

THE WASHINGTON SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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DEDICATION

This the third LOG of the Washington Ship Model Society is dedicated to all of our shipmates that have completed their tour of duty on this earth and have passed on to the Great Sea Beyond. May we be worthy of their friendship.

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The Washington Ship Model Society

Since the year 1929 a small group of men interested in matters relating particularly to the sea and in ship models and their construction have been associated together in the Nation's Capital as The Washington Ship Model Society.

Through good times and bad, during peace and war, the fortunes of the Society have varied but the members have carried on with an excellent spirit of mutual helpfulness. Strong friendships have developed, much research into nautical antiquities has been done and many splendid ship models have been built by members of the Society.

The primary purpose of the organization as stated in the By-Laws are;

"For the mutual benefit of each other in model making, for the exchange of ideas, and to preserve for posterity exact replicas, in miniature, of historic vessels."

These ideals have been faithfully adhered to throughout the Society's existences.

The Society had its inception at the home of Kenneth A. Foote on October 8th, 1929, at which time there were present; Kenneth A. Foote, John C. Carlton and William Hoeke. At this gathering the desirability of the formation of a club of men interested in building ship models was discussed and at several different following meetings with kindred spirits the idea was developed. On September 30th, 1930, at a meeting, again in the home of Kenneth A. Foote, it was decided to form a club and hold regular meetings. These meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of each month except during July and August.

Those present on this occasion and thus becoming founders or "Charter Members" of the "Ship Model Makers Club", as it was then decided to call the group, were: John C. Carlton, Kenneth A. Foote, J. G. Gerns, W. E. Grier, William Hoeke, David R. McCauley and Albert C. Wagner.

Informal meetings were held at the homes of the various members for several months until it became apparent a more regular organization was desirable. On January 13th, 1931, Kenneth A. Foote was elected President (Captain) and William Hoeke, Secretary, for the ensuing year. These became the first regular officers of the Society.

Kenneth A. Foote has continued active in promoting of the group throughout the succeeding years and much of the success of the Society can be justly attributed to his efforts.

Since its organization the Society has had a steady growth in accordance with the sound foundation laid down by the Charter Members.

A large membership has never been desired, yet any male of good character and genuinely interested in ship modeling and maritime matters has been welcome to attend the Society's meetings.

Following a precedent established before the formal organization of the Society, the meetings have been held in the homes of various members and, generally, the procedure is as follows: First, a short "get together" social meeting is held, then the minutes of the last meeting are read for the benefit of those present. Any business requiring the attention of the members is brought before those present and disposed of in the usual manner. After all business has been disposed of, a general round table discussion is held on ship modeling, ship practices, new tools, experiences in ship model building, improved means of construction and ship lore. An examination is then made of the models made or under construction by the host and the equipment of his workshop. Light refreshments are then served by the "Lady of the House". A spirit of helpfulness and good fellowship always prevails.

In addition to the regular routine outlined above the members attending are frequently entertained by a guest speaker of note: naval officers, travelers, merchant seamen and others describing aspects of nautical interest, ships and ship models.

An exhibit of ship models built and collected by the members is held each year at some prominent location in the city of Washington. The number of models and the excellent workmanship of the members there displayed has received favorable comment in the newspapers of the capital and from the many visitors to the exhibition.

The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, who, in 1933, accepted Honorary Membership in the Society, has loaned one of the splendid models from his outstanding collection for exhibit with the models built by members of the Society. Mrs. Roosevelt has attended exhibitions and expressed her pleasure and interest in the models shown.

Each year one or more social meetings have been held with necessary business features cut to a minimum and informal good fellowship association emphasized. These meetings have been greatly enjoyed, especially the several Christmas parties at the beautiful home of Honorary Member Edgar Browner.

The Annual Banquets held each February have been note-worthy. At this time the winning models shown in the Annual Exhibit are awarded cups by the Chief Judge, these cups being held by the winners for a period of one year, or until won by another entry.

Each Spring a Ladies Night was held, at which time the wives and sweethearts of the members were guests of honor. On this occasion, speakers, music and other entertainment of the highest order have been in order.

The following is a chronological list of the high-lights of the Society's activities, the officers since its founding and a roster of its present members.

HIGHLIGHTS

1929

October 8th. Formation of a club of men interested in ship models discussed at the home of Kenneth A. Foote with John C. Carlton, Kenneth A. Foote and William Hoeks present.

1930

March 18th. Preliminary meeting at the home of Kenneth A. Foote.

April 15th. Informal meeting at the home of William Hoeks.

May 16th. Informal meeting at the home of David McCaulley.

June 10th. Informal meeting at the home of Albert Wagner.

June 19th. Informal meeting at the home of J. G. Germs.

September 9th. Regular meeting planned for the second Tuesday of each month except July and August.

1931

January 13th. Kenneth A. Foote elected first President (captain) and William Hoeks first Secretary (ship's clerk). The name selected was Ship Model Makers' Club.

April 28th. First Exhibition of the ship models made by members planned. Name of the club changed to "The Washington Chapter, Ship Model Makers' Club."

May 14th. First Annual Exhibition held at the office of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, 14th and New York Avenue.

May 23rd. First Annual Exhibition closed.

October 13th. Advisory Committee formed of retiring officers to act as Board of Governors.

November 10th. Fee for members joining after first half of the fiscal year fixed at \$1.00.

1932

January 13th. Raymond Willoughby elected Librarian in charge of all books, photographs, and blueprints belonging to the club.

March 10th. Annual Banquet held at the Washington Hotel.

March. Second Annual Exhibition held at Woodward and Lothrop's Department Store.

May 10th. Effective September 1st, dues increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per annum. Commander Oulliver of the United States Frigate "Constitution" addressed the club.

September 11th. Policy of meeting in the homes of members officially adopted.

October 11th. "Shop Notes" following business section inaugurated.

November 8th. Club recommended that efforts be made to save and restore Commander Perry's brig the "Niagara".

1933

January 10th. Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt elected Honorary Member. Parchment membership certificate prepared by President Harold Cook and accepted by Mr. Roosevelt. Ben McCauley and Joseph N. Krause were elected to Honorary Membership.

