

# The Lynx

Monthly newsletter of the Washington Ship Model Society

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## Next Meeting

Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 10 a.m.  
**National Museum of the U.S. Navy**  
**Washington Navy Yard**  
805 Kidder Breese St. SE  
Washington, D.C. 20374-5060

**Entry onto the Navy Yard requires a picture ID.**

### Instructions

Everyone will need to go to the 11th and O Street Gate of the Navy Yard and stop by the visitors center to get a day pass. Everyone driving on the yard will need a current license, registration, and proof of insurance. There is plenty of free parking in front of the museum in any white space. We will rendezvous in front of the museum and enter at 10AM sharp. If you are delayed in arriving by 10AM, come on into the museum and join the tour in progress.

### Directions

Visit the museum's Web site for driving and public transportation instructions:  
[http://www.history.navy.mil/branches/org8\\_Visit.htm](http://www.history.navy.mil/branches/org8_Visit.htm)

## Skipper's Corner

Knock on your wooden ship model first, but maybe winter is finally slipping its anchor!? This transition has come to also mean we are about to begin our busiest period participating in a number of events in both April and May.

### APRIL

#### **TOUR THE NATIONAL NAVY MUSEUM & MUSEUM SHIP**

Our regular meeting instead of being at Walter Reed Military Hospital will be at the **National Museum of the Navy** in the Washington Navy Shipyard in the District. This should be a big turn out and it would be helpful if WSMS members could email me at ([Lhusser@scires.com](mailto:Lhusser@scires.com)) that you are planning on attending (or call, 571 372-3849). Also joining us will be about 13 members of the Annapolis Model Ship Society. The museum staff will give us a guided tour concentrating on their model collection. A short business meeting will be held afterward in one of Museum's classrooms. For those who still haven't had their fill of Navy Sea Stories (*They always begin with the line..., "This is no*

*sh\*\**, *but...*) you are welcome to join me afterwards on a tour of the X-USS Barry, DD- 933. Getting into the Navy Yard will not be difficult. You enter with a picture ID. Also, plenty of parking is available for museum visitors on weekends. For specific details and a map go to the Museum's website:

[http://www.history.navy.mil/branches/org8\\_Visit.htm](http://www.history.navy.mil/branches/org8_Visit.htm)

### **IPMS ANNUAL MODEL CLASSIC 2013 SHOW**

Our focus meeting will take place on Saturday, 27 April at the IPMS annual model show. We will have 3 tables for displaying and demonstrating our craftsmanship. It's also an excellent opportunity to pick up a model kit, participate in some of their excellent workshops and if inclined, enter one of the model contests. I believe we will have at least one entry. Contact Warren Yuan at [wyaun@cox.net](mailto:wyaun@cox.net) and let him know you plan to participate in the IPMS event. <http://cbmm.org/modelexpo/index.htm>

## **MAY**

### **MARITIME MODEL EXPO—CHESAPEAKE BAY MARITIME MUSEUM**

The Model Guild of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, the North American Steamboat Modeler's Association (NASMA), and we the Washington Ship Model Society are sponsoring the 9th Maritime Model Expo on Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19, at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) in St. Michaels, MD. (Note: This will be in lieu of our regular 2nd Saturday meeting). The event offers us pond opportunities to exhibit member models, compete RC craft, and demonstrate our skills. You are welcome to bring family and stay the day or overnight. There will be lots of activities, food, and more. During the event, steamboat modelers will sail RC model boats in a large, temporary pond, while R-C model sailors race and sail their craft along the waterfront. This may even provide an opportunity to have a WSMS Seafood Dinner Night Out. Contact Vince McCullough at [yjmccullough@cox.net](mailto:yjmccullough@cox.net) and let him know you plan to participate.

So please, if you haven't attended any of these in the past make a resolution to attend at least one this year. They really are great fun. Not only does it help with our recruiting efforts, but they are also an educational opportunity to expand your own knowledge and possibly learn some new techniques.

