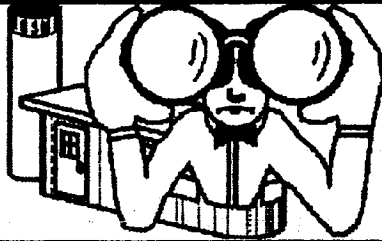


# Newsletter!

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From the  
Pilothouse



## Minutes



HRSMS Minutes, 13 May 1994

What are the seminal features of the perfect museum model? Dana Wegner reported the responses of three experts to this question in the last issue of the Nautical Research Journal. Since not all of our members receive this journal I shall paraphrase the responses:

From Howard Chappelle: "A true reduction of the full sized ship, externally at least. The modeler must work *to exact scale with all possible accuracy in all elements* from beginning the block to painting the colors."

The late William A. Baker, then curator of the Harts Museum at M.I.T. agreed, "The hull of a model and all of its fittings must be to the same scale. The quality of the work must be consistent."

J. Revell Carr, currently director of Mystic Seaport said, "The key to really superior models is scale and proportions." The amount or degree of detail and virtuosity of the craftsman, *when not affecting scale and proportion*, are less critical.

Those who aspire to improve their modeling skills (and the results) would do well to keep these responses on the front burner.

Jack

The meeting was called to order at 2008.

Attendance: 1) 17 Members.  
2) 3 Guests.

### Old Business

NRG Conference- Bill Clarke reported that there have not been too many developments since last month. It has been decided to have 6 speakers. Jack announced that he is forming an NRG committee. The club officers will be the first members. We will be looking for volunteers as requirements develop. Jack threatened conscription if necessary.

The NRG can no longer print the announcements for the conferences in the Journal. Therefore, the clubs will have to mail announcements with some reimbursement from the NRG.

Jack mentioned that the Ramada and Econo Lodge had been bought out and wondered if we could get a better deal and better food there than at the Holiday Inn. Bill feels we are verbally committed to the HI but will check out the Ramada.

Charleston Maritime Festival- Alan Frazer has received information concerning the Charleston Maritime Festival and passed it onto the editor. The dates are September 16-18. The festival will include an arts and crafts show, regatta, tall ships, model displays and model races. It is taking place in conjunction with the BOC Challenge. Should be a very interesting

In place of nautical definitions, this issue (and following issues) will feature drawings of sailing ships showing the various rigs. Note: Head sails (jibs etc.) omitted.

## Minutes Cont.-

Newsletter- The editor received some more great stuff from Graham Horne for this issue. (See Notice to Mariners.) Please keep those contributions coming, to include line drawings, how to tips, upcoming events, etc. Any and all contributions will be welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 2038 to **STRAWBERRIES** ice cream and whipped cream, provided by Bill and Joe Ann Clarke. Bill showed us the slides from his latest trip to England for the Model Engineers Exhibition. Bill Altice told Bill he had to keep the show to only 20 minutes. I don't know how but he did it, 20 minutes long, three times.

## Upcoming Events

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

27-29 May- Steamship Historical Society Spring Meeting

1 June- Nauticus Opens

3-5 June- Harborfest, Norfolk

4 June- D-Day recreation at Fort Story

10 June- Monthly Meeting

12 June- Mariners Museum Day in the Park, Part 2

2 July- USS Long Beach deactivation

8 July- Monthly Meeting

13-14 August- R/C sailboat racing at Nauticus Boat lagoon

15-16 October- Chesapeake Bay Maritime

## Upcoming Events Cont.-

Festival

Fall 1994- Bisociety meeting

October 1995- NRG Conference

(Note- Please keep the editor informed of any upcoming events not reflected here.)

## Notice to Mariners



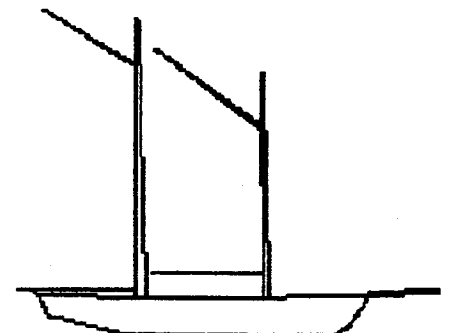
The following ideas came from Graham Horne:

"I am about to make my own disc sander, due primarily to the fact that I have been given an old motor from a washing machine. Hey! You are thinking overkill. You are quite right, but I am not looking this gift motor in its cooling vents."

Graham's first idea concerns some things he saw in the latest Trend-Lines catalog, a woodworking catalog. They have a sanding disc which comes in two size. They are both 8" in diameter but sized to fit shafts of 5/8" and 1/2". Cost is \$12.00.

Graham is going to make a tilt table for the sander using a quick release locking device from a bicycle tire hub. They come in various lengths, 1 1/2" for seat posts, 6 1/2" for tire hubs. Cost \$9.00 to \$16.00. There may be some other useful ideas

SCHOONER:  
Fore and aft  
rig on two or  
more masts.



