

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

Spring Festivities Are Rolling Along!

**WSMS Participated in the April National Capitol Model Soldier Show
Next Up, the May Chesapeake Bay Maritime Model Expo**

SKIPPERS CORNER



"WSMS Crew,
Well, the election results are in and it is my privilege to serve as WSMS Skipper this year. Roger Frye was elected as First Mate, and Bruce Buchner as

Secretary. Carl Erickson will continue to serve as our treasurer. Together, I hope we can continue to lead the club this year and arrange for members to enjoy many interesting and unique experiences in the hobby. I want to extend a great thank you on behalf of the club to Joel Labow and Bill Black for all of their hard work and efforts these past few years to make the club a success. I hope we can carry on the tradition! As always, a special thank you to Lou Husser for his continued interest and expertise in putting together and publishing the Lynx newsletter! This publication is a big success and is instrumental in helping our club reach not only to our members, but the public in general, to share the work we do and promote our interest in model shipbuilding.

This year, I hope to focus some efforts on recruiting youth into our organization. As always, recruitment can be a challenge, and youthful interest in model building in general is waning, so all ideas are welcome to seek new membership this year. Additionally, I wish to seek out and host guest experts and artists who can attend club meetings or events and present a variety of topics such as marine archaeology, naval architecture, maritime history, maritime art, or similar themes. As an example, we had a successful focus group on April 28th

with acclaimed Baltimore, Maryland maritime artist Patrick O'Brien, who shared his passion, tips, and techniques with the crew. More detail on this event is included herein. All ideas are welcome, so I encourage all members to become engaged, seek out prospective members or guest speakers, connect with Roger or I, and help us to get them on our calendar!

Finally, you will see below some references to our past months activities with IPMS Northern Virginia on April 21, and our upcoming event at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum on May 19-20 in St. Michaels, MD! Great events like these have really helped to strengthen our bulwarks, increase club exposure and reputation, and help peak public interest in recruitment and our club! We hope to have many more events this year and I encourage all to attend for a great time to connect with and learn from each other, and enjoy the camaraderie! Back to the workbench now! The year awaits!

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Joel called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Old Business

The new Bridge for the upcoming year was announced:

Larry Valett – Skipper

Roger Frye – First Mate

Bruce Buchner – Secretary

Carl Erickson – Treasurer and Webmaster

Lou Husser - Newsletter



Joel reminded the members of our Facebook page – Washington Ship Model Society

Larry continues working on some mock up banners for the club. He's collecting photos and graphics which will be combined with a small amount of text.

Next week (4/21) is the IPMS show in Fairfax. Larry will send an email to the membership.

The April Focus Group will meet at Peter Gutterman's home. Details will be sent to members via email. Patrick O'Brien, a noted maritime artist/painter will speak.

In addition to the May membership meeting, the Club will participate in the annual event at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels.

The Club is looking for a new meeting venue in Maryland.

We are also looking to possibly have a focus group visit to the Naval Academy Museum and their model shop in the near future.

Dave Pyatt was voted into membership.

Doug Wilde discussed some possible public outreach opportunities in Alexandria, VA with the recent discovery of three ship hulls found buried on the waterfront.

Show and Tell.

Larry Valett led a 50 minute presentation and discussion on the "Fair America". A large part of the discussion centered on the differences between the model at the Naval Academy museum and various editions of plans from Model Shipway. No actual plans of the ship existed.

Roger Frye discussed and shared using low temperature silver solder to make oar locks for a whaleboat he is finishing. The oar locks are held to the model with Elmer's Glue. He uses a soldering iron instead of a torch. He has also used this method to build harpoon tips.

Bill Kay discussed using a crème Brule torch to join small tubing sections using solder for several small fishing boats he is building. He recommends using the flux they sell with the solder for best results.

Joel shared some tools from his workshop including a planking bender and a photo etch bender. He passed around a 1/48 scale kit of a Brodie stove.

Carl Erickson brought his paper model of the "Ivernia". Carl talked about paper ship modeling and shared a resource: "Paper Shipwright".

(www.papershipwright.co.uk). They have some "free samples" that you can download. Carl recommends using 60 lb. acid free card stock.

Bill Kay discussed the Beaufort, NC boat show (<http://beaufortwoodenboatshow.com/>)

There will be a U Boat model on display of the U-140. It sunk the Hatteras Light Ship on August 6, 1918 (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SM_U-140).

