

Hyde Street Pier Model Shipwrights

December News, 2019



Happy Holidays from the HSPMS!

'Tis the Season! While we have no particular holiday plans, our upcoming meeting will officially be our holiday meeting, and our last chance to meet up, talk ship modeling as a club for 2019. So, it would be nice to see as many members as possible at our gathering.

Hope to see you there!



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

New HMS Speedy Kit – Vanguard Models



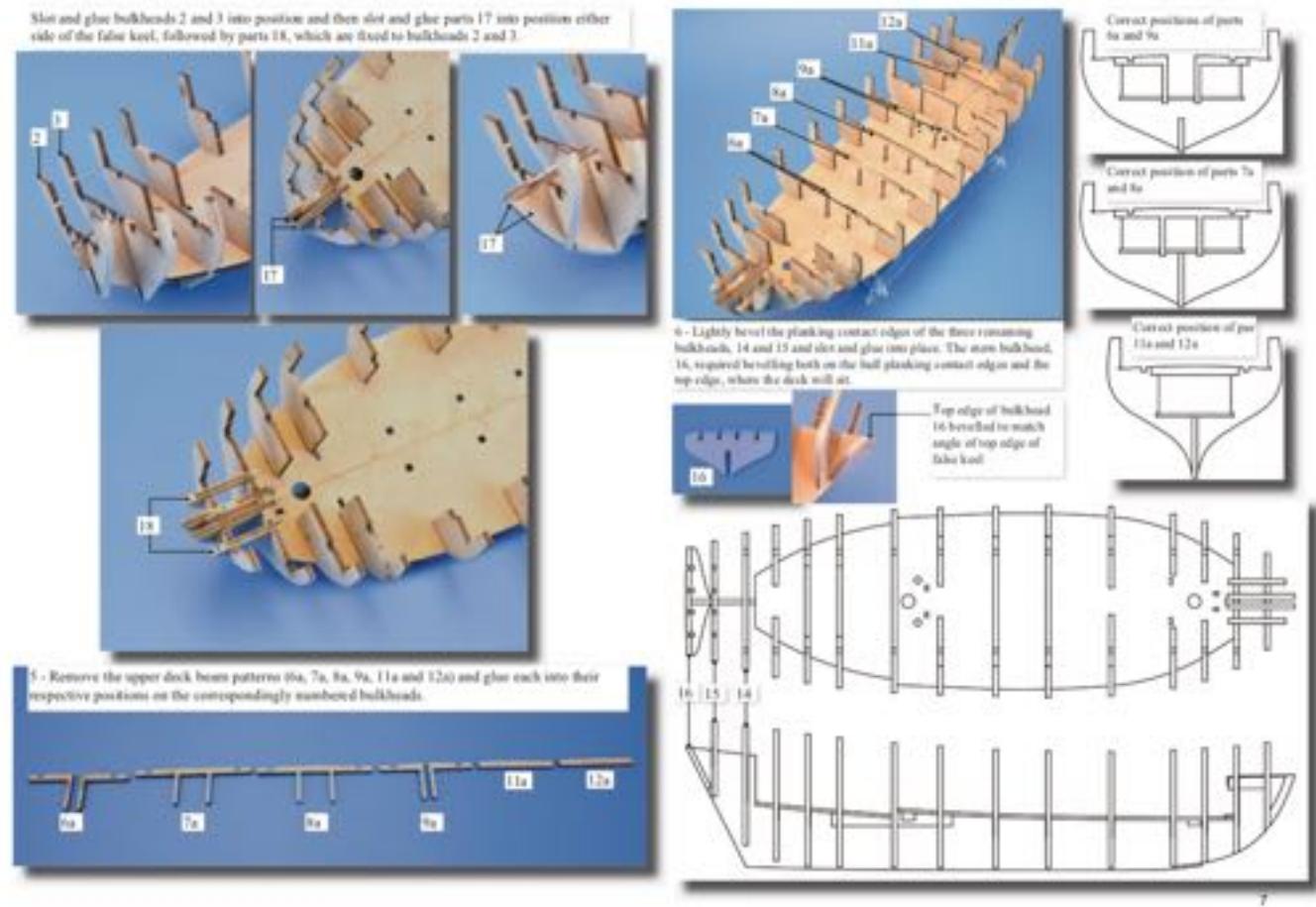
Vanguard Models is a new wooden ship model kit manufacturer, owned and operated by Chris Watton, who was the kit designer for Caldercraft's Nelson's Navy series, as well as Amati's Victory Models line. Mr Watton is now developing his own kits independently, having released a 1/64-scale model of the cutter HMS Alert earlier in the year.

