

From  
the  
Pilothouse!



## Minutes



This month the new First Mate gets a chance to write for the Pilothouse:

It may be human nature to begin with an apology. Writing is not my strength, but...

All too often an apology precedes the exhibit of a model, gadget, or whatever. I am probably more guilty of this than most. Are we intimidated by the work of others? Does the average modeler or newcomer to the group feel comfortable?

It may just be that a striving perfectionist who stops just short of perfection doesn't want to spend a lifetime on a single project, or, it might be a trade-off for time versus quality. Or, in the worst case, it just may be deserving of an apology.

HRSMS is composed of a wide range of talents and interests. Let us first enjoy our modelling, learn from and share with others, and quit apologizing! 'Nuff said!

Now, I have decided to change the name of my latest project from "Rattlesnake" to "HMS Mediocrity." Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

Jim

April 14, 1995

Members Present: 17

Guest(s): Bil Peach

Meeting called to order at 2020.

### New Member

Bil Peach was unanimously accepted as a new member.

### Old Business

#### NRG Conference-

No changes reported since the last meeting. The conference committee plans to meet during the last week in April.

#### Solomon's Island Meeting-

The historian is still requesting copies of photos taken at the meeting to include in the club scrapbook.

#### Annual Banquet-

Reservations must be in to Bill Clarke by 21 April.

#### Annual Dues-

Bill Clarke is now accepting annual dues of \$12.00.

### New Business

#### Paddlewheels and Props-

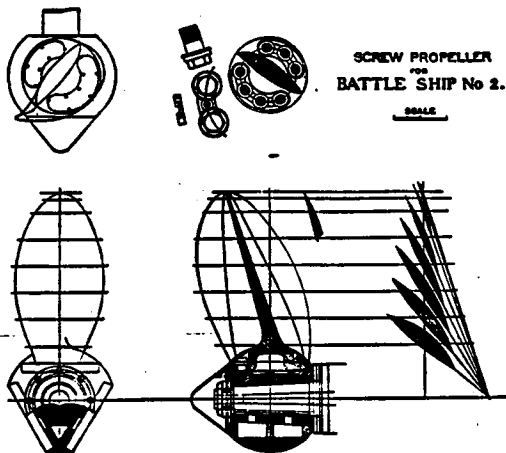
The club has received a copy of John Fryants catalog of paddlewheel steamer and tugboat plans, "Paddlewheels and Props." The editor has the copy and can show it to anyone who is interested. Price for the catalog by mail is \$4.00.

#### Reciprocating Membership-

The Washington Ship Model Society has proposed a reciprocating membership agreement. This would allow any member from one club to join the other without any waiting period, 3 meetings in the case of the HRSMS. This idea was accepted unanimously by the HRSMS membership. Jack Bobbitt will contact Joel Labow to continue with the idea.

#### The Fife Rail-

The club has received a copy of the newsletter of the



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Nautical Research and Ship Model Society of Chicago; the "Fife Rail." We will reciprocate with a copy of our newsletter.

### Modern Casting-

The club received a copy of "Modern Casting" from Mr. D'Andrea, one of the presenters at the Solomon's meeting. It is the 1995 Buyers Reference Issue which lists sources for casting materials. If anyone is interested they can contact the editor.

### New Catalogs-

Jack Bobbitt has current catalogs from Blue Ridge, Anchor Tools, Alpha Supply, and Eastern Toll and Supply Company.

### Underhill Books-

Bill Altice presented to the historian 3 Underhill books for the club library. They cover plank on frame building, masting and rigging.

### San Diego Ship Modelers Guild-

During one of his recent forays to San Diego, Jim McCurdy attended an SDSMG meeting aboard the ferry Berkeley. Jim mentioned having seen an article in the Smithsonian on the fiber-optic inspection of some of the models at Annapolis. Unfortunately, Jim no longer has his copy. Can anyone help him out?

### Cast Propellers-

Gene Berger mentioned that a gentleman in Newport News is casting propellers. More details to follow.