The following members/guests attended:

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| 1. Bill Black | 2. Dave Pyatt |
| 3. Carl Erickson | 4. Joel Labow |
| 5. Rick Yorczyk | 6. Peter Gutterman |
| 7. Larry Valett | 8. Roger Frye |
| 9. Bill Kay | 10. Doug Wilde |
| 11. Warren Yuan | 12. Tim Rulon |

We voted in a new member David Pyatt. Dave has been a model shipwright for many years, was a former aerospace engineer, and lives in Maryland. Carl Erickson volunteered to seek out new meeting space for Maryland club meetings and will report back later. Election results were presented. Larry Valett is new president. Roger Frye is new first mate, Bruce Buchner is new secretary. Carl Erickson will remain as treasurer. Larry Valett gave a power point presentation on the revolutionary war brig Fair American, with information and photographs from the Naval Academy model, the model shipways kits and plans, and Larry's scratch built rendition of the ship. Roger Frye presented his whale boat from the ship Kate Cory. He discussed soldering techniques and challenges in building the exact replica of the whaleboat. Carl Erickson brought a paper model, and discussed tips and techniques in completing same.



Bill Kay's Model within a Model 1



Bill's latest NC working boat project 1



**April Meeting
at the Senior
Center**





BRIDGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Skipper — May 19-20: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum - Maritime Model Expo! 213 N. Talbot Street, St. Michaels, Maryland 21663. WSMS has been invited to participate once again! We will have our table and displays set up in the climate-controlled auditorium for public viewing that weekend! Please RSVP to first mate Roger Frye so we can get a head count of attendees and the models you wish to bring to ensure table space! More details in the following monthly reminders!

Also, I am working with examples for the type, size, style of pop up banners that can be custom made for WSMS to display artwork and photos of Rigs and Rigging. I will work on this project and have some draft artwork completed to show to the group in May.

1st Mate –

Nothing to report

Commodore Wilde –

Nothing to report

Webmaster

The home page of our website is a good place to find updates of the next regular meetings and special interest group meetings or other activities.

Lynx Editor - Members are encouraged to assist with the newsletter by sending him material that can range from a complete article with pictures to tips, websites,

Ship's Clerk - I communicated with our long-term member Gene Larson concerning buying new mugs. He provided me with the artwork and noted that the dates, 1929 - 2009 represent the 80th anniversary of the society. As we are coming up on 2019 this would represent our 90th anniversary!

Also, as we have been discussing purchasing a wearable with logos, here's a few links to different websites for ideas about shirts,, mugs etc.

<https://www.cafepress.com/usnavalsailingassociation>

<https://business.landsend.com>

<https://business.landsend.com/logo-customization>

Let the bridge know if you have any prefereneces.

Purser -

A financial statement was submitted to the bridge. The only activity in April was revenues of \$5 pro-rated for 6 months for new member David Pyatt, and a sale of mug for \$5.

pictures of their work, interesting events..., Note: if any of the material is gleaned (not plagiarized) from other sources, also provide information for the source so appropriate attribution can be made. Also, if any member is looking to sell our purchase a ship-model related item consider using the Lynx's "CLASSIFIED ADS." It's free to WSMS members.

Also, if anyone no longer wants a copy of the Lynx please reply with Drop my Email from your distribution list

WSMS UPCOMING EVENTS

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Annual Model Boat Show

WHERE --- *Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, May, 19 & 20 2018, St Michaels, MD*

From the Skipper,

The CBMM event this weekend is still on, but with some changes due to the weather. I am still planning on going. Saturday we will be indoors out of any rain and Sunday should be better weather! I just plan to dodge the raindrops to get my models from the car to the indoors! Haha!)

Hope to still see you there.

Message from the Event Sponsor

The model guild is disappointed to have to curtail some of the Expo events due to weather.

The Model Guild has been forced to cancel plans for the 40' x 70' fresh-water pond. (Something about a swamp and drainage?!). We will be able to support R/C boating in Fogg's Cove, although there may be some rain drops to dodge on Saturday. Sunday is looking better and the Model Sailing Club will hold its regatta as scheduled, with open sailing before and after.

The indoor exhibits and demonstrations will continue as planned.

