

# Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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The March meeting of the HRSMS was our 20th Anniversary Banquet at the James River Country Club on March 21. Hosted by Jack and Jean Bobbitt, the banquet was attended by 42 club members, spouses, and guests from the Washington and Richmond clubs. Preceded by a mid-day visit to the Yorktown Ships Project preservation center at Williamsburg, the banquet included a members' ship model exhibit, awards, and a fine program by marine archaeologist John Broadwater.

After an excellent JRCC meal, Skipper Bill Clarke presided over the presentation of awards. New members Jerry Bouchard, Tom Hesse, and Ed Swanson were presented with membership certificates and were again welcomed into the HRSMS. Former Skipper Tom Abbott was given a special award (made by Tony Hamm) for his service as Skipper of the club in 1984 and 1985. HRSMS charter members Paris Aiken, Marvin Bryant, and Tom Tragle were presented with special Plankowners' Awards for having helped found the club in 1967 and for their years of service as both members and officers. At the conclusion, Washington Skipper Gene Larson presented the HRSMS with a commemorative gavel; along with our bell this should be useful in maintaining order at meetings.

After the awards were presented, John Broadwater presented an excellent program on the Yorktown Ships Project and made the happy announcement that an article on it will appear in a forthcoming issue of National Geographic. The presence of our out-of-town guests was appreciated and helped make the 20th anniversary of HRSMS an event to remember for a long time.

The April meeting of the HRSMS will be held at the home of John Cheevers, 169 Mark Twain Dr., Newport News (875-0732) on Friday, April 10 at 2000. Guests, as always, are welcome and members are encouraged to bring models and nautical gear to share.

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