## Minutes Cont-

festival.

### New Business

New Member- Tom Saunders was accepted into the club as our newest member.

Steamship Historical Society- The Steamship Historical Society is having its spring meeting 27-29 May. The program includes a Friday trip up to the James River reserve fleet which is open to HRSMS members.

Hampton R. Ship- Alan Frazer related the tale of Mr. Hampton R. Ship. It seems the bank believes our club has an identity of its own. Guess we should all sign our club correspondence Hampton R. Ship.

Kinsale Museum- The Kinsale Museum opened an exhibit on 14 May in honor of the late Carl Herbert, waterman and model builder. The exhibit will run through 10 September. Other models, produced by local builders, will also be displayed. (Ed. Check your maps to find Kinsale, the editor is not sure where it is.)

USS Long Beach- Bill Clarke has arranged a tour for any interested club member for 22 May. (Ed. Sorry, couldn't get the newsletter out soon enough to cover this one or the Steamship Historical Society Meeting.)

Nauticus- Nauticus opens on June 1st. Norvin got a sneak preview of the Aegis theater and said it was great. Nauticus itself is going to be an expensive proposition, \$10.00 for an adult, \$2.00 for each of the three special exhibits inside. Fortunately the Hampton Roads Naval Museum exhibit will be free. The Naval Museum has much more floor space than it had in the Pennsylvania House on the naval base so they have expanded the exhibit.

Chesapeake Maritime Festival and Classic Boat Show- This festival is scheduled for 15-16 October at Norfolk's Town Point Park. It will include some tall ships and other exhibits. The club has been invited to participate and the members decided to accept.

NRG Board Meeting- Alan Frazer reported briefly on the latest NRG board meeting. The most significant development was that two of the board members, including Joe McCleary, are moving to our area.

Coast Guard Station, Yorktown- USCG Station Yorktown has opened an exhibit on marine safety.

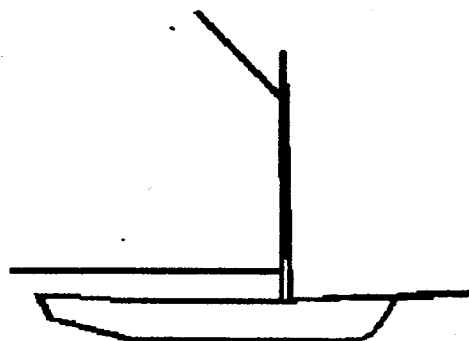
Hampton Roads Air and Space Museum- The Air and Space museum has opened an exhibit on the Titanic with material borrowed from the Mariner's Museum. The exhibit is running in conjunction with the IMAX film *Titanica*.

### Announcements

Mariners Museum Day in the Park- The next Day in the Park is scheduled for 12 June. Static and R/C models are welcome. By the way, the wayward U-boat was recovered by Dave Merriman, who dove in, in just his skivvies, after the concert ended. (Ed. Did anyone get pictures, there could be blackmail potential here?)

#### SLOOP:

Fore and aft rig on a single mast. Cutters were similarly rigged except they had a long retractable bowsprit.



## NOTAM Cont.-

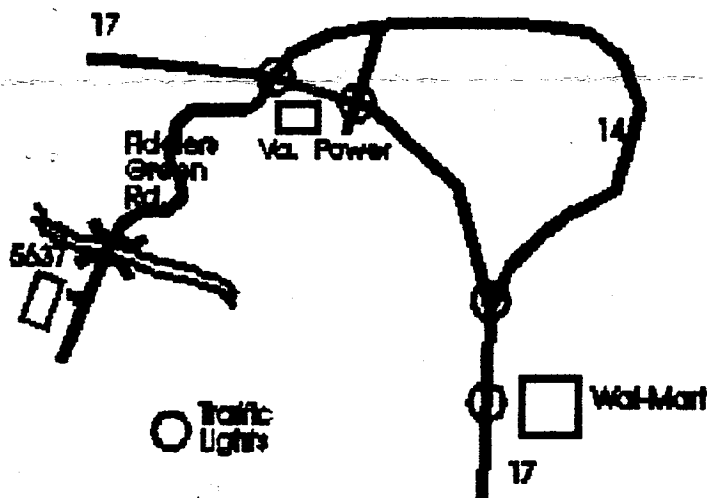
ideas floating around for these items. Let us know.

Tom Saunders brought three good articles to the meeting concerning mold making and fiberglass, "Vacuum Bagging for the Masses," "Mold and Model Making Techniques," produced by NASA Langley, and "Fiberglass." (Ed. I will make copies of these for anyone who is interested and didn't get a copy. "Mold and Model Making Techniques" appears to be very good. It is well illustrated and in depth.)

## Next Meeting



The next meeting will be on June 10 at 2000 at the home of Ulrich Guenther. Their phone number is 868-6809. The address is 5637 Fiddlers Green Rd. (Rt. 619), Gloucester. See map below. Please call Ulrich if you need directions. (804) 693-9732.



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