### Navy League-

Bill Clarke spent a few hours recently at the Sea, Air and Space Exposition held in Washington by the Navy League. Naturally, Bill brought back some neat stuff. He also found out a drawing of a Nimitz class carrier done by Newport News will show up in a future issue of "Air & Space" magazine.

### National Archives-

Bill has also made another recent trip into the bowels of the new archives building. It seems that the best way to make copies of photos may be to do it with your own camera on one of their copy stands. We'll see how Bill's efforts turn out.

### Sunny South-

Jack Bobbitt brought along his Chesapeake Bay schooner model, the Sunny South. The model is coming along beautifully and will be ready to enter in the Mariners Museum contest. Everything on the model is scratchbuilt, including the Robinson steering mechanism, which operates. Jack showed how he made up the eight sided wedges to go around each mast. He also showed 2 X-acto blades he ground into shape to be used as

around each mast. He also showed 2 X-acto blades he ground into shape to be used as scrapers for form the monkey rail stanchions and the half-round hull bead. Jack used artists charcoal pencil to simulate the caulking in the holly deck. Overall, the Sunny South is a beautiful model.

### RC Sailing Sloop-

Bil Peach brought along a Laughing Whale kit he is building into an RC operated sailing sloop. Bil has done a nice job on the hull and paint job and the model will look great in the water.

### Santa Maria-

Bob Sanderson showed his Billings kit model of the Santa Maria. Bob has done a great job on the model. He stated that lining up the external ribbing was a problem.

### Yacht Mary-

Ulrich Guenther brought along his Mamoli kit of the yacht Mary. The original yacht was presented to the King of England by the city of Amsterdam in 1660. Ulrich intends to enter the model in the Mariner's Museum contest and has equipped his beautiful model with a nicely done acrylic case.

The meeting adjourned at 2145. Thanks for the hospitality and refreshments provided by the Sandersons.



## Notice to Mariners

**Sources:** This month continues the list of sources provided to the HRSMS by the Gene Larson and the Nautical Research Guild:

### Plans cont.

John Fryant Plans Service  
6508 Dorset Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22310  
(Proprietary riverboats and tugboats.)

The Maryland Silver Co.  
P.O. Box 6220  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
(301) 647-9634  
(Colonial, Civil War, Spanish-American War.)

Mosquito Boat Hobbies  
Bob Sattler  
7173 Locust Ave.  
Hesperita, CA 92345  
(619) 949-9814  
(PT Boats)

National Maritime Museum  
Association  
Bldg. 275, Crissey Field  
Presidio of San Francisco  
San Francisco, CA 94129  
(Schooners and fishing boats.)

P. Young  
P.O. Box 1228  
Lebec, CA 93243  
(WWII subs.)

Repla-Tech International  
P.O. Box 461000, Cole  
Branch Naval Vessels  
Los Angeles, CA 90046-  
1000  
(Modern Navy.)

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Smithsonian Institution  
Division of Transportation,  
Room 5010 or  
Division of Naval History,  
Room 4017  
National Museum of  
American History  
Washington, DC 20560  
(Merchant sail.)

Taubman Plans Service Intl.  
11 College Drive  
Jersey City, NJ 07305  
(201) 435-5202  
(Books and plans for modelers.  
Cat. \$6.50.)

Vanguard Model Marine  
P.O. Box 708, Station B  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1P  
(Canadian ships.)

## Tools

Ace R/C  
116 W. 19th St., P.O. Box  
472  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
(800) 322-7121  
(R/C equipment.)

Anchor Tool & Supply  
231 Main Street, P.O. Box  
265  
Chatham, NJ 07928  
(Wide variety of jewelers  
tools.)

Alpha Supply Inc.  
Box 2133  
Bremerton, WA 98310-0389  
(800) 257-4211  
(Jewelers tools.)

CaRa Products  
P.O. Box 221  
Canton, SD 57013  
(605) 987-5924  
(R/C battery chargers.)

Dedeco International  
Rt. 97  
Long Eddy, NY 12760-0244  
(914) 887-4840  
(Dental abrasive tools.)

Dremel  
4915 21st Street  
Racine, WI 53406  
(Compact power hand tools,  
saws and sanders. Free  
catalog.)

