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## Newsletter of the Washington Ship Model Society

*For the Mutual Benefit in Model Ship Building; for the Exchange of Ideas; and to Preserve for Posterity Scale Models of Historic Vessels, we Associate Ourselves Together to Form This Washington Ship Model Society*

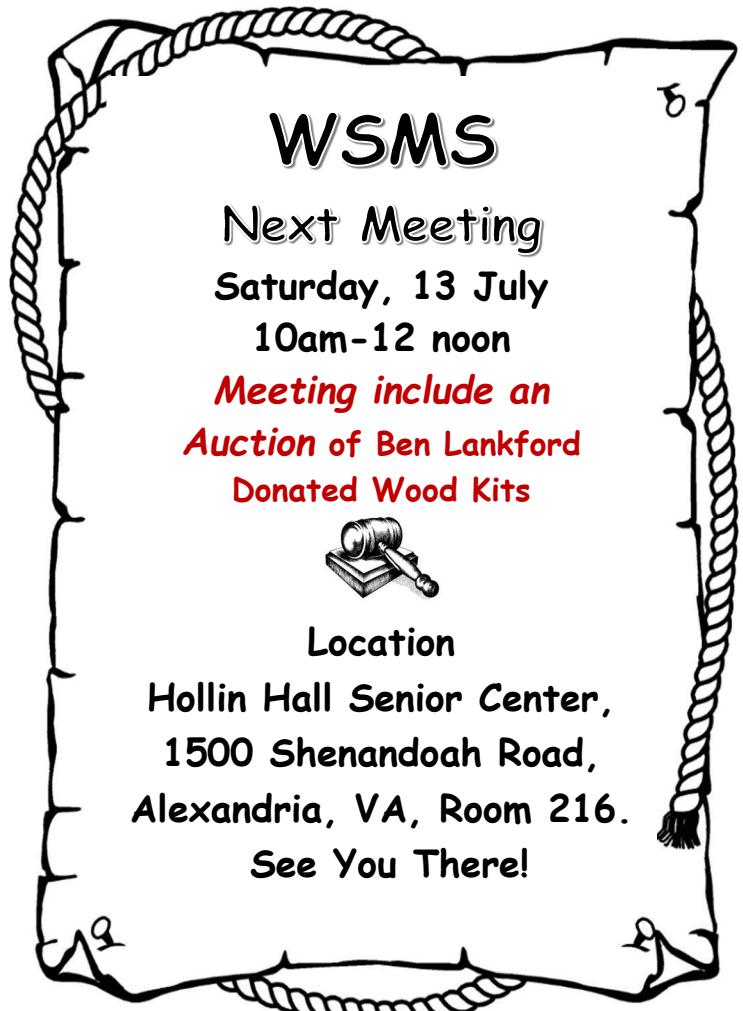
**- SAD NEWS TO ALL THE SHIP MODELING COMMUNITY -  
MR. BEN LANKFORD, A LIFE MEMBER OF WSMS AS WELL AS A NATIONALLY  
RESPECTED AUTHOR OF SHIP MODELING GUIDES AND DESIGNER OF WOOD SHIP  
MODEL KITS HAS RECENTLY PASSED. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED!**

### SKIPPERS CORNER



As many of you know, former WSMS member Ben Lankford passed away last month. He will be greatly missed. Look for a future article on Ben in the next Lynx; his passing leaves a great void in the world of world-class ship modelers as well as authoritative ship model authors. I know many of us relied on his works or used his kits in building our own models.

We have very fortunate that Ben was one of our own. He has bequeathed to the WSMS a TRUCKLOAD of kits, supplies, wood, and other items. It is too much to bring to any one meeting. Accordingly, I will be bringing small portions at a time to each of our meetings throughout the year. We will sell them to WSMS members only either directly or through silent auction. Any remaining items we will sell during our Annual WSMS Auction in February. So be sure to join us this coming for our Virginia monthly meeting where we plan to have a the 1<sup>st</sup> silent auction for about a dozen Model Shipways and Mamoli kits. Starting bids will be at roughly 15-20% of retail value. Bring your checkbook or cash and we will close the auction at the end of our meeting.



Joel Labow will be unable to attend Saturday, won't be able to make his presentation on the Steel Navy as previously scheduled. We look forward however to reschedule Joel for a future date. In the meantime, if there is another member who wishes to give a talk or presentation on a topic of interest, let me and Roger know and we will schedule you in!

Open displays and project presentations are always welcome, so bring your completed models or other work in progress to discuss and share.

General club business will include upcoming events, Annual Dues payments this month, and any other club business.



## 8 JUNE MEETING MINUTES



On Saturday, 8 June at our Maryland Meeting location, the at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We hosted a superb guest presentation on RC Submarines! The presentation and model display was provided by model shipwrights Jeff LaRue and Jim

Butt of the *Shrewsbury PA Submarine Modeling Club*. Jeff and Jim brought several great looking RC models that we were able to view and learn about, especially the challenges of building submersible RC models. Coffee and Donuts were Served!!

### **WSMS Officer Election Nominees are:**

**Valett-President; Erickson-Treasurer; Frye-First Mate; Stitz-Secretary**

### **WSMS BYLAWS DESCRIPTION OF ELECTED OFFICER'S DUTIES**

**Captain:** The Captain shall have general supervision over the Society, preside at meetings, call special meetings and appoint committees.

**First Mate:** 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.

**Ship's Clerk:** 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 notifying the membership of the monthly meetings which may be in the form of a newsletter prepared by the Clerk or by a Newsletter Editor, and distributed as appropriate.

**Purser:** The Purser shall collect and disburse all monies of the Society and render a report of the finances at each regular meeting. He/she may open a Society checking account for routine expenses, and a secure savings account for any excess funds. 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.

