

# Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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NEWSLETTER

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The April meeting of the society was hosted by Alan and Jane Frazer on Friday the 19th. Eight members and guests Hugh Milton and Jim McCurdy attended.

Skipper John Cheevers called the meeting to order at 2016 hours.

Hugh Milton was accepted and welcomed as the newest member of the society.

Under old business, the skipper reported that Bill Clarke, chairman of the 1991 NRG committee, was ready to sign a contract with Holiday Inn for use of its facilities during the conference. Also, the skipper was pleased to announce that the model of the VPA schooner, VIRGINIA, was finished and would be delivered within the next few weeks. Plaudits to Paris Aiken, Bill Altice and Tom Abbott for their excellent work on this model.

Under new business, the skipper reported that judging of the Virginia Life Saving Museum model making contest for children would be performed by he, Tom Hesse and Paris Aiken on 28 April. Alan Frazer distributed the entry form for the 1991 Mariners' Museum ship model contest. Contact Alan if you need a copy of the form. Alan also reported on the Spring "festival in the Park" at the museum and extended an invitation to the society to attend and demonstrate ship model making skills. The skipper accepted the invitation on behalf of the society. Members should plan to attend; the society will need to let Alan know its space requirements, etc.. The museum is looking for information on a Francis Gibbs designed New York city fireboat. It needs lines, offsets, etc.. If you can help, please contact Alan Frazer. On the lighter side, Jack Bobbitt brought and explained the construction of the masts for his model of the continental frigate VIRGINIA. Jim McCurdy brought his model of the ALFRED which he is building from plans by Harold Hahn. Both models are finely crafted. Finally, Bill Altice showed plans of steam tugs (typical examples of the excellent drafting work of the Cox and Stevens design office).

Skipper Cheevers adjourned the meeting at 2110 hours.

All members then enjoyed refreshments provided by Jane and Alan Frazer and a trip to Alan's shop and library

The society's May meeting (with strawberries) will be held at the home of Bill Clarke, 196 Odd Road, Poquoson (868-6809) on Friday the 18th at 2000 hours. Bring a friend and something to share with your fellow members.

Finally, the 1990 membership roster will be distributed next month. Dues?

Skipper: John Cheevers 875-0732  
Purser: Tom Hesse 722-4073

1st Mate: Tom Abbott 595-5669  
Historian: Bill Fox 253-0310