

Newsletter of the Washington Ship Model Society

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WSMS BIG AUTUMN EVENT APPROACHES!! *Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Model Expo*

SKIPPERS CORNER



A good story often is the inspiration for a model. Take the cases of two models brought to our August meeting. Both had a common thread: they were inspired by a father. In one case a client wanted a model of a boat once owned by a Hollywood star whom his father signed-on with. In the other it was a ship that brought a (future) father back from war. Members build ships they sailed in or otherwise have a compelling history. Often that story is needed to sustain the long build time, to provide the drive to try new techniques required by the build. These personal stories often are absent from other types of models and may explain why ship models seem to take "Best of Show" or "People's Favorite" more frequently than one would expect, based on the number of models at a show.

I think people recognize that extra effort needed for ship modeling and why they enjoy seeing our efforts at the many venues we are invited to around the area. I hope you'll share those stories with your completed projects and current builds both at our meetings as well as display tables.

Doug

October at the Museum!

We are again slated to participate in the Maritime Model Expo at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

October's Meeting

1000 Saturday, 03 October, 2015 .

Chesapeake Bay maritime Museum



Directions

The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum is located in St. Michaels, Maryland on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The Museum entrance is nine miles from Easton, MD off MD Rt. 33 West.

Route 33 becomes the main street of St. Michaels (Talbot Street). About half a mile into St. Michaels you will see a Museum Entrance sign on the right, past Cherry Street and past Mill Street. Follow the signs to Museum parking.

Visitor's Always Welcome!

in St. Michaels. Except this year it is being held 3-4 October, instead of in the spring. Part of the reason for the change is that the Expo is being paired with CBMM's 33rd annual Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival. The museum working boats are so salty it will make your eyes rust. Based on previous events its unimaginable that a more enthusiastic and appreciative crowd can be

found than a bunch of traditional craft boat admirers. Again, we are looking for attendees and models. And if you plan to attend and stay over Saturday night, you need to make your hotel reservations soon!

Minutes – 08 August 2015 Meeting

The Skipper noted the two upcoming events the WSMS will be attending. The first is the National Capital Model Soldier Society show on the 19th. Warren has secured space for us to hold our regular meeting for September. We have three tables and a good number of members indicating they will attend with models or projects. The second event is the Maritime Model Expo at The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum on the 3rd and 4th of October. (*More details elsewhere in The Lynx*). Those present at the 08 August meeting brought a lot to share, both projects and resources. Attending were:

Doug Wilde	Roger Frye	Joel Labow
Rick Yorczk	Carl Erickson	Charles Huet
Warren Yaun	Bruce Buchner	Rolf Thoresen
Peter Gutterman		

From Peter Gutterman it was the model of the fishing schooner Oreltha F. Spinney, once the boat of Sterling Hayden. The model started as a Billings Boat kit, a commission for a furniture customer whose dad signed on for a trip with Hayden. As we have come to expect, the model was delightful and welcomed close study.

Charles Huet put in an appearance and brought some neat components for his Samuel B Roberts FRAM Gearing. This time it was the 5" gun houses fabricated of styrene. This was necessary in order to reduce top weight. More intriguing was a 3D printed mast structure from a Perry class frigate. It was quite intricate and impressively large. Charles had Shapeway do the printing. October 9-11 he will be down in Rocky Mountain, NC with the other 1:96 modelers.

Carl Erickson brought another paper model he is working on, this time the Fatherland, which became the Leviathan when the US took it over during WWI. As with Peter's model there is a story behind the build. In this case Carl's father returned from WWI on the Leviathan in 1919.

Joel Labow brought in (another) new addition to his stash, the Confederacy in 1:64. This Model Shipways kit is just incredible and the finished model will be HUGE.

Rick Yorczk brought the O-9 which showed much progress. The stern looked pretty complete and he has started on the deck. Well, it was the second time he started on the deck. He is using Kauri wood and it also looked good. He wondered about the hatches, which prompted a lively discussion on fabrication from wood or brass, repoussé, stamping, or casting. I'm probably looking forward to seeing the complete model as much as Rick is.