HMS Speedy is Vanguard Models' second release. It is a 1/64-scale plank-on-bulkhead kit sporting many of the best features of his past developments. The Royal Navy brig model measures 27.5" long and 19.4" high, and is designed to her 1800/1801 appearance when she was commanded by Thomas Cochrane.

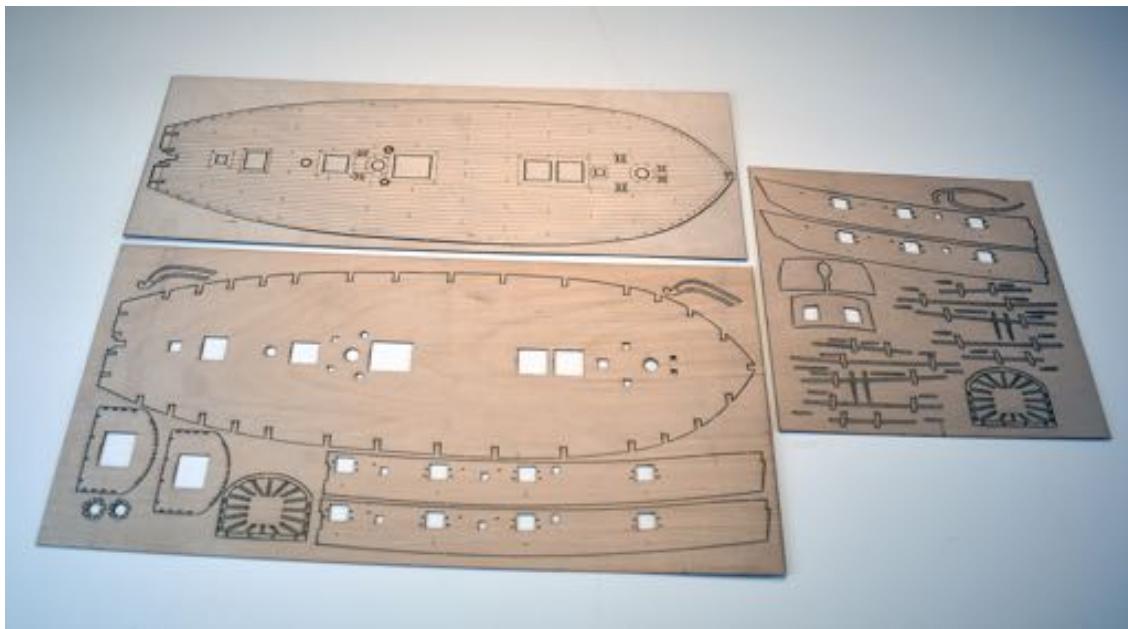
The original ship was a 14-gun brig of the Speedy class, built at the end of the American War of Independence. She saw much action during the French Revolution, and towards the end managed to capture the 32-gun Spanish warship *Gamo*.