As you will recall, I made several WSMS-related New Year's Resolutions. Here's a status report:

1. Try to re-invigorate the interest of and participation in the Society among those members that we haven't seen for awhile
  - It was great to see some members I hadn't seen for a while at recent business and focus meetings including....
    - ✓ Jeff, John, Peter, Bill, - Good to c'ya guys!
2. Identify attention grabbing topics that would spark more interest in the monthly meetings
  - Conduct a maritime-related road trip
    - ✓ US Navy Museum Tour (more being cogitated on)
  - Meeting Topics
    - ✓ Several demonstrations/talks lined up
    - ✓ Members Auction in planning for September
  - Sponsor a Regional Ship Modeler's meeting
    - ☒ Not yet planned but will be briefly discussed at April meeting
  - Hold a WSMS Awards Dinner
    - ☒ Also not yet planned but a Bridge Agenda topic

As a concluding point, our meetings and events are not for a core few to pursue but something for all of you to become engaged in. If there is something that you think would energize you, tickle your fancy or float your boat let the bridge know!! Our email addresses are posted herein. We want to hear from you!

C'ya Saturday and bring a friend!—Lou

**APRIL 13, 2013, WSMS MEETING AGENDA**  
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**Washington, DC 20374-5060**

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- Ψ 1150 – Skipper’s Remarks
  - Welcome to our Annapolis Ship(*modeling*)mates!
  - Recognition of any New Guests or strikers
- Ψ 1155 - Treasurer’s Report – Jim Reeder
  - Purser’s Assistant position announcement
  - Dues & Initiation fees policy for 2013
- Ψ 1200 – Business Meeting - Doug Beatty
  - Old business
    - WSMS Vote on proposed By-Laws change
    - Rick Yorczyk – Progress report – potential exhibit at Lyceum in Alexandria
- Ψ 1210 - New Business – Bruce Buchner
  - Election Committee Progress Report – Commodores’
    - Bruce Buchner – Head of Committee
    - Mr. Doug Wilde – Committee Member
    - Charles Huete - Committee Member
    - Rick Yorczyk – 1<sup>st</sup> alternate
- Ψ 1215 –Meeting Adjourn

**Upcoming Schedule of Events**

- Ψ Focus Group Meetings (need volunteers)
  - May – ???
  - June - ???
- Ψ Events WSMS Participating In
  1. IPMS Northern VA annual Model Classic contest and show  
27 April, at Fairfax High School
  2. Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Model Expo  
18 & 19 May.
- Ψ Always looking for opportunities/venues to display our creations

## Lynx Links

<http://www.dcshipmodelsociety.org/>  
<http://www.cnc-models.com/>  
<http://mysite.verizon.net/E.L.shipmodeler/index.htm>  
<http://www.papermodel.jp/english/>  
<http://wmunderway.8m.com/home/home.htm>  
<http://www.modelslipway.com/>  
<http://www.boatnerd.com/>  
<http://www.billingboats.com/>  
<http://mysite.verizon.net/vzepsy9w/sealaunchcommander2/>  
<http://www.greatlakesmodeling.com/>  
<http://www.jdproduct.com/>  
<http://www.micromark.com/>  
<http://www.joesmodels.com/>  
<http://www.servicehistorique.sga.defense.gouv.fr/02fonds-collections/banquedocuments/planbato/atlas/rec.php>

### Here is the link for Archer Transfers

<http://www.archertransfers.com/>

Click on the “surface details” link at the top right side of the page to get a list (a long one) of the various types and scales of transfers available. They have weld seams, rivets, louvers, panel lines (for aircraft) and other types. They also have some good videos on installing decals in general, as well as the surface details specifically.

## March 2013 WSMS Meeting Minutes

This document presents the minutes of the Washington Ship Model Society meeting held at the Hollin Hall Senior Center on March 9, 2013.

The meeting was conducted by Lou Husser. Eleven members and two strikers were present. John Reeder has a number of WSMS patches. Distribution is to be specified by Lou Husser. They will be useful for our attendance at the IPMS in April and the Model Expo in May. Lou will try to obtain them for the use by attendees.

Anyone who needs a nametag or mug should contact Gene Larson. To obtain a coin, contact Lou.

A Yahoo communication link has been established by Tim Rulon. It is called dcshipmodel. Visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dcshipmodel/> to join.

A laptop was considered for purchase by the WSMS for use to drive the projector and display pictures of models. This was approved by vote.

Lou will send an e-mail blast with the latest e-mail addresses for checking. Also proposed bylaws changes will be circulated for comment. The April meeting will vote on the new bylaws.

It was agreed to set up support to augment the Purser in order to assure that pertinent information is available.

Rick Yorezyk is investigating a display of our models in Alexandria.