Roger Frye demonstrated his technique for building blocks for his 1:48 buy boat. They were very nice and very realistic in that scale. I hope to see a note about this in a future issue of The Lynx.

Rolf Thoresen shared some photos taken from the Kalmar Nyckel of the L'Hermione as the two battled it out on the water. Looked like good sport!

BRIDGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WSMS Elections Past Due

Yes, those dreaded words....! We are way behind on this. WSMS needs a slate for the Bridge. Please consider running or nominating candidates! Provide your inputs to the nomination committee;

Lou Husser

Bruce Buchner

Joel Labow

We need to groom some fresher bodies!

WSMS Volunteer Hosts Needed!

But enough of strange venues full of strangers, where are hosts for the Focus Group meeting? We are entering our third month without one these informal get-togethers. These informal sessions are always great for seeing where our members create their models,

discover an individual's interesting tools and jigs, as well as never before seen



models. So **Please**, someone step forward for October! Previous hosts can testify that we're all housebroken.

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From the Treasurer - Dues reminder

If you have not yet paid your annual dues please send them to:



Ship News Notes

L'Hermione Departure L'Hermione bids Adieu to America. The French frigate L'Hermione set sail back for the coast of France after a summer tour along the American and Canadian coast. Organizers indicate the ship hopes to return to the U.S. in 2018. The voyage included 13 port visits including Yorktown, Mt. Vernon, and Alexandria, Virginia; Annapolis and Baltimore, Maryland; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; New York and Greenport, New York; Newport, Rhode Island, Boston Massachusetts; Castine, Maine; and lastly Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.



Navy War College (NWC) Features "Navies in Miniature" The NWC loaned a temporary exhibit "Navies in Miniature" to be showcased at the Seamen's Church Institute in Newport, where they will have thirteen NWCM models on display. The exhibit opened August 10 and will remain through Dec. 2015.

Source: NHHCH Communication and Outreach
WEEKLY UPDATE - Aug 13, 2015

Cape James (FP 47) Up For Sale Cape James served in WWII with General MacArthur. She has since been restored and has served as both a private and commercial vessel. Specs—Length 115' x Beam 35' | Draft (Max)—9 f



t | Year-1943 | Hull-Wood (Including Douglas Fir)
Power—Main Engines 2x1710 LT Cummins | Alternators-125 amp x 24 Volt | Generators-3406 Caterpillar 45kw 220.3ph, Isuzu 25kw 220.3ph 2xOutback Inverters 3kw each with 24 volt battery banks | Fuel Tanks-1200x2 and 3300x2=9000 gallons total
Learn More: <http://www.thecapejames.com/>

Chinese gunboat Chung Shan She is located at the Zhongshan Warship Museum in Wuhan, China.. Chung Shan was salvaged from the Yangtze River in 1997 and restored to her 1920s configuration.



She is the only ship still existent from the China warlord era. Her colorful history goes back long before her eventual sinking during the 1930's -Japanese invasion of China. I believe a resin kit of the Chung Shan may be available.

MEMBERS NOTES

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

Send comments to Lou Husser at LBHusser@verizon.net

See - <http://makezine.com/2015/08/22/six-now-why-didnt-i-think-of-that-shop-tips/>

#1 would be good for the

Contributed by – Bruce Buchner

See - www.ecardmodels.com/index.php/1-400-s-s-ivernia-cunard-liner-paper-model.html

Ecardmodels (Paper model company) now offers a ship model with interesting historical connection. The famous British Cunard line launched a new ship in 1899, RMS Ivernia. It was given the Liverpool to New York and Boston route to serve the ever growing number of immigrants to the US from Europe. In World War One, the Brits took her as a troop ship for Canadian troops headed for the Mediterranean, but was sunk by U-47 off Cape Matapan in Greece. Ivernia's Captain at the time was William Turner, who had also commanded the Lusitania when she was sunk. Cunard never offered him another command, but was given an Unsinkable office job. Another interesting tid-bit about the ship is that she had the largest funnel ever fitted to a ship, measuring 60 feet (18.28 m) from top to deck. Today a road in Liverpool still bears the name of the doomed vessel, Ivernia Road.