February 7th. Comdr. Richard R. Luken, U. S. S. "Surveyor", was the guest speaker and also showed motion pictures of Alaska and seafaring subjects for the members.

March. Second Annual Dinner at the Collier Inn.

April 11th. Opening of Third Annual Exhibit. John Carlton elected to Honorary Membership.

June 13th. Dues reduced to \$2.00 per year.

September 13th. President and Secretary reelected for second term. Willard Garrett elected Ship's Purser.

1934

- February 13th. Third Annual Dinner held at the Mayflower Hotel. Mr. George Reid impersonator of the National Broadcasting Company was the chief entertainer.
- March 13th. Mr. Edgar N. Bramer elected to Honorary Membership.
- May 20th. Members inspected collection of Ship Models and Marine Prints of President Roosevelt at the White House.
- May 26th. Opening of Fourth Annual Exhibit.
- September 11th. Carl A. Swanson elected President and J. E. Nielson elected Purser.
- October 10th. Albert C. Wagner reelected Secretary. Office of Vice-President added to list of officers.
- November 13th. Society entertained by Jack Ralstrom and Warren Terrell of Radio Station WMAL.
- November 24th. Farewell party held in honor of Louis H. Kaufman who was moving to Richmond, Virginia.
- December 11th. Dr. D. D. V. Stuart elected to Honorary Membership.

1935

- February 15th. Maine Day. Fourth Annual dinner held aboard the Schooner "Constellation" owned by Robert Royal and captained by Alvin Lossche. The Schooner was docked at the Masters Wharf on the Washington Canal.
- May 19th. Opening of the Fifth Annual Exhibit at the Canadian Pacific Railway Building. Reception and preview held on Sunday afternoon. This exhibit sponsored by the Honorable Henry L. Roosevelt, Asst. Secretary of the Navy; William D. Boutsell, Office of Public Education; Gordon Grant, artist; and George F. Bowerman, Public Librarian.
- June 11th. Meeting held at the Corinthian Yacht Club through the courtesy of Albert H. Seeley. Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S. J., Dean of the Georgetown University, elected to Honorary Membership.

September 7th. All officers re-elected to second term. Mr. Lehmann of the U. S. Coast Guard exhibited to the members eight reels of sound pictures illustrating all phases of Coast Guard work.

October 8th. New by-laws adopted. Rank of Commodore established for outgoing President.

October 29th. Special social meeting at the home of J. E. Nielson.

November 19th. Theater party to see "Mutiny on the Bounty" at the Palace Theater.

1936

February 18th. Fifth Annual Banquet held at Wesley Hall. Captain J. F. Hellweg, Chief of the Naval Observatory was the guest speaker, his subject, Navigation.

May 16th. Opening of the Sixth Annual Exhibit at the Canadian Pacific Building. The preview held on this date was attended by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and other distinguished guests. President Roosevelt displayed a model of an 1812 Brig of War.

June 9th. Meeting held at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Albert H. Seeley, host.

September 8th. J. E. Nielson elected captain, H. P. Harnsberger purser and Albert C. Wagner reelected ship's clerk.

October 13th. Author of books about ships, Howard J. Chappelle, was the guest of honor at this meeting.

December 8th. Mr. Smith of the U. S. Lighthouse Service entertained the members with motion pictures of the service.

1937

February 17th. Sixth Annual Banquet held at the All States Hotel. Mr. Henry Krunsberg, U. S. N. Retired, a survivor of the Greely Relief Expedition, was the guest speaker.

May 22nd. Opening of the Seventh Annual Exhibit at the Canadian Pacific Building. Preview held on this date attracted much attention. The exhibit was sponsored by John A. Hermon, President of the President's Cup Regatta Assn., and Captain Dudley W. Knox, U. S. N., Librarian of the U. S. Navy.

- June 16th. Social meeting at the home of Arthur Linn.
- September 16th. H. P. Harnsberger elected Captain, H. J. Willet purser and Albert C. Wagner reelected ships' clerk.
- November 9th. Mr. Joseph McCarnson displayed photographs and gave a very entertaining description of the trip around the world in the Schooner "Pilgrim".
- December 14th. Name changed to the "Washington Ship Model Society".
- December 28th. Social meeting and the presentation of a model of a Cabin Cruiser to Mr. Edgar N. Brawner. The model was built by members of the society from plans prepared by Harold Cook of a cruiser owned by Mr. Brawner.

1938

- January 11th. Membership limited to thirty members exclusive of honorary members.
- February 23rd. Seventh Annual Banquet held at the Continental Hotel. Captain J. F. Hellweg, Chief of the Naval Observatory, was the guest speaker. He described the recent eclipse expedition to Canton Island, where a total eclipse of the sun was observed on June 8th, 1937.
- March 8th. Mr. Fred Avery, Curator of the H. H. Rodgers collection of ship models at the Naval Academy, described the collection and displayed many photographs and drawings to the members.
- April 12th. Revised By-Laws adopted. Society Shop Notes proposed.
- May 15th. Members made a trip to Annapolis Naval Academy to view the Rodgers collection of ship models. Mr. Fred Avery, curator, acted as host and guided the party through the museum.
- May 21st. Opening of the Eighth Annual Exhibition at the offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway Building. Fifty models with many other items were displayed.
- June 14th. All officers reelected and Fred Reed elected to the new office of Vice-President or First Mate.
- December 13th. Lectures on Chesapeake Bay Craft. "Chesapeake Bay Pungy" by Eric Steinlein and "Chesapeake Bay Bugeyed" by A. C. Wagner.

1939

January 9th. Lecture by Dr. Behnke on the "Hazards and Diseases of High Pressure Air in Diving and Submarine Work."

February 11th. Lectures: "Marine Patents" by Max Wall and "Deep Sea Specimens Around South America" by Dr. Wald Schmidt, curator of deep sea life at the Smithsonian Institution.

February 21st. Eighth Annual Banquet at the Taft House Inn.

March 8th. Dr. V. D. Tate addressed the society on "Original Sources of Material for Ship Model Construction", and Comdr. W. A. Sullivan on "The Testing Basin Used By the United States Navy".

