.
- Carl moved that WSMS continue to sponsor awards for both IPMS Northern Virginia and IPMS Richmond. Cost is \$180 for IPMS Northern Virginia. Cost for IPMS Richmond is \$100. Motion was passed by unanimous consent.
- The presentation at the Army-Navy Club was a success, with a lot of interest.
- Shows will be roughly the same schedule as 2019.
- Downrigging Weekend was successful, with about 1,000 people passing through. We have been invited back. We will have to be selective about who goes and what gets displayed due to space constraints.

Presentation: Doug presented on his tour of maritime museums in Scotland. Museums included the Transportation Museum in Glasgow (models of dredges, paddlewheel ships with articulated paddle wheels, HMS Hood, dazzle camouflage); Scottish Maritime Museum in Irvine (includes not just ships and ship models, but also tools and machinery for building ships; ships engines; tools for making rope); Skye Museum of Island Life (Scottish crafters were often

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involved in fishing); Scottish Fisheries Museum (models, tools and equipment; small craft; steam-powered capstans); Verdant Works / Museum of Jute (Dundee was the primary city for import and processing of Jute); Dundee Harbour (Lightship being restored, HMS *Unicorn* (1824 - 1964 - never rigged, never drydocked, used as a receiving ship and as an administrative headquarters); Discovery Museum (RSS *Discovery* - 1901 - British Antarctic Expedition); National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh.

Project Displays: Tim - miniature LED lamps; Charles - 1/96 USS *Samuel B. Roberts* (DE-413); John - Mini belt sander bought on Amazon; Bill - Carved cedar model of a steam tug, July 2018 issue of Wooden Boat Magazine had an article about model boat building; Dave - American Revolutionary War Privateer *Enterprize*, from Clay Feldman practicum; Carl - Paper model of German Ocean Liner *Costa Victoria* is finished and in a case; started on a paper model of *Papa Goyin* - kit is laser cut, so pieces fit tightly. So far, no glue has been needed; Bill - The Naval Historical Foundation put on a seminar on the Battle of Leyte Gulf which is being rebroadcast on C-SPAN-3; Pete - Progress on *John C. Cannon*. Ship is about 80% done.

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