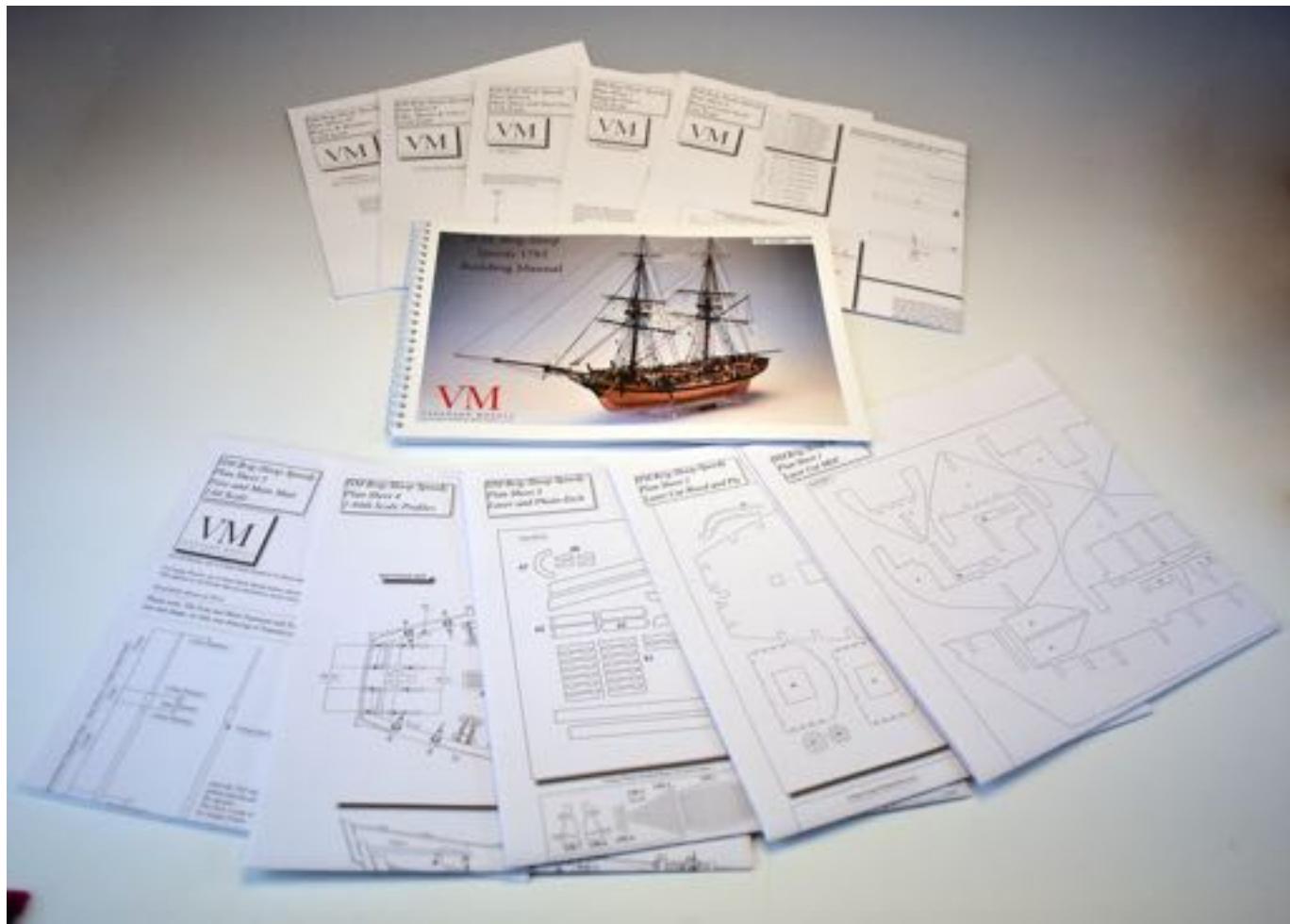
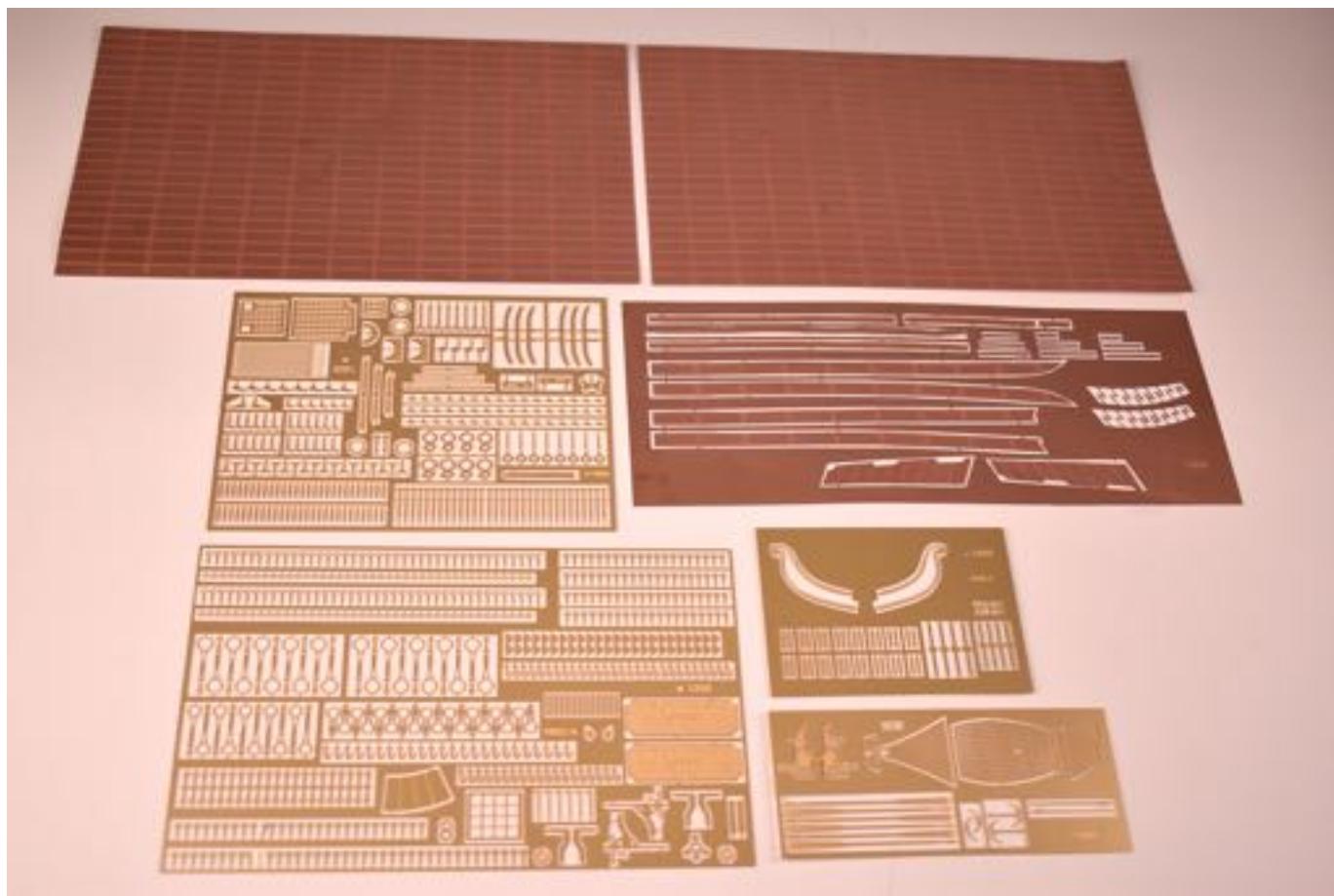
The kit features laser-cut parts, photo-etched brass, plus copper sheathing plates. Excerpts from the detailed construction manual can be viewed online here: <https://vanguardmodels.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Speedy-construction-manual-1.pdf>

