

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

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Happy New Year from HSPMS!

Our first meeting of the year is coming up on Saturday, January 20th. Hope you've made your new years' resolutions. I hope one of them is to build more ship models!



With a wish for smooth sailing in the new year!



Dues are Due

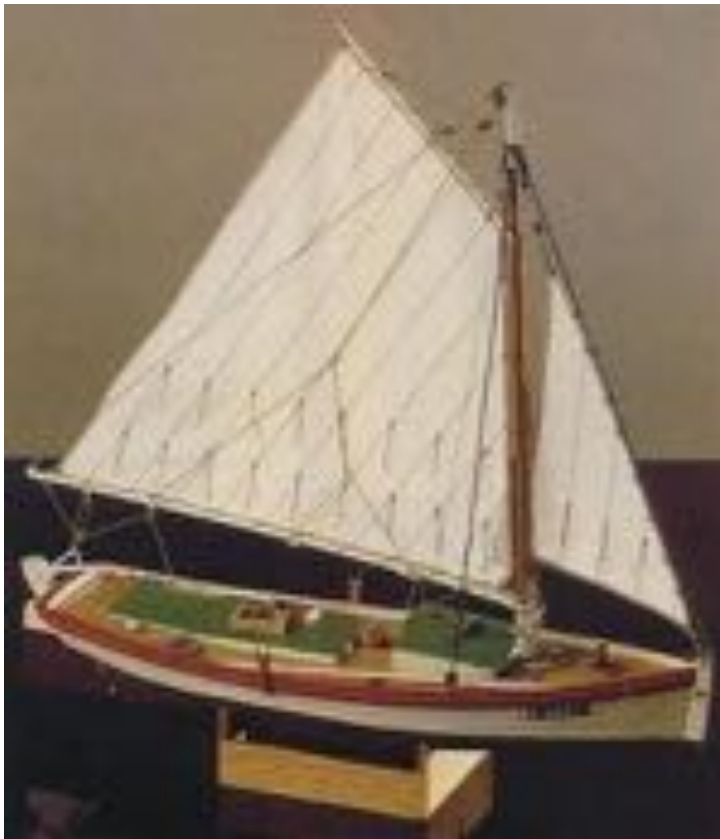
Last month, it was decided to simplify our dues structure by reducing our dues to \$20/year. This should make it easier to pay the treasurer in cash without the need for change. We haven't had much need to pro-rate the dues, but the treasurer can use his discretion to due what's fair when and if the issue comes up again.

So, come to the meeting and pay your dues if you haven't done so already. If you want to continue to support the club as a member, but can't make an upcoming meeting, you can contact Paul Reck at stoddardnh@comcast.net to make arrangements to mail him a check.

Beginning Ship Model Kit Recommendation

Members Paul Reck and Clare Hess have been working on coming up with a kit that can be recommended as a good beginning ship model kit for Ages of Sail to sell.

After looking at several possibilities, they settled on the Flattie by the Italian kit manufacturer, Corel. This kit, Corel product number SM42, is a nice wooden model of a classic American sailboat with a chine hull. This hull style simplifies planking greatly, making it easier for the new builder to finish.



The 1/25-scale kit works out to be about 13" long and 14" high, and lists for \$119. HSPMS members can use their club discount to purchase the kit for about \$107 plus tax.

It would have been natural to choose one of the Midwest boat kits, which included many similar subjects to this one, but these kits have been out of production now for over a year.

The Corel Flattie is just the type of boat that Midwest sold. However, the instructions and plans are more similar in style to those included in other popular European kits, giving the builder some preparation for bigger ship model kits.

One kit was acquired, to be built by the club, in order to develop familiarity with the kit. Notes on construction will be taken along the way. Ideally, we will be able to recommend this kit directly to new prospective members and to be able to easily provide direct and consistent help with the build.

Other kits can be studied for recommendation, but this will be a good start. Clare is going to look into getting a couple local hobby and gift shops to carry the kit, with the idea that builders know they can come to us for help.

2018 NRG Conference Dates

This year's Nautical Research Guild conference will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 25, 26, and 27. Hotel and conference location details will be announced some time later in the year.

2018 International Ship Modeling Conference, Rochefort, France

For those who like to incorporate some more interesting travels with their ship modeling, there is a recently announced ship model conference to take place in Rochefort, France, October 17th through the 21st. That's just the week prior to the NRG conference.

This is a brand new event. The organizer, Mr. Pierre Grandvilliers, at the suggestion of Mr. Michel Martin (you might recognize him from past NRG conferences), is hoping to attract ship modelers from Japan and the US. So far, they have managed to sign on some ship modelers from Japan, but none from the US.

They plan to display a large number of models, with half of the models coming from Japan, Germany, Russia, Italy, Spain, and Belgium. Other models will include those of some of the best ship modelers in France.

From my understanding, there is essentially no cost to attend any of the talks, as the event is being sponsored by the City of Rochefort. So, the cost of attending is just the cost of travel and accommodations.

Events include morning lectures, exhibition of about 100 models, a cocktail gathering with the Mayor of Rochefort, a dinner party with the Mayor Rochefort, Manager of the Rochefort Navy Museum, President of the Friends of the French National Maritime Museum, and others. Of course, there is also the opportunity to network with ship modelers from around the world.

Registration is open from now through July 15th 2018.

