

HAMPTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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A little different look comes with a new purser -- and his different computer, which doesn't do Gothic! With practice, and your suggestions, we'll try to go up from here without mucking up the format too much.

The March 9 meeting drew 20 members and guests, including our gracious hosts, Jack and Jean Bobbitt, to the James River Country Club. After a genial social hour, Skipper John Cheevers reminded us that the Annual Dinner is dedicated to our spouses, who tolerate our activities the rest of the year. John then reviewed the year just ending, touching on the death of Paris Aiken and the decisions of Tom Abbott and Tom Hesse not to continue as officers; after thanking them for past service he welcomed Bill Box and Alan Frazer as new Mate and Purser. He also welcomed Jim McCurdy and Hugh Melton as new members. Other major events of the year included the Society's participation in "Festival in the Park" at The Mariners' Museum, a joint Weekend Workshop with the Washington Ship Model Society at the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons Island, Maryland, and a public Workshop put on by four members at the Virginia Beach Lifesaving Museum.

John then recalled the members previously honored with the Founders' Award by having their names attached to the perpetual Founders' Trophy, and presented the long-sought personal mementos (neat miniature versions of the large bell, on similar mounting) to those who were present: Bill Fox (1986), Jack Bobbitt (1987), and the newly chosen honoree for 1990, Bill Altice. Congratulations, Bill! Other honorees, not present, were Tom Abbott (1985), Tom Tragle (1988) and Paris Aiken (1989).

After an excellent dinner we were entertained and educated by Brent Tharp, our guest and curator of the Yorktown Victory Center, with an equally fine slide talk on the Yorktown shipwrecks.

We'll gather for the next meeting at 2000 hours on Friday, April 12, at the home of David and Karen Tagg, 8 Colonial Acres Drive, Hampton. Directions: east on Mercury Boulevard to Fox Hill Road (left at Shell Station beyond King Street overpass); follow Fox Hill Road to light at end of dual roadway; turn right on Old Buckroe Beach Road; then left at third street, Colonial Acres Drive (look for center island at entrance), to #8 on right. See map on back. Lost? Call 851-2639 for help.

Future Event: "Festival in the Park," June 2, 1991. More at the meeting.

On the Bridge:

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1st Mate and Historian: Bill Fox 253-0310

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