There was a list presented to identify the Election Committee: Bruce Buchner, Doug Wilde, Charles Huet, and Rick Yorezyk.

The next regular meeting will be at the Washington Navy Yard on April 13. Directions will be sent by Lou.

The special interest group (SIG) meetings are the following:

- March 30: Carl Erickson
- The April SIG coincides with the IPMS—see you there!

Lou is working to obtain a visit to the Carderock facility.

The WSMS will display at the IPMS at Fairfax High School on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. Warren Yaun will coordinate.

The WSMS will display at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum near Easton MD on 18 and 19 May. Vince is coordinating and attempting to obtain adequate lighting.

Attendance at the meeting is listed below:

Doug Beatty  
Warren Yaun  
Rick Yorezyk  
Bruce Buchner  
Bill Attick  
Carl Erickson  
John Williams (striker)  
Tim Rulon  
Doug Wilde  
Patricia Woodhouse  
Hugh Moore (striker)  
Lou Husser  
Brion Boyles

—Ship's Clerk, Doug Beatty, 9 March 2013

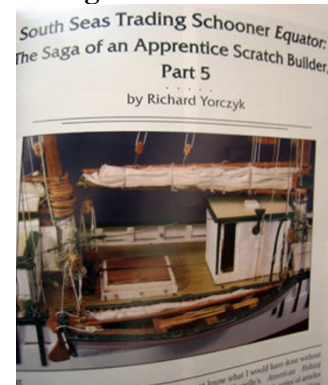
### Show and Tell Photos from the March Meeting



Carl's teeney boat



Tim's RC boat



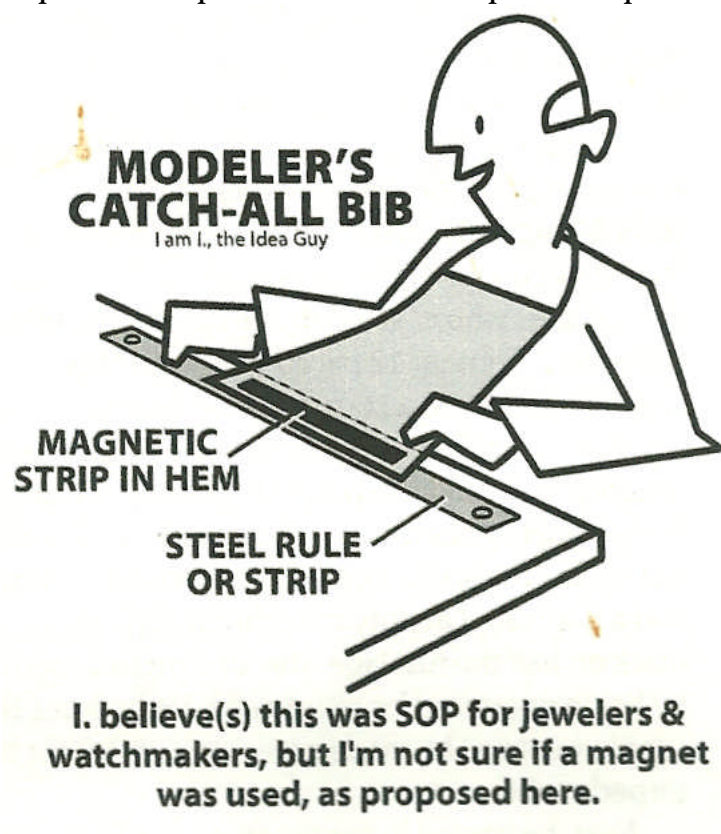
Rick's latest installment

For those of you are that members of the Nautical Research Guild you should have seen by now the latest article by Rick describing his build of the South Seas Trading Schooner *Equator*. Not only is he an entertaining writer but his attention to detail is amazing, just read about how he modeled real operating blocks! Nice work Rick!

### Useful Internet research Sites

Have you ever needed detailed information about US Navy ship's boats? Check out the page on USN boats located on the Historical Navy Ships Association website. It has uploaded *Boats of the United States Navy*, NAVSHIPS 250-452, 1967. It is a Navy catalog of boats and small craft ranging in size from as small as a 9 foot dinghy to as large as a 135 foot Landing Craft Utility. <http://www.hnsa.org/doc/boatcat/index.htm>

The following tip is reprinted with permission from the Cape Ann Ship Modeler's Guild newsletter.