# Early Spring Thru Summer Calendar of Events Have Been A Fun String of Successes!!

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## EDITOR'S CORNER



**Since the last newsletter in February, WSMS Members have participated in a number of events either of our own making or in response to recurring invitations.**

### THE WSMS AUCTION

Our well attended auction in February was a huge success. The number of and quality of donated ship model related items for the event was amazing! It extended from every type of model from wooden, resin and plastic from high end to some antique kits ranging back to the 30 and 40's. Too, there were a number of modeling tools that also received a lot of bidding attention. A long term and very distinguished member even donated his

extensive maritime and ship modeling research library that drew extensive interest on the part of members in attendance.



Our Skipper, Larry served as the enthusiastic primary auctioneer. He was ably assisted by our 1<sup>st</sup> Mate Roger Frye, Our Ship's Clerk, Bill Black, our Purser Carl, and special mention to Vince McCullough who skillfully handled the selling of all the donated books and other paper donations.

### OLD DOMINION OPEN

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, about a dozen stalwart members made the trek down the dreaded i-95 corridor to Richmond VA's Richmond International Raceway for the show. As in the past we shared space with the Hampton ship Modelers. The "ODO" is among the best late winter model shows & contests in the mid-Atlantic region. Almost 1000 modelers of all stripes and preferences come together for eight hours of fun and competitive recognition. Besides a display of almost 900 models, over 40 vendors attend offering an opportunity to stock up on modeling supplies depleted over the

winter. It is also the annual "kick off" event for IPMS's Region 2, with a 30,000 sq. ft. facility.

It's a highly competitive show with 67+ categories offering very handsome awards. I left before I found out whether any members won recognition for any entries in ship modeling categories. If one of you did, please let me know!?



# THE LYNX

**Highlights Tour (90 minutes or less)**

Suggested itinerary of highlights for an express tour:

- ➊ Working Boatshop: Watch and interact with our shipwrights as they build and repair Chesapeake Bay boats.
- ➋ 1875 Hospital Ship Lighthouses: Climb to the top and experience the life of a lightkeeper's keeper.
- ➌ Waterman's Wharf: Pull up a seat just outside the boat docks, bring your cooler.
- ➍ Sailing on the Chesapeake: Climb aboard a small sloop and sail into the heart of a Chesapeake Bay waterside.
- ➎ Floating Fleets: Check out the largest collection of Chesapeake Bay boats off the world.
- ➏ Photo opportunities: boats are moored around the harbor.

**Enhanced Tour (3-4 hours)**

Add these engaging exhibitions to your Highlights tour:

- ➊ Tidal Flats: See why the tide changes in this tidal basin of the 1870 hospital.
- ➋ At Play on the Bay: Witness how the Bay has changed over the last 100 years from a place of work to a place of play.
- ➌ Small Boat & Merchant Seafarer Experience: Discover the remarkable interior of a work sailing vessel and a collection of boats never used in the fisheries.
- ➍ Museum Building: Explore new special exhibitions closer to the Welcome Center for exhibits.
- ➎ Marshall House: Explore a history of Freedmen's Hospital's owner's home and our Maritime Museum Library's permanent collection.
- ➏ Green Skills: Learn about Bayfront's绿色和水下技术.
- ➐ Waterfront: Learn why the Bay affects Bayfront's business and the Bay's health, history, and culture.
- ➑ Bay History Model Exhibit: Experience the scale of Chesapeake Bay history through the centuries. C.R. Miller Model boats are used to model local projects. Also items for sale.

**Additional waterfront activities:**

- ➊ Point Lookout Bell Tower: Photo Lookout LightHouse and its accompanying tower once guided vessels into the Point Lookout Harbor.
- ➋ Tolokonka Beach & Boardwalk: The nearly 1/2 mile of one of the Bay's most popular summer resorts, Tolokonka Beach.

**Welcome to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum**

Explore our 18-acre waterfront campus and discover how people live, work, and play on the Bay. Your pond admission is good for two days. Keep your ticket valid and come back again during the year.

The Museum has single seating with benches and picnic tables located throughout campus.



**MAP KEY**

➊ Highlights Tour (90 minutes or less)	➋ Extended Tour (3-4 hours, includes Highlights)
➌ Welcome Center, Museum, New Administration Building	➍ Waterfront
➎ Marshall House (not open)	➏ Tidal Flats
➏ Touch & Explore: Tug by Activities	➐ On-the-Water demonstrations & Boat Rides
➑ Bay History Model Exhibit	➒ All-weathered Pleated Buildings
➒ Photo Lookout Bell Tower	➓ Bayfront's Green Building and Waterfront

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

• General park area admission does not include museum admissions or floating ticket passes are required, with the exception of certain events like Steering Wheel Day and other one-time events.

• Please do not climb on structures and the exterior of the Roger Smith Cupboard and the other structures in the display.

• After your visit, follow Renaissance Bridge to the steps of Mr. Michael West [michaelwest@chesmaritime.org](mailto:michaelwest@chesmaritime.org) for more information.

## Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum 13th Maritime Model Expo May 18 & 19

***Big fun was in store for all the WSMS members who were able to attend the show.***

The Model Guild of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum are the organizers of, and sponsor the Expo.