Euro Tools  
11449 Randall Drive  
Lenexa, KS 66215  
(913) 338-3131  
Swiss and German tools. Free  
catalog.)

Excel Hobby Blade Corp.  
481 Getty Avenue  
Patterson, NJ 07503  
(201) 278-4000  
(Scissors, vises, blades,  
gouges, etc. Free catalog.)

Foredom Electric Co.  
Bethel, CT 06801  
(Flexshaft and handpieces.)

Gesswein  
P.O. Box 3998, 255 Hancock  
Ave.  
Bridgeport, CT 06605  
(Jewelers handtools, casting  
equipment.)

H & R  
18 Canal Street, P.O. Box  
122  
Bristol, PA 19007-0122  
(Science, R/C batteries.)

Industrial Abrasives Co.  
642 N. 8th Street, Box 14955  
Reading, PA 19612  
(800) 428-2222  
(Sanding tools.)

Jarmac, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2785  
Springfield, IL 62708  
(217) 789-7290  
(Small table saw and sander.)

K.H. Lee  
9078 Artesia Blvd.  
Bellflower, CA 90706  
(800) 435-4966  
(310) 920-3834  
(Jewelry and craft tools.)

Mascot Precision Tools  
750 Washington Ave.  
Carlstadt, NJ 07072  
(201) 939-6700  
(Small hand tools. Cat. \$2.00.)

Micro Mark  
340-497 Snyder Ave.  
Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922  
(800) 225-1066  
(Variety of inexpensive  
specialty tools.)

Northwest Short Line  
P.O. Box 423  
Seattle, WA 98111  
(Wood cutting and sanding.)

Pasche Airbrush Co.  
7440 W. Lawrence Ave.  
Harwood Heights, IL 60656-  
3497  
(708) 867-9191  
(Air brushes and paint booths.  
Free catalog.)

Preac Tool Co., Inc.  
512 Main Street  
Westbury, NY 11509  
(516) 333-1500  
(Miniature table saw and  
thickness sander.)

Proedge  
Maple Grange Road  
P.O. Box 888  
Vewmon, NJ 07462  
(201) 764-1120  
(Precision hobby tools to gov't  
spec. Free catalog.)

The Sanding Catalog  
P.O. Box 3737  
Hickory, NC 28603-3737  
(Made to order abrasive  
sheets.)

Sherline Products, Inc.  
170 Navajo Street  
San Marcos, CA 92069  
(Small lathe tools and  
accessories.)

Syntax Mfg. & Dist.  
249 S. Paseo Tesoro  
Walnut, CA 91789  
(909) 598-9811  
(Micro torches. Free brochure.)

Thayer Chandler  
28835 N. Herky Drive  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044  
(708) 816-1611  
(Vega 2000 airbrush. Catalog  
available.)

Thurston Manufacturing Co.  
45 Borden Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
(Miniature saw blades.)

Tools for Model Makers  
3 Arlington Street  
Rochester, NY 14607  
(Clamps.)

Trend-Lines  
375 Beacham Street  
P.O. Box 6447  
Chelsea, MA 02150-0999  
(Woodworking tools.)

Woodworkers Supply  
1108 North Glenn Road  
Casper, WY 82601  
(Carvers tools.)

Xuron Corp.  
60 Industrial Park Road  
Saco, ME 04072  
(207) 283-1401  
(Pliers, scissors, cutters, photo-  
etch cutters. SASE.)

## Publications & Magazines

*The American Neptune*  
The Peabody Museum of  
Salem  
161 Essex Street, East India  
Square  
Salem, MA 01970  
(Academic)

## NOTAM Cont.

*Fine Scale Modeler*  
Kalmbach Publishing Co.  
P.O. Box 1612  
Waukesha, WI 53187  
(Mainly plastic models.  
\$19.95.)

