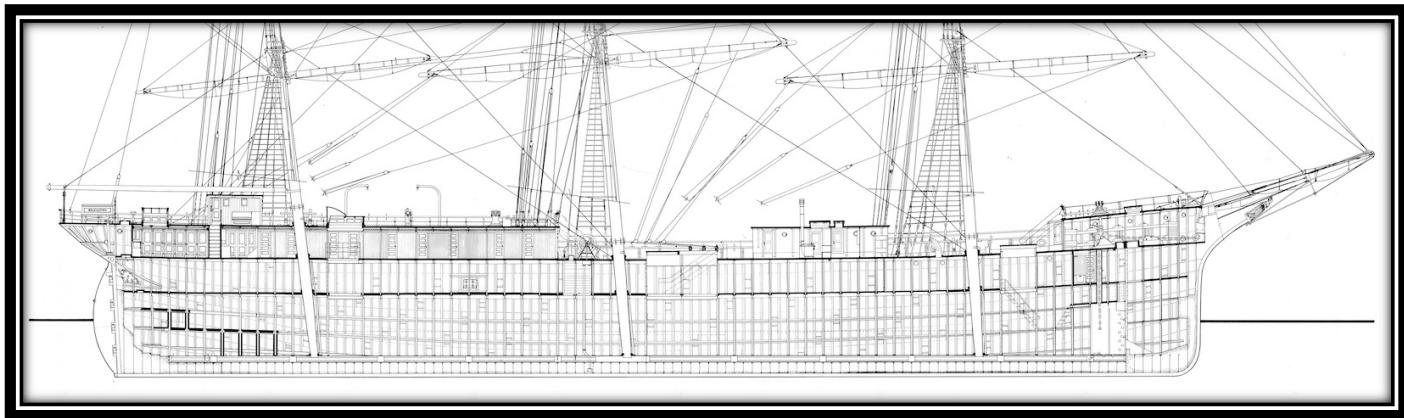


Hyde Street Pier Model Shipwrights

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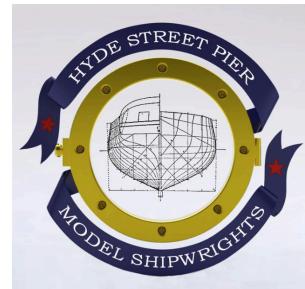


Annual Club Barbecue

Our annual club barbecue is back and scheduled to replace our September meeting, which is Saturday, September 21st.

Last year we had opted to do a club luncheon, which was really nice and took place at the San Francisco Yacht Club in Tiburon, CA. However, people seemed to miss our traditional barbecue and the more informal camaraderie that goes with it, not to mention the club expenses for dining at the yacht club.

Details will be forthcoming, and when the call goes out to indicate what you're bringing to share, please be so kind as to provide a prompt response!



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

Vanguard Models is Operational

Recently, we announced the arrival of a new ship model manufacturing company run by Chris Watton, who is the former designer for Amati Models popular Victory Models line. You might recognize the subjects he developed, such as the Bomb Vessel Granado, the English galleon Revenge, the Swan class sloops HMS Fly and HMS Pegasus and the big HMS Vanguard kit.

His website, <http://vanguardmodels.com>, is functional now, and his first kit, a 1/64 model of the English cutter HMS Alert is now available for £180, or about \$230 plus shipping.



Photo of the model from the Vanguard Models site

As with shipmodeler Chuck Passaro's company Syren Ship Model Company, this is a family run venture, so small batches of kits are packaged up at a time, meaning that buyers may have to wait a few days after purchase for the next batch to be assembled.

Based on photos and descriptions of the kit components shown on the Model Ship World forum, the kit includes several sheets of laser-cut components, boxwood and pearwood strips, a couple large sheets of photo-etched parts, a laser-scribed deck.

Sample pages from the kit's instruction book are available for download on the kit's product page.