In addition to numerous indoor and outdoor maritime exhibitions along 18

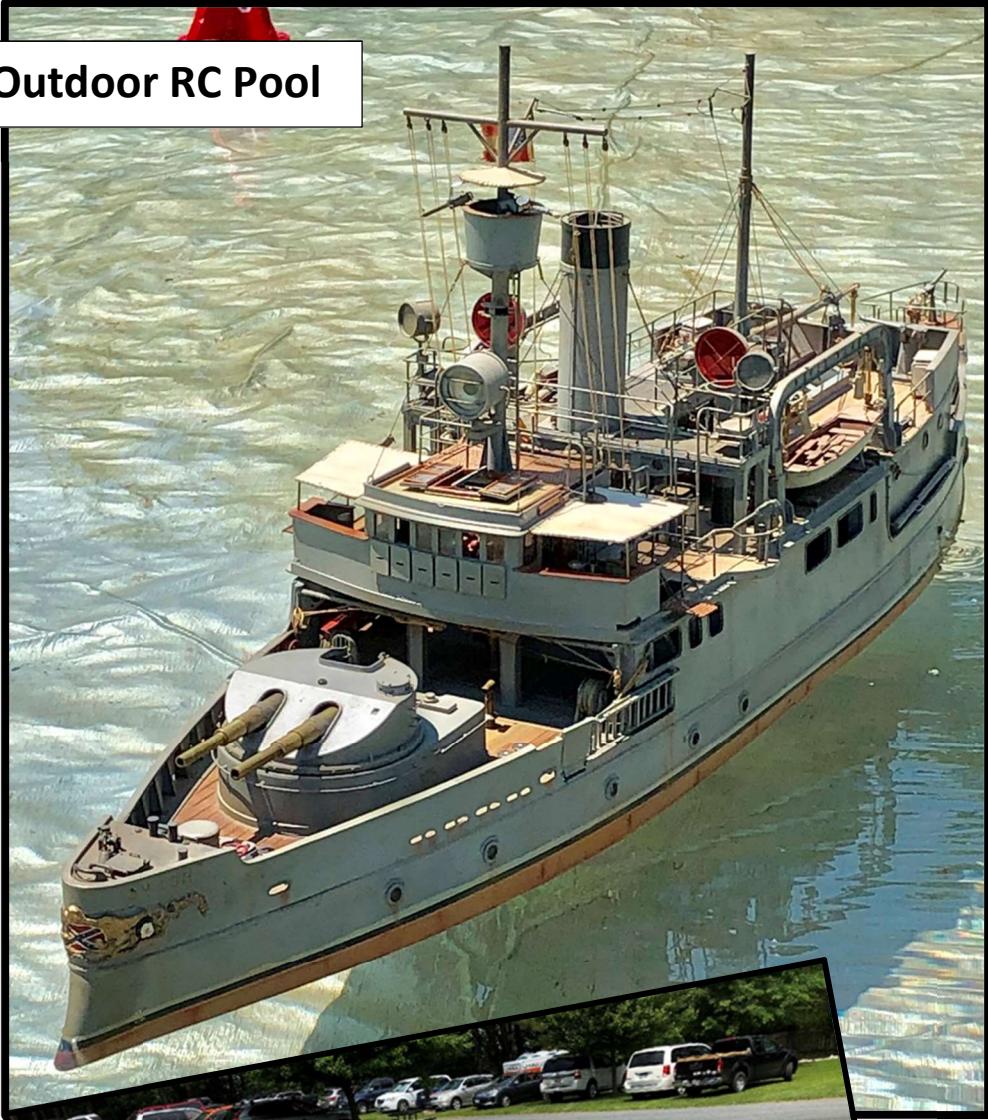
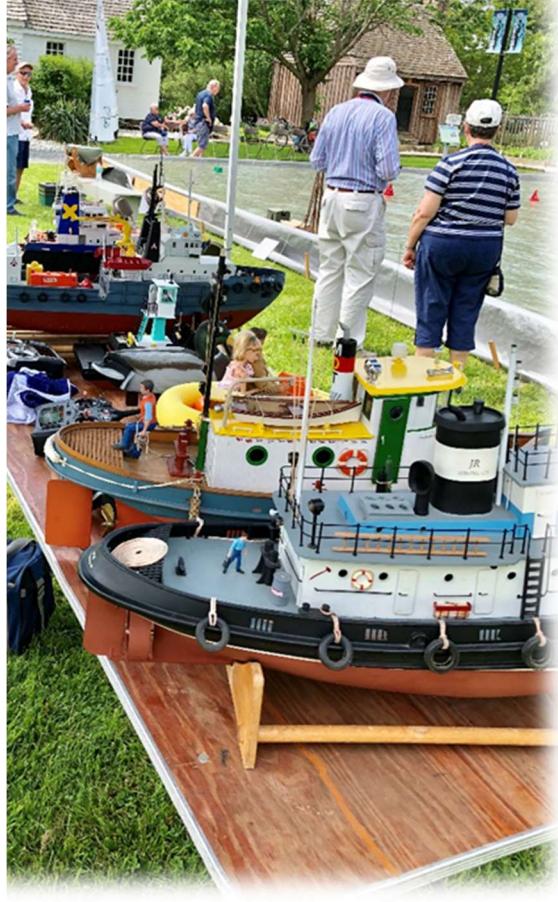
acres of waterfront, the event offers modelers and visitors alike, a water pond for Radio-Controlled sail and powered water craft maneuvering demonstrations, model races, static model displays, Chesapeake



Bay water craft exhibits, family activities, good food, and more.



## Model Expo Outdoor RC Pool



### Photos

Previous page:

2 photos of our display table along with Rick & Bruce plugging away at their latest creations

This page clockwise from the left:

1. A shot of one of the RC tables
2. Brion's amazing gunboat, CSS Shiloh
3. Jim and his beautiful classic cabin cruiser



## IPMS Northern Virginia Show April 20, 2019

We were again invited back to the IPMS/Northern Virginia Modelers show this past April. The show theme was "D-Day to the Bulge." There were over 90 regular contest categories plus special theme categories. Approximately 120 vendor and exhibitor tables were available which is always a draw. Oddly, while their website recognized guest exhibitors that included model railroads and a Lego club, no mention was made of our group despite our large display in the main hall and excellent member turn-out!?