*Marine Modelling*  
Traplet House, Severn Drive  
Upton-on-Severn,  
Worcestershire WR8 0JL  
England

*The Mariner's Mirror*  
Derek G. Law, MA Dip. Lib.,  
FLA  
Hon. Secretary, The Society  
for Nautical Research  
Librarian, King's College  
London  
University of London, Strand,  
London WC2R 2LS  
England

*Model Boats*  
Argus Specialist Publications  
Argus House, Boundary Way  
Hemel Hempstead, Herts  
HP2 7ST  
England

*Model Ship Builder*  
P.O. Box 128  
Cedarburg, WI 53012  
(414) 377-7888  
(\$23.00.)

*Model Shipwright*  
Conway Maritime Press Ltd.  
101 Fleet Street  
London EC4Y 1DE, England

*Nautical Collector*  
P.O. Box 16734  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
(703) 550-6609  
(Collectables and maritime  
history. \$36.00.)

*Nautical Research Journal*  
19 Pleasant Street  
Everett, MA 02149  
(Research applied to model  
building.)

*Radio Control Boat  
Modeler*  
P.O. Box 443  
Mount Morris, IL 61054-  
9858

*Scale Ship Modeler*  
7950 Deering Avenue  
Canoga Park, CA 91304  
(818) 760-8983  
(Scale R/C and static models.)

*Sea History*  
National Maritime Historical  
Society  
P.O. Box 68  
Peekskill, NY 10566  
(Nautical heritage. \$30.00.)

*Seaway's/Ships in Scale*  
2271 Constitution Drive  
San Jose, CA 95124  
(408) 964-2077

*U.S. Boat & Ship Modeler*  
34249 Camino Capistrano  
Capistrano Beach, CA  
92624-0459

*Warship International*  
5905 Reinwood Drive  
Toledo, OH 43613

*Wooden Boat*  
P.O. Box 78  
Brooklin, ME 04616  
(207) 359-4651  
(Full size boats. \$24.95.)

### Book Companies

Antiquarian Archive  
379 State Street  
Los Altos, CA 94022  
(415) 949-1593  
(Used books. Search services.)

Armchair Sailor Bookstore  
Lee's Wharf  
Newport, RI 02840  
(New and used general  
maritime.)

Bill Corkhill  
21 Country Club Road  
Groton, CT 06340  
(203) 445-0883  
(Nautical books, No catalog,  
send requests.)

The Bookstore  
Mystic Seaport Museum  
Stores  
Mystic, CT 06355  
(800) 331-BOOK  
(New and used books.)

Coastal Forces  
136 West Broadway  
Bangor, ME 04401  
(Books and plans.)

Columbia Trading Co.  
504 Main Street (Rt. 6A)  
West Barnstable, MA  
02668  
(508) 362-8966  
(Used maritime books. Catalog  
available.)

Connecticut River Books  
Goodspeed Landing  
East Haddam, CT 06423  
(203) 873-8881  
(Used and rare books.)

Cornell Maritime Press  
P.O. Box 456  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-2478  
(New books on contemporary  
maritime subjects.)

Crawford Nautical Books  
5520 North 16th Street  
Arlington, VA 22205  
(703) 534-8521

Cross Hill Books  
P.O. Box 798  
Brunswick, ME 04011  
(Used books.)

Edward J. Lefkowitz, Inc.  
P.O. Box 630  
Fairhaven, MA 02719  
(508) 997-6839  
(Rare books.)

J. Tuttle Maritime Books  
1806 Laurel Crest  
Madison, WI 53705  
(608) 238-SAIL  
(Rare and out of print books.  
Free catalog.)

Jean Boudriot Publications  
Ashley Lodge  
Rotherfield, East Sussex  
TN6 3QX, England  
(New and facsimile  
reproductions on European  
sail.)

Pier Books Inc.  
P.O. Box 5  
Piermont, NY 10968  
(914) 268-5845  
(Rare and out of print books.)

Rocky Mountain Shipyard  
590 Ronlin Street  
Grand Junction, CO 81504  
(Dealer in new offerings,  
books and plans.)

Ten Pound Island Book Co.  
76 Langsford Street  
Gloucester, MA 01930  
(508) 283-5299  
(Old and rare books. Free  
catalog.)

U.S. Naval Institute  
2062 General's Highway  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
(800) 233-USNI  
(Navy and ship modeling.  
Publishers of  
*Proceedings*. Discount to  
members.)