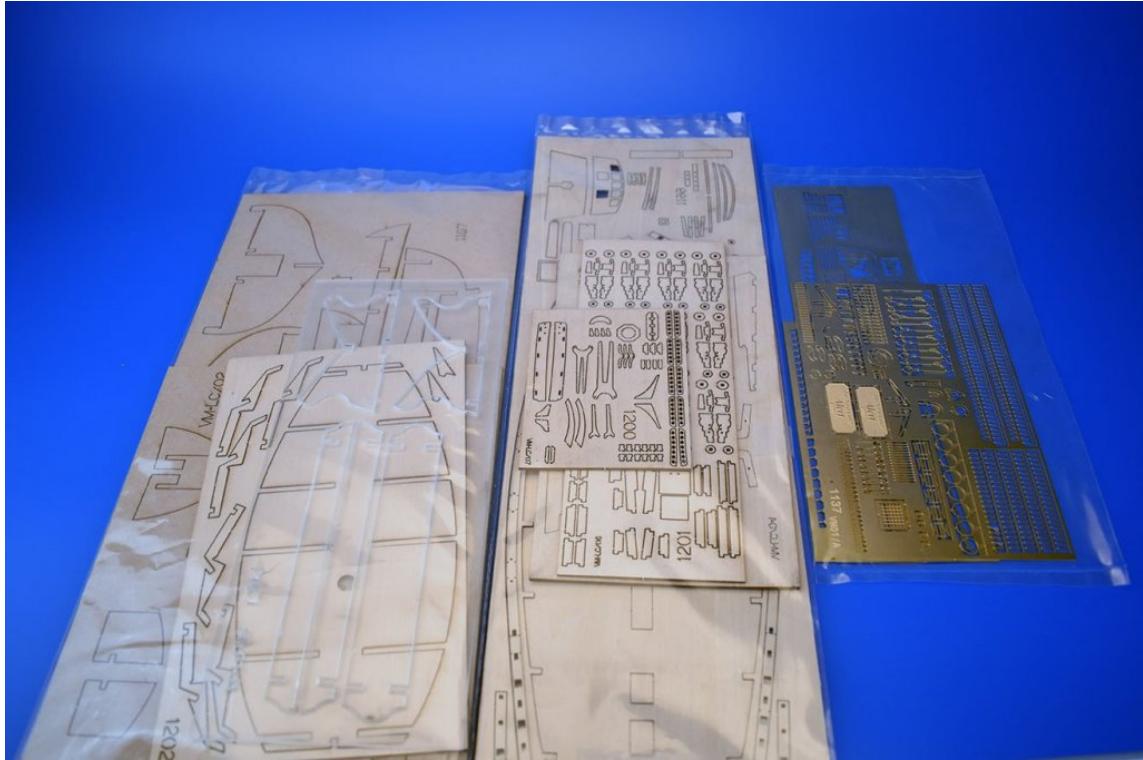


Photo of the HMS Alert kit components from Model Ship World

Woody Joe USS Susquehanna Kit in Development



Susquehanna prototype. Photo from Woody Joe

The Japanese wooden model kit manufacturer Woody Joe has been showing early prototypes of a new kit at recent Japanese hobby shows. The kit is a 1/120 scale wooden model of a *kurofune*, or what the Japanese called a “black ship”.

There are few details available yet, but there are signs that the kit will be released in the very near future and available from Japanese online hobby dealers. No pricing or other details are available as yet, but it is believed it will come out in the Fall of this year.

June Meeting Notes

The June meeting took place on Saturday June 15th at 9:30am aboard the Eureka.

It was a small turnout, but we discussed the annual barbecue, which we decided we would try to set for the 3rd Saturday in September in lieu of our regular meeting date.

American gunboat *Philadelphia* by Paul Reck

The main feature of the meeting was Paul Reck's completed 1776 gunboat, *Philadelphia*, which he scratch built at a scale of 1:24 using plans purchased from the Smithsonian.



According to Paul, the original ship was located and raised in 1935. It has since been studied and the plans he purchased were extremely detailed, consisting of 16 sheets. There was an article about the boat in the Volume 30, No 2 issue of the Nautical Research Journal from June, 1984.





Russian Wooden Submarine, 1721

A model from a previous meeting that deserves coverage is one that Tom Shea brought to the May meeting, which was held in the Small Boat Shop, due to work being done on the Eureka's gangplank.

The model is from a Russian kit and represents a wooden submarine that was built in 1721 by a Russian carpenter named Yefin Nikonov. The project was funded by Peter the Great, but Nikonov was never able to solve all of the problems of the design.





A replica of the submarine now sits at Strestroesk, near St. Petersburg, Russia.

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

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