

Minutes



Minutes for 12 July, 1996.

Our intrepid editor and clerk being both on the lam from Hurricane Bertha, the skipper asked the mate to take over the log, and the voyage began at 2008 hrs. with a reduces crew of about sixteen. But it was the third voyage for Bill Abbott, whom someone dubbed "Brave Soul" and he was signed on as a permanent (i.e.; for as long as he pays dues) hand.

Correction to last month's minutes: The request from Mr. Berryman to have some models repaired came to Jack Bobbitt through the Mariners' Museum and Alan Frazer.

Old Business-

Polo Shirts- Ulrich Guenther had prices for the polo shirt (\$15.00; he was wearing the sample) and T-shirt (\$8.00) with the HRSMS logo imprinted, and might get a discount if placing a group order. Purser Bill Clarke said he "had a thought" (!): that the kitty was sufficiently flush that the club could spring for "uniforms" for all paid-up crew. Suddenly, enough members *were* interested! A motion was made, amended, and passed after discussion, that all would get blue polo shirts (brighter than Navy blue, if available) with white logos. Those present signed up for sizes, and Jim McCurdy said he would call South Side absentees for their sizes and pass along to Ulrich, who would do the same for the Peninsula and North Side and will see if the shirts can be delivered in time for the Jubilee on the James at the Mariners' Museum on July 27. (Ed. Note: the shirts made it and the look very good.)

Modeling Presentations- Graham Horne offered an introduction the committee's current thinking on "hands on" modeling project ("committee" consists of Graham, Joe McCleary, Bob Comet). This has evolved from Graham's earlier proposal that interested members build models of the same boat, more or less in unison, and bring them in monthly for report, discussion, and support. The plan now proposes an ongoing educational series to cover various aspects of ship modeling, led by various members; the subject to be announced in advance and members invited to bring relevant illustrations and problems for discussion. The

members will soon receive a mailing with more detail and a request for volunteer session leaders. Let's go for it!

Quality- related to our modeling project, the NRG has an ongoing project to define "quality" in ship models.

Jubilee on the James- A reminder that the club is supposed to participate in this Newport News Centennial event at the Mariners' Museum on July 27. The Elite Fleet was mentioned in the announcement but the HRSMS seems to have been forgotten. (Ed. Note: We actually had a pretty good turn out, better than the Elite Fleet. The weather was nice and it was a fun day.)

New Business/Show and Tell-

Treenails- Alan Frazer had a letter from Royal Products (P.O. Box 4453, Running Springs, CA 92382; 909-867-9272) offering a club discount on Treenail Makers for three or more sets shipped to one address; \$85 saves \$12 off of the regular \$97.95. Add \$6 for shipping the lot. Graham Horne had his new set with him to "show" but he had not used it yet so he had little to "tell." Looks like a well made product but there was no lineup of eager buyers.

Thickness Sander- Graham also had Royal's new thickness sander (\$140) which also looks good. This started a general discussion about sanders and host Tom "Sanders" brought out a large Ryobi sanding drum and some pillow blocks he intends to use to build his own.

Yamato- Bill Abbott brought along a fine looking book on the Yamato that he received from the Kurashiki Marine Model Club in Japan. Great illustrations and well printed, all in Japanese.

Holly Tree- Bill Clarke brought part of his very own holly tree (given to him in large pieces, still wet, and just cut by a traveling sawyer with a big bandsaw on a truck). Bill said he did not want to carry any of it back to Poquoson. the consensus on curing was that it would take about a year in a fairly dry, steady atmosphere. force drying it is not a good idea since the wood will dry out too quickly and too much, causing cracking. You probably wouldn't save any time since the wood would have to reabsorb moisture to return to equilibrium.

USS Keokuk- Joe McCleary announced that his next modeling project after the Eagle is finished will be the USS

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Keokuk, a Civil War ironclad, "so ugly that if it had a mustache you could call it Bill Clarke" (the beat goes on!). The plans for the Keokuk came from the National Archives. The actual ship was a total disaster, let's hope Joe can do better.

Sub-Committee report- Gene Berger had a copy of the latest issue of the report. Gene plans to attend the upcoming annual event at the sub base in (dare we say it!) Groton, CT.

Table Saw- Tom Saunders, still awake at this late hour, showed the early stages of his home-made, four inch table saw, to feature height adjustment, tilt table, and ball-bearing motor.

The meeting adjourned at 2150 to cordial conversation over Tom Saunders' good mess.