April 11th. United States Coast Guardsmen entertained the society by showing sound pictures of the activities of the Coast Guard.

April 25th. Special social and educational meeting held at the United States National Museum with Honorary Member Frank A. Taylor acting as host, Mr. Taylor being a member of the engineering staff of the museum.

May 9th. Mr. Nielson described his experiences as a boy before the mast and W. J. Eck gave an account of his trip to Spitsbergen, Norway and the Baltic.

May 20th. Opening of the Ninth Annual Exhibition at the offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway Building. A preview was held on this date.

June 13th. Fred Reed elected Captain, A. F. Bird First Mate, A. C. Wagner re-elected Ships' Clerk and Earl Krunk elected Purser. Dr. Kellogg of the United States National Museum addressed the society on the subject of whales.

September 12th. Ken Foote and Joe Drummond described the twenty-two foot model on display at the New York Fair and W. J. Eck told of his recent flight across the Atlantic as number one passenger of the Dixie Clipper.

December 26th. Christmas party at the home of Edgar Esterson.

1940

February 13th. Dr. McDonald, who served on a sub-chaser during World War I, told of his experiences when on active duty and displayed many interesting photographs.

February 20th. Ninth Annual Banquet held at the Hotel Burlington. Comdr. Henry Hartley, U.S.N., guest speaker, described the salvaging of the submarine "Squalus". Paul Garber rendered three solos.

March 12th. Ken Foote announced that he had obtained a silver cup for the society to award to the best model of the year entered in the Annual Exhibit.

May 14th. Harold Cook elected Captain; Dr. Reginald Mitchell, First Mate; A. C. Wagner and Karl Krueke reelected Ship's Clerk and Purser, respectively.

May 28th. Tenth Annual Exhibition opening.

June 15th. Social meeting at the seaside cottage of Paul Garber's known as Garber's Harbor.

December 10th. Captain Henry Rude, Commander of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, gave an illustrated lecture on "Ocean Surveying".

December 26th. Christmas party at the home of Edgar Brawner.

1941

February 20th. Tenth Annual Banquet held at the Evergreen Inn.

March 4th. Society exhibited work of its members at the Hobby Show held at the Wardman Park Hotel. Honore were won by Harold Cooke, Reginald Mitchell, Carl Swantsson and Arthur J. Linn.

June. Ladies night held at the Iron Gate Inn.

June 3rd. All officers reelected except purser who was not eligible for election. James W. Harbin was elected to this office.

October 14th. Comdr. Renn, U.S.N., guest speaker on the subject of "Deep Sea Diving".

November 11th. Description by W. J. Eck of his recent trip to the Canadian Arctic on the Hudson Bay Company's icebreaker S.S. Nascopie. Mr. Eck also presented each member with a specimen of Eskimo handicraft in walrus ivory.

December 18th. Eleventh Annual Exhibition opened at the United States National Museum. Dr. A. Wetmore, Associate Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, was the host on this occasion. This exhibit attracted much attention and at the request of the museum, the exhibit was extended until January 31st.

December 30th. Christmas party held at the home of Edgar Brammer. Frank Taylor described the priceless reaction to the current exhibition and announced the winners. The Founders' Cup to Ken Foote for his model of a Whale Boat, Marine Model Cup to Gene Beach for his model of the cutter "Joe Lane", Captains' Award to A. C. Wagner for his miniatures and Honorable Mention to Stanley Williams for his "Great Eastern", and by Bateman for his Destroyer and Reginald Mitchell for his carved whales.

1942

February 21st. Eleventh Annual Banquet held at the Evergreen Inn. Members were presented with a miniature anchor on a lettered base by Ken Foote, Gene Beach and Ray Henry. Guest speaker, the Honorable L. McCormick Goodhart of the Moor-McCormick shipping line and special advisor to the British Embassy. Honorable Member Edgar Brammer showed motion pictures of Pearl Harbor and the Army and Navy in action.

April 14th. Ray Henry appointed Society Historian.

May 10th. Stanley Williams appointed society's Naval Architect.

June 10th. Jack Willett elected Captain; William E. Lee, First Mate; A. C. Wagner, Ship's Clerk and James Harbin re-elected Purser. Albert F. Bird, a former member of the society, addressed the society on the building of a ten-foot dinghy.

September 8th. Due to the resignation of Captain Willett, William E. Lee was elected Captain and Ken Foote First Mate.

December 28th. Christmas party held at the home of Edgar Brammer.

1943

January 1st. Twelfth Annual Exhibition opened at the United States National Museum.

January 4th. Honorary Life Member Captain Charles J. Carlton, Retired United States Navy man, sailed on into the other world on this date. His passing was not only a great loss to this society but to the nation.

January 12th. Honorary Member Edgar Brawner presented to the society a silver cup in honor of Honorary Life Member Captain Charles J. Carlton, this cup to be known as the Carlton Cup and to be awarded to the builder of the best United States Naval model of the year.

February 20th. Twelfth Annual Banquet held at the Evergreen Inn. The winners of the exhibit were announced as follows: Founders Cup to James Harbin for his Schooner "Squagler," Marine Model Cup to Ken Foote for his British Cutter "Diligence", and Honorable Mention to William E. Lee for his Esso Tanker and A. C. Wagner for his Brigantine "Nakubule". Guest speaker of the evening was General Robert L. Denning, U.S.M.C., who gave an amusing and entertaining account of the Navy Prison at Portsmouth, N.H., of which he was at one time in charge.

April 13th. Mr. Carl Mitman elected to Honorary Membership in the society for his valuable assistance to the members in connection with the past exhibit.

May 11th. Annual dues increased to \$3.00

June 18th. All officers reelected except the Purser, who was not eligible for election. Walter Herbert was elected to this office.

August 10th. Social meeting at the home of Stanley Williams.

October 13th. Lt. Comdr. Paul Garber presented the society with a bronze figure of a seaman as a trophy to be known as the Midshipman Trophy.

1944

January 1st. Thirteenth Annual Exhibition opened at the United States National Museum.