### ***U.S.S. Potomac: A Grand Presidential Yacht***

*by Vince McCullough*

Built by the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, she was launched June 30, 1934 and commissioned on March 2, 1936, as the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Electra*. She measured 165 feet long, had a 23 feet, 9 inch beam, an 8 feet, 1 inch draft, displacing 416 tons and was capable of cruising at 13 knots.

She was later re-commissioned in 1936 as a United States Navy vessel and renamed the *U.S.S. Potomac* to serve as Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Presidential yacht. After FDR's death, the *Potomac* began a long and ignominious decline. After many adventures and many owners—including Elvis Presley at one point—she was seized in 1980 in San Francisco by United States Customs for her role as a front for drug smugglers. Towed to Treasure Island, the proud vessel's hull corroded to the point that one night she sank. After a \$5 million restoration, the *U.S.S. Potomac* was opened to the public in 1995. The Association for the Preservation of the Presidential Yacht *Potomac* located in San Francisco now operates this National Historic Landmark as a memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the momentous times through which he led our nation.



## Model Progress Pages

WSMS Member **Chris Clark**, who lives in Alexandria, VA, finished two flying boats: the Catalina and the Albatross.



Chris built two well-known flying boats in 1/72 scale: Revell's PBY-5 Catalina and Monogram's HU-16 Albatross. Both are old issues of ancient kits, so had to have most of their raised panel lines shaved before painting. The Catalina was airbrushed with Tamiya Flat Aluminium, while the Albatross was spray-canned with Testor's Metallizer. Each model suffered the usual fit issues with gaps and seams common to vintage plastic, along with slight warpage in the wings. With great patience and a light hand, the Catalina's elaborate canopy was trimmed with Bare-Metal Foil. The Catalina's top wing required an entire Testor's jar of Blue Angels yellow (the right FS color wasn't available, but this comes close). Decals were barely useable in the Catalina, but surprisingly fresh

on the Albatross (an '84 issue). Not exactly IPMS show quality, but good hanging companions.

Please send details and photos of your project to [newsletter@dcshipmodelsociety.org](mailto:newsletter@dcshipmodelsociety.org) for inclusion in the *Lynx*.

### Maritime Model Expo, May 18 & 19

If you've never attended the [Chesapeake Maritime Museum's Maritime Model Expo](#), you're missing out! The WSMS is given several tables on which to display our models and show off our modeling skills, and members who are staffing the WSMS exhibits get free admission. The weather is usually beautiful, and the museum—even when there isn't a special event—is a fascinating place with many unique treasures. Visitors attending the museum are friendly and eager to talk to us about our models. Make a weekend of it! The town of St. Michael's is charming, and there are several places to overnight and dine.

Please consider volunteering to help the WSMS with this outreach event. Even if you are unable to attend, please lend us a model to display. [First Mate Vince McCullough](#) is organizing the event; please let him know how you'll be supporting your society.

**We really need your help!**

## Advertisements

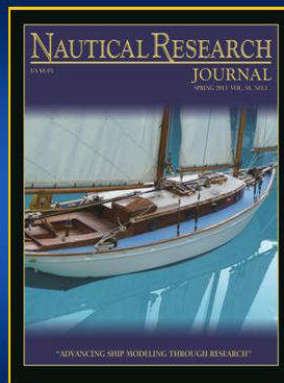
### Want more bang for your buck?

An NRG membership is more valuable than ever! Starting with our Spring issue of the Nautical Research Journal, we will feature a new 80-page format. That means more quality color photographs and articles on ship model building, as well as an expanded Shop Notes section, and features on naval architecture, nautical history, and the maritime arts.

*The annual cost of membership will remain at \$38 US and \$50 for all other countries. Visit our new website at [www.theNRG.org](http://www.theNRG.org) for more information about becoming a member, the Journal, our library sale, and the 2013 Photographic Ship Model Competition & Review.*



**THE NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD**  
“Advancing Ship Modeling Through Research”



I have a “Kurt Star” Carving Machine that I purchased several years ago for carving half hulls. I am making it available to local water fowl and other carvers before I place it on lists such as Craig’s List. It is a large, 200-pound machine (not including the base), capable of carving two duplicate three-dimensional, 10” wide x 20” long objects from a master, similar to the very large carving machines used for decoy and ship model hull blanks. I found I could rough out—ready for finishing—two ship model half hulls in 30 minutes. Using chisels, scrapers, etc., it would take 6 hours for one.

