

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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NEWSLETTER

December 1986

The November meeting of the HRSMS was held at the home of Gene Shelton on the 14th and was well attended by 13 members and by guests Tom Paris, Harold Wiertz, and Jerry Bouchard. The meeting was called to order by Skipper Bill Clarke at 2012. Guests were introduced and then reports were made on the subjects of the roster, on membership, and on the treasury. Bill Clarke reported on his visit to the Mariners' Museum to enlist support for the HRSMS 25th anniversary next spring. Ideas proposed were a members' model exhibition and manning of the museum's model shop during March 1987, as well as a dinner and/or reception. A committee was appointed to organize the events; John Cheevers is chairman, to be assisted by Paris Aiken, Barry Miles, and Gene Shelton.

The Skippers' Bell was shown as completed with its full listing of skippers of the club and founders' plaque on the back. It was announced that member Tommy Tragle would undergo hernia surgery on December 4 (since reported successful) and would try to host the HRSMS meeting in December. The death of former member Cliff Hancock during October was reported with regret. After the formal session, guest Tom Paris showed a film about launchings at Newport News Shipbuilding and talked at length about his many years with the shipwrights at the yard.

In a last minute change of plans, John Broadwater of the Yorktown Ships Project will be unable to speak at our December meeting but will be available on January 16 for a meeting at Tommy Tragle's. The December meeting will therefore be held at the home of Bill Clarke, 196 Odd Road, Poquoson (868-6809) on Friday, December 12. Members are requested to make nautical Christmas cards for Marvin Bryant and to bring them to the meeting. Bill Clarke reports that there may be sewer excavation in progress across his driveway and it may be muddy for the meeting. He therefore suggests that you wear your "Bull Island bedroom slippers" (hip boots) to the meeting. These are generally recommended when in the presence of Clarke in any case. Y'all Come!

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