February 22nd. Ray Henry resigned as Historian due to his moving from the city. W. J. Eck appointed to fill this Office.

February 15th. Thirteenth Annual Banquet held at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Virginia. Guest Speaker was Chief Warrant Officer W. B. Garniss, a veteran Navy man, who gave an interesting account of his Navy life and especially his trip around the world with the Great White Fleet of the United States. Lt. Marion V. Brewington, U.S.N.R., chief judge of the past exhibition, announced the winners as follows: Founders Cup, no entry; Marine Model Cup to William E. Lee for his Canadian Corvette; Carlton Cup to W. J. Eck for his World War I Destroyer; Midshipman's Trophy to David Pattee for his miniatures of Naval ships; Captain's Award to Fred Reed for his signal light.

March 14th. Non-resident membership established. Ray Henry and Roy Bateman, former active members leaving city, were elected to this type of membership. Walter Herbert resigned as Purser due to entering the Army. Vernon Thomas was appointed to fill this office.

April 20th. Opening of a special exhibit at Wave Quarters "D".

May 9th. Captain reported vote of visitors to the special exhibit as to preference of models exhibited: First, miniatures by David Pattee; Second, "Norse Love" by A. C. Wagner; Third, "Normandie" by W. J. Eck and Fourth, "Rainbow" by William E. Lee. Ken Foote elected Captain; H. B. Taliaferro, First Mate; A. C. Wagner, Ship's Clerk and Vernon Thomas, Purser.

June 13th. Kenneth A. Foote elected Captain; Hay Brooks Taliaferro, First Mate; Albert C. Wagner, Second Mate and Secretary; Vernon E. Thomas, Purser.

September 12th. James W. Harbin, Jr., appointed Librarian. Lt. Comdr. Reg. H. Mitchell gave an interesting talk and showed photographs taken during his two years as a chief medical officer on the tanker U. S. S. "Leckwanna" in the Pacific War Zone.

November 14th. Mate, Dr. Vernon D. Tate, showed and described three full length films of the activities of the U.S. Coast Guard. His talk and the films were greatly enjoyed.

December 28th. The Fourteenth Annual Exhibition opened at the Mills Building, 17th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., in the office of the American Automobile Association. Seventy-five models and numerous minor items of interest were on display. Due to the very satisfactory attendance, the exhibit was held open until February 15, 1945.

1945

February 4th. Fourteenth Annual Banquet held at the Evergreen. The guests of honor were seven of the patients from the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

April 10th. Committee appointed to revise the By-Laws of the society, consisting of W. J. Eck, Chairman, James W. Barry and Vernon E. Thomas.

May 8th. Reginald H. Mitchell elected Captain; James W. Harbin, Jr., First Mate; Albert C. Waggoner, Ship's Clerk; and Finley F. Ferguson, Purser. Copies of two paintings of the first U.S.S. "Wyoming" were presented to the society by Lt. Garber for transmission to the Hyde Park Memorial Library in the name of the society. Originals of the paintings are owned by Lt. Garber. A eulogy in honor of the late president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was adopted. President Roosevelt had been an honorary life member of the Washington Ship Model Society since 10 June 1933.

June 12th. The annual meeting of the ladies was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cook. Music was furnished by the Girl Scouts of Temple Hill who also waited on the tables. Lt. Comdr. Garber sang a number of songs and Lt. (jg) Vernon Tate arranged for motion pictures from the Navy.

September 11th. New by-laws were submitted by Committee Chairman Eck.

October 8th. The new by-laws were adopted.

November 13th. Purser Finley F. Ferguson having left the city, Brooke H. Taliaferro was elected Purser. Mr. Boucher, a guest, described three cruises on the Maco Schall ship "Nantucket" ex "Ranger" under sail and steam.

1946

- February 21st. The Fifteenth Annual Banquet was held at the Evergreens. A Coast Guardsman, Captain Harold Gray of the Coast Guard cutter "Campbell" showed films of the Okinawa hurricane and a number of Coast Guard films of peace and war. Mate Gene Beach presented members and guests with an inscribed roster showing the names of the members of the society in the armed forces.
- April 9th. Mate Wagner read a paper and led a discussion on Spanish ships. Mate Barry showed a fine series of Kodachrome slides of the national parks.
- April 14th. Fifteenth Annual Exhibition, Canadian Pacific Railway office, April 14-28. Alexander Brown of the "Mariners" Museum and Lt. Wren, U.S. Navy, were judges.
- May 14th. Winners for models exhibited this year: Carlton Cup, James W. Harbin, Jr., Fletcher class destroyer; Founders' Cup, David Patten, British ships in panorama at Gibraltar; Marine Model Cup, Reginald H. Mitchell, PT-7; Captain's Award, Charles Bork, ship in bottle; Midshipman Award, Albert C. Wagner, H.M.S. "Halifax" of 1775.
- June 1st. Ladies night. Dinner and social evening at the Iron Gate Inn.
- June 14th. Reginald H. Mitchell elected Captain; James W. Harbin, Jr., First Mate; J. Eugene Beach, Ship's Clerk; and Hay Brook Taliaferro, Purser. Albert C. Wagner was commended for his good work during his ten years as secretary. Mate Harbin displayed his Fletcher class destroyer and gave a detailed history of its construction.
- September 10th. Albert C. Wagner gave a talk on his recent vacation and described his visit to two Mississippi paddle wheel steamers.
- October 8th. Name plates to be worn at each meeting and kept in custody of First Mate between meetings were authorized. Mate Beach gave a talk on the history of the whaling schooner "John R. Manta."
- December 10th. W. J. Eck gave a talk on the yacht "America" and presented the society with a cup made from the planks from the "America". This cup will be awarded annually at the exhibition for the best model of a sailing vessel.

1947

January 11th. Cup was presented at the last meeting to be known officially as the "America" cup and rule governing its award adopted. Individual payment to host of 25¢ at meetings was eliminated and annual dues increased from \$3 to \$5.

February 28th. The Sixteenth Annual Banquet was held at the Evergreen with Captain C. K. Fink and Clarence N. Rodgers, Editor of the "Tiller", as speakers. Favours for members and guests were made and presented by Mate Wagner. He also presented the Society a book containing pictures and accounts of noteworthy models that had been given him by Capt. H. A. Baldrige, Curator of the Naval Academy Museum at Annapolis, Md.