## MEMBER CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES

### L'Hermione

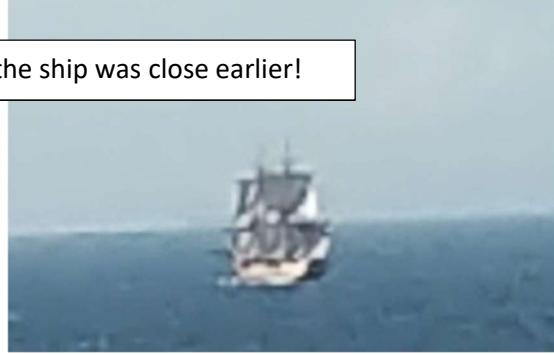
By Bill Black

While on our cruise sailing the waters between England and Normandy, I was on our little balcony reading a book by Nathaniel Philbrick, In the Hurricane's Eye. It's one of a trio he has written about the Revolutionary War. This book describes events surrounding the battle of Yorktown and it points out how, if it were not for the French Navy, we would now be speaking English with British accents.

As I enthralled in the book someone said, "Look, there's a sailing ship!" I responded by trying to take some photos, something I'm not good at. I recognized the ship L'Hermione, which is the replica of the ship that brought Lafayette to America, was in de Grasse's fleet and mentioned in the very book I was reading at the time. I was doubly thrilled. It's the first time I've seen square rigged ship sailing on the open sea!



I really wish I had known the ship was close earlier!

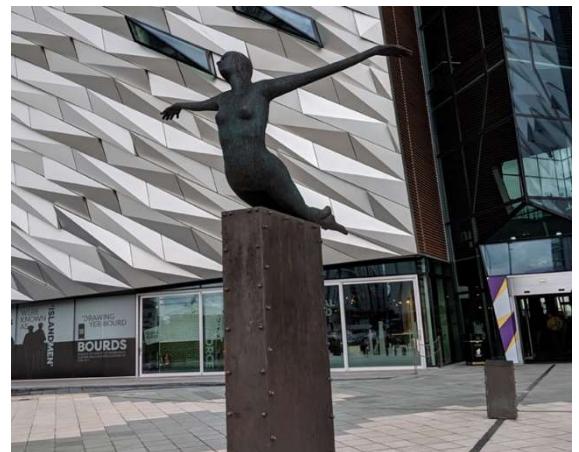


## Titanic Museum, Belfast Northern Ireland

By Rick Yorick

My wife Amy and I just complete a two-week cruise around the British Isles in celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. A great cruise and I highly recommend it. Among the stops were Liverpool, Belfast and Cobh. I couldn't help but notice a proclivity within these ports arising from, I assume, the when life gives you lemons you make lemonade ethos, to capitalize on their association with maritime disasters. Notably, the *Titanic* and the *Lusitania* tragedies. The results are profitable business opportunities and sources for retaining and distributing historic information for public access. Note: Northern Ireland is experiencing its lowest unemployment rate in history.

The *Titanic* was built in Belfast by Harland and Wolff. The city has preserved much of the shipyard and built a dandy modern, high-tech museum on the construction site.

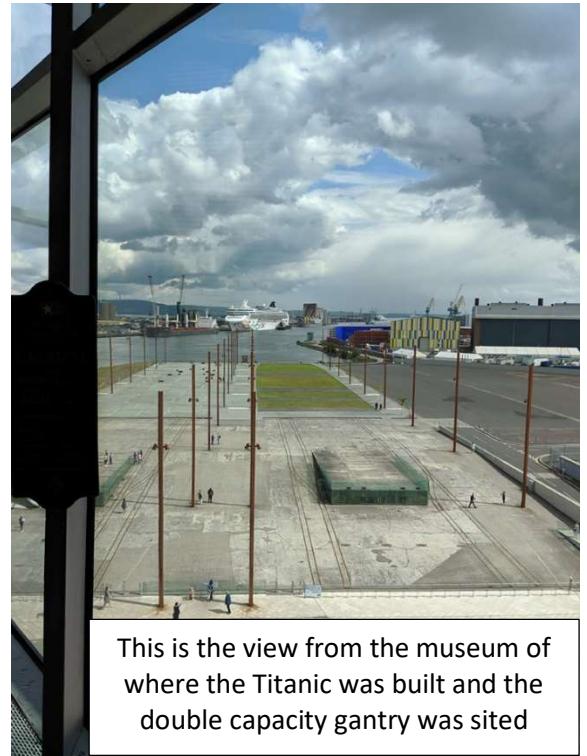


I'm not sure what the statue represents. 1



The Multi Story Titanic Museum

The pointed building projections are an abstract representation of the bow, including its size