Some of you outdoor modelers might consider demonstrating your vessels indoors. R/C models are almost as much fun for folks to see on a table close up as they are running in the water.



WSMS NEWS

Sad News From the NRG

Noted Modeler and Author John H. Harland passed away on May 11 at age 95.

May 8, 1923 - May 11, 2018



NRG LIFE MEMBER John was a frequent contributor to the *Journal* and author of five books. Over the years John was always willing to assist us when we needed to get questions answered that needed an expert. He was always willing and able to help. When the Board bestowed Life Membership to John he was very honored and emotional in his thanks to the NRG and said he wished he had been able to do more for us and the hobby.

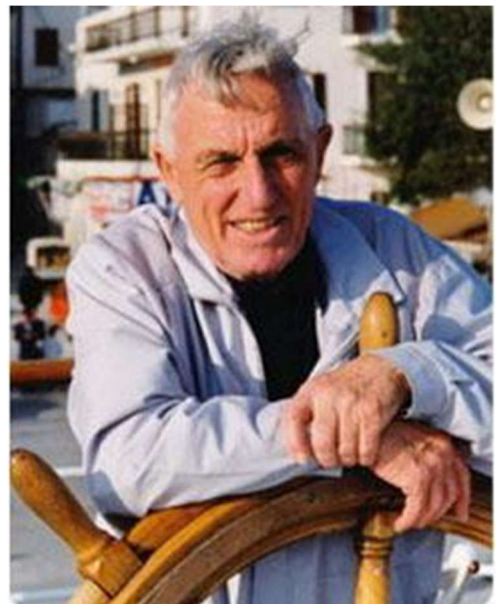
John developed an intense interest in ships and sailors at an early age; and enjoyed visiting the Belfast docklands as a boy and making ship models.

He enrolled as a medical student at Queen's University in Belfast in 1940, but after two years of medical school, volunteered to join the Royal Navy in December 1942.

After a time at sea on a coal burning minesweeper he was promoted Sub-Lieutenant and served on Motor Launches in West Africa and in South Africa where he sailed motor fishing vessels from Capetown to

Durban and served at the Naval Air Station in Capetown. Leaving the Navy as a Lieutenant he returned to university and graduated as a doctor in December 1949. He married Janet Morrison just after graduation, and they immigrated to Kamloops, BC in February 1951 where he worked as a family physician. He trained for his Fellowship in Anesthesiology at Vancouver and Duke University in North Carolina. Joining Underhill Clinic in Kelowna in 1960 as a general practitioner and working as an anesthesiologist at the Kelowna General Hospital, John retired in 1986.

During naval service he developed a special interest in sailing warships and steam whale catchers, which later resulted in book research and publication. John authored five books on maritime history:



Seamanship in the Age of Sail with Mark Myers (1984) Catchers and Corvettes: The Steam Whale Catcher in Peace And War 1860-1960 (with John McKay 1992) The Flower Class Corvette HMCS Agassiz with John McKay (1993) Ships And Seamanship: The Maritime Prints of JJ Baugean (2000) Captains And Windlasses: An Illustrated History of their use at Sea (2003). Translating Peter Kirsch's Fireship: The Terror Weapon of the Age of Sail (2009) from German to English and contributing many articles to nautical journals. Always a prolific reader; in the course of fieldwork he became familiar with several foreign languages reading German and speaking French and Norwegian.

On April 10, 2017 John was presented with the SS Beaver Award by the Victoria-based Maritime Museum of BC, he was recognized for his internationally respected maritime publications that feature advanced knowledge about sailing ship technology. John has donated his entire library of books to the Naval Marine Archive Canadian Collection in Picton, Ontario.

Janet and John were happily married for 68 years. Janet and John travelled much of Europe and Greece from 1970-1990 enjoying memorable holidays. Janet was the love of John's life. John was an intelligent and talented man in the breadth and width of his interests and pursuits including a passion for X-country skiing. John was a true gentleman and a scholar; he was a remarkable researcher, historian and writer and a fascinating person to talk to. John led a long and interesting life and will be missed by family and friends.

Three children: Jan and (Joe), Chris and (Stuart), Jack and (Lise), four grandchildren: Christina and (Dom), Jillian and (Ivo), Ian and Matthew and three great grandchildren: Harlow, Stevie and Leo will never forget this inspirational member of the family.

