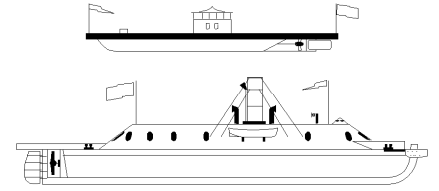


Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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DECALS

On Saturday, September 16th, The Mariners' Museum sponsored an event called Bring Your Model Day. The program encouraged people to bring ship models they had around the house, about which they knew little or nothing, but wanted to know more. Or models that they had built themselves and on which they wanted a critical evaluation. A panel of "experts" at the museum would then look over the models and advise the owners if the models were of a quality nature, how they could be restored or repaired and/or cleaned if they needed such work. The "experts" were also prepared to give an opinion on the quality of the model's workmanship but no monetary appraisals were to be given. The three "experts" were Bob Comet, Alan Frazer and myself, who were asked to serve in this capacity because of our association with the museum, not because we really knew anything.

One gentleman brought in two very attractive pond yachts. One appeared to date from just after the turn of the 20th century and the other from the late 1920's to the early 1930's. The latter appeared to have its name applied to the stern using decals and the former looked like it might have had a name applied to the bow by a decal but subsequently removed. This gave birth to a discussion among the three of us as to how old the technique of using decals actually was. We could all remember seeing toys and models that had decals that dated back to the 1920's but nothing earlier in our own memories was certain.

A trip to the library gave some interesting results. Finding information on decals is not easy. However the World book Encyclopedia, the Oxford Unabridged Dictionary and The Dictionary of Art Terms produced the following. The word "decal" is really a contraction of the term "decalcomania" (pr dee kal kuh MAY nee uh) which is the process of transferring printed designs, letters or pictures from specially prepared paper onto various surfaces. The full term describes both the item and the process. The print transferred is called a decal or decal transfer. Decals can be applied onto such surfaces as glass, wood, plastic and metal. Manufacturers decorate dishes, furniture and other products with decals. People use them to decorate toys, windows and personal items. We all know that they are used to enhance the appearance of scale models of all sorts.



The decal is made of a thin film of oil paint and lacquer. It is coated on one side with a special adhesive and placed on a paper backing. The decoration or letter is printed on the surface of the film. It is possible to purchase blank decals and apply your own decoration before the transfer is made. Some decals can be lifted off the backing and applied directly to an object. Others need to be soaked in water to soften the adhesive. The decal is then slid off the backing paper onto the desired surface. The adhesive then dries within about a minute causing the decal to stick.

Decals were developed in Germany in the early 1800's and their use in England is recorded as early as the 1860's. So it would not be unusual to find decals on objects made in the latter half of the 19th century.

One sea story from the Bring Your Model Day. A lady brought in a model and as she was unwrapping it, Bob Comet whispered into my ear, "This is a grandpa model!"

When the lady finished the unwrapping process, she turned to us and said proudly, "This model was built by my grandfather!" Comet was insufferable for the rest of the day.

Joe McCleary

MINUTES



Date: 9-8-20000
Place: Ford's Colony
Host: Hinrichs, Sanderson, McCleary

Guests
Eric Harfst
Brad Graham
Bill Caldwell - 3rd meeting
Sal Vitale
Duane Shull
Chuck Loer
Bill Lent

The meeting was called to order at 2010 hours.

The guests were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves. As this was Bill Caldwell's third meeting, he was asked if he wanted to join the HRSMS. When he answered in the affirmative, he and the other guests were asked to leave the room. The members went through the usual ritual. The guests were asked to return to the room and Mr. Caldwell was welcomed as a new member.

There were no corrections to the minutes.

A Pursers report was given.

Old Business: It was reported that Dave Abbott will arrive on October 24th and that he is scheduled to be the second and fifth speaker at the conference. At that point, several of the guests expressed an interest in the conference and were given conference fliers. There have been 110 registrations received an seven vendors booked, occupying 15 tables. The Friday boat tour is scheduled to visit the Navy Yard and Naval Base and is expected to last four hours. Stand-by speakers for the conference were named.

Graham Horne needs presenters to continue the "To Build a Ship Model" Program. (This will be a hot topic at the October Meeting)

New Business: Dave Baker had copies of The Proceedings of the Naval Institute for \$9.00. Jack Bobbitt said that he was having some Holly trees cut down and asked if anyone needs the wood. A friend of Skip Watson would like someone to bring 2 - 5 models to the 19th Hole meeting room at the Country Club Apartments for an event on October 15th.

Show & Tell: Joe McCleary showed an advertisement for small flags and plastic letters. He also had his model of the slave ship *Dos Amigos*.

Alan Frazer showed his model of the whaleboat *A La Cart*^{3/4} and said that he wants to build the wagon as shown in the accompanying picture.

John Cheevers showed a carved hull of the pilot tug *John S. Hussel* and a carved hull of the tugboat *Dorothy*.

The meeting was adjourned to a presentation by Bob Comet and Joe McCleary.

The Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships

HARVEST MOON SwStr: t. 546; l. 193'; b. 29'; dr. 8'; s. 15 k.; a. 4 24-pdr. how.

