Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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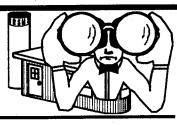


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From the Pilothouse



Well NRG 95 is finally here and I'm sure Bill Clarke is relieved. This conference has been in the planning stages for over a year. Everything is coming together nicely and this year's conference should be a good one.

Pulling the conference off is going to take a lot of last minute preparation so we're going to need a lot of volunteers. If you've got some time to help out with registration or package stuffing the please give Bill a call.

Don't forget that the club has two big events this month. We are also part of the main attraction for the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Festival, 14-15 October. This event was great fun last year and we need everyone to come out this year and bring along your models, finished or not. Its a chance to show off your work, have some fun and maybe drum up some new members for the club.

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September 8, 1995

Members: 20 Guest(s): John

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Meeting called to order at 2004.

Old Business

NRG Conference-

Postage- Bill Clarke is going to request reimbursement from the NRG for the postage for the conference announcements

Registration- John Cheevers announced that to date

we have received 90 registration forms, running a bit ahead of the 91 conference. John pointed out that the HRSMS response so far has been low. (Ed. Note: Don't wait too long guys. The late fee applies to us too.)

Door prizes- To date we have door prizes supplied by the NRG and H&R Products. Bill wants to supply prizes on the tables like we did last time and intends to send some of the wives out shopping. Should work out as well as last time. Anyone with any ideas on door prizes should contact Bill Clarke.

Vendors- So far we've got 8 vendors lined up with a couple more possible. This is a much better response than 91.

Holiday Inn- The arrangements with the Holiday Inn are gong well and everything appears to be on track.

Conference Check-In- Bill needs volunteers to man the check-in table on Thursday night, Friday morning and afternoon and Saturday morning. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Bill.

<u>Club Library</u>- The club library was laid out for everyone to browse through and sign out as desired.

Permanent Meeting Site- The possibilities for a permanent meeting place have been narrowed down to the Monitor and Merrimac Museum at the foot of Newport News and the VFW Post in Williamsburg. We should have more information at the October meeting. If you get a chance drop by the M&M museum and check it out.

New Business

<u>Model Repair</u>- Alan Fraser has information on a model in Portsmouth that needs repair. The model is a Chesapeake bay Deadrise produced by Baybuilt Ship Models. Anyone interested in taking on this job should contact Alan.

Radio Control Show- The first annual Tidewater Radio Control Show is scheduled for October 28 & 29 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion. Unfortunately, this directly conflicts with the NRG conference. The hours are 9-5 Saturday and 10-4 Sunday. There will be static competition judged by Peoples' choice.

The meeting officially adjourned at 2037.

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Minutes Continued

Showand Tell

<u>Civil War Ship Construction</u>- The Hampton Roads Naval Museum will hold a seminar on Civil War ship construction on 13 September. The seminar is free to the public in a meeting room at Nauticus.

<u>Acrialus</u>- This company is seeking models on consignment for sale worldwide. Anyone interested can contact Alan Fraser.

<u>Model Mounts</u>- Alan also brought along copies of an article he had in the NRG Journal, September 1979, covering the mounting of models using lamp hardware. The editor can make copies for anyone who is interested.

<u>Model Contest Video</u>- The Mariners' Museum is producing a video about the model contest. It may be available at the NRG conference.

<u>Task Force 50-</u> Bill Clarke reported on a radio control regatta he attended at Lake Redman, PA on August 20. Photographs and video will be forthcoming at later meetings. Bill was very impressed by the activities and the level of modeling.

<u>Mount Trashmore</u>- Gene Berger brought along photos of some of the models being run at Mount Trashmore Lake recently.

<u>NRG Journal</u>- John Cheevers passed along the club's copy of the latest journal.

<u>Joseph Henry</u>- The Joseph Henry is the oldest existing NNSY hull, no. 114. It is being used as a museum in Greece. The report was in a copy of the shipyard newsletter that John brought along.

<u>Carrier Recognition Models</u>- John is working on a set of carrier recognition models for the Mariners' Museum and brought them along to show the progress he has made. It was a good opportunity to compare the size of the Langley in relation to a Nimitz class carrier.

Iowa (BB-4)- John also brought along plans of the USS Iowa (BB-4) that he obtained from the National Archives. The Iowa was a wonderful looking ship and the drafting of the plans was excellent.

<u>Crabbing Skiff</u>- Bob Comet is currently working on a crabbing skiff based on Chapelle's book on crabbing skiffs. The model is built with Bass and Holly and treenailed with Bamboo.