THANK YOU to the nurses and staff at Central Okanagan Hospice House for their kindness and the comforting surroundings.

"May he have fair winds and a following sea wherever he's bound we shall sorely miss him." There will be a Celebration of Life on Friday, July 6 at 1PM at Springfield Funeral Home, 2020 Springfield Road in Kelowna.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Central Okanagan Food Bank, www.cofoodbank.com, or a charity of your choice.

Your NRG Board of Directors,
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The March WSMS Maryland Meeting Was Our Last to be Held at the National Military Medical Center in Bethesda

By Lou Husser

It must be over 18 years ago that I attended my first WSMS meeting. Our meetings rotate between Maryland and Virginia to accommodate members from these states and ease commuting accordingly. When held in Maryland, they have always been at the what had been the sprawling Bethesda Naval Medical Center; since expanded and combined with the Army's former Walter Reed Army Hospital. Our longer-term members will recall that through our member CAPT Joel Labow, UNS (Ret), who is a pediatrics doctor on Bethesda's staff, was our go to link in keeping a space reserved for us. Initially our meetings were allowed to use a senior staff dining and conference room and then later, a conference room on the Pediatrics' deck at the hospital. For 1st timers to the meeting, and despite Joel's detailed directions, navigating your way from the parking lot thru the labyrinthine passageways to a meeting in that hospital was a challenge. Ask our good member Brion Boyles, a retired Navy Chief Quartermaster! He had so much trouble trying to chart a course that he threatened to never return!



Joel has since *swallowed the anchor* (that's "retired" to you more lubberly readers) and we have had to give up the space. But not to worry! Our intrepid Purser, Carl Erikson, located an alternative Maryland location, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 7730 Bradley Blvd, in Bethesda.

WSMS FOCUS MEETINGS

March Focus Group Meeting Report

During March WSMS held its focus meeting at Lee Herring's house.



April Focus Group meeting Report

By Larry Valette

"On April 28, the WSMS crew held their monthly focus group at Peter Gutterman's house and workshop. Baltimore maritime artist Patrick O'Brien attended as a guest of the club and gave a detailed presentation on his artwork, historical research, topic selection and his process in visualizing scenes. He also shared a wealth of information with members on painting tips and techniques! Club members had plenty of questions and Patrick was gracious enough to share his time and expertise with the crew. Afterwards, he explored Peter's workshop with other members and viewed several ongoing projects on the workbench. Patrick O'Brien's amazing work can be viewed on the web by searching Patrick O'Brien Studios, Baltimore, MD"

WSMS Invited Back By Washington Dc Army Navy Club To Exhibit Models

By Lou Husser

How would you like to have your Navy-related model exhibited here?



Second floor parade corridor of the Army Navy Club (ANC) in downtown Washington DC

The ANC has again invited the WSMS to display Naval-themed owner cases-models in prime locations throughout the club. The models will be accompanied by cards identifying the models and their builders and include information on the Washington Ship Model Society. The time length a model could be exhibited is flexible but for planning purposes the owner should anticipate about a month minimum. The intention is begin exhibiting models beginning in January. Several members have already expressed interest. If you are also interested please contact me by Email at LBHusser@verizon.net or by phone at 540 659-7088 for details.

PS... If you have a model of the USS Hartford, USS Olympia or USS Oregon to display, there are two great locations open for you!

WSMS Participated in the Annual IPMS Northern Virginia Model Classics

On Saturday 29 April the society was represented at the annual IPMS Northern Virginia Model Classics. It is the largest scale model event in the area, and WSMS had two tables manned by our Skipper Joel LaBow, Carl Erickson, and with a welcome stay by long time member Commodore Vince McCullough who had been unable to attend meetings for several months. Models on display were Joel's Fighting top and brass cannon, and Carl's Swedish coastal steamer "Drotten", and the Dutch museum icebreaker/harbor master vessel "Christiaan Brunnings". Pictures located in the Gallery!

WSMS MEMBER'S & FRIEND'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



I recommend lunch at Arties Restaurant!