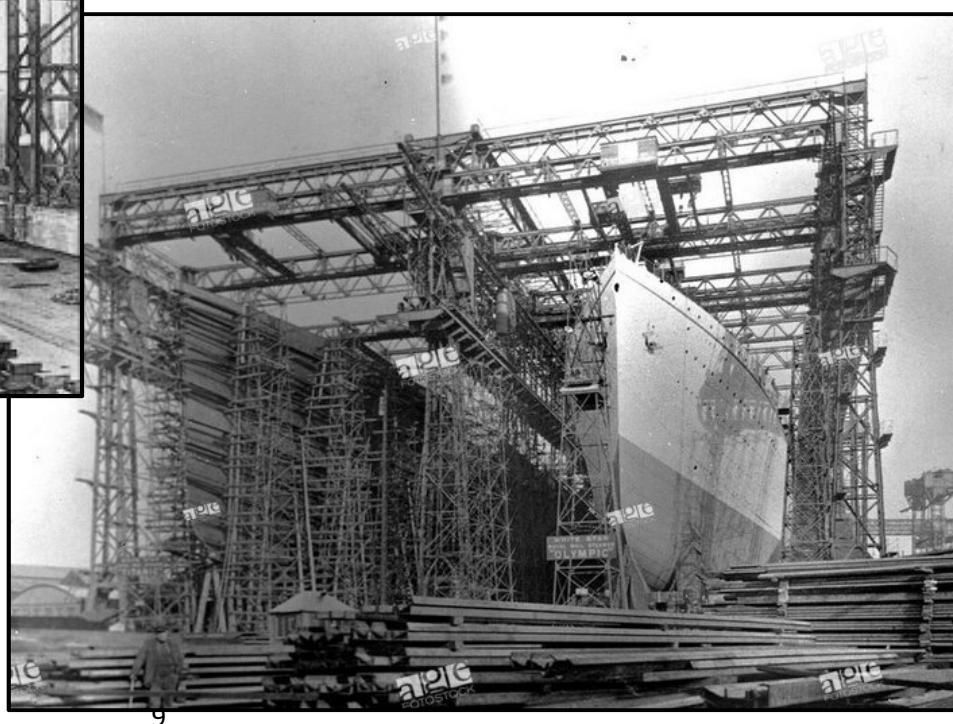
This is the view from the museum of where the Titanic was built and the double capacity gantry was sited

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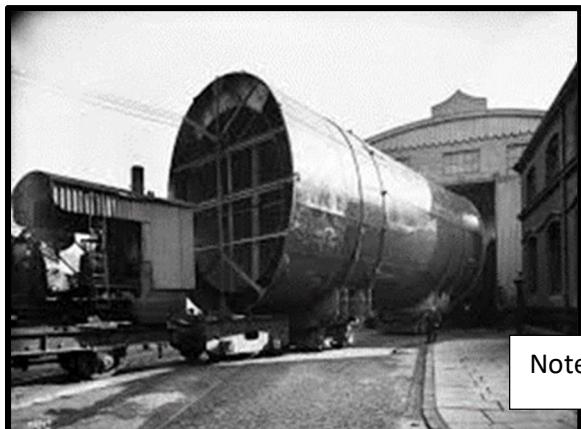
Construction of Titanic began on March 31, 1909 when designer James Andrews laid the first keel plate in the Harland & Wolff Shipyards. Titanic's sister ship, The Olympic had begun some three months earlier and the two ships were essentially constructed side by side. Below is a nifty model of the double construction gantry. Titanic was built on one side while on the other, the Olympic. You could actually pick up and move objects with the model. I would have loved this as a kid.