But, here's a clip of one of the pages...



And some photos of the kit contents...







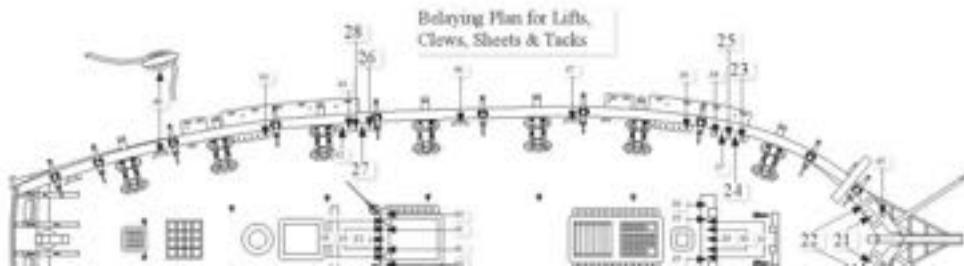
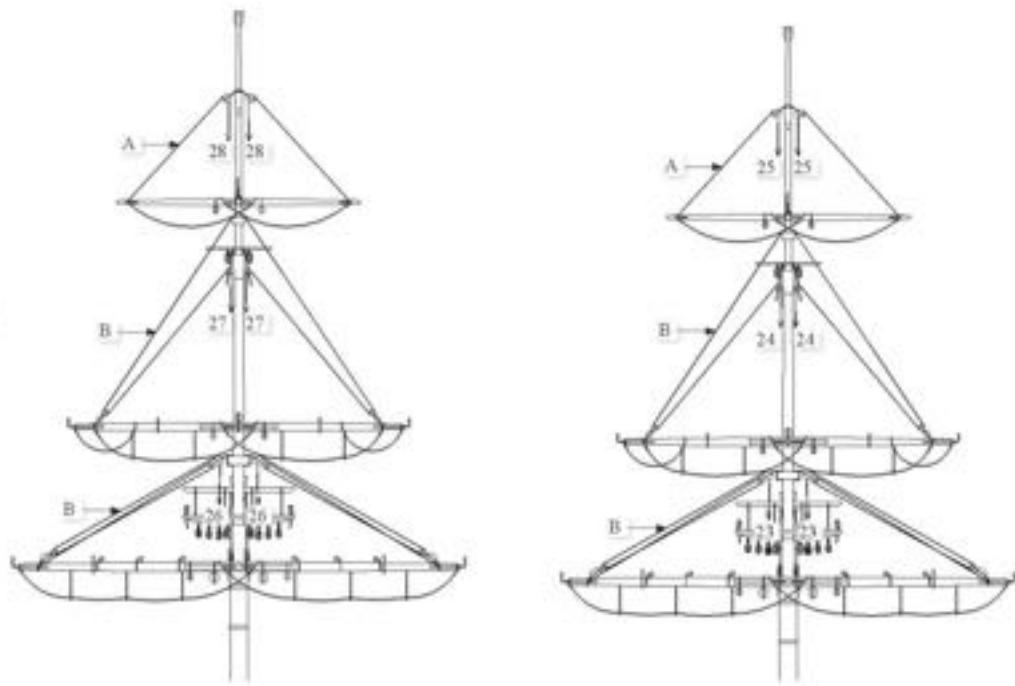
The kit is available only from the manufacturer, but comes in three different versions, depending on the wood quality you are looking for. The Standard version comes with Tanganyka wood for the outer planking layer, while the Premium version features pearwood for the outer planking layer. Finally, a Master Shipwright version includes outer planking in boxwood, machine blocks and deadeyes in pearwood (from Master Korabel, it would seem), and even a book about Thomas Cochrane, including a chapter relating to the Speedy.

At present, the only version available for order on the site is the Premium version, which is listed at £245, or about \$327, plus shipping from the UK.

HM Brig-Sloop Speedy
Plan Sheet 9
Lifts, Sheets & Clews
1:128 Scale



5 - Yard Lifts & bowspit rigging



An excerpt from the HMS Speedy kit plans

November Meeting Notes

Jerry Bellows took notes from the November meeting.

Our meeting on 11/16 aboard the Eureka was attended by a small, but hardy crew.

Paul Reck reported \$262.50 in our treasury.

Club Topics:

Kathleen Model – a trip to the real boat is planned for December 4 to check various dimensions and details.



Paul's model of the Kathleen in our workshop

Park Projects – Terry said to talk with John Muir about reimbursement for materials.

Advertising – to reach out to potential new members, suggestions were made to advertise in the Sea Letter, Nautical Research Guild Journal, and on social media.

Members Projects:

Dan Canada is doing research on the 1936 sardine purse seiner Western Flyer. It was used by Doc Ricketts and John Steinbeck for their trip to the Sea of Cortez. He is hoping to get a piece of wood from the real boat to build his model. Paul gave some great tips on how to get started on the hull and deck. The model will be part of a train layout.