April 8th. Meeting was held at the New National Museum as guests of honorary life member Frank Taylor. During the meeting Mate Taylor entertained the group with old sea chanties that had been recorded in Nova Scotia, the Bahamas and on the Mississippi River.

May 11th. Mate Lee prepared and presented the invitations for the next annual exhibition.

June 1 to 30th. Sixteenth Annual Exhibition held at the New National Museum.

June 10th. Winners of awards at the annual exhibition: Founders Cup, James W. Harbin, clipper ship "Cutty Sark"; Marine Model Cup, Reg. Mitchel, river steamer "Robert E. Lee"; Carlton Cup, Lewis C. Britton, U.S.S. "Perry", also Midshipman's Trophy for model shipyard; America Cup, J. Eugene Beach, "The Manta". The following officers were elected: Captain, James W. Harbin; First Mate, W. John Eck; Ship's Clerk, J. Eugene Beach; Purser, Robert H. Sauter. Motion adopted that exhibition awards must not be taken from the Metropolitan Area.

September 9th. Proposal for book marking 20th anniversary dropped.

October 14th. Kenneth A. Foote gave an interesting and informative talk on the British Lifeboat Society, its functions and record.

November 11th. Mate John Eck displayed a collection of envelopes mailed on the U.S.S. "Constitution" on the 150th anniversary of the launching of this ship. He presented each one present with one of the envelopes. Mate Wagner read extracts from the log of the 19th century whaling bark "Cora".

December 9th. Mate Karl Krumke gave an interesting talk descriptive of below decks on a steamship and traced the development of the steam engine from the early low pressure types to the high pressure turbines of the modern ship.

1948

January 13th. Mate Harbin gave a talk on "pig boats" (submarines) and Mate Garber showed some movies.

February 20th. Twentieth Annual Banquet held at the Evergreens with ladies present. Mate Jack Willett entertained with feats of magic and Mate John Eck, as chairman of the favors committee presented each one present with a medal commemorating Capt. Isaac Hull's victory in the U.S.S. Constitution over the British ship Guerriere, August 19, 1812. The medals had been struck from the original mold used to produce the medal presented to Capt. Hull by Congress in honor of his victory.

April 20th. Mate Wagner gave an entertaining talk on modern sailing craft.

June 8th. James W. Harbin was elected Captain; J. Eugene Beach, First Mate; Karl E. Krumke, Ship's Clerk; R. H. Sauter, Purser.

September 14th. Mate John Eck gave an account of his recent trip around the world and presented the members with a carved wooden elephant from Ceylon.

October 12th. Mate Fred Reed elected to Honorary Membership.

November 7th to 21st. Winners at the recent exhibition were announced as follows: Founders Cup, C. E. Coffing; Marine Model Cup, A. C. Wagner; Midshipman and Scurshaw Awards, W. E. Lee; America Cup, Charles Bork; Carlton Cup, Robert Sauter.

1949

January 11th. Motion made and carried that dues of active members not paid by January 1st will be billed and if not paid in 30 days, member will be dropped from the rolls and reinstated only upon payment of all back dues and in addition a fee of \$2.00.

February 8th. Mr. Ashby Reardon addressed the meeting and showed pictures of Potomac River steamers. A very interesting and instructive talk.

- March 8th. Mate John Eck gave a full account of recent trip around South America and through the Strait-of-Magellan. As a souvenir of his trip he presented each of the members a small box with a wooden inlay map of South America on the cover. Mate Carl Swanson told of his trip to Sweden and Mate Paul Garber showed pictures of his trip to bring the Wright Brother's plane to Washington.
- May 14th. Joint meeting of the Philadelphia Ship Model Club and the Washington Ship Model Society at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
- June 1st. J. Eugene Beach elected Captain; Robert Sauter, First Mate; Karl E. Krumke, Ship's Clerk; Charles Bork, Purser. Mate James W. Harbin, Jr. showed two reels of Coast Guard films.
- September 20th. Two films from the Navy Department were shown, "Battle of the Phillipine Sea" and "Navy Photography in Science".
- November 8th. Mate Beach read a report on the "Romance of the Clippers" and Mate Vernon Tate described a tour of the New England area, an area with which he is familiar.
- December 13th. Mr. Russo of the design section of the Maritime Commission gave a talk on the new cargo ship of the commission. Mate Wright Remiser exhibited and discussed the model of a yacht he has designed.

1950

- January 14th. Joint meeting of the Richmond (Va.) Ship Model Society and the Washington Ship Model Society. Lt. Comdr. Davis, Curator of the Truxton-Decatur Museum, gave an interesting talk on the aims and purposes of that institution. A Coast Guard film, "Air Sea Rescue Operations", was shown.
- February 23rd. Annual Banquet, Chevy Chase Inn.
- March 14th. Mate Harold Cook told of his recent trip to Haiti and Mate John Eck described his stay in the Barbados and British Guiana during the past winter.
- May 9th. Several members reported in detail on the recent trip to the Mariners' Museum, Newport News, Va.

June 13th. Mate J. Eugene Beach was elected Captain; Robert Sauter, First Mate; William E. Lee, Ship's Clerk and Charles Bork, Purser. Two Coast Guard films were shown by Mate Wright Remizer.

October 3rd to 28th. Annual Exhibition held at the Truxton-Decatur Museum.

November 14th. Winners of awards at the exhibition were: Carlton Cup, A. C. Wagner; America Cup, Dave Krogman; Merchantman Trophy, Karl Krumke; Founders' Cup; Marine Model Cup, Jack Romagna.

1951

January 9th. Mate Wagner's son showed a fine selection of colored slides from his collection.

February 13th. Mate Lee gave an interesting and informative talk on the Confederate States Steamship "Alabama".

March 8th. Mate Dr. R. H. Mitchel displayed a number of beautiful colored slides of ship models he had made and told of their construction, history, etc.

