

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

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Small Changes in Format

Welcome, fellow ship modelers, Hyde Street Pier fans and others, to a slightly revised format for our monthly report.

Beginning with this first issue of 2016, I thought it might be nice to change things up just a tad by taking our monthly meeting notes and making a basic newsletter out of it. This way, not only do you get a report about the last meeting, but we can report on general goings on.



Please direct any comments on the format, content, etc., to the editor, Clare Hess. Also, If you have any announcements or whatnot that you'd like included, please forward them along.

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, January 16
9:30am aboard the Eureka**

Dues are Due!

Just a reminder to bring your dues to the next meeting. Ideally, you should bring \$24 in exact change to be collected by Paul Reck. If you have to bring a check, make sure it's payable to Paul Reck as we don't have our own bank account.

December Meeting Notes:

The December meeting took place on December 19th, less than a week before Christmas, and several people were notably missing, including our usual meeting moderator Leo Kane. Our meeting started

Treasurer's Report:

Paul Reck noted that there were no changes in our treasury. An exact balance wasn't available at the time of this writing.

Web Report:

Our web site traffic was up in November, with the largest amount of visitors and views, so December was down a bit closer to our monthly averages. Our site, hspms.wordpress.com had 74 visitors in November and 37 in December.

The November surge was likely directly linked to Mark Rosenbush's post about the library talk on the brig Pilgrim. We could always use some more of these.

Meanwhile, Facebook likes were at 141.

Announcements and Club Business

Park News:

Paul was approached by someone with the Park about a couple club members potentially building 3 or 4 models that be handled by the public. These would be a paying commission. Paul will find out more details about exactly what is needed.

Safety Training 2016

A new mandate was just handed down to Park management, and that is Safety Training. All volunteers are required to undergo safety training. There are weekday sessions scheduled and all volunteers must commit to one of these sessions or to a future session which will be set up for those who volunteer on weekends, i.e. us.

Paul said he would submit a letter to Terry to state that our members agree to attend a future session, exact date TBD. This will probably take place on one of our scheduled meeting dates. We will keep the membership posted on when this will be. Please be prepared to set aside that day once it is announced.

2016 Calendar

Clare explained lack of calendar progress partly due to the holiday hubbub, but also general lack of good ship model photos. He said he would be working on a January release.

Our Shop and Library / Donations to the Club

Mark Rosenbush reported on the progress of the cataloging of the books and we had a brief discussion about setting up check-out requirements for the books and also for requirements for people taking up any of the model kits that have been donated to the club.

Mark will try to have the catalog done by our January meeting.

Show and Tell Segment

As always, please keep bringing your project work so we can share about them with everyone. This report is still generally limited to describing actual models or object brought in. But, with only two model brought in this time, we're starting with a list of updates from people.

Paul Reck reporting that he and Tom are working hard on the Pat Pending, a $\frac{1}{2}$ "-scale model with lots of cabinetry up top, and lots of parts. They are working on the inside of the Pilot House now.

Dave Wingate reported that his Lightning class sailboat is ready to paint, and he filled us in on the issues he's had with a Paasche spray booth he bought, finding out that there is a problem with the fitting together of the panels – apparently a feature of all of them. He ended up sending it back and will be working on making his own spray booth.