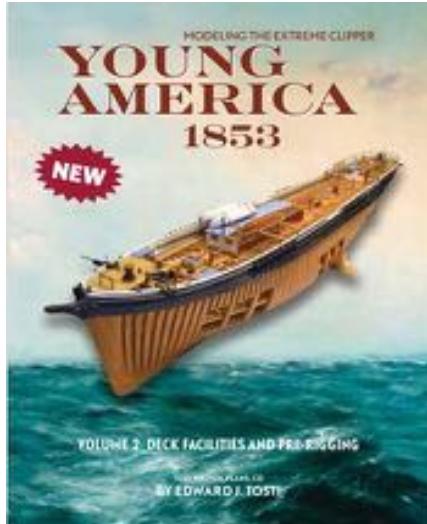


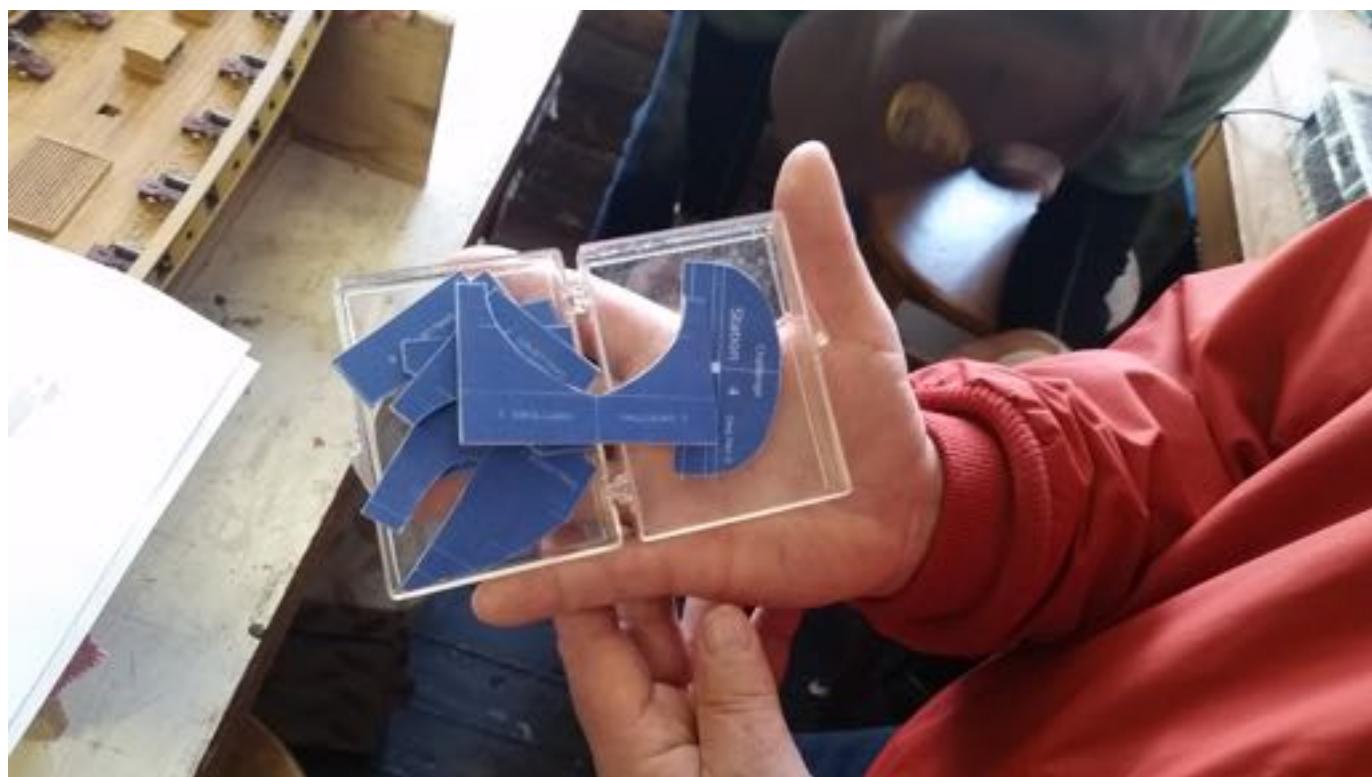
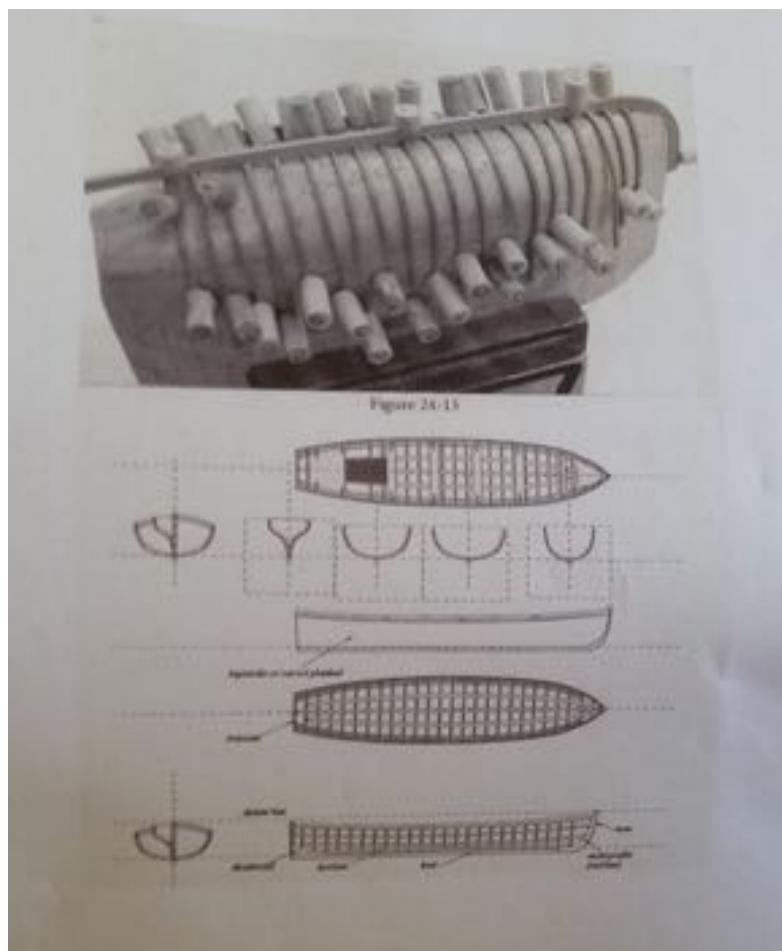
Warren Gammeter shared some interesting facts about the submarine Pampanito's engines. There are 4 engines with 10 opposed piston cylinders each. There is an ongoing project to try and locate all the lost WW2 U.S. submarines. He also showed us some fine grained lemon wood and discussed how to cut it into planks for a model.