The food's good and as an added attraction, they have a wonderful clutch of circa 1930's mahogany and brass powerboat models on display. It's located at:

Fairfax Circle Shopping Center

3260 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22030

Rick Yorczyk

/700 HMS Exeter "Battle of the Java Sea" by Aoshima | HobbyLink Japan

This looks like a nice package and new! HMS Exeter as at Java Sea with tripods and twin 4-inch gun turrets as well as a Japanese DD (this is apparently the same DD that actually picked up survivors from Exeter without machine gunning them first). I have built more than one of the Matchbox 1939 versions and always had a hankering for tripod masts and twin 4-inch gun mounts. Should go very well with the Tamiya HMAS Vampire as well as the E Class ship from the same company. I will definitely purchase when availability and finances coincide!

<https://hlj.com/product/AOS05270>

On another note, I was saddened to learn that Hobby Works at Fair City Mall closed their doors. It was a great store with lots of RC and a decent assortment of ships, aircraft & armor. Apparently, their Maryland store is staying open. Here is link to their website: <https://www.hobbyworks.com/>. Back in the 70s we were super spoiled with lots of local (neighborhood) hobby stores. There was even a Squadron Shop in Silver Spring -- that store had everything.

Jack Ray

Interested in modeling Soviet era armored boats?

See - <http://wio.ru/fleet/ww2armorb-d.htm>

Bruce Buchner

Progress on Preserving the Mary Rose

The Mary Rose has come a long way when I first heard of the raising and preservation of her whilst in the mess at Eastney Barracks. (Also HMS Warrior when she was "discovered" as a hulk and then the restoration plans.) Learned a lot in the bar from diverse individuals before and after the evening meal whilst living in the mess!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-43334700>

(Link courtesy of daughter, Sharon Bittner Assistant Faculty Librarian (Humanities, Law, & Criminology) University Library, Portsmouth, Hampshire

Don Bittner

IPMS Atlanta contest

I Went to the IPMS Atlanta contest in February and saw a 1/200 Hood built up. It looked great. Makes me want to do mine. They had over 300 models entered. Nice show.

Bruce Buchner

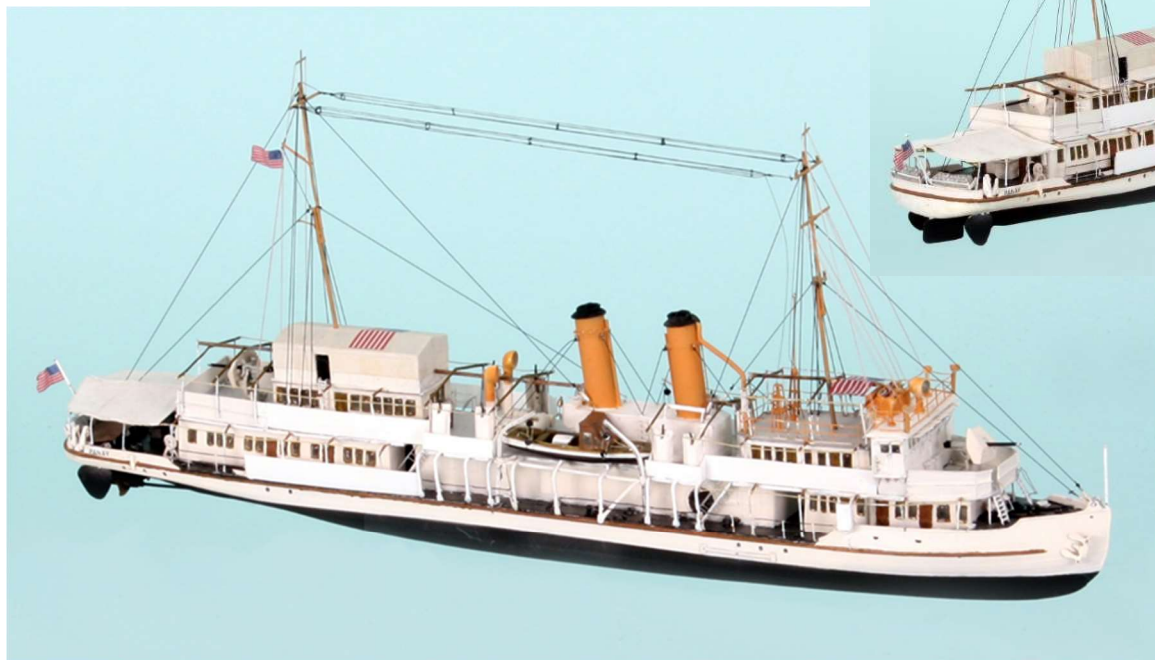
MEMBER PHOTOS

Vince McCullough's USS Panay

Vince is wrapping up his work on the USS Panay. It was started using a highly inaccurate resin kit and could almost be considered scratch-built. Vince conducted extraordinary work on researching how she was configured at the time she was attacked and sunk in an unprovoked pre-WWII Japanese attack on the Yangtze River in China.



