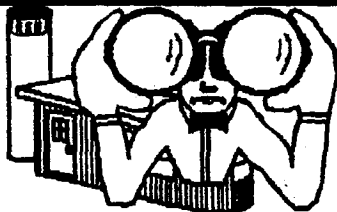


From
the
Pilothouse!



Minutes



May 19, 1995

Members: 17
Guest(s): Carl Berger

Meeting called to order at 2009.

Old Business

Founders Award- This years recipient of the Founders Award is John Cheevers. As Jack Bobbitt put it, "John gets the little ding-a-ling.." Congratulations John, the award is well deserved.

Historian- Thanks to all of the members who responded to Chuck Reynold's request for photos from the Solomon's Island meeting. Chuck also received some photos from the banquet.

Nautical Research Journals- A reminder to members to please return the club copies of the journal to Chuck so he can check them out to other members. Jack Bobbitt has issues going back to the early 60's if anyone is interested in borrowing any.

Practical Shipbuilding- John Cheevers brought one copy from the shipyard of this 6 volume set to a meeting a couple of months ago. The subject came up again and it was mentioned that the Mariners Museum holds a copy of the set in its library.

NRG Conference- No changes to report. The committee plans to meet next week.

New Business

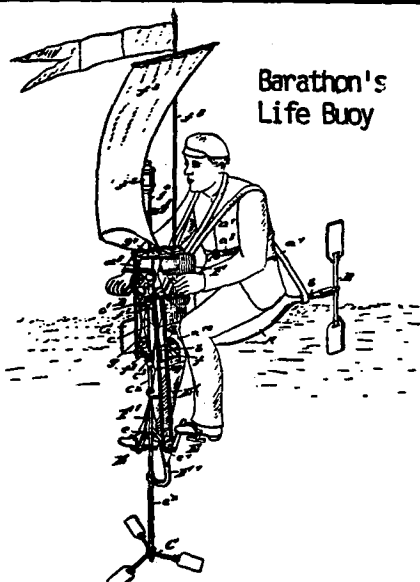
Ship Modeling Presentation- The Mariners Museum has proposed that a ship modeling presentation be held in the museum's classroom in July or August. HRSMS club members would do topics similar to what we used to do at the Lifesaving Museum. We have agreed to participate so everyone should look at possible topics they could present. Plan on holding your presentation to 30 minutes or less.

A Day in the Park- The 1st Day in the Park for 1995 will be held at the Mariners Museum on 17 and 18 June. The Hampton Roads Ship Model Society headlines this time so

I read in the newspaper over the weekend that a brewery in Iowa is coming out with a new product, SOS Amber Ale. The owner of the brewery intends to donate \$1.00 from every bottle sold to the foundation being set up to move the battleship Iowa to Norfolk. As the owner sees it, since the state of Iowa doesn't have anywhere to put a used battleship, then the next best thing is to make sure that the Iowa is saved and put on display where the people from Iowa will have a chance to see it. He believes that this is something the people of Iowa will get behind and support. He might be right. I only hope the people of Hampton Roads will get behind this project as well. The current estimate is that it will take at least \$3,000,000.00 to get the Iowa tied up at Nauticus and ready for display. I for one intend to be an avid drinker of SOS Amber Ale if goes on sale here in the Tidewater area.

My only real regret is that there isn't a WWII cruiser anywhere around the country that has been preserved for posterity. Battleships, aircraft carriers, destroyers and small craft all made it into various displays and museums but not a single cruiser. I can think of several that should have been saved like the San Francisco or the St. Louis. Oh well, too late to cry over those razor blades but its not too late for the Iowa. I'm not sure what the HRSMS can do to help the cause but maybe it's something we ought to think about.

Len



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we'll need great club member participation. We will be doing a static display as well as operating R/C models. The museum will supply a canopy and we have requested power so if you want to demonstrate some different modeling techniques just about anything is possible, keeping spectator safety on mind. Please contact Gene Berger at (804) 850-4407 and let him know what types of models or items you are intending to bring. Let's have a good turn out for this event.

Bob Comet- Bob and his models were featured in a 2 page spread in the Sun, the Suffolk paper. Bob has been volunteering at the Mariner's Museum, demonstrating modeling and talking up the club. Way to go Bob.

Plank on Frame Models- Robert Dillingham mentioned that this is a particularly good set of books and he has gotten alot out of them. He did have one question though, "What the heck is filler varnish?" The local HQ guy couldn't help. Has anyone heard this term before? By the way, this set of books is available through the club historian.

The meeting officially adjourned at 2033.

