

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

July Meeting Notes, 2015



Meeting Commencement:

Meeting was held on Saturday, July 18, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. aboard the *Eureka*. Paul Reck, Dave Wingate (taking notes), Bob Stark, Dick Stark, Warren Gammeter, Jerry Bellows, Tom Shea, and Leo Kane in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Paul donated \$50.00 to Educational Tall Ship as approved at the last meeting, leaving a balance of \$756.78 in the treasury.

Gracie S. Report:

Paul reported the model was delivered to the museum with Terry's assistance. Paul received a Deed of Gift formalizing the transfer. Richard is making a plaque for the model based on information we provided (and presumably on further research concerning the subject). The plaque should give credit to HSPMS and include the club logo.

Web Report:

Dave reported that blog traffic in the month of June was 23 visitors and 89 views. So far in the first 18 days of July, blog traffic is 31 visitors and 102 views which puts the blog on pace to have its highest traffic month so far. July visitors are located in USA, Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, France, Poland, and Denmark. About 70% from USA. Most blog visitors referred by Google, about 1/4 referred by Facebook.

There have been four posts on our Facebook page since the June meeting, reaching 320 Facebook users.

Dave proposed a new blog post about the *Gracie S* comprised of photos Bruno posted on Facebook (some time ago) and new photos of the completed model in the museum. The group approved of the idea.

Announcements and Club Business

Annual Picnic Paul sending out an email with information about the BBQ scheduled on August 15 in lieu of the monthly meeting. Everyone is encouraged to pick a food to bring and coordinate with the group to insure a diversified menu.

Sightseeing Cruise Leo reported interest in a cruise on the historic presidential yacht *Potomac* by at least 6-7 members (possibly double that number counting family members). We need 20 people to get discount rate of \$45/person. The regular rate is \$50/person. Leo polled group on possible dates: August 8th or September 12th. Slightly more in favor of September 12, so that will be the date. Cruise is from 10:30 to 12:30 without food service. Lunch after the cruise near Jack London Square in Oakland is planned.

Post Meeting Update: The date chosen is no longer available and we will be discussing alternative plans in upcoming meetings.

Other News Tom Shea reported that HSPMS received a \$24.00 check in the mail from an unidentified sender. The name of the payer on the check is Touch Inc. The envelope has a return address of the firm Lapidos, Leung & Francis. Does anyone know who sent this?

Show and Tell Segment

There always more to this segment of our meeting than what appears in the notes, as the notes are generally limited to physical things that people bring in. Please keep bringing your project work so we can share about them with everyone.

Paul Reck and **Tom Shea** showed the Morris 52 yacht *Audacity* they are scratch-building together. It has been a challenging project due to the complex design of this sailboat.



The full size boat is fiberglass with a teak deck, which has been painstakingly replicated on the model (note the complicated curves of the deck, nibbing, deckhouse, etc.) Paul and Tom