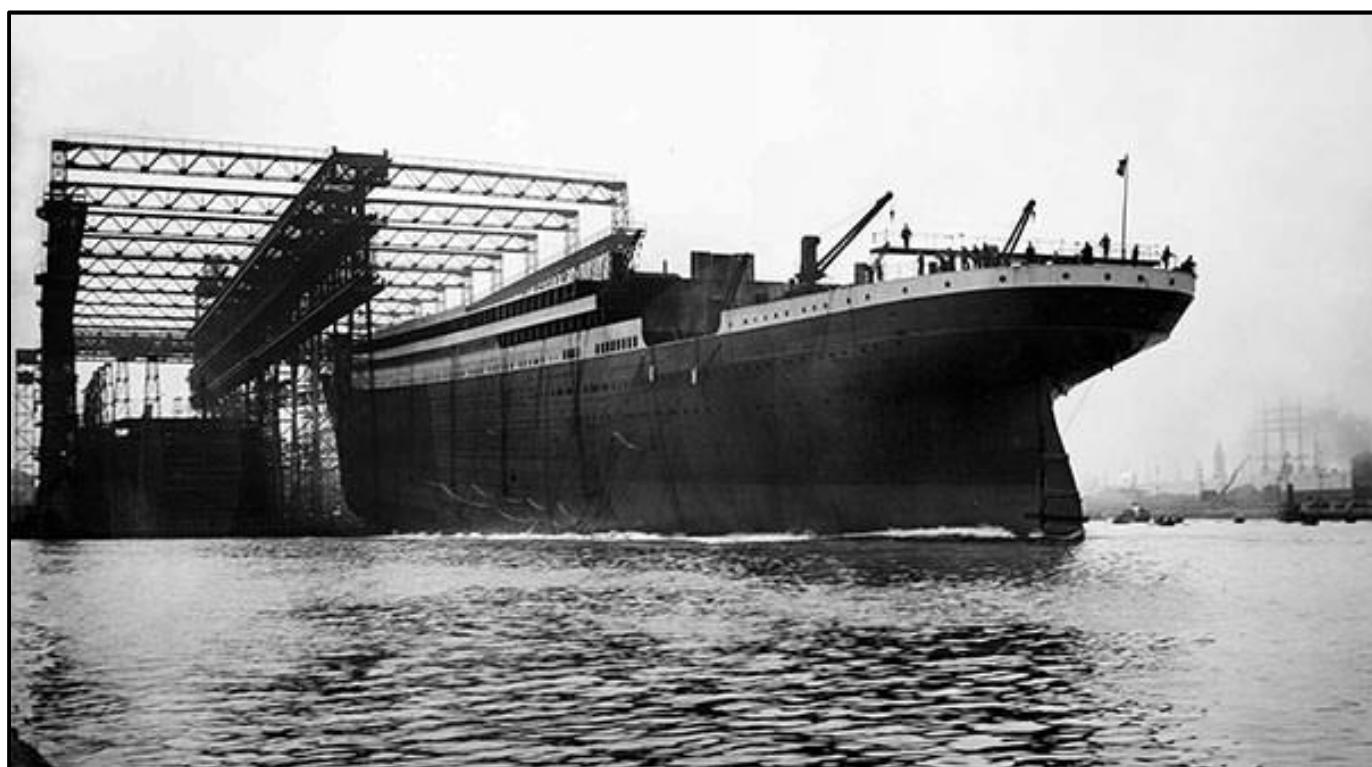
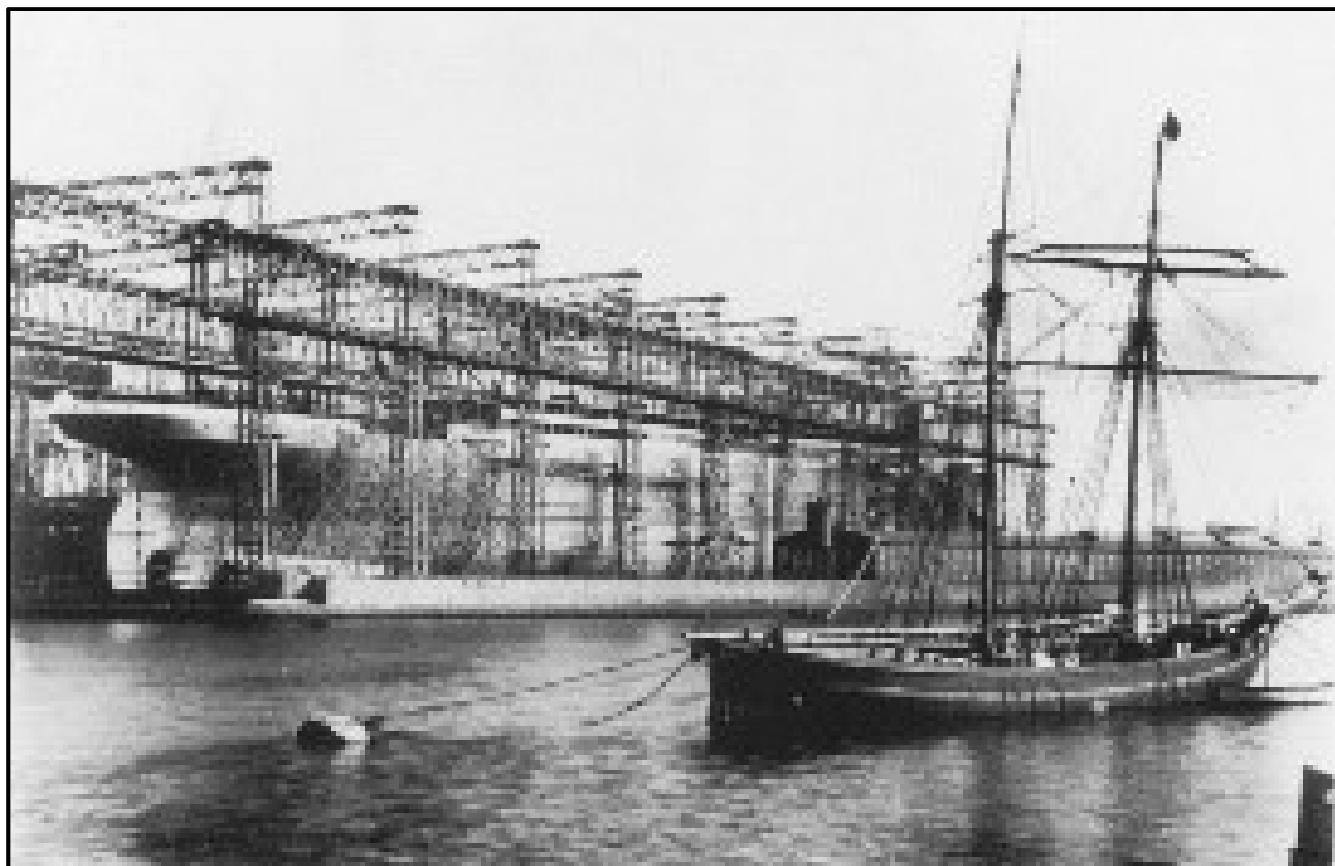
Photo of the laying down the keel. 1



