

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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The March meeting of the HRSMS was held at the home of Alan Frazer on Friday the 10th. Eleven members and guests Jim Tyree and Brad Menke attended.

The meeting was called to order at 2020 hours by Skipper John Cheevers. Purser Tom Hesse announced that 1989 dues of \$6.00 are now payable.

Under old business, Purser Tom Hesse reported that Roy Alexanderson, last skipper of the UNITED STATES, had agreed to speak at the society's April banquet. Tom also distributed copies of the society's current by-laws and agreed to include honorary members in the next edition of the society's membership roster. Jack Bobbitt discussed meal arrangements for the April banquet, concluding that dinner reservations for the banquet must be received by the Purser by March 30, 1989. (See the attached flyer for specifics regarding the banquet, and use the form therein for making your dinner reservations.) Finally, members selected the 1988 recipient of the society's Founder's Award which will be presented at the April banquet.

Under new business, Skipper John Cheevers circulated a copy of "The Smithsonian Collection of Warship Plans" catalog and a copy of an article from Chesapeake Bay magazine titled "The Ghost Fleet of Mallows Bay." Jim Tyree was elected and welcomed into the society. Bob Moritz indicated that a friend, David Shadell, an author of several books on the subject, was willing to give the society a presentation on camouflaging of WWII ships. All members welcomed the presentation, and Skipper John Cheevers asked Bob to arrange it for a future meeting. Bill Fox invited members and their guests to attend the April 16, 1989, spring outing of the Hampton Roads Chapter of the Steamship Historical Society of America. Starting at 1300, the outing will include a visit to VPA's headquarters and control tower plus the Life Savings Museum of Virginia (LSMVA). Call Bill Fox for additional details. Purser Tom Hesse discussed plans for judging the LSMVA's annual childrens' ship modeling contest. Alan Frazer reported that the Mariners' Museum will move the Lancaster Eagle on March 30-31, that the carving, ship model, and Crabtree galleries will reopen on April 5, and that the grand opening of all galleries remains scheduled for September 24, 1989.

Kent Wade, Alan Frazer, and guest Brad Menke concluded the meeting with very interesting discussions of models that they had built or are currently building. Skipper John Cheevers adjourned the meeting at 2145 hours.

The April meeting/annual banquet will be held at the James River Country Club on Saturday, the 8th, at 1830 hrs. Make your reservations now!

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