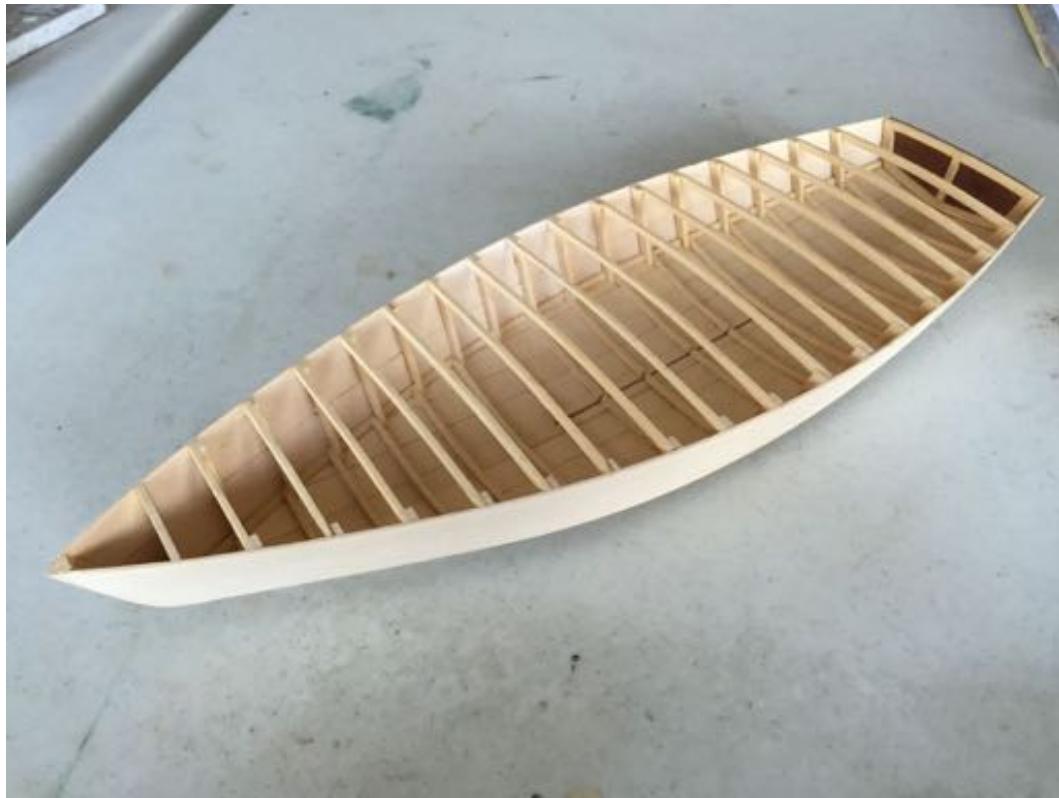
discussed the difficulty of matching teak (teak oil was used to get a good result) and the importance of choosing wood carefully when using teak because the dark grain can be a problem at this scale. The hull has received at least ten coats of gloss black Rustoleum.



Hull striping is self-adhesive vinyl. Finish coat has not been applied yet. There was discussion of other small details such as windows, steering wheel (and jig used to build it), bow thruster (with tiny propeller inside), winches, skylight and hatches (not built yet).

The next step is to install the mast, boom, and rigging. Paul noted that the full size boat is highly automated with some computer-controlled trim functions (like the hydraulic boom vang) and much of the rigging inside the hull.

Dave Wingate showed the Lightning class sailboat he is building. All the hull frames and deck frames have been installed. Deck frames have been sanded to accept decking. Paul and others advised on next steps: additional framing, centerboard trunk, deck, priming and painting.



Bob Stark reported on his Friendship Sloop project. He needs to have his plans doubled in size.

Dick Stark showed a Northeastern Scale Models Inc. half-hull plaque kit of the 1857 medium clipper ship *Black Hawk*.



Dick also reported on his recent visit to the Rosie The Riveter Museum in Richmond. A highlight was the talk given by a 93-year-old woman (the oldest living National Park Ranger) who worked in the Richmond shipyard during World War II. Dick recommends this museum highly.

Warren Gammeter reported on his build of Donald McKay's 1851 *Sovereign of the Seas*, showing photographs of a merman figurehead that he is modifying and related reference photos.



Warren also showed photos from his recent trip to Boston. He was unable to tour the *U.S.S. Constitution*, which was in dry dock, but he did visit the museum at the Charlestown Naval Yard. Warren also visited the Museum of Fine Arts which has a beautiful painting of the *Flying Cloud*, which someone said could be titled "The Sailmaker's Dream."



Jerry Bellows reported on the Potomac. Bob is looking for plans of the yacht. Jerry said they don't have them. Paul suggested checking with MIT.



Tom Shea showed the Niagara. After many days of work, the deck has been installed and it looks great.



Did we miss anything? Let me know at catopower@mac.com.

**Next meeting is Saturday, July 18th
9:30 am Aboard the Eureka**

Please bring your projects to share and discuss!

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