Contact Clare Hess for more details and for registration forms.

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, January 20
9:30am aboard the Eureka**

December Meeting Notes

Our December meeting took place as usual on Saturday, November 18, at 9:30 a.m. aboard the *Eureka*. Dan Canada brought coffee and some delicious classic doughnuts for the attendees, of which there were 7.



Announcements and Club Business

Treasurer's Report

Paul Reck announced that after an expense of \$183.91 for the club luncheon at the St. Francis Yacht Club, our balance for the end of the year stands at \$880.12, before the collection of any dues.

Web Report

Clare Hess reported that while visitors to our website (<http://www.hspms.org>) are down, the amount of time they are spending on the site is way up as compared with the previous two months, with visitors spending about twice as much time on our site as before.

As for Facebook page, we see steady growth in followers and have 231 followers as of our December meeting.

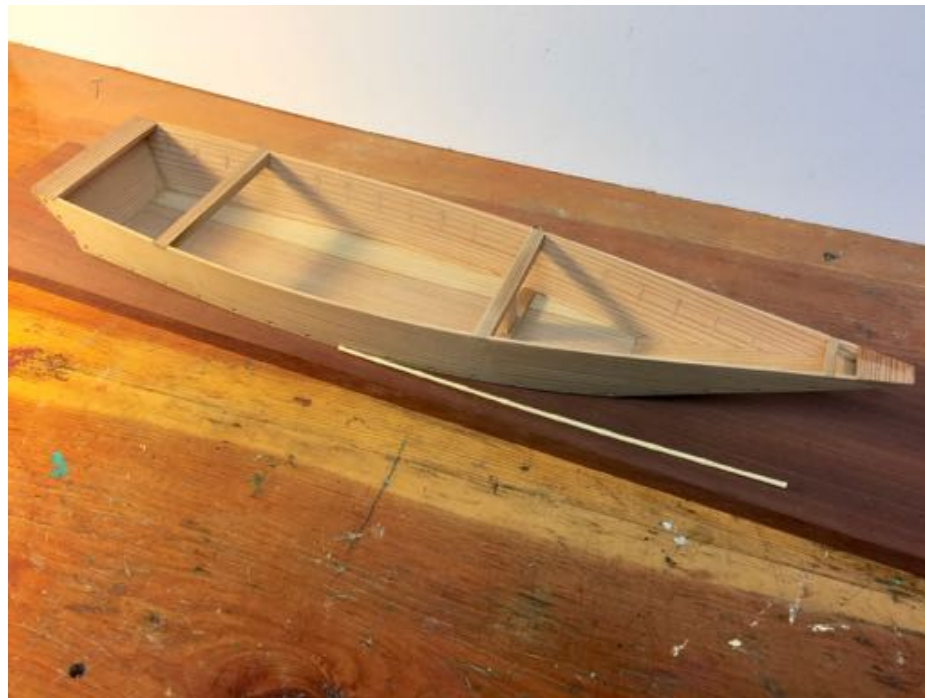
Show and Tell Segment

We had coffee and doughnuts provided by member Dan Canada. The doughnuts were from Bob's Donuts – 24 hr. Bakery, 1621 Polk St. between Sacramento and Clay. They were delicious classic doughnuts that, together with some great coffee, had us preoccupied a bit at the start of our meeting.

We went around the table and there were a lot of updates on what people are up to, but only a few people brought models to show.

Clare Hess completed his 1/10-scale model of the Hozu River fishing boat. The new additions to the model are the addition of the hull planking, mortises, beams, and bamboo pole.





The Hozu river runs from the northwest of Kyōto. While this is a model of a traditional 15-foot fishing boat, today, 24-foot fiberglass boats are used to take tourists on whitewater rides through the scenic river valley.

Clare's model was based on notes collected by boat builder Douglas Brooks during his work in Japan. Mr. Brooks, a former employee at Hyde Street Pier, built 3 of the 15-foot boats and was kind enough to provide photos and information for the build.

The model is made entirely out of *sugi*, or Japanese cedar, which was provided by a contact in Japan.



Modern Hozugawabune taking tourists downriver

Clare also brought the beginnings of a model of a small Japanese military-style row galley, or Kobaya-bune, used by the government of the Japanese Shōgun as late as the 1860s. The 1/30-scale model is based on plans developed by the French naval officer Armand Paris in the 1880s, and published in the multivolume book, *Le Souvenirs de Marine*.

More info on this will be forthcoming.

Paul Reck brought in his nearly completed model of the American Gundalow, Philadelphia, that was built by Benedict Arnold on Lake Champlain during the Revolutionary War.



Paul Reck explaining details as Dan Canada (left) and Leo Kane (right) look on.



The Philadelphia model is being built at a scale of 1/24, and is based on some amazingly plans purchased from the Smithsonian. The model is just over two feet long. Hull and deck planking is Alaskan Yellow Cedar (original was white oak), knees were made from 150 year old poplar (taken from an old chest).

Paul commented on how nice and how detailed the Smithsonian plans were. Just about everything on his model was built from scratch. The cannons were turned wood, as were the casks. For those, he turned the hoops and carved in the staves.



Paul used 5-minute epoxy to simulate the water in the buckets.



The next step will be rigging the model.

Any corrections? Let me know at catopower@mac.com.

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9:30 am Aboard the Eureka
Please bring your projects to share and discuss**

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