I live in the Mount Vernon area south of Alexandria, so pickup is possible. I am asking \$950.00 for the machine. I cannot find any references to the machine online. It is no longer available, and I cannot find a similar machine for reference. The homemade base, on rollers, is also available for \$100.00.



I can be reached [ELLshipmodeler@aol.com](mailto:ELLshipmodeler@aol.com) or calling 703-360-2111.—Gene Larson

### A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OFFER

**Burton D. Reckles**  
**Houston Maritime Museum**

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Houston Maritime Museum (HMM), a miniaturist & one who loves ship models, I have asked your newsletter editor to allow me to address your club membership model builder to model builder. I want to offer you the opportunity to display one of your models in a newly planned maritime museum, receive a plaque that recognizes your modeling skill, help increase the public’s knowledge & appreciation of our work & last, feel pretty good about yourself for helping a nonprofit organization.

The HMM is initiating the construction of a new museum to be built overlooking the Turning Basin of the Port of Houston. In our planning the board sought to find a unique feature to incorporate in the museum that would differentiate it from every other maritime museum. The unique niche we found was the “ART OF MARITIME



MINIATURIZATION” defined in its broadest & most diverse definition. This includes serious Ships-in-Bottles as well as whimsical & humorous ones. It also incorporates works in light bulbs, vials, vases, you name it. We also include miniatures in other containers like watch cases as well as regular display cases featuring individual ships & dioramas & of course also exotic undertakings like scrimshawed works etc.. We define miniatures as any work in 1/16” scale (1:196) or smaller. As I said it’s a broad & diverse category limited only by the imagination & creativity of modelers & artisans like us.

The museum is asking if you will join with us & modelers from all over the world on this most unique voyage. We would love to add one of your pieces to our entry lobby’s planned 30’ long **GALLERY OF MARITIME MINIATURES**. In return for your contribution you will receive:

1. A colorful maritime motif certificate acknowledging your important gift.
2. Your work will be recognized with a plaque listing its title & your name as creator.
3. As the museum is a non-profit you’ll be entitled to any tax deductions allowed by your local & national governments.
4. Assuming we receive sufficient participation, the museum will approach the Guinness Organization to certify the gallery as the largest diversified collection of maritime miniatures in the U.S. & if so, you’ll receive a letter attesting to your participation.
5. The knowledge that your work furthered the learning, interest, & wonder expressed by museum visitors viewing a world class gallery of our combined work.

We hope you will accept this ONCE IN A LIFETIME OFFER not only because the museum thanks you but to help further the public’s appreciation of the ancient art/craft to which we are each so deeply committed.

A copy of a Deed of Gift form that the museum requires to be completed is also attached to this newsletter. Please duplicate & complete one form for each submission & forward the entire package to the following:

**THE HOUSTON MARITIME MUSEUM**  
2204 Dorrington  
Houston, TX 77030  
Attn: Burton Reckles

Should you have any questions please contact me at [burtryva@comcast.net](mailto:burtryva@comcast.net) or 281 265-2001.



### Special Interest Group Meeting Photos

March 30, 2013

Hosted by Carl Erickson



Carl's decal samples



Peter's *Chasseur*, in progress



Vince's *Wahoo*, in progress

## Pictures of America 1890–1900

These pictures are worth seeing. Some amazingly detailed photography. [Note from the editor: These photos are very interesting—check them out! Hover your mouse over the link, hold down the Control (ctrl) button, and click your mouse. Your Internet browser should launch with the linked photo.]

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004 | 1865 | “City Point , Virginia (vicinity). Medical supply boat Planter at General Hospital wharf on the Appomattox”

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005 | 1890 | Florida . “Brown’s Landing, Rice Creek”\

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006 | 1896 | U.S.S. New York . “Group of sailors” | Edward Hart

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007 | 1897 | “Commodore H.M. Gillig’s racing sloop Vencedor on Lake Erie” | John S. Johnston

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008 | 1897 | “Berth deck cooks, U.S.S. Oregon” | Edward H. Hart

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009 | 1897 | “U.S.S. Massachusetts, fire room” Tending the battleship’s coal-fired boilers. | Edward H. Hart