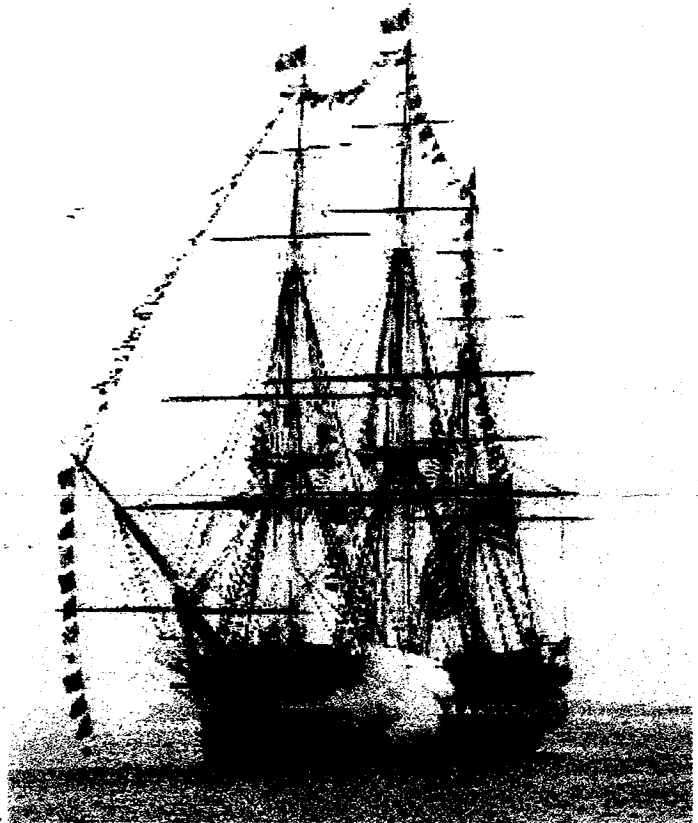
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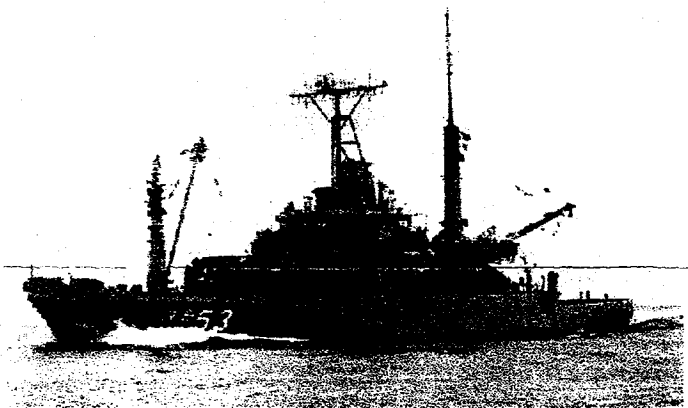
Jubilee on the James- Once again the Mariners' Museum put on a successful day in the park. This year the event featured a Civil War Confederate Navy encampment, RC ships of the Elite Fleet, a concert series and art show at the Fine Arts Center and last but not least, models on display by the HRSMS. The museum lowered its admission price to \$1 so all in all the whole day was a pretty good deal, with Jim McCurdy providing the inside modeling demonstration.

Fall River Slumber Party- Bill Clarke and John Cheevers joined Bob Sumrall a couple of weeks ago for a trip to Fall River, MA and an overnight stay on the USS Massachusetts. They stayed on board in a couple of state rooms and managed to get into every part of the ship they were interested in, many areas that the general public never sees. There are reports that John climbed inside a 16" gun and would have climbed the mast but the wind was a little too high. Bob got very excited over a fire control computer that he found in turret 2, a piece of equipment he was familiar with but had never seen. Sounds like the trip was a lot of fun and very informative. (Ed. Note: I'm jealous.)

SS United States- The south side newspaper reported last week that the United States is back in the US. The asbestos insulation has been removed but the company that owns her ran out of money and had her towed to Philadelphia. They are looking for funding to complete the refurbishment, including enlarging the staterooms and adding private heads.