Contributed by – Carl Erikson

I really think we should start a FACEBOOK page for the group. A LOT of publicity, a LOT of info sharing, and it's free. I'd be willing to help moderate it....

Contributed by – Bryon Boyles

Editor's Note: What's your opinion? Let Bryon and the Skipper know

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NRG'S MODEL SHIP WORLD – It is an on-line forum of ship modelers. Topics range from kits to scratch builds, , tips, manufacturer information, technical topics, etc It is well worth a visit! www.modelshipworld.com

Contributed by – Lou Husser

i discovered another nautical term I was unaware of – “spirketing” - Planking consisting of timbers that are heavier than the ceiling and are worked above the waterways in a wooden ship

Contributed by – Lou Husser

Has anyone had problems with emails from Micro Mark announcing orders/shipping that are dupes of previous orders? I have gotten two recently. One a duplicate of an order I made in February and a second an order I made in July but with a new order number. I checked my account with them and they don't list these new orders. I called them a was cut off after a message that their voice mailbox was full. I checked my credit card accounts and there are no new charges associated with these emails.

Contributed by – Charlie Bingay

MODELING TIPS & TECHNIQUES

Tip #1 - Courtesy of the Bluejackets Ship Model April 2015 Newsletter

Units of Scale has dimensions, and is written as x model dimension = y original dimension. In the USA we commonly use inches on the model and feet on the original. As an example, $1/4" = 1'$ means that a quarter of an inch on the model is equal to one foot on the original. This is distinctly different than what is termed scale ratio. Nevertheless, whichever of the two systems are used, they are both still describing the same thing. Therefore, since they describe the same thing, they do have equivalents:

1:48 means the same as $1/4" = 1'$ ($4 \times 12 = 48$)

1:64 means the same as $3/16" = 1'$ ($16 \times 12 / 3 = 64$)

1:96 means the same as $1/8" = 1'$ ($8 \times 12 = 96$)

So remember that $1/4$ scale is NOT the same as $1/4"$ scale.

Tips #2 & #3 Below courtesy of Mr. Randy Biddle, a member of the Ship Modelers Association (SMA)

- "Lawn" is a finely woven, lightweight cotton fabric, good for use in sail making. A source for Lawn is www.fabric.com

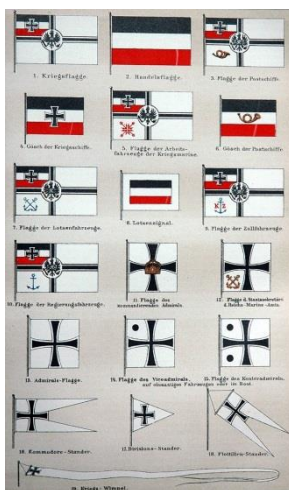
Tip #3

- An excellent source for scale yachts and pond model fittings is www.modelyachtfittings.com The company is based in Florida and offers a selection of turnbuckles models in different sizes. Other fittings include goosenecks, vang, shroud and stay plates and fittings kits for some popular R/C and pond model sailing craft.

Tip#4 Courtesy of Ship's In Scale. Article by Steve Wheeler

The Sep/Oct 2016 issue includes a great article on making very realistic and functional scale shackles. There are really no special tools required outside of what the average ship modeler has on their workbench.