Show and Tell

John Cheevers- John brought along the club's latest issue of the NRG journal. It should be available next month to anyone who is interested. John also had copies of the NRG style guide for articles and hints on how to do book reports for the Journal.

Attaching Deck Planking- John did some research and found out that the planking on the tug *Huntington* was bolted from underneath by drilling through the deck beams. There weren't any deck plugs. That practice continued up into the late 20's and early 30's. As steel decks were adopted the idea of drilling through them to attach planking seemed counterproductive to the goal of keeping the water out. Studs were welded directly to the deck and holes bored in the planks to allow bolting them down. Deck plugs were used to fill in the holes.

Jim McCurdy- Jim found an idea in *Proven Shop Tips* from *Fine Woodworking* that he thought would allow him to round down blocks. He made up the tool from an electric motor and an old tuna can lined with sandpaper. It seems this idea has been used before. Sorry Jim, no patents. Anyway, Jim's tool works very well and he received some good tips on how to possible improve it.

West System- Jim is considering building a 1:1 scale wooden canoe using the West epoxy system and he brought along the literature. This system could have applications for modelers, especially the R/C guys.

Alert- Jim also brought along a copy of the Naval Institute *Anatomy of a Ship, The Cutter Alert*. Looks like another fine book in this series covering Royal Navy sailing cutters.

Bill Clarke- Bill had copies of *Naval History, Seapower, Model Boats and Proceedings* to pass around.

Next came the main event, STRAWBERRIES. We did a much better job this year packing them away. There weren't too many left when everyone left. The big winner was Carl Berger who put away nearly 3 bowls full of strawberries. Oh to be a kid again and able to eat like that.

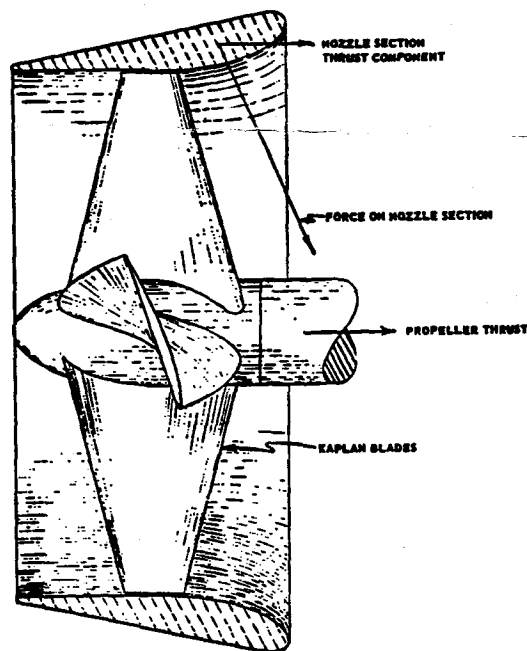
After the pig-out Bill showed us the fruits of his latest trip to England. He had slides of the club house of the Mid-Thames model club. They have a spectacular meeting place and personally the editor drooled over the model pond. Bill also had slides of the multitude of models owned by one club member, slides from the Model Engineering Exhibition and slides of the model storage facility for the National Maritime Museum. Another good show Bill.

Thanks to Bill and Joe Ann for their hospitality and the strawberries. (Ed. Note: I won't admit how many bowls of strawberries and ice cream I had but Carl beat me!)