<u>Rothskild</u>- Bob and his wife recently went on trip to Scandinavia. He brought along photos of the models in the museum at Rothskild, Denmark that are based upon the 5 Viking ships preserved there.

<u>Wasa</u>- Bob also visited the Wasa museum in Stockholm and brought back a set of the latest plans of the Wasa. All in all, Bob said the trip was great and both museums are well worth the trip.

<u>Tugboat</u>- Bill Altice showed the built up cabin and pilothouse he is doing for his tug model. The structures were formed using 1/64" plywood and the West epoxy system. The ply was bent around a form and the West epoxy was used. Bill said it is possible to get a radius as small as 3/8".

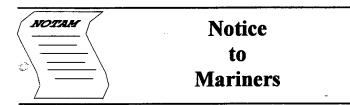
<u>Portholes</u>- Bill also brought along a porthole borer he built. It is made of tubing the same diameter as the desired porthole. He milled teeth in the end of the borer and has a floating point inside the tube to align the borer at the desired spot. He turns the borer at 150 RPM and uses a steady feed on a drill press. It produces a nice clean hole with no splintering.

<u>Chesapeake Bay Steamer</u>- Jack Bobbit brought along his model of a Bay steamer workboat. He has started working on the pilothouse, which is removable from the model so he can work on the deck planking. Jack has used several different types of laminations to build up the curved parts on the pilothouse, similar to what Bill Altice did for his tug. The model is planked in Maple using white glue.

Eagle- Joe McCleary unboxed his model of the Eagle. The original was built in just 4 weeks and fought on Lake Champlain during the War of 1812. Texas A&M has done extensive archaeology of the remains of the Eagle and has produced a set of plans. Joe has been using Ebony for treenailing. He has a set of parallel jaw pliers, with the jaws lined with leather, that he uses to pull the wood through his drawplate. Jack Bobbit recommends pushing the plate away rather than pulling the wood through. Joe uses contact cement to apply sandpaper to various blocks of wood that he uses to sand his hulls fair. He also uses a little right angle sander from Micro Mark to sand inside the hull. By the way, Joe's carrying box was nearly as much a work of art as his model is turning out to be.

Following Show and Tell we fell out into Chuck Reynolds garage to see his 1:1 scale Bridgeport Vertical Milling machine. Chuck is just beginning to set-up a complete machine shop in his garage. The Bridgeport is a good start. Following the garage tour everyone was treated to some great refreshments courtesy of Chuck and Linda.

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<u>Nautical Research Guild 1996 Essay Contest</u>- For over 45 years, the Nautical Research Guild has promoted the scholarly study of all facets of past and present maritime endeavor. The Guild's focus includes naval and merchant ship and boatbuilding, naval architecture, fishing, yachting, and equipment of vessels.

To encourage new and deeper research, the Board of Directors of the Nautical Research Guild is pleased to sponsor a 1996 Essay Award. A First Prize of \$500 and a Second Prize of \$250 will be offered to authors of essays which best exemplify the goals and ideals of the Guild. In addition, winning essays will be published in the 1997 volume of the Nautical Research Journal. The deadline for the receipt of entries is 1 September 1996 and winners will be announced on 19 October at the 1996 Nautical Research Guild Conference on Tulsa.

The NRG anticipates that winning essays will demonstrate research with primary source material and that they will be well illustrated. Essays should be non-fiction and should be between 3000 and 6000 words in length. Eligibility is extended to everyone except directors and officers of the NRG and their immediate families.

To receive complete Conditions of Entry, and a "Style Guide for Contributors to the *Nautical Research Journal*," please write or call Eugene Larson, NRG Essay Award Chairman, 9223 Presidential Drive, Alexandria, VA 22309. Telephone (703) 360-2111.

<u>Chesapeake Bay Maritime Festival</u>- the festival this year is scheduled for the weekend of 14-15 October, from Noon to 5:00 PM each day. Festival check in will be from 7:00 to 10:30. All cars have to be out of the festival area, west of Waterside, by 11:00 AM. There will be 24 hour security in Town Point Park on Saturday night, although considering the weather on Saturday last year it's not advised to leave a model overnight.

We need models of all types to display, finished as well as unfinished. (Ed. Note: I was told there would be an area for running RC models and I will confirm this prior to the meeting.) We should also have power at our booth so consider doing some modeling demonstrations. Bob Comet seemed to get a lot of attention at the Mariners' Museum booth last year working on a model.