Note the huge size of a funnel

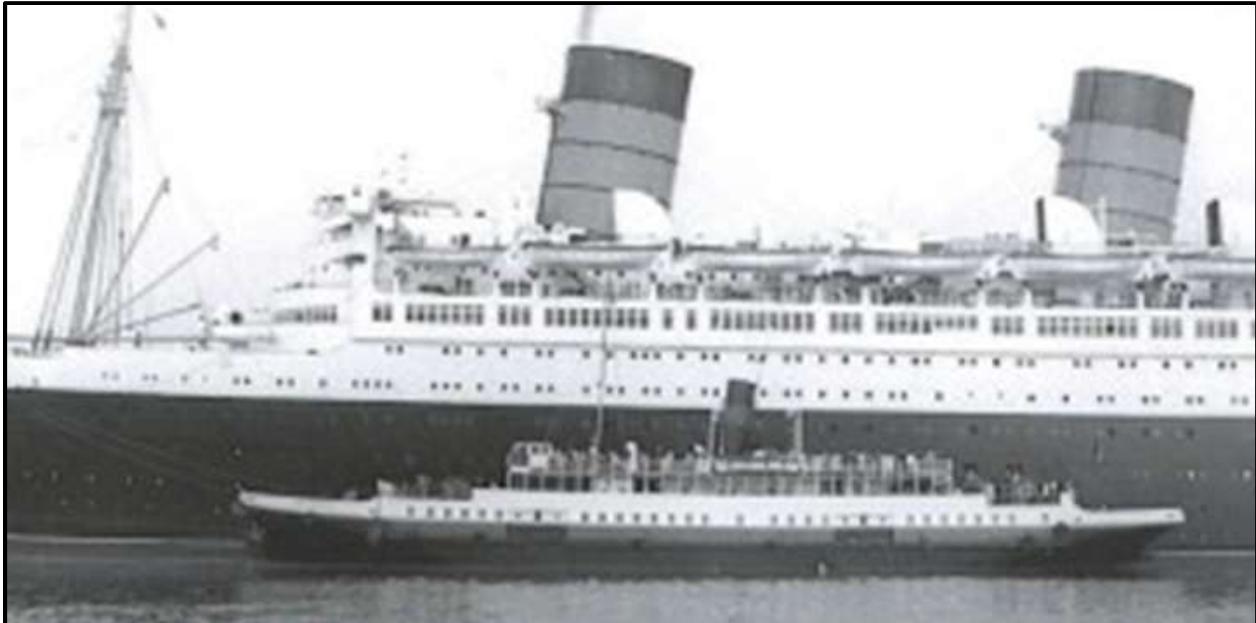


Almost ready for launch and launch photos



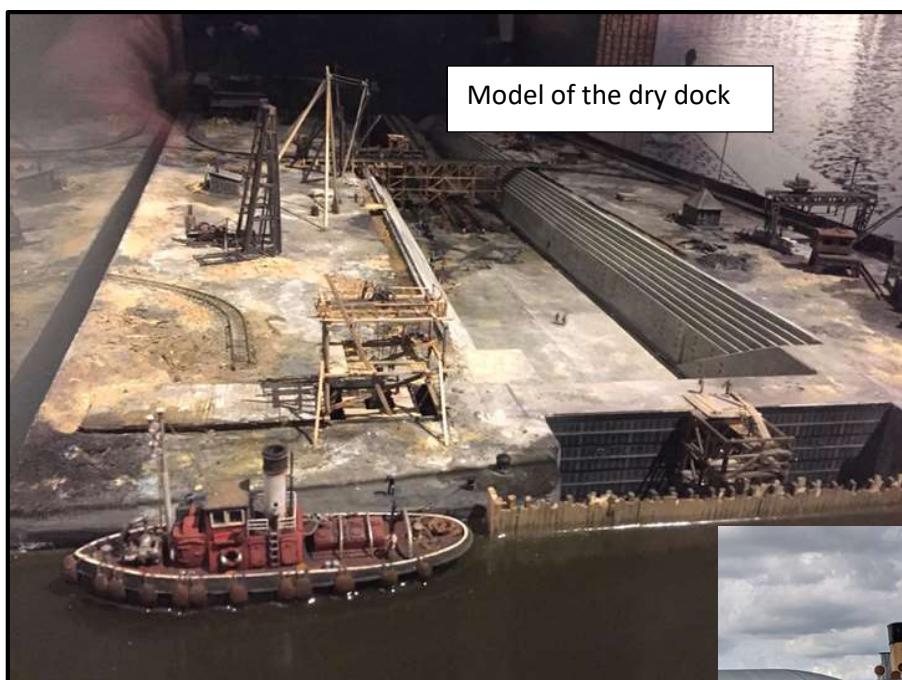
THE  LYNX

Because of her huge size, the Titanic had to have a special tender to transport passengers from the French port of Cherbourg out to her offshore anchorage. The Nomadic still exists and is on-site in Belfast in the original Titanic fitting out dry dock> She was deliberately designed to match the Titanic in midget size.





Model of *Nomadic* on *Nomadic*..



commemorate their connections with the Lusitania. I questioned my visits to these museums, being we were visiting on a cruise ship and they're about ships sinking and people drowning and such.

All-in-all the Belfast museum is worth a visit if you happen to find yourself in this part of the world.

#### Editor's Notes:

*I was lucky enuf last year to visit the Titanic Museum and stay in the like named hotel across the street. It's a fascinating museum, weel worth the visit. No offense to the City of Belfast but not much else to see locally.*

*Interesting Factoid: The old shipyard also hosts*

The weird shaped vessel sharing the dry dock with Nomadic is not a vessel but a plug (Caisson) to seal the dry dock.

I'm not sure why Belfast is so proud of the Titanic. Basically, it was a case of poor design, poor construction, and poor seamanship and it sank. Further, no Roman Catholics were employed in the construction.

Cherbourg has a Titanic museum, as does Liverpool where the first passengers boarded and Cobh, her last landfall. Cobh and Liverpool also



## A Bit of U.S. Army Maritime Arcana

By John E. Stevens

(*Mr. Stevens is a potential new member we met at the Old Dominion IPMS event*)

- Authors Introduction and Foreword -

Thanks very much for your rapid follow-up after the Old Dominion IPMS Event. Thanks also for the fascinating newsletter... Please keep me looped in. Besides continuing to work on occasion for the U.S. Department of State and dabbling in scale plastic modeling with IPMS-Northern Virginia, I'm also a volunteer U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliarist. The thought strikes me that you all might be interested in a bit of maritime arcana concerning a U.S. Army floating nuclear power plant that was used for several years in Panama's Canal Zone and then ended up moored at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia before it was decommissioned. Following is a copy of a photo and article from one of my Flotilla's Photo Releases that sheds a little light on this forgotten piece of history.

### Sea Rescue Inspires 17 Years as Volunteer in the Coast Guard Auxiliary

Colonel James "Rich" Miller commanded the U.S. Army Nuclear Power Program when a vessel and crew under his authority were nearly lost at sea. The Army's floating nuclear plant MH-1A Sturgis (pictured) while being towed from Panama to Ft. Belvoir, Virginia in January 1977 was badly damaged off Cape Hatteras, endangering its 17-person Army crew. Colonel Miller was inspired by the Coast Guard's subsequent valiant rescue of all 17. After retiring from the Army, Col. Miller volunteered with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, dedicating a year of service for each Army crewman saved. He fulfilled his vow this year, retiring as a respected leader and mentor of Auxiliary Flotilla 25-08 who also conducted countless Boating Safety classes and vessel safety checks that benefited the public. Auxiliarists, who are civilian volunteers, support the Coast Guard's recreational boating safety mission, assist with search and rescue, and perform other vital maritime tasks. But you don't need to have colleagues rescued at sea to volunteer! Learn how you can be an Auxiliarist at <http://join.cgaux.org/index.php>. Coast Guard Auxiliary Photo by John Stevens

John E. Stevens, FSO-PA  
Flotilla 25-08 (Mount Vernon)  
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
Visit Flotilla 25-08 at <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=054-25-08>

Editor's Note: Now there is a modeling challenge..., MH-1A Sturgis!



