

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

March Meeting Notes, 2013



Meeting Commencement:

Meeting on Saturday, March 16th got underway in our usual location aboard the Eureka. There were 6 members in attendance. Leo Kane moderated/presided and Clare Hess took notes.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Paul Boot reported that we have \$489.45 before new expenses were paid out to Paul R. for club decals and Clare Hess for Gracie S. rigging line.

Gracie S. Report:

The rigging is going on the Gracie S. and Paul Reck started making the blocks that will be going onto the model. The club purchased Amati rigging line from the Amati dealer in San Lorenzo, Ages of Sail. Bruno made and mounted the ships bell located on the bowsprit bits.

Announcements:

Paul Reck brought in the club decals and these were handed out to members present. All members get one free. Additional decals will cost \$1. Treasurer Paul Boot is in charge of the supply and they can be obtained from him.

Paul Reck announced that he was contacted by someone who has several completed ship models to give away that need restoring and two that also need restoring, but that the owner wants to keep. These are a mix of old solid hull models from kits.

South Bay Model Shipwrights, through their member Patrick Maloney, is looking at hosting a ship model display aboard the Jeremiah O'Brien this Summer as part of its 70th anniversary celebration, which takes place from June 19th through the 26th.

Show and Tell Segment

Paul Reck brought in his model of the galley cutter *Lee* of Benedict Arnold's navy. The cutter was built on Lake Champlain in 1776 and participated in the Battle of Valcour Island. Paul's model is plank on bulkhead construction at 3/8" scale (1:32, same as the Gracie S.). He now has the sweeps attached and stowed at the channels after determining that this is the most likely location for them.

Clare Hess brought his model of the Paddlewheel gunboat *USS Saginaw*, which was the first ship built at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. Launched in 1859 and originally named the *USS Toucey*, after the Secretary of the Navy at the time, she was built for the China station. The model is in 1/8" scale (1:96) and built using plank on solid hull construction.

Jerry Bellows brought his *Shamrock II* model that he's been working on. The *Shamrock II* challenged the *Columbia* in the race for the America's Cup in 1901. The boat was one of five America's Cup Challengers built between 1899 and 1930 (All named *Shamrock*) that were owned by Sir Thomas Lipton, whose long standing efforts to win the America's Cup were never successful, but made his tea brand famous in the US. The model is 1:120 scale solid hull kit.



America's Cup Challenger *Shamrock II* in 1901

John Nash brought in two kits that he may be willing to part with. The first is an old Model Shipways kit (yellow box kit) of the tugboat *Despatch #9*, the second is an old Scientific Models kit of the *Cutty Sark*. Contact John if you're interested.

Technical Discussions

Leo Kane led a short technical discussion on making gratings and Paul Reck led a second technical discussion on blocks and their relations to line sizes, also showing blocks that were made for the *Gracie S.*