World War 1 Era



German Naval Flags

WSMS MEMBER MODELS PHOTO PAGES

Focus Meeting at Peter Gutterman's Home

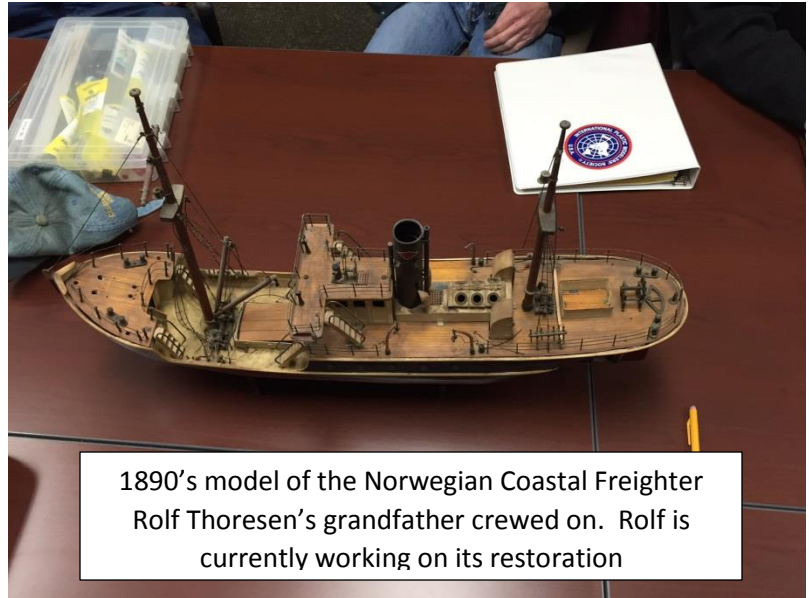


A classic 1940s era pond yacht restored by Peter 48"



Awe struck by Larry's craftsmanship in building the Revolutionary Frigate "Confederacy"

Joel Labow making great progress on his scratch build of the protected cruiser, USS Newark the first modern cruiser in the US fleet



1890's model of the Norwegian Coastal Freighter Rolf Thoresen's grandfather crewed on. Rolf is currently working on its restoration

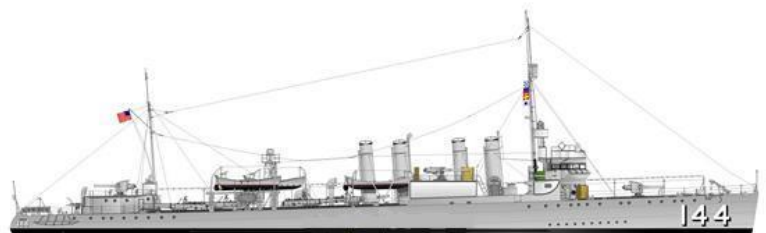
Finally finished and cased!! Lou Husser's SMS Emden, scourge of the Pacific and Indian Oceans



1st Mate John William's 1960's era scratch built Fletcher-Pratt Naval Wargame table-top models



Steve Husser's fantastic recreation of the Millienium Falcon's Hyper Drive
(Psst! Watch for a future lighting tip)



CLASSIFIEDS

USS Constitution model in need of repair

Mr. Bruce Harris, an optometrist from Knoxville, MD (Harper's Ferry) owns a USS Constitution model in need of repair, mostly to rigging and spars. No serious structural damage according to the owner. Photos are available. The model is roughly 38" long, 31" tall and 8" wide. The model is encased in glass but is removable for transport in a mini-van or car backseat.

The base has a brass plate with the notation: USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides," 1926-1927, Paul Hewitt, Richmond, VA. Bruce has no information on Hewitt. The model used to be on display at his Dad's optical shop in downtown DC, where Bobby Kennedy offered to purchase it several times. The ship was also on display in a Navy Department DC office after WWII.

If you are interested, or have information on Paul Hewitt the original builder, please call Mr. Harris:
301/253-9828 (work) 301/834-6726 (home) 301/788-2671 (cell)
Address: 19632 Garrett's Mill Rd, Knoxville, MD 21758

Steve Husser is selling:

1. Harbor Freight Mini-Lathe (metal) plus tools - 400.00
2. Badger (1960s era) mini-wood lathe plus tools- asking 150.00 (hard to find)
3. 1.5" upright belt sander (Unknown make) - 60.00
4. Harbor Freight mini-cut-off saw (good for brass tubing) - 25.00

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NRG Conference to be held in Mystic in October

Look for details on the upcoming NRG Conference in Mystic, Connecticut this coming October.

It should be a great conference. There is now full information on the Conference on the NRG web site for those interested in attending this year's conference.

WSMS 70 Years ago this month

7 September 1935: All Officers reelected to second term. Mr. Lehmanre of the U.S. Coast Guard exhibited to the members eight reels of sound pictures illustrating all phases of Coast Guard Work.