## UPDATED 2019 WSMS EVENTS CALENDAR

*Subject to Updating*

DATE	EVENT
Feb 23	Old Dominion IPMS Show, Richmond VA
Mar 9	WSMS Auction at Rhodeside Grill, Alexandria VA
Apr 13	Maryland Meeting
Apr 27	IPMS Northern Virginia Show
May 11	Virginia Meeting:
May 25	Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Show
June 8	Maryland Meeting
June 29	Focus Group TBD
July 13	Virginia Meeting
July 27	Focus Group TBD
August 10	Maryland Meeting
August 31	Focus Group TBD
Sept 14	Virginia Meeting: TBD National Capital Model Show, Alexandria, VA
Sept 28	Focus Group TBD
Oct 12	Maryland Meeting: TBD Down rigging Weekend Model Show, Chestertown MD
Oct 26	Focus Group TBD
Nov 9	Oxford MD Model Boat Show
Nov	
Nov 30	Focus Group TBD
Dec 14	Maryland Meeting
Dec 28	Focus Group TBD
Focus Group and Event Ideas to schedule:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baltimore ships tour</li> <li>• Follow-up with Tall Ship Providence Foundation CEO and Shipwright Serge A. and Leon Poindexter.</li> <li>• Library Displays</li> <li>• Make and Take Event</li> <li>• David Taylor Model Basin research Lab: Schedule with Lou Husser</li> <li>• Baltimore Savannah Ship tour and harbor lunch: Schedule with Roger</li> <li>• US Naval Academy Museum and Workshop Attic tour: Schedule with Larry</li> <li>• Naval Architect?</li> <li>• Marine Archaeologist?</li> <li>Other Model Events?</li> </ul>

Hey members!!!!

Think maybe we need to work harder on FOCUS MEETINGS!?!?

## WSMS MEMBER'S SCUTTLEBUTT

*A column where members can contribute most any notes or recommendations pertinent to ship modeling*

*Send comments to Lou Husser at [LBHusser@verizon.net](mailto:LBHusser@verizon.net)*



### **Background on are recent new member, Greg Stitz**

*Some of you will recall Greg provided us with a great brief on the Maritime Administration (MARAD).*

Greg is an International Trade Specialist for MARAD. He's worked for MARAD for the past six years, serving as a Marine Transportation and a Resource Management Specialist before his t recent position. Prior to joining MARAD, Greg was Curator and Director of Operations at the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum (AIMM) in North Little Rock, Arkansas. AIMM is home to the historic submarine USS Razorback (SS-394) and the historic tugboat USS Hoga (YT-146). Greg has been a ship modeler for most of his adult life and frequently used models in the museum displays he created. Greg and his wife,

Leah, live in Hyattsville, Maryland with two dogs, a house rabbit, a library of about 350 naval and maritime books, and a collection of over 100 models of ships and submarines. Greg is also a former Gunner's Mate First Class and a former Lieutenant (Merchant Marine Reserve) in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He is a graduate of the Texas Maritime Academy at Texas A&M University in Galveston, TX and held a Third Mate's license for steam or motor vessels, oceans, unlimited tonnage.

*Courtesy of Greg*

### **DIY on Making Your Own Wood Decks**

<http://members.boardhost.com/Warship/msg/1557362731.html>

*Courtesy of Bruce Buchner*

## MODELING TIP & TECHNIQUES

### **Brushes Not Always Needed**

To paint long thin things (masts, railings etc, instead of using a paint bush, try dipping a "Q" Tip in the paint and just running it along the object. Throw out the tip when done, no cleaning a brush or air brush.

*Courtesy "BlueJacket Shipcrafters"*

### **A Framing Sled Plan For Your Byrnes Saw**

Mr. Kurt Van Dahm, a memberof the Midwest Model Shipwrights made a framing sled for his Byrnes saw. It makes perfect 45 degree corners when meeting angles are cut from opposite sides of the blade. Any error is cancelled out by using the complimentary angle cuts together. He designates the left side as #1 and the right side as #2. Make sure the cuts that meet up are cut from the other number so all fit. Each of the 4 pieces must have a #1 and a #2 cut so it's guaranteed to be a square

*Courtesy of their July 2019 Forecastle Report Newsletter*

## **Classifieds** **FOR SALE**

At the moment, I have the following ship model material for sale ...

Aluminum 'hull masters' for these Marine Model Co. Kits ...

1. Royal Navy Bomb Ketch ... "Lions Whelp."
2. Hudson River Sloop ... "Victorine."

Also for sale;

1. Marine Model Co. Kit ... No. 1100 ... Fire Boat.
2. Marine Model Co. Kit ... No. 1102 ... U.S.C.G. Patrol Boat "Sub Buster."

Both kits are in mint condition!

If you know of any interested parties, have them contact me for 'back story' on hull masters and additional photos.

*Regards,*

John Caraway

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### *Newsletter Ad Policy*

*Members may submit as many ads as they choose for printing in the Lynx. They may be either want or for sale ads and should normally be limited to a 100 or less words. Non-members may also submit one ad to a monthly newsletter*

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