

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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NEWSLETTER

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Suggested by new member Paul Brindza at the April meeting of the HRSMS, this is the first issue of a monthly newsletter intended to better inform members and friends of the Society's activities. It will summarize each month's meeting minutes for the benefit of those unable to attend, and will replace our usual meeting notice postcards. Finally, it will enable us to provide each member with meeting schedules, rosters, and dues reminders in a timely manner.

The April meeting of the HRSMS was held on the 11th at the home of Jack Bobbitt in Newport News and was attended by eight members. This was the first meeting chaired by new Skipper Bill Clarke, and he was assisted by the new First Mate John Cheevers and Purser Bill Fox. Minutes of the March 14 meeting were read and approved, then John Cheevers gave his last financial report, indicating just over \$1600 in the treasury. In way of old business, Jack and Jean Bobbitt were thanked for hosting the Wives' Banquet on March 15 and a report was given on Paris Aiken's retirement on April 7. John Cheevers reported good progress on the VPA Project (pilot boat models for the Virginia Pilot's Association) and Kent Wade was persuaded to assist. Some discussion was held regarding taxable income from a hobby. The new officers thanked the membership for their election and promised to try to do as well as their predecessors toward the Society's goals.

For new business, Bill Clarke suggested that we should think about our relationship with the Mariners' Museum and the possibility of hosting the NRG Convention in 1990. Paul Brindza brought good ideas from his association with the ship model society in Boston, suggesting the Newsletter to increase our visibility. He also suggested that we try to build each meeting around some aspect of ship modeling, and it was decided to make "hulls" the subject of our May meeting.

The May meeting of the HRSMS will be held on Friday, May 16, at the home of Skipper Bill Clarke--his annual "Strawberry Special." The subject of the meeting will be hulls, and each member is requested to bring both a hull and a hearty appetite. Additionally, Bill Fox will "dry run" his short presentation of anecdotes on Newport News ships, preceding its premiere in New York the following night. Members and guests are encouraged to attend, lest a large quantity of cake, ice cream, strawberries, and whipped cream should go wanting.