W. Weigand & Co.  
P.O. Box 563  
Glastonbury, CT 06033  
(Out of print books. Free  
catalog.)

### Ship Model and Maritime Dealers/Appraisers

The Admiralty Model Gallery  
Harbor House #28, Pier 21  
Galveston, TX 77550  
(409) 766-1777  
(Models, gifts, restorations.)

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**ALNAVCO**  
Box 9  
Belle Haven, VA 23306  
(804) 442-2323  
(1/1200 waterline metal warships.)

**American Marine Model Gallery**  
R. Michael Wall  
12N Derby Square  
Salem, MA 01970  
(508) 745-5777  
(Catalog \$10.00.)

**Ancient Mariner, Inc.**  
238 15th Street #13  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
(404) 881-8267  
(Antiques.)

**Andrew Jacobson Marine Antiques**  
P.O. Box 2155  
South Hamilton, MA 01982  
(508) 468-6276

**Antiques of the Sea**  
16811 Pacific Coast Highway  
Sunset Beach, CA 90742-0023  
(310) 592-1752  
(By appointment.)

**Arrangements, Inc. Marine Division**  
P.O. Box 126  
Mt. Kisco, NY 10549  
(914) 238-1300  
(Models. List \$2.00.)

**Bill Thomte T/A, St. Michaels**  
P.O. Box 299  
St. Michaels, MD 21663  
(410) 745-3080  
(Nautical antiques.)

**David Air**  
8 Beach Street  
New York, NY 10013  
(212) 925-7867  
(Models, marine art and artifacts. By appointment.)

**Dockyard Ship Model Gallery**  
P.O. Box 303  
Hamilton, NY 13346  
(315) 824-2463

**John Johnsey's Steel Navy Models**  
2301 Lambros  
Midland, MI 48642  
(517) 839-2134  
(Custom 20th cent. warships. Brochure \$2.00.)

**Lannan Ship Model Gallery**  
58 Thayer Street  
Boston, MA 02118  
(517) 451-2650  
(Models.)

**Marine Model Gallery**  
Charles R. Hennigan  
Duck Waterfront Shops,  
Duck, NC  
P.O. Box 8234, Duck Sta.  
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949  
(919) 261-5977

**Mystic Maritime Gallery**  
Mystic Seaport Museum  
Stores, Inc.  
Mystic, CT 06355  
(203) 572-8524  
(Models and art.)

**North Star Galleries**  
1120 Lexington Ave. at 78th  
Street  
New York, NY 10021  
(212) 794-4277  
(Models.)

**Oliphant & Co.**  
790 Madison Ave.  
New York, NY 10021  
(212) 439-0007  
(Marine arts.)

**Port and Starboard**  
67 Johnson Road  
Falmouth, ME 04105  
(207) 781-4214  
(Antiques and art.)

**Seacraft Classics**  
7850 E. Evans Road, Suite  
109  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260  
(800) 356-1987  
(Models. Free catalog.)

**Seafarer Ltd.**  
Rt. 9, Lily Lake  
Oceanville, NJ 08231  
(609) 652-9491  
(Free brochure. \$3.00 for list.)

**Showcase Model Company**  
P.O. Box 470  
State College, PA 16804-0470

**Shuttleworth**  
P.O. Box 231  
West Covina, CA 91793  
(Maritime ephemera, models, art and antiques.)

**West Sea Co.**  
2495 Congress Street  
San Diego, CA 92110  
(619) 296-5356  
(Nautical antiques and art. Free catalog.)

**Vallejo**  
1610 West Coast Highway  
Newport Beach, CA 92663  
(714) 642-7945  
(Art and antiques.)

**Vintage Limited, USA**  
Joan Scott  
29761 Weatherwood  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677  
(714) 249-8687  
(1/1200 waterline metal warships.)

