

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

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Safety Training Completed

A big “thank you” to all our members for your participation in the Park’s Operational Safety Training program. I’m sure we’ll be discussing ways that we can implement what we learned in our model shop at upcoming meetings. But, in any case, it was good to see everyone participating.

Also, Paul Reck wishes to express all our sincerest appreciation to Terry Dorman, who takes such good care of us, and even went out of his way to provide us with a catered lunch of Chinese food after our training session!



**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, May 21
9:30am aboard the Eureka**

Why We Meet Aboard the Eureka

Our ship model club meets aboard the Eureka where we maintain our model workshop. One of the reasons for this is to be able to provide some PR for the park, but not just by the presence of our workshop and models, but by our direct interaction with the public. Of course, we can only do this if we have people at the shop, and right now the shop mostly sees the same 2 or 3 people using it.

So, at our next meeting, Paul Reck would like us to consider ways we can provide regular staffing. Perhaps a sign-up roster or some way for us to make sure we have someone there every Saturday morning, particularly in the busy Summer months. Please think about this and bring your ideas to the next meeting so we can discuss them.

Last Minute Reminder from the Ages of Sail Shop

As announced in the last newsletter, Ages of Sail, located in San Leandro, is opening up an expanded retail showroom a Grand Opening scheduled for Saturday, May 14th, from 10 AM to 2 PM, with free refreshments, door prizes and special discounts for the day. Again, all ship modelers are invited to come by and check out the place and to participate. There will be various people from different clubs stopping by, so it's a good opportunity to see some new faces (not that there's anything wrong with the old faces...).



Japanese Model Boats Display Moved to July

Clare's Japanese Model Boats Display has been rescheduled to take place in July now instead of May. Again, this is the window of the Union Bank Community Room inside the Japan Center Mall. The display will feature four models of traditional Japanese watercraft with information about the models and the boats they represent. This is the fourth and largest version of this display yet.

South Bay Model Shipwrights Club at the San Mateo County Fair

As you have heard, the effort to set up a ship model display at this year's San Mateo County Fair, that was headed up by the South Bay Model Shipwrights, has been cancelled due to limited lead time and models. We had been asked to participate, but before we could discuss it, the effort was cancelled.

So, the effort has now morphed into a "manned" table/booth with a couple kits under construction, one or two ship models on display, ship model club literature, and one or two people answer questions about ship modeling. It's not clear yet if this is going to be a ship model construction demo, though the County Fair people did suggest that as a possibility.

HSPMS has not been formally asked to participate, but that may happen soon. The San Mateo County Fair runs from June 11th through June 19th.



April Meeting Notes

Meeting was held on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. aboard the *Eureka*. Members present: Dan Canada, Warren Gammeter, Leo Kane, Paul McKenzie, Dale Rappleye, Paul Reck, Mark Rosenbush, Tom Shea, and Dave Wingate (taking notes).

Treasurer's Report

Paul Reck reported no expenses during the past month; current balance is \$754.40.

Announcements and Club Business

Club BBQ

Leo and Paul R. offered to host the BBQ this summer. Consensus is to have it at Paul's house again this year. Details to be discussed at the May meeting.

Other Business

Ages of Sail is opening a new retail storefront adjacent to their old location in San Leandro. The grand opening will be on May 14, 2016. See Clare Hess for more info.

Show and Tell Segment

Tom Shea showed the 1:16-scale whaleboat he is building now. This is being built from one of the model kits that was recently donated to the club. The basswood hull was formed on a mold that he borrowed from Leo Kane, who made one several years ago when he built a similar model. Tom has been "stressing" the finish with various paints and aging liquids.



Tom Shea's whaleboat hull and the mold it was constructed on.

