

Hyde Street Pier Model Shipwrights

March News, 2018



Back to Business at HSPMS

After missing out on our meeting in January due to issues with the Federal government shutdown, the club was back to meeting as usual last month, and we're moving forward again this spring.

This spring members of the club will be working on building and documenting construction of a Chesapeake Bay "Flattie." The 1/25-scale kit made by Corel is the kit chosen to be the club's recommended beginning kit for the locally operated ship model kit importer and distributor, Ages of Sail.

Members Paul Reck, Tom Shea, and Clare Hess started work on the kit, and will be reporting on the model's progress at the upcoming club meeting.



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

As we head into fairer weather, the club will also be doing some more outreach to attract new ship modeler members. Recommending and building the Flattie kit is part of that effort and we hope to work out ways to help new ship modelers get started with this and other kits.

Build the Flattie Kit

If anyone is interested in building their own Flattie kit, following along with our club model's progress, Ages of Sail has stocked some extras. You can call them at 510-889-6000 to place an order or visit them in person at 676 Bockman Road, San Lorenzo. Make sure to tell them your with our club to get 10% off your order.

Sparse Reporting Alert!

I'm sorry to report that yours truly is dealing with a lot more work of the non-ship modeling variety and so the newsletters may suffer a bit from time to time. My apologies. If any of our member-readers would like to contribute a little time to helping with reporting, note taking, writing, editing, photographing, etc., please contact Clare Hess.

February Meeting Notes

Our February meeting took place as usual on Saturday, February 17, at 9:30 a.m. aboard the *Eureka*. It was lightly attended with only 6 hearty souls in attendance

Announcements and Club Business

Treasurer's Report

With dues payents coming in, we have \$999 in our balance. In addition, the Park is getting us a new "Grizzly" bandsaw, stand and blades, to replace the old one in the shop.



Web Report

Our Facebook presence continues to grow, with 246 followers as of our meeting date. However, with limited activity on our website these past couple months, web traffic is down. So, if anyone has something they would like to contribute, it would be very appreciated. An example is Jerry Bellows' posting of pics from his visit to the Royal Danish Arsenal Museum in Copenhagen, Denmark.

International Ship Model Conference

In addition to the NRG conference, coming up in Las Vegas in October, there is a new conference being independently organized which will take place in Rochefort, France, the week before. The conference in France is planning to have some 100 ship models on display from builders across Europe and Japan. The organizers are hoping to have some American attendees as well. Clare Hess has the details on this event for anyone interested.

Moisture Suckers

Okay, that might not be the official name for these little disposable de-humidifier tubs, but Tom Shea got some more to replace the ones in our display cases aboard the Eureka and asked for volunteers to stay after the meeting to help install them.

Show and Tell Segment

While there was a lot of non-ship modeling talk at our meeting last month, there were some interesting things presented.

Clare Hess showed off some of the fixtures he made for embossing copper sheathing tape, which involved using a steel dye that he photo-etched a nail pattern onto using a photo-etch kit he bought from MicroMark. There are different dies for each model scale he uses.



He also brought his completed model of a Japanese seaweed gathering boat that he built from scratch at 1/10-scale using information he got from boat builder Douglas Brooks directly and through his book on Japanese Wooden Boatbuilding. The model will be a new addition to his Japanese boat models display through the end of March at the Japan Center East Mall in San Francisco.



Warren Gammeter is still working out the details for the construction of whaleboats using card stock planking, which he discussed. He also brought in a book on Whale Ships and Whaling.



Leo Kane brought in a fixture he made for the edge-bending of wooden strips. He had some samples of pear wood on-hand to show how the device is used.



Dan Canada isn't doing any ship modeling right now, but shared with the group how sailors prepared tobacco to carry with them in the form of small round "pucks". He brought some tobacco leaves and discussed the process.



Tom Shea is working on the chainplates for his model of the War of 1812 Great Lakes brig, Niagara. He's had a tough time making ones that he's satisfied with. There were a couple suggestions that he might be able to simply purchase ready-made chainplate fittings.



Paul Reck is working now on a commission to build a $\frac{1}{2}$ "-scale model of the *Challenger* for the San Francisco Yacht Club. The boat, now long gone, was built to compete against the Corinthian Yacht Club for the San Francisco Bay trophy.





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

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Please bring your projects to share and discuss**

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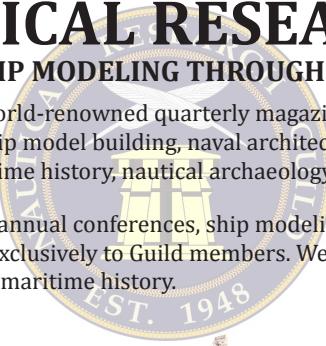
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