April 10th. Mate Harold Cook presented the society with a number of plans of U. S. aircraft carriers. Mate Krogman showed some very excellent color slides of ships.

May 5th and 6th. Visit to the Mariners' Museum, Newport News, Va., by several members of the society.

May 8th. Members inspected the ship "Fintrader" at the dock of the Robinson Terminal Warehouse Co., Alexandria, Va. Mr. Clarence Robinson, president of the terminal company, was host and conducted the party over the ship which was bringing newsprint paper for newspapers in this vicinity. Next a visit was made to the Old Dominion Boat Club to inspect the racing shells and yachts of the club. After the inspection, the members went to the home of Mate Lee where the regular meeting was held. Officers elected for the ensuing year were Karl E. Krumke, Captain; Albert Wagner, First Mate; James Harbin, Ship's Clerk; and Jack Romagna, Purser.

October 1st to November 4th. Twenty-third annual exhibition held at the Truxton-Decatur Museum. Judge, Vice Admiral E. L. Cochrane, USN (Retired). Winners: Founders' Cup, Harold Cook for S.S. "Savannah"; Marine Model Cup, Clinton Webb for "Santa Maria"; Carlton Cup, R. Mitchel for "Anchor Hoy"; Kenneth A. Foote for "Maud Hargraves"; Scrimsaw Award; W. John Eck, "Queen Mary" Plaque; America Cup, A. C. Wagner, "Rebecca Carlano".

September 4th. Captain Krumke described a three day visit to Old Point Comfort; First Mate Wagner, a three day river trip; Mates Foote and Krogman, southern New England; Ship's Clerk Harbin, a trip to Salem, Mass.

November 8th. Captain Krumke reported that 5073 persons had viewed the recent exhibition. Mate John Eck described his recent trip around the world on a British freighter and presented those present with a carved wooden head of a Bali dancing girl.

December 11th. Mate Harold Cook showed two U. S. Navy films which were enjoyed by all.

1952

February 12th. Proposed amendment to the constitution abolishing the nominating committee was defeated.

March 13th. Mr. Phil Corr presented the Society a handsome trophy to be awarded the member offering the best scrimshaw work at the annual exhibition.

April 8th. Trophy presented by Mr. Phil Corr to be known as the Corr Nautical Award and to be awarded for the best nautical exhibit not in essence a ship model. Discussion on the creation of a new officer, recorder, to handle correspondence on technical matters and activities of the W.S.M.S. held, decided to assign this work to the Librarian until such time as a division may be desirable.

May 2nd. to 4th. Visit to Mariners' Museum, Old Point Comfort, by nine members of the society. The usual splendid reception by the museum staff was reported.

May 13th. Present officers elected to serve another term: Karl E. Krumke, Captain; Albert C. Wagner, First Mate; James W. Harbin, Jr., Ship's Clerk and Jack Romagna, Parser.

June 10th. This meeting held at the Seaport Inn, Alexandria, Va. Mr. Dave Book, secretary of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, delivered an address on the early history of Alexandria. Mate Lee presented those present a reproduction of the original plot of the city as a souvenir of the occasion.

September 9th. Mate Harbin, Ship's Clerk, reported on visits to museums at Boston, Cambridge and Salem. Mate Vernon Tate's brochure on wooden ship figureheads and Indians given to members present. Mate John Eck spoke of his recent trip covering most of Africa south of the Sahara and presented members with native carved wooden letter openers.

September 28th to November 2nd. Twenty-fourth annual exhibition held at the Truxton-Decatur Museum. Frank Taylor, Judge. Winners: Founders cup, Frank Crossman for cabin cruiser; Marine Model Cup, J. Eugene Beach for Baltimore Privateer "Lark"; Carleton Cup, James W. Harbin, Jr., Naval Steam Launch; Midshipman Award, Albert C. Wagner, Royal Rowing Barge; Carr Nautical Award, W. John Eck, copper plaques.

November 11th. Decided that hereafter no model would be accepted for competition for annual awards unless entry blank has been furnished committee prior to judging of models.

December 9th. Captain Krumke gave a talk on stability and buoyancy.

1953

May 1st and 2nd. Seven of the society's members visited shipping along the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the Mariners' Museum and the plant of the Newport News Ship and Drydock Co., where a number of ships under construction and repair were inspected.

May 12th. Officers elected were: Vernon Thomas, Captain; Charles Bork, First Mate; William Milligan, Purser; Clinton Webb, Ship's Clerk. Mate Webb later declined the office of Ship's Clerk and Mate Harbin was continued in office as Acting Ship's Clerk.

June 9th. Meeting held at the Seaport Inn, Alexandria, Va. Lt. Comdr. Cass, U.S.C.G., addressed the group and showed movies illustrating the numerous activities of the U. S. Coast Guard.

September 15th. Mate Carl Huffaker elected Ship's Clerk. Mate John Eck presented members present with a wooden ruler inlaid with native New Zealand woods obtained when he was in that country recently.

October 1st to November 1st. Twenty-fifth annual exhibition at the Truxton-Decatur Naval Museum. Peterson of the Smithsonian Institute, Judge. Winners were: Carleton Cup, William E. Lee for C.S.S. "Virginia"; America Cup, William E. Lee for schooner "Forrester"; Midshipman Trophy, William E. Lee for Pilot Boat "Katy"; Founders' Cup, William Gibbs for "Skipjack"; Marine Model Trophy, Carl Huffaker for "Privateer"; and Carr Nautical Trophy, Fred Von Husna for "17th Century Deck Gun".

October 13th. Decision was reached to omit the fall, 1954, exhibition and hold the next exhibit in the spring of 1955 if arrangements could be made with the management of the Truxton-Decatur Museum. Mate Kenneth Foote announced his gift to the society of a barometer to be awarded at the next annual exhibit, rules to govern award to be formulated later.

November 10th. Committee appointed to prepare rules for the competition for Mate Foote's gift. Mate John Eck reported at length on his recent trip to Australia, New Zealand and around the world.

1954

March 9th. Rules governing the award of the Kenneth Foote Award were adopted. This is to be titled 28th Anniversary Incentive Award, donated by Kenneth Foote.