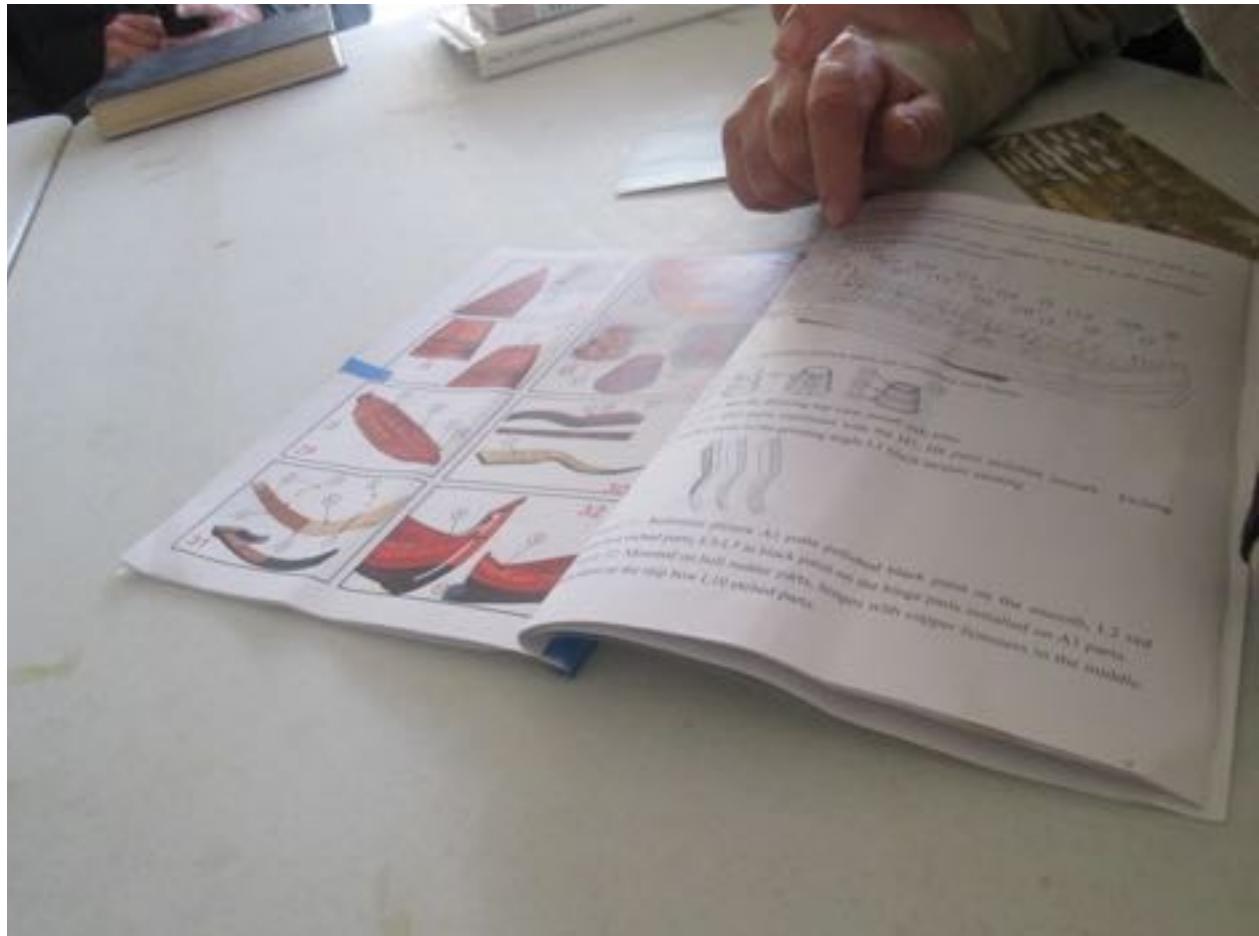
Warren Gammeter has been trying to decide on how he's going to mount the figurehead carvings he's been making for his Sovereign of the Seas. He showed us how he's looking at bolting them on now.

Tom Shea brought in one of the few items to actually show off, his Marmara boat, on which he had the hull finished, and the model is looking really nice. This is a 1/48-scale model of a clinker-built Turkish trade boat that operated on the Sea of Marmara, which separates the Black Sea and the Aegean Sea.