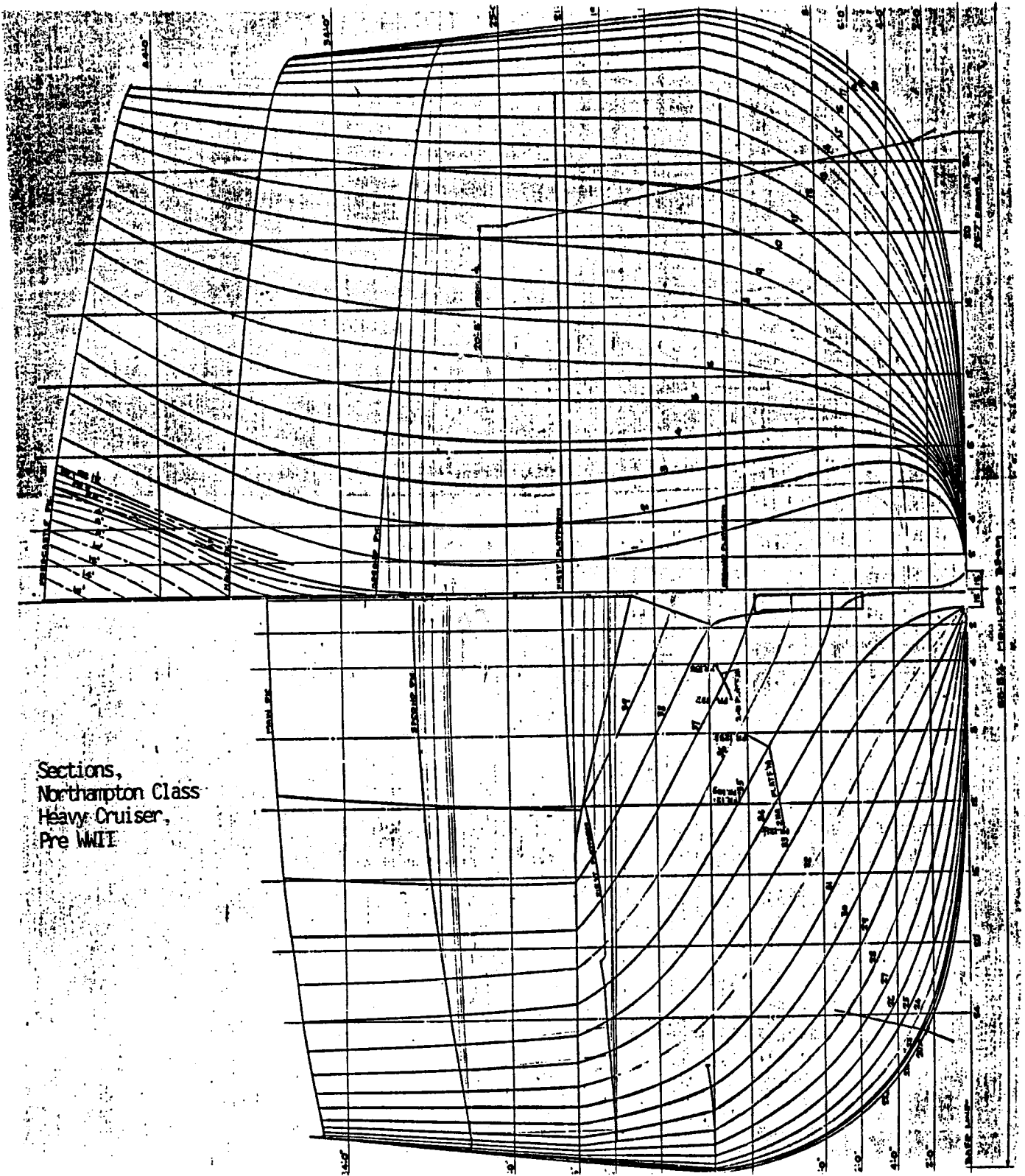


Notice to Mariners

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Watch, Quarter and Station Bill

September 8-10, Ships-in-Bottles Association of America
Eastern Regional Conference, St. Michael's, MD

October Meeting: 13 October, 2000 Hrs., Host: Graham
Horne

October 14-15, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Festival and
Classic Boat Show, Norfolk, VA

October 27-29 ; NRG Conference, Holiday Inn,
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Next Meeting



The next meeting will be at Ulrich Guenther's home, 5637
Fiddler's Green Road, Gloucester, VA. (804) 693-9732. Time:
2000, Date: 9 JUNE 1995. Directions to Ulrich's house follow:

From points south:

Stay on 17 North until the 3rd traffic light past the
Walmart. Turn left onto Rt. 619 (Fiddler's Green Rd.) for 3/4
mile. After crossing a small creek it is the next driveway on the
right, No. 5637. There is a red fence and it is a brown house up
on a hill.

From points north:

Take I-64 East to Exit 220. Go 5 miles past Westpoint
and turn right onto Rt. 14 to Rt. 17 South. Go 9 miles to the
traffic light in Gloucester. Turn right onto Rt. 619 (Fiddler's
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Upcoming Events!

June							
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	4
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	5
25	26	27	28	29	30		

June Meeting: 9 June, 2000 Hrs., Host: Ulrich Guenther

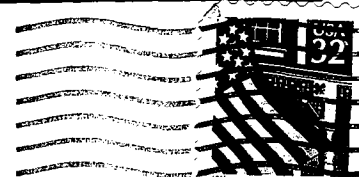
June 17-18, Mariners Museum Day in the Park

July Meeting: 14 July, 2000 Hrs., Host: David Tagg

August Meeting: 11 August, 2000 Hrs., Hosts: Jim
McCurdy, Harvey Williams, Len Wine

September Meeting: 9 September, 2000 Hrs., Host:
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