Vince's model will be made a part of a USS Panay display at the US Naval Museum located on the grounds of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Vince's next project is a Civil War blockade runner.



Joel Labow's Picture Progress Report on Scratch Building the 1890 USS Newark (C-1)



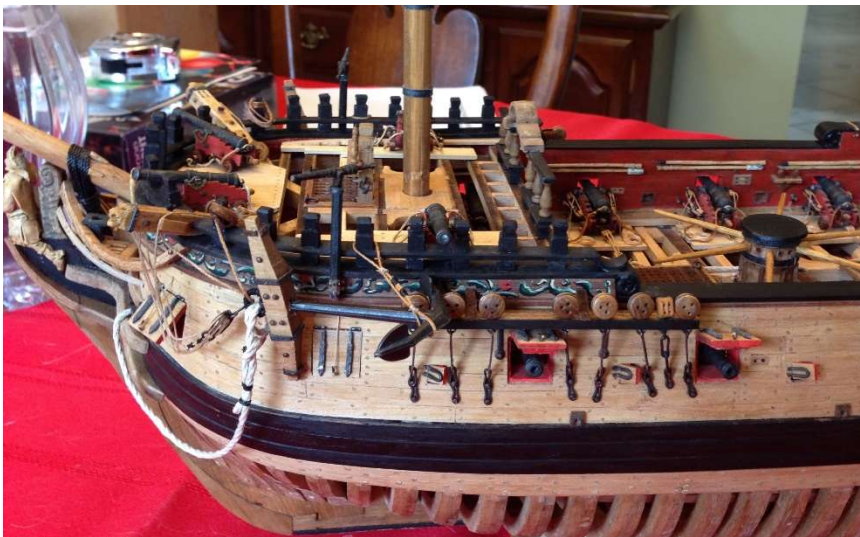
Here are pictures of the Newark having her decks planked. The forecastle and quarterdeck are planked with good quality 1/16 in.² Holly... The gun deck with 1/16" x 1/8" not so high-quality Holly (but it was all I could get at the time.) Most of the imperfections will be covered up by other detail. Trustee Elmers glue Did the trick.



Picture Progress Report on Larry Valett's Fair American
Note the stunning detail especially of the sails!



Picture Progress Report on Larry Valett's Oliver Cromwell



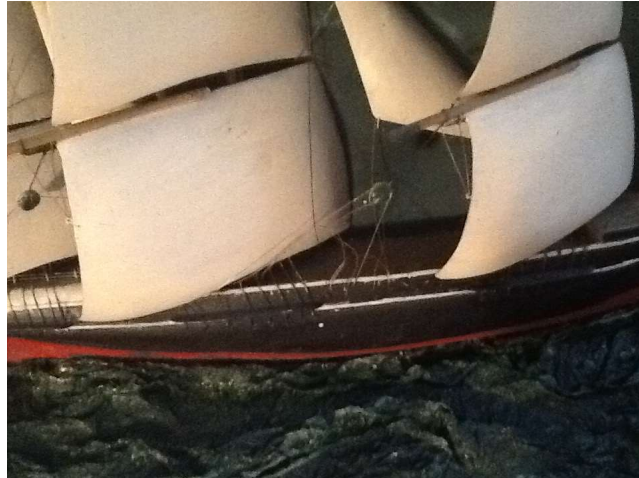
Classifieds

Attached are four pictures of a half model ship on an oil background. Its dimensions are 41 1/2 X 29 1/2 outside and 34 X 22 1/2 on the inside of the shadow box. It has been called "folk art" and is a shadow box diorama. The picture is at least 75 years old and hung above the fireplace in my childhood home. It has been in storage since the 1980's. I do not know any other background.

The wood structure (hull, masts, sails, pilot boat) are in good condition but the lines have deteriorated to the point where many are in pieces and disconnected from the original point of attachment. I'm looking for a sympathetic restoration focusing on replacing the lines in a near correct position. Thanks for your help and advice.

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