June 8th. Annual banquet held at Seaport Inn in Alexandria, Virginia. New officers installed were: Charles Berk, Captain; Bill Milligan, First Mate; Heinz Berthold, Ship's Clerk; Walter Herbert, Purser.

September

September. First meeting of the season. General report on the activities of the members during the winter.

October. The second edition of the Ship's Log was presented to all members present. A copy is to be sent to all members and to other Ship Model Societies in this country. This edition covers the Washington Ship Model Society from 1929 through June 1954.

1955

January. Mate Horace Dulin, an old time member of the society passed away in the early days of the month. A program to work with the Boys Clubs of the area was announced and received with great interest. Unfortunately this program had to be withdrawn due to the lack of cooperation from the Boys Clubs.

March 6. Annual Exhibition held at the Truxton-Decatur Naval Museum. Captain William H. Leahy, Director of the David Taylor Model Basin was the judge. The winners were: Best of Exhibition, Walter Lent for "Volante"; Founders Cup, William T. Gibbs for a Pinky; America Cup, Walter Lent for "Volante"; Carlton Cup, Merritt Edson for "Harriet Lane"; Carr Nautical Award, J. W. Eck for a Knot Board; Midshipman Award, Merritt Edson for a gunboat.

April 7. The Society visited the Richmond Ship Model Society and joined in the opening of their Exhibition at the Valentine House. The opening was followed by a Banquet given by the Richmond Society with the Washington Society as guests.

May 21st. The Richmond Ship Model Society were the guests of the Society on a trip to the Naval Academy in Annapolis followed by a dinner at the Army-Navy Club in Washington.

June 14th. Annual Banquet held at Cannon's Steak House. Commander George L. Street was the guest speaker and presented a film on the Silent Service. The following officers for 1955-1956 were installed: Captain; William Milligan; First Mate, J. E. Beach; Ship's Clerk, Walter Lent and Purser, Walter Herbert.

November 8th. Society notified of the death of Mate Fred Reed. Revised copies of the Constitution and By-Laws presented to the members.

1956

January 10th. Col. Phillips Melville became a member of the Society.

May 9th. Twenty-seventh annual exhibition held at the Truxton-Decatur Naval Museum. The winners were: Founders Cup, W. E. Lee for a Scow Kloop; Carlton Cup, W. E. Royer for "Constitution"; Annapolis Cup, M. A. Edison for a 1780 Brig; Carr Nautical Award, W. E. Lee for a Shadow Box; Midshipman Award, W. E. Lee for "Southern".

May 14th. Paul Roschkin became a member of the Society.

June 9th. Annual Banquet held at Cannon's Steak House. The Richmond Ship Model Society were the guests of the Society. The following officers for 1956-1957 were installed: Captain, J. E. Beach; First Mate, W. E. Lee; Purser, W. C. Herbert and Clerk, W. E. Royer.

October 9th. Annual Oyster Roast at Bill Lee's. Vernon Tate returned to active membership and J. Norman Roosen was elected to membership.

1957

March 12th. Stanley Malton elected to membership in the Society.

March 16th. Mate John William Eck died at sea and was buried there, as he had previously requested.

May 11th. Society visited the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis as guests of Mate Vernon Tate and Mate George Davis. The highlights of the visit were a tour of a submarine and a trip up the Bay and under the Bay Bridge on a YP. After a most interesting afternoon the members returned to Mate Davis's for a meeting and refreshments served by Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Tate. Mr. John Kleinschmidt, Asst. Curator at Mystic was the guest speaker and told of the work at Mystic.

June 9th. Annual Banquet held at Cannon's Steak House. The 1957-1958 officers were installed as follows: Captain, J. E. Beach; First Mate, W. E. Lee; Purser, W. C. Herbert and Clerk, W. E. Royer.

October 15th. Annual Oyster Roast held at Bill Lee's. Interesting discussion by Bert Wagner on the origin and development of sail for watercraft.

1958

January 11th. First meeting of 1958 held at home of the late John Eck with Mrs. Eck as hostess. Mr. Howard Chapelle accepted as a member of the Society. Mrs. Eck expressed her appreciation of the friendship of the Society and played a record made several years earlier recording John's voice. Mrs. Eck presented to the Society the collection of books and nautical material which John Eck had gathered during his many years of travel.

February 11th. Lively discussion held regarding a recent television program about Pitcairn Island. Host Bork entertained with moving pictures taken during his recent European travels.

March 11th. A very interesting film on the voyage of Mayflower II from England to America was shown, courtesy of Smith's Moving and Storage Co.

April 8th. Commander Marcy Dupre was accepted for membership in the Society. The Special Committee on Awards reported the following:

1. The offer of Mrs. John Eck to present a trophy in memory of Mate John Eck was accepted.
2. The above trophy was designated to be awarded for best of show.
3. The Midshipman's Trophy was withdrawn from the list of awards and retired in custody of the Historian.

April 12th. Seven members of the Washington Ship Model Society attended the 10th anniversary banquet of the Richmond Ship Model Society. Those attending were presented with framed lithographs of the Whaler Niger made by Jack Woodson of the Richmond Society.

June 2nd. The twenty-eighth annual exhibition was officially opened at the Arts and Industries Building of the Smithsonian Institution, U.S. National Museum. Mr. William E. Geoghegan officiated as judge and made the following awards: Founder's Cup, Lt. Col. Lewis C. Britton for his model of the Oliver Crosswell docked at the Philadelphia waterfront; Marine Model Cup, Frank G. Crossman for his model of a Chris Craft cruiser; America Cup, Bert Wagner for his model of the fishing schooner "Elsie"; Carr Nautical Award, Lt. Col. Lewis C. Britton for his nautical pipe rack.

June 14th. In the afternoon, prior to the Annual Banquet, a group of WSMS members met a visiting delegation from the Richmond Society and led the guests on a tour of the twenty-eighth exhibit. Afterwards the group met at the Reflecting Pool where Messrs. Warren Billings, Sr. and Jr. sailed their radio-controlled models of the clippers "Henry B. Hyde" and "Challenge".