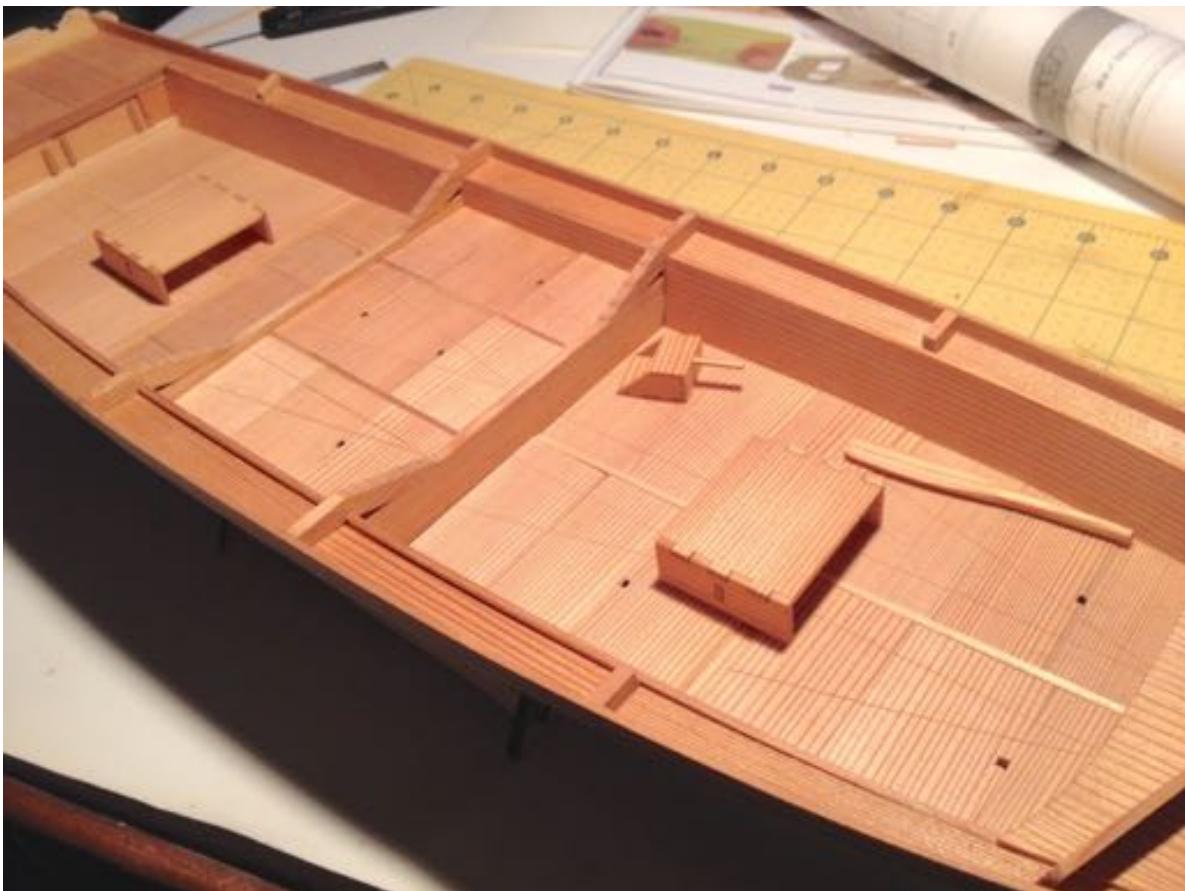


This appears to be a Chinese made kit that he bought online from a Russian seller. The instructions are well illustrated, and Tom has been doing a wonderful job building it.

Tom showed us one of the upcoming issues he's going to be tackling, which is some scroll work done on etched brass. This will probably require painting the entire piece and then sanding or scraping the paint away from the raised surfaces, leaving it in the recessed areas.



Clare Hess continued the showing of model kits with non-English instructions with his recently acquired model kit of a traditional Japanese 20-foot fishing boat. The kit is called the Tosa Wasen, literally translates to Traditional Japanese-style boat from the Tosa area. It is a 1/10-scale model from Japanese company that makes glider model kits. This is the only boat model the company makes, and it's not even listed on their website, which made the kit a bit difficult to track down.



As with kits he's recently built from the Japanese manufacturer Woody Joe, the kit features a heavy use of laser-cut parts and a very well illustrated instruction booklet.

He described some of the features of the boat, such as the laser-etched mortises, which on the real boat made room for the nails that were used to edge-fasten the hull planks together.

One feature of this model kit is that it's made from the same materials as the real boat, so most of the kit is made from Japanese cedar, called Sugi, with some parts made from Japanese cypress, or Hinoki.

The kit was started late November and should be completed by the January meeting.

Since there were no other models to show, here are some action shots...



I tried to include one of Paul, but MS Word refused to let me drop it into the document...

Upcoming Dates to Remember

NRG Conference, San Diego – October 6,7,8

Hyde Street Pier Safety Training – TBA

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

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Please bring your projects to share and discuss!

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