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### Three items of interest:

1. From Rick Hegge, president of the Maryland chapter of the Ships-in-Bottles Association of America (SIBAA), we received notification of an upcoming eastern regional conference to take place at the Chesapeake Maritime Museum in St. Michael's, MD. The dates are September 8-10. The members will be showing their latest works and demonstrating new techniques and tools for putting ships in bottles. Anyone interested can contact Rick at:

**The Maryland Chapter of the SIBAA**  
Rick Hegge, President  
22040 Holiday Dr.  
Smithsburg, MD 21783

2. HRSMS has been invited back to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Festival in Town Point Park, Norfolk. In fact we are listed as one of the primary exhibitors. We got good reviews from this last year and at least one new member. We have to turn in our participant application by July 1 and our display description by August 1. The festival dates are October 14-15.

3. The editor has been informed that the May/June issue of *Seaways/Ships in Scale* is featuring the first in a series on the construction of the frigate *Virginia*. This issue features a color photo of the model on the cover. This should prove to be another well written article by Jack Bobbitt.

# Watch, Quarter and Station Bill

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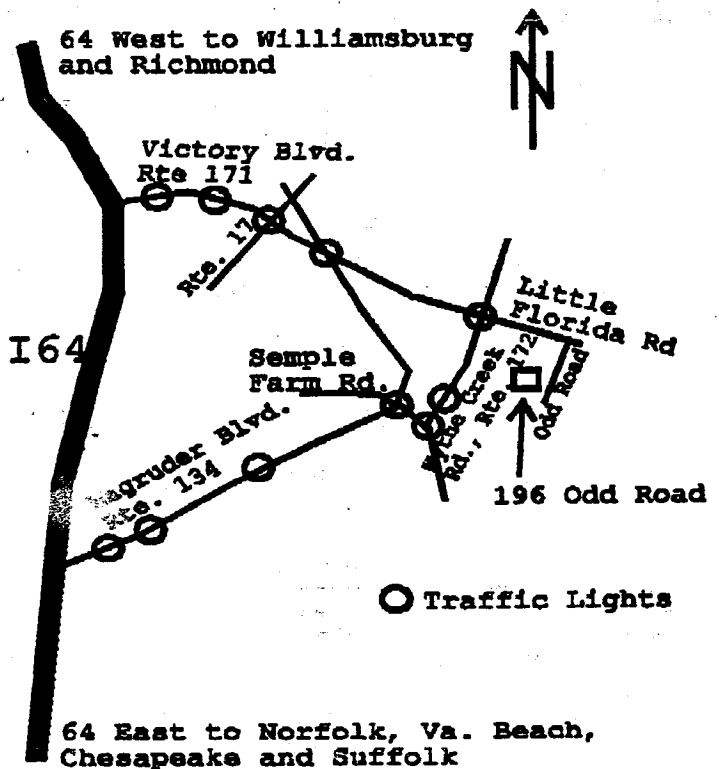
October 27-29 ; NRG Conference, Holiday Inn, Hampton

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(804) 482-5426
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- Clerk:** John Cheevers  
(804) 591-8955
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(804) 588-5831

## Next Meeting



The next meeting will be at Bill Clarke's home, 196 Odd Road, Poquoson, VA. (804) 868-6809. Time: 2000, Date: 19 May 1995. (Ed. note: This is the 3rd Friday in May, changed from our normal 2nd Friday meeting.) See the following map for directions to Bill's house. This is the HRSMS Strawberry Fest, so come prepared to eat lots of strawberries and ice cream.



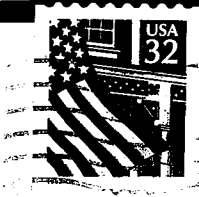
## Upcoming Events!

May						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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			

- May Meeting:** 19 May, 2000 Hrs., Host: Bill Clarke
- June Meeting:** 9 June, 2000 Hrs., Host: Ulrich Guenther
- July Meeting:** 14 July, 2000 Hrs., Host: David Tagg
- September 8-10,** Ships-in-Bottles Association of America Eastern Regional Conference, St. Michael's, MD
- October 14-15,** Chesapeake Bay Maritime Festival and Classic Boat Show, Norfolk, VA



c/o Len Wine  
7432 Red Brook Road  
Norfolk, VA 23518



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414 Burnham Pl.  
Newport News, VA 23606