The Annual Banquet of the WSMS was held at Canon's Steak House with seven members of the Richmond Society present as guests. Souvenir booklets on Fort Gaines and the Battle of Mobile Bay were presented, courtesy of the Mobile, Alabama Chamber of Commerce. The 1958-1959 officers were installed as follows: Captain, Merritt Edson; First Mate, W. E. Royer; Purser, Norman Ross; Clerk, Norman Rossen.

October 13th. Meeting held at the home of Mate Harold Cook. This was his last meeting as he is retiring from the U.S. Navy Department and will live in Florida. Captain Meroney, USAF, was the guest speaker and showed slides of the work of the Wembley Ship Model Society of England.

1959

June. The annual banquet and dinner held at the home of Captain Merritt Edson, with the Richmond Ship Model Society as our guests. At this time an informal installation of officers for the year 1959-1960 was held. Captain, Merritt Edson; First Mate, W. E. Royer; Purser, Norman Ross and Clerk, Norman Rossen.

September 8th. Captain Edson appointed James Harbin as Librarian and W. E. Lee as Historian for the Society.

November 10th. H. Barlett Wells and Harold Hooper were elected to membership in the Society.

December 8th. Slides of the working boats of the Chesapeake Bay were shown and discussed by Mate Harbin. It was followed by delicious holiday refreshments served by Mate Royer and his wife.

1960

April 14th. Captain Bittinger, U.S. Navy, Retired, presented a most interesting program on the use of camouflage during World Wars I and II.

May 13th. Society members made a trip to the Richmond Ship Model Society's annual banquet by way of Williamsburg and the Mariner's Museum.

June 11th. Thirtieth Annual Banquet held at Thompson's Corners in the Walnut Room. The Richmond Ship Model Society were our guests. The officers for the year 1960-1961 were installed: Captain, Norman Rossen, First Mate, James Harbin; Purser, Dick Watson and Clerk, Bert Wagner.

September 13th. Mate Harbin was reappointed Librarian and Mate Lee was reappointed Historian.

October 11th. Annual oyster roast at Mate Lee's. Slide lecture by Dr. John Lyman on the Ship and Naval Monuments of the World.

December. For the first time in many years there was no meeting held this month due to a snow storm.

1961

January 10th. Ben Lankford elected to membership. This meeting was rather sad as it was the last meeting Mate Harold Cook would be able to attend, due to his retirement and moving to Florida. Also, Mate Chuck Berk had passed away since the last meeting of the Society.

February 11th. Mate Dick Watson gave a very interesting talk on his experiences with Adm. Richard Byrd in the Antarctic. Mate Watson was the Radio Operator on this trip.

May 13th. Most interesting meeting held at Amberley, just outside of Annapolis, Maryland, home of Mate Vernon Tate.

June 10th. Annual Banquet held at the Officers Club, Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D. C. The officers for the year 1961-1962 were installed as follows: Captain, Norman Ross; First Mate, James Harbin; Purser, Dick Watson and Clerk, Bert Wagner.

SO ENDS.

OFFICERS

DATE	CAPTAIN	FIRST MATE	SHIPS CLERK	PURSER
1931	Kenneth A. Foote		William Hoeks	
1931-2	J. G. Gerne		Louis Kaufman	W. E. Grier
1932-3	H. J. Cook		A. C. Wagner	William Hoeks
1933-4	H. J. Cook		A. C. Wagner	William Garrett
1934-5	Carl A. Svantesson		A. C. Wagner	J. E. Nielson
1935-6	J. E. Nielson		A. C. Wagner	H. P. Harnsberger
1936-7	H. P. Harnsberger		A. C. Wagner	Jack Willett
1938-9	H. P. Harnsberger	Fred Reed	A. S. Wagner	Jack Willett
1939-40	Fred Reed	A. F. Bird	A. C. Wagner	Karl Krumcke
1940-1	Harold Cook	Reg. Mitchell	A. C. Wagner	Karl Krumcke
1941-2	Harold Cook	Reg. Mitchell	A. C. Wagner	J. W. Harbin, Jr.
1942	Jack Willett	William E. Lee	A. C. Wagner	J. W. Harbin, Jr.
1942-3	William E. Lee	Kenneth A. Foote	A. C. Wagner	J. W. Harbin, Jr.
1943-4	William E. Lee	Kenneth A. Foote	A. C. Wagner	W. C. Herbert
1944-5	Kenneth A. Foote	H. B. Taliaferro	A. C. Wagner	V. Thomas
1945-6	Reg. Mitchell	J. W. Harbin, Jr.	A. C. Wagner	F. F. Ferguson
1946-7	Reg. Mitchell	J. W. Harbin, Jr.	J. E. Beach	H. B. Taliaferro
1947-8	J. W. Harbin, Jr.	John Eck	J. E. Beach	R. H. Sauter
1948-9	J. W. Harbin, Jr.	J. E. Beach	K. E. Krumcke	R. H. Sauter
1949-50	J. E. Beach	R. H. Sauter	K. E. Krumcke	Charles Berk
1950-1	J. E. Beach	R. H. Sauter	William E. Lee	Charles Berk
1951-2	K. E. Krumcke	A. C. Wagner	J. W. Harbin, Jr.	J. Romagn
1952-3	K. E. Krumcke	A. C. Wagner	J. W. Harbin, Jr.	J. Romagn
1953-4	V. Thomas	Charles Berk	Carl Huffaker	William Milligan
1954-5	Charles Berk	William Milligan	Heinz Berthold	W. C. Herbert
1955-6	William Milligan	J. E. Beach	H. Walter Lent	W. C. Herbert
1956-7	J. E. Beach	W. E. Lee	W. C. Herbert	W. E. Royer
1957-8	J. E. Beach	W. E. Lee	W. C. Herbert	W. E. Royer
1958-9	Merritt Edson	W. E. Royer	J. N. Rossen	Norman Ross
1959-60	Merritt Edson	W. E. Royer	J. N. Rossen	Norman Ross
1960-1	J. N. Rossen	J. W. Harbin, Jr.	Bert Wagner	Dick Watson
1961-2	Norman Ross	J. W. Harbin, Jr.	Bert Wagner	Dick Watson