Bring along an extension cord if you anticipate needing power and we have to supply our own table covering so if any one has some picnic table cloths we can use let Len Wine know. Also, if you are planning on attending please give Len a call by 12 October so he can arrange for more parking passes. Festevents only sent us 2 of them. The event is rain or shine, as Jack and Len found out last year, but it is a good time and the more the merrier.

<u>Nautical Research Guild 1995 Conference</u>- There shouldn't be a member of the HRSMS who doesn't know by now that the conference is coming up at the end of this month, 26-29 October. Registration numbers are very high and it looks like this will be a very well attended conference.

Conference check-in will begin Thursday night at 5:00 PM and there will be check-in hours at several times during Friday and Saturday. We will need volunteers to help with check-in as well as vendor table set-up on Thursday, conference preparations on Saturday, etc. If you can spend some time helping out please contact Bill Clarke, he'll find something for everyone to do.

On Friday the first event will be the bus tour to the Naval Base to go onboard a couple of ships. The trip will continue to downtown Norfolk to spend a couple of hours seeing the sights before returning to the Holiday Inn. That evening the Mariners' Museum will host a reception and it will be an opportunity to see the contest models again.

Saturday starts out with the main event, the conference. The speakers will be Thomas Gilmer, Joe McCleary, Jack Bobbitt, Roger Cole, John Cheevers and Alan Fraser. It should prove to both an entertaining and enlightening program. For the spouses there is a trip to the Mariners' Museum and Carter's Grove Plantation. That evening the conference culminates in the banquet at the Holiday Inn and the presentation of awards for the model contest.

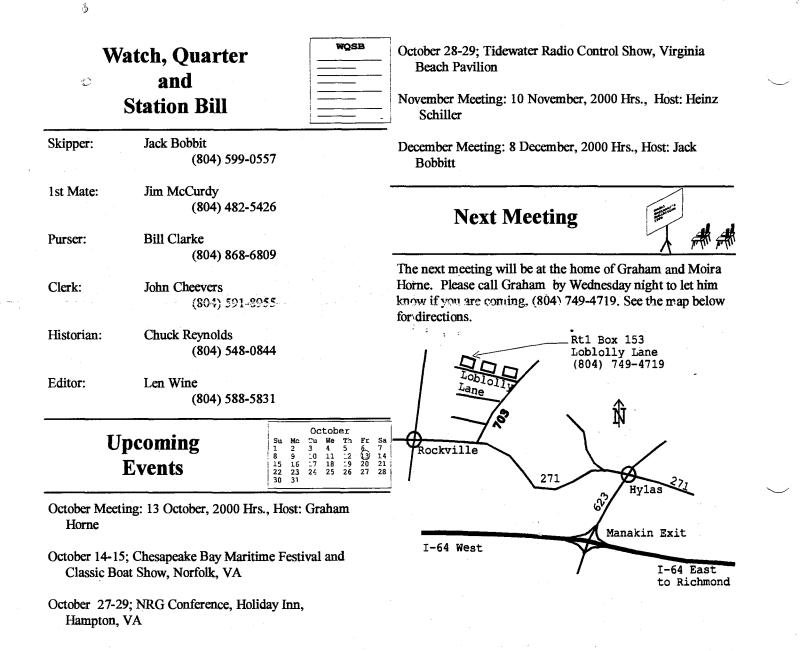
Sunday morning will be the roundtable discussions and the flea market and that afternoon we will hold an RC run at the Mariners' Museum lagoon. It promises to be a busy weekend but if its anything like the 91 conference it will be well worth the effort to attend. See you there.

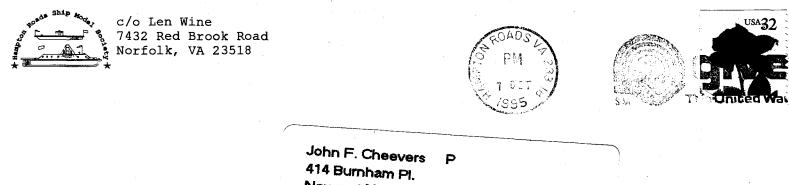
<u>Ballast</u>- any solid or liquid weight placed in a ship to increase the draft, to change the trim, or to regulate the stability.

<u>Chine</u>- a more or less sharp corner or knuckle in the hull form. Continuous over a significant length of the ship, as in the junction of side and the bottom in planing craft. The chine is known as soft when the corner is rounded, and hard otherwise.

<u>Fair</u>- to smooth or fair up a ship's lines; eliminating irregularities; to assemble the parts of a ship so they will be fair, i.e., without kinks, bumps, or waves.

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