Paul Reck told us about his Wanderbird model. It is a lift model with 7 lifts and will be 37 inches long. He is using Monterey cypress wood, which is really great to carve. He is ready to deck and bulkwork it now. The boat was originally built in Germany as a pilot schooner for the city of Hamburg. The former owner of the boat sailed it around Cape Horn in 1936, then continued around the world. His son commissioned the model.

Tom Shea is building a sidewheeler. It is a Russian model about 8 inches long. Planking the hull is very challenging.

Warren Gammeter brought his book on the Young America, 1853. It has a lot of detailed information about how to build the model. Below is an example of how to build one of the ship's boats. He scanned the blueprint to the scale of his model, then glued the stations to wood so he could cut them out.





Ken Lum from the South Bay Club visited with more books available in his car. Some of them are free, some are modestly priced (like \$10), and he has 3 volumes of The Seventy-Four Gun Ship by Jean Boudriot for \$100 each. You can contact him at lum40@comcast.net.

Michael Schwemberger has more exotic hardwoods that he is giving to the club. These are mostly smaller pieces, but he has larger pieces available for sale, including teak, cherry and mahogany. You can contact him at eumorph@yahoo.com.

HSPMS Annual Lunch on September 15th

Here are some great photos from our lunch at the San Francisco Yacht Club that missed our previous newsletters...



