

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

It's December, and time for our last meeting of the year. It's our final opportunity of 2016 to meet with our ship modeling comrades, catch up on each other's work and get inspired for the new year. Here's hoping that Santa brings all our ship modelers something nice for Christmas.



**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, December 17
9:30am aboard the Eureka**

NRG Membership Fees Going Up

If you are interested in joining the Nautical Research Guild, or if you're already a member and need to renew, this is your last chance to pay dues before the fees go up! Membership, currently at \$48/yr will go to \$50/yr on January 1st. Join or renew now at <http://www.thenrg.org>.

Dues Due in January

Speaking of dues, it's a good time to remember that our own club dues will be coming up in January. Fees haven't changed and are still at \$24/month.

New Member

Please welcome our newest member, John Kennaugh of San Francisco. John is a woodworker who saw Clare's Japanese boat display in Japantown and came to our November meeting to check us out and has since joined our ranks. Welcome aboard, John!

November Meeting Notes

Meeting was held on Saturday, November 19, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. aboard the *Eureka*. It was another rainy day gathering, but several diehards managed to show up, and we ended up with 7 members and one guest/new member, John Kennaugh, in attendance.

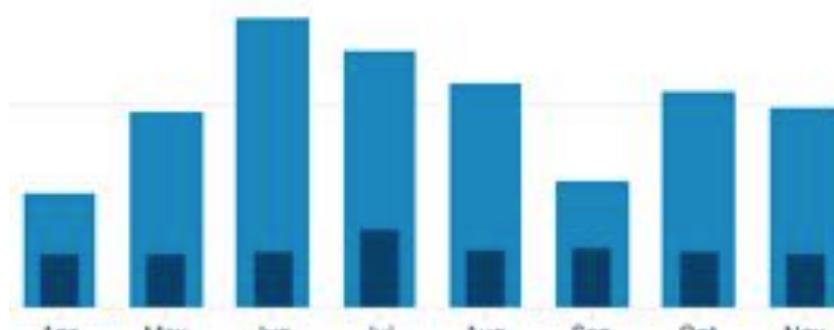
Announcements and Club Business

Treasurer's Report

Paul reported no treasury activity for the month.

Web Report

Clare Hess reported on activity on our web/blog site, <http://hspms.wordpress.com> and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hydestreetpiermodelshipwrights. Visits to our web/blog site are pretty steady now at around 40 visitors per month after it peaked at 57 visitors in July.



Dark blue represents visitors, light blue are page views

The majority of our visitors are from the U.S., but about 1/3 are international visitors, with a lot of interest from Italy in November.

On Facebook, we stand at 164 followers (likes).

John Ferguson Leaving

Paul Reck announced that John Ferguson is relocated to Sydney, Australia for good. In fact, by the time you read this, he will have moved. We haven't seen a lot of John due to his moving back and forth between Sydney and Mill Valley, but over the years, he's been a participating member and active ship modeler. We hope he'll come and visit us again soon.

Group Project Suggestion

Paul Reck also brought in drawings from the Historic American Engineering Record, or HAER, of the Sloop Yacht Kathleen, built in 1904. He suggested that this might be a nice group build as a follow up to the Gracie S. for the maritime museum.

Show and Tell Segment

Due to the bad weather, we mostly had verbal progress reports, and only one model at show and tell. But, it was a very nicely model of a Sakonnet Daysailer by Paul McKenzie.

The original Sakonnet Daysailer was designed in 1937 for the Sakonnet Yacht Club in Little Compton, Rhode Island. The model is a ½"-scale model built from now defunct Midwest series of boat kits.



Paul's beautiful model was finished with Bullseye shellac with an amber tint on most natural wood surfaces. The sail was cut from a sheet with lines drawn in pencil.

Warren Gameter brought in the fishing net handle he's been working on and discussed the difficulties in cutting a groove in the edge for the net. Unfortunately, no photo is available of the work.

The current weather forecast suggests that we'll see a little sunshine on Saturday, so hopefully, we'll see some more member projects at our next meeting!

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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