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010 | 1898 | “U.S.S. Oregon in dry dock, Brooklyn Navy Yard”

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011 | 1899 | “Berth deck cooks aboard cruiser U.S.S. Brooklyn” | Edward H. Hart

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012 | 1900 | “U.S. Battleship Texas, chief petty officers” | Edward H. Hart

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013 | 1900 | Chicago . “12th Street Bascule Bridge”

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014 | 1900 | Charlevoix , Michigan . “Harbor entrance and light house”

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015 | 1900 | “Car ferry ‘Transport’ entering slip, Detroit River “

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016 | 1900 | Florida . “A landing on the Tomoka” | William Henry Jackson

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017 | 1900 | “A bit of country life near Henryville , Pennsylvania — making soap”

[http://i33.photobucket.com/albums/d82/podakuni/Historical/story\\_018.jpg](http://i33.photobucket.com/albums/d82/podakuni/Historical/story_018.jpg)

018 | 1900 | “ Brooklyn Bridge , East River “

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# MODEL BOAT SHOW

**April 14th 2013**

**11 to 4 PM**

**Meineke recreation center  
220 East Weathersfield Way  
Schaumburg Illinois**



**Presented by**

**CHICAGO R/C MODEL YACHT CLUB**

**MIDWEST MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS**

**NORTHSHORE DEADEYES**

**NAUTICAL RESEARCH & SHIP MODEL SOCIETY**

Models will include static and radio controlled boats and ships including radio controlled models of pleasure boats, work boats, tug boats, and sailboats, and many types of static models including magnificent old sailing ships. There will be members of the five participating clubs to answer any questions you may have on model boat building and sailing

**Admission is free  
so come and join the fun**

Information Dick Chvojka 847-639-7894 or [chivk@comcast.net](mailto:chivk@comcast.net)

## Proposed Changes to the Washington Ship Model Society's Bylaws

**Purpose:** To propose an amendment to the bylaws as they pertain to the appointment of an annual nominating committee, charged to develop a slate of nominees for the WSMS Bridge positions of Captain, First Mate, Purser, and Ship's Clerk.

**Discussion:** The bylaws presently require the current WSMS Captain to appoint the nominating committee. This process has proven to be time consuming and cumbersome. As an alternative it is being suggested that the off-going Captain and his previous two predecessors in good standing be automatically appointed as the nominating committee. Following is the current version of the bylaws approved in 2011

### VI. Officers

(c) The Captain shall appoint a Nominating Committee at the regular meeting in April of each year which shall form a list of nominees for officers. Candidates provided by the Nominating Committee will be proposed to the membership at the regular meeting in May to which will be added any additional nominations from the floor. Election of Officers will be conducted at the regular meeting in June. Each Officer must be elected by majority vote of all Active Members present.

Following is the proposed change to the bylaws

(c) The Nominating Committee will be composed of the three previously elected Captains (termed Commodores) still in good standing. The Senior Commodore will oversee the committee's formation and announce its appointment at the regular meeting in April of each year. The committee will be responsible for developing a list of nominees for officers for each Bridge position. Candidates provided by the Nominating Committee will be proposed to the membership at the regular meeting in May to which will be added any additional nominations from the floor. All candidates must be in good standing with respect to dues. Election of Officers will be conducted at the regular meeting in June. Each Officer must be elected by majority vote of all Active Members present.

### Rules for Amending the Bylaws

#### VIII. Amendments

- (a) Any Active Member of the Society may propose an Amendment to these Bylaws.
- (b) A proposed Amendment shall be submitted to the Bridge for consideration. The Ship's Clerk shall mail a copy of the proposed amendment to the Active Membership.
- (c) The proposed Amendment shall be voted on at the next regular meeting. An affirmative vote by two-thirds of the Active Members present shall be required for approval.

### WSMS ELECTION PROCEDURES

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#### Bridge Officers Duties

Extracted from current bylaws

1. The **Captain** shall have general supervision over the Society, preside at meetings, call special meetings and appoint committees.
2. 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.
3. 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 the mailing of the monthly meeting announcements, which may be in the form of a newsletter prepared by the Clerk or by a Newsletter Editor.
4. The **Purser** shall collect and disburse all monies of the Society and render a report of the finances at each regular meeting. 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.



# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 WSMS Regular Meeting Navy Shipyard
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 IPMS Fairfax High School
28 Newsletter Deadline	29	30				