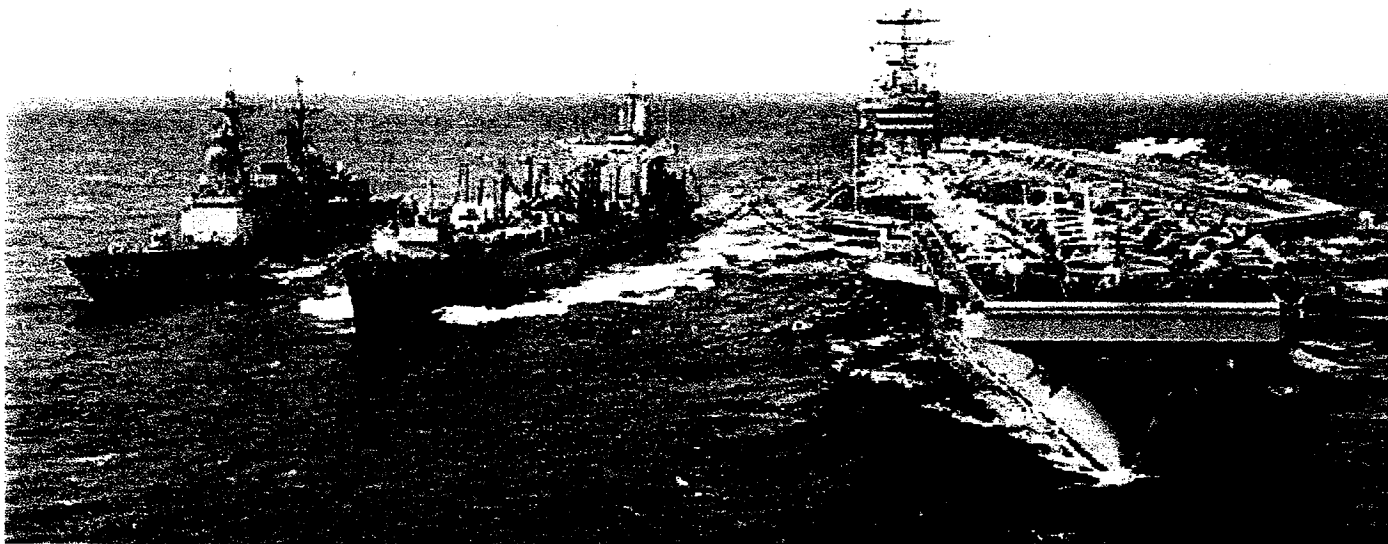
USS Constitution
On her annual turnaround voyage.



USS Grapple
Currently assigned to help recover TWA Flight 800 wreckage.

Laying Off- The development of the lines of ship's form on the mold-loft floor and the making of templates from those lines. Also called laying down.

Bossing or Boss- The curved swilling outboard portion of the ship's shell plating that surrounds and supports the propeller shaft.



Refueling at Sea

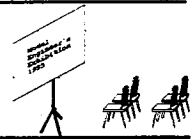


SH-60B doing something it is not supposed to.

Watch, Quarter and Station Bill

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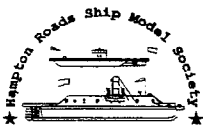
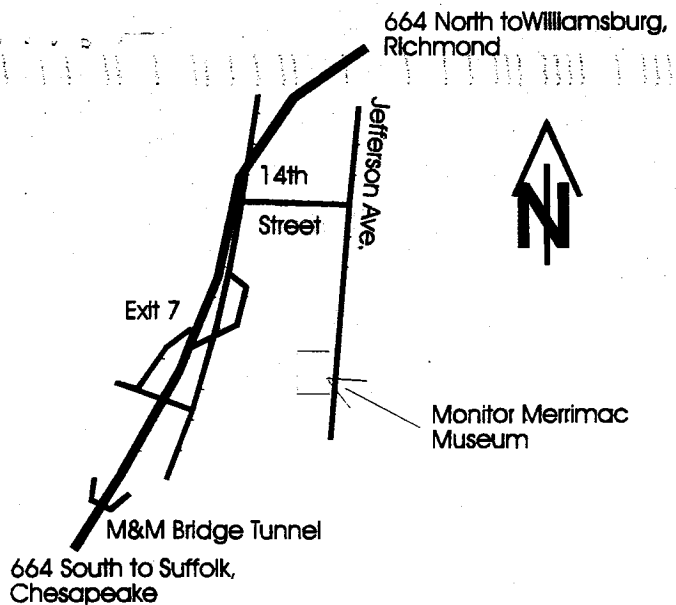
The next meeting will be at 2000 hours, 9 August 1996, at the Monitor Merrimac Museum located at the foot of Jefferson Ave. in Newport News. From the North take 664 to exit 7, the last exit before the M&M tunnel, and follow the signs. From the South take 664, across the M&M tunnel and take the first exit, no. 7, after the tunnel, and follow the signs. The meeting will begin at 2000 hours. Call Harvey Williams, Jim McCurdy, Bil Peach, Ken Knittel or Len Wine if you need further directions. (I guess we'll start calling ourselves the Southside Quintuplets.)

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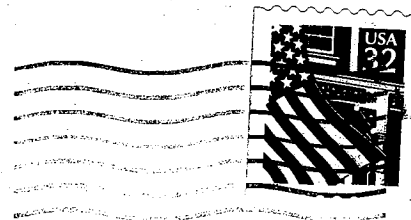
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August						
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- August Meeting, 9 Aug., 2000, Host: Southside Trio +2
- Lake Redman Regatta, 18 Aug., Host: Task Force 50
- September Meeting, 13 Sep., 2000, Host: The Almost in NC Duo + Bob Comet
- October Meeting, 11 Oct., 2000, Host: Roadtrip to Richmond
- November Meeting, 8 Nov., 2000, Host: Heinz Schiller



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