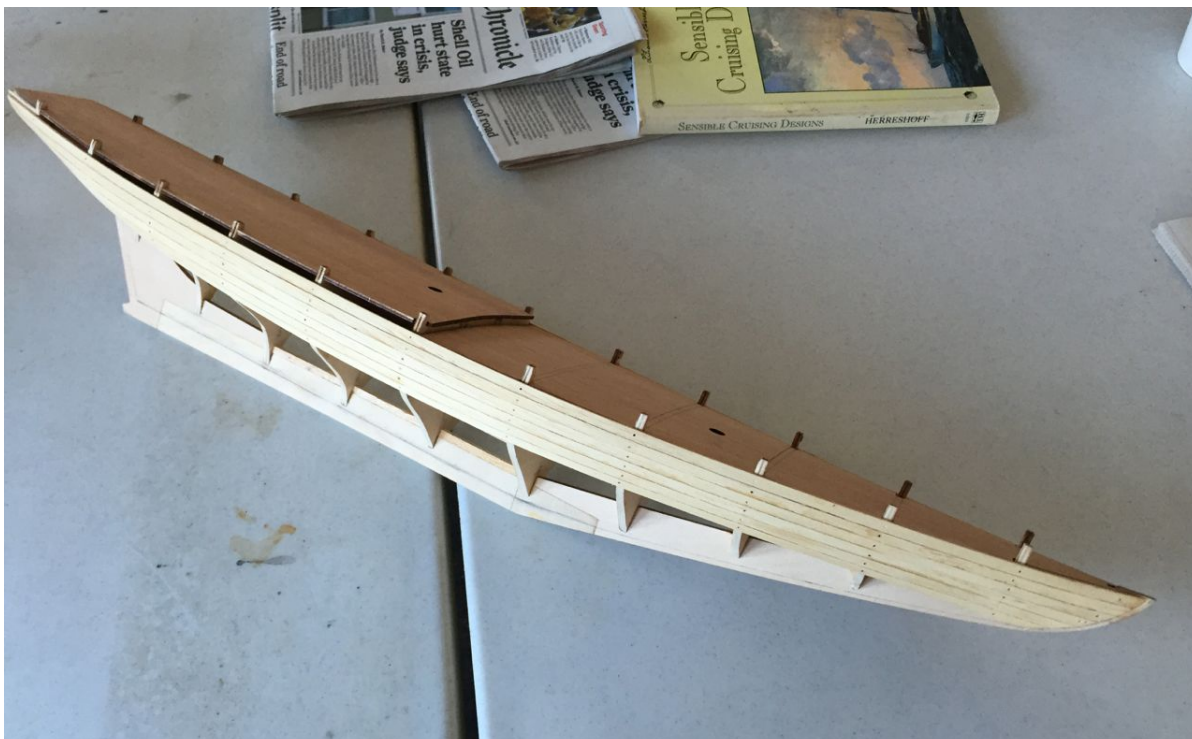
Warren Gammeter, speaking of whaleboats, showed a set of three tiny whaleboats for the 1:96 *California*. Warren described how he used a Dremel tool to hollow out the hulls and showed various bits and a pistol grip attachment he used. Warren also showed a small block of maple like the ones he used to carve the whaleboats. He also showed us some pictures taken at Mystic Seaport and a digital slide copier he bought recently.



One of Warren Gammeter's 1:96-scale scratch-built whaleboats

Paul McKenzie donated a book to the club's collection: *Sensible Cruising Designs* by L. Francis Herreshoff.

Mark Rosenbush showed the Bluenose model which is he is planking now. He discussed how he is pre-drilling the basswood planks to prevent splitting and using bulletin board push pins to attach.



Mark Rosenbush's Bluenose model.

Paul Reck showed the anchor hoy he is building now. Paul explained how this 55' Navy workboat of 1812 was used to transfer anchors and water to ships in harbor. He is scratch building this 1:48 model from plans found in Grimmwood's *American Ship Models and How to Build Them*.



Dale Rappleye showed the 1:64-scale Armed Virginia Sloop he is building from the Model Shipways kit. The first layer of hull planking is done. Dale reports that his family thinks this is a good hobby for him and they have bought a few more kits for him to build. Several members suggested asking for tools instead of kits.



Dale Rappleye's Armed Virginia Sloop.

Special thanks to Dave Wingate for taking notes and photos at the meeting!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Ages of Sail Grand Opening – May 14

San Mateo County Fair – June 11 to 19

Japanese Boat Model Display – Month of July

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

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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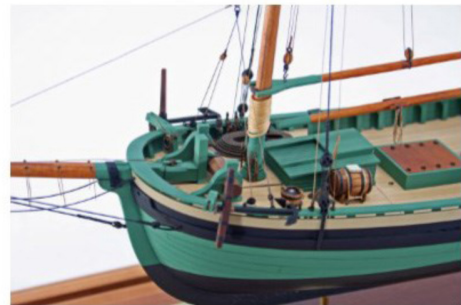
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