Maria, Tom and Warren

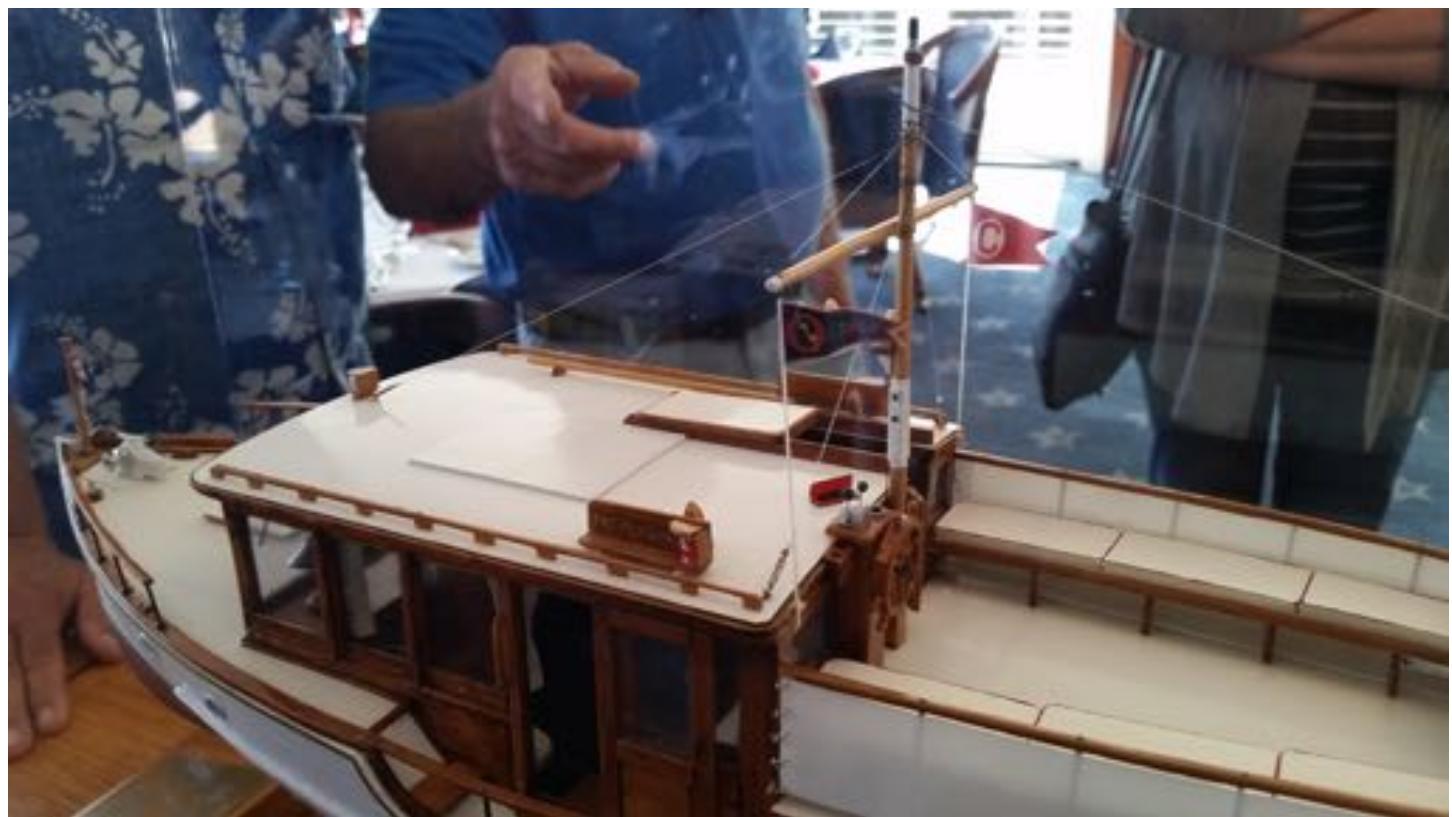


Dick, Paul, Elise and Clare with Paul's model of the Pat Pending



Details of the Pat Pending





Other Models at the Yacht Club



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

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