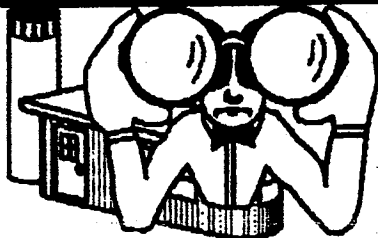


Newsletter!

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From the
Pilothouse



I recently quoted from Dana Wegner's article in the March 1994 edition of the Nautical Research Journal. I shall quote further: "One very important element is that the finished model should bear no evidence of the craftsman: that is, no tool marks, brush marks, glue daubs and no inappropriate textures, such as out-of-scale wood grain or fuzz."

Control of glue daubs begins when we use only enough to fasten the part. The tendency is to use too much glue. Yet it is difficult to starve these small joints with too little glue. I now use much less glue than I did ten or more years ago. When using white or yellow wood glues, rub the parts together. Adhesion begins as the parts "grab." Any excess glue is simultaneously squeezed out. This is readily cleaned up with wet Q-tips, moist toothpicks and wet pieces of paper towel held in tweezers. (Ed. note: See last month's Notice to Mariners for a tip on using a straw to remove excess glue.)

Solder, like glue, should be used very sparingly. Cut off and use small slivers of solder to avoid fillets that may be difficult to cut, grind or file away.

In summary, the first step in the production of the "clean" model is to use glues and solder in very sparing amounts.

Jack

16 Members.

3 Guests.

Old Business

NRG Conference- Bill Clarke confirmed that we have decided on a buffet for the conference. The menu is still being discussed.

New Business

None.

Announcements

USS Dayton- The club has received a letter from a retired officer in Virginia Beach. He is a member of the USS Dayton Association. They want to obtain a presentation model of the Dayton (W.W.II cruiser) for an upcoming reunion. A monetary figure of \$3500.00 was mentioned, probably open to negotiation. Alan Frazer has the details.

Kinsale Museum- Hugh Melton visited the museum (reported in an earlier issue). The model exhibits are models, made by watermen, of Chesapeake Bay craft. The most interesting model was one that had been constructed from yardsticks. Hugh described the models as not being what we would call "museum quality." Alan made the point that they are in a museum, hence, museum quality.

Wooden Boat- Hugh also mentioned that a report appeared in a recent issue of Wooden Boat magazine. The report, by the USS Constitution Shipwrights Guild, stated that acrylic paints and cyano glues will not hold up over the long haul.

Seaways/Ships in Scale- Hugh also produced an article from this magazine about a fellow in Mexico who has crammed about 3 of every kind of power tool into a very small shop. Pretty interesting how he managed his space.

Table Saw- Graham Horne produced an article from an old issue of the NRG journal about constructing a small table saw. He is using that as a pattern for building a small sander. Graham also showed the type of bicycle wheel clamp, mentioned in an earlier NOTAM, he is using for the tilt table.

Minutes



HRSMS Minutes, 8 July 1994

Meeting convened at 2002.

Attendance:

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.-

James River Fleet- Bill Clarke told the tale of the four intrepid HRSMS members who braved the wind and seas to spend the morning climbing around some of the ships anchored on the James river. John Cheevers set the tone of the day by falling on his aft end getting off of the tug, eat your heart out Bill Altice. We spent 3 hours traipsing over combatants ranging from destroyers to cruisers. Tom Saunders and I even went aloft without a man aloft chit. We had a good day and took lots of pictures. Its eerie walking around on a ship that you know had lots of life onboard only a short time ago.

We got the chance to critique an excellent model of the Constitution. I know that I picked up a lot on judging a model by listening to Jack and Alan go over it.

The meeting adjourned to some great refreshments provided by the Hinrichs. Thanks for the hospitality.

Upcoming Events

August						
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			

12 August- Monthly Meeting

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

9 September- Monthly Meeting

September- Day in the Park III

14 October- Monthly Meeting

15-16 October- Chesapeake Bay Maritime Festival

11 November- Monthly Meeting

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 is a reprint from the newsletter of the Washington Ship Model Society.

HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOR MODELS OF US NAVY SHIPS

I. Ships Plans

Most existing USN ship's plans 1776 - 1949:

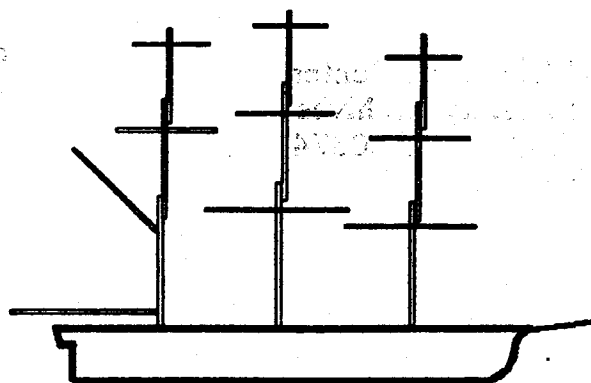
US National Archives
NNSC
Washington, DC 20406
(202) 756-6700

The only source for ships plans within the Navy for ships built after W.W.II:

Director of Congressional and Public Affairs
Naval Sea Systems Command
Washington, DC 20362
(703) 357-1781

SHIP:

Crossed square sail yards on all masts. Usually has a fore and aft sail (spanker) on the aftermost mast.



NOTAM Cont.

Plans of USN ships 1776- ca. 1917:

Division of Military History
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, DC 20560
(202) 357-1781

Plans to USN small boats:

Book: Small Boats.
Published periodically by Buships
and NAVSEA since about 1910.

Plans for USN small boats and coastal craft:

Naval Sea Combat Systems
Engineering Station
835 Philpotts Road
Norfolk, VA 23513

Plans of commercial ships:

Division of Water Transportation
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, DC 20560
(202) 357-2025

II. Records

US National Archives
Military Records Branch
Washington, DC 20408
(202) 501-5385

III. Photos and Prints

1776 -ca. 1945:

Naval Historical Center
Photo History Archives
Washington, DC 20374
(202) 433-2765

US Naval Academy Museum
Annapolis, MD 21402
(301) 267-2108

USN ships, 1945 - present:

Naval Imaging Command
Washington, DC 20362

Ships, yards, etc.:

US National Archives
Photographic Archives Branch
Washington, DC 20408

Ships:

The Library of Congress
Washington, DC 20540

IV. Historical Data

Histories of every ship until the publication date:

Book: Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships
8 vols. Published by the Government
Printing Office, 1959 - 1981.

Ships histories 1959 to present:

Naval Historical Center
Ship's History Branch
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, DC 20374
(202) 433-3643

All unclassified USN log books:

US National Archives
Military Reference Branch
Washington, DC 20408
(202) 523-5385

Some ship's logs to present' classified operational records:

Naval Historical Center
Operational Archives Branch
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, DC 20374
(202) 433-7230

V. Interlibrary Loan

NOTAM Cont.

The Navy Library
Washington Navy Yard
Washington, DC 20374

The Library of Congress
Washington, DC 20540

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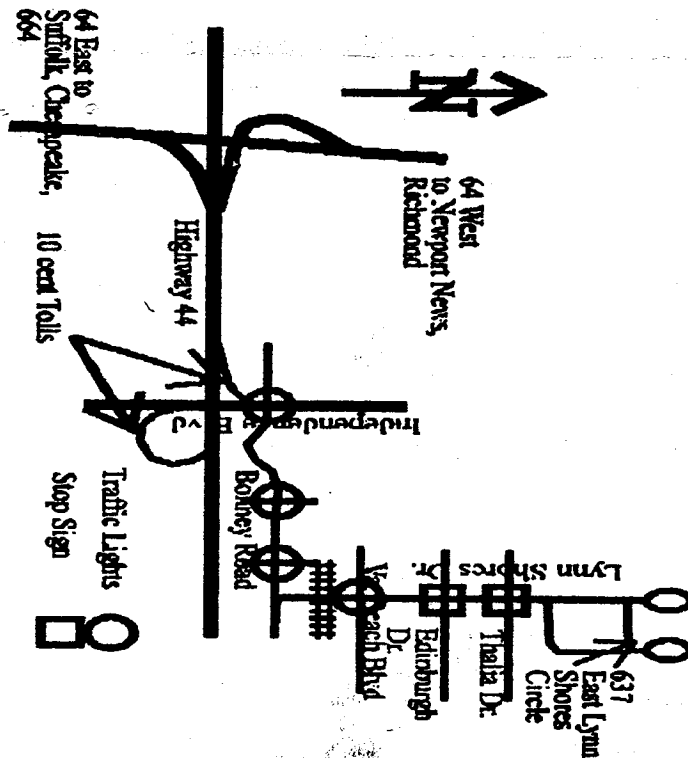
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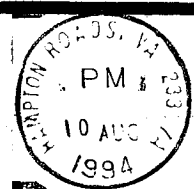
Next Meeting



The next meeting will be on 12 August, 2000 hours, at the home of Harvey and Mary Ellen Williams, 637 East Lynn Shores Circle, Virginia Beach, (804) 340-2536. Note: please let Harvey know by Thursday night if you plan to attend. Also, make sure you have 2 dimes for the toll gate. Harvey's house is shown on the map:



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AA: Dues paid. AD: Dues due.