HARVEST MOON, a side-wheel steamer, was built in 1863 at Portland, Maine, and was purchased by Commodore Montgomery from Charles Spear at Boston, Mass., 16 November 1863. She was fitted out for blockade duty at Boston Navy Yard and commissioned 12 February 1864, Acting Lieutenant J. D. Warren in command. Assigned to the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron HARVEST MOON departed Boston 18 February and arrived off Charleston 25 February 1864. Next day Rear Admiral Dahlgren made the steamer his flagship. After putting into Washington Navy Yard for repairs, HARVEST MOON began her regular blockading duties 7 June 1864 off Charleston. For the next 9 months the steamer served off Tybee Island, the North Edisto River, and Charleston harbor. During this period she also acted as a picket and dispatch vessel as well as Admiral Dahlgren's flagship. While proceeding in company with tug CLOVER shortly after 0800 on 2 February 1865 HARVEST

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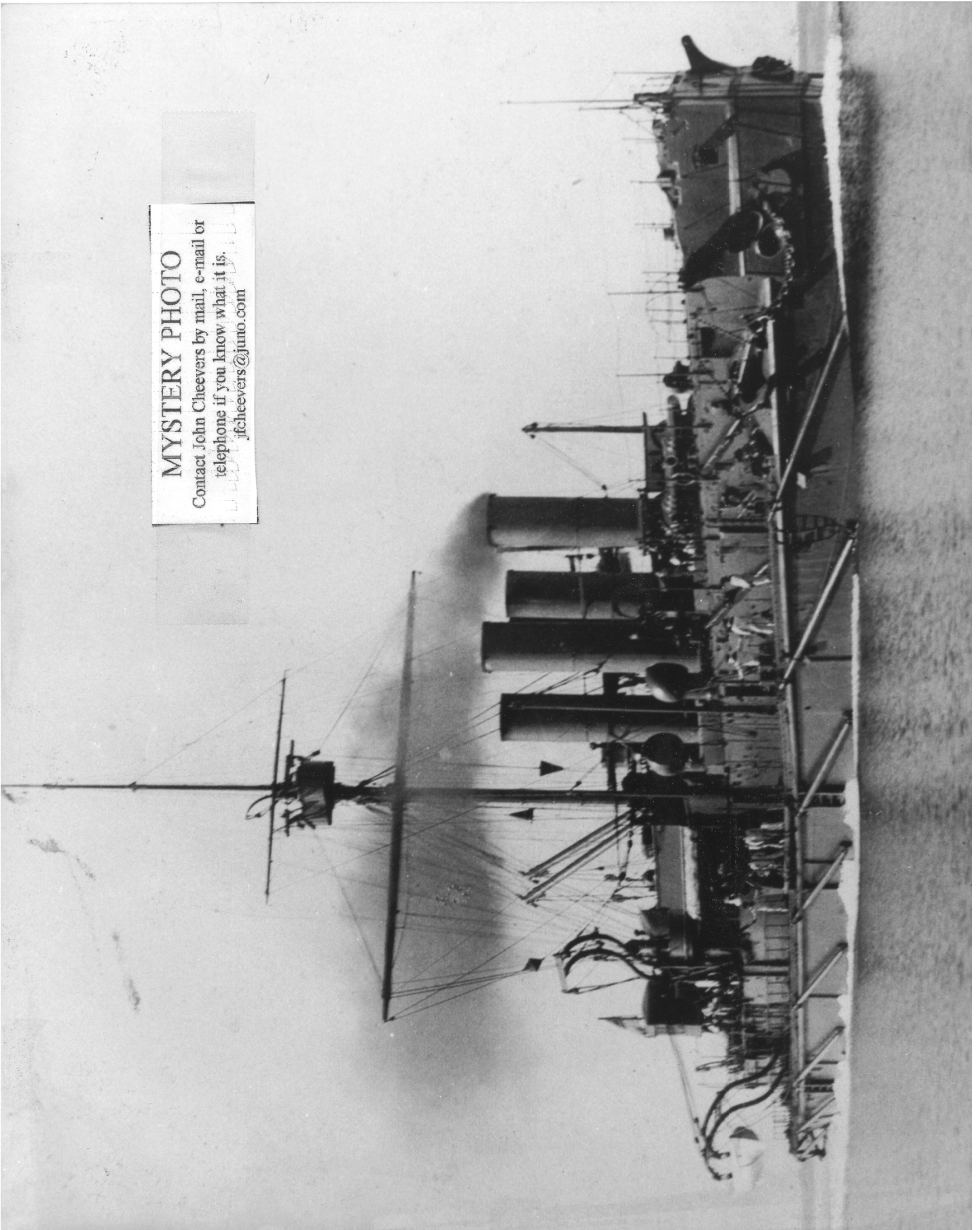
Please contact Len Wine if you would like to order a HRSMS name tag. The cost will be approximately \$5.00. Please pay the Purser upon delivery.

DUES

If you have not paid your dues for the current year, Please open your kit, retrieve the paltry sum and pass it to the Purser. Failure to do so may result in your name be bandied about in your absence.

MYSTERY PHOTO

Contact John Cheevers by mail, e-mail or
telephone if you know what it is.
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NOTABLE EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 5 How to Get Started in Ship Model Building
Mariners' Museum
- 13 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: host, Graham Horne
- 15-21 WoodenBoat School at The Mariners'
- 27-29 NRG Conference, Hampron Va.

NOVEMBER

- 10 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: host, Heinz Schiller

DECEMBER

- 8 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: host, Jack Bobbitt
- 12 Bill Clarke will start a ship model

JANUARY

- 12 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting:

FEBRUARY

- 9 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting:

MARCH

- 9 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Dean Sword

APRIL

- 10 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Bob Comet

MAY

- 11 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Bill Clarke

JUNE

- 8 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting:

JULY

- 13 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting:

AUGUST

- 10 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting:

SEPTEMBER

- 14 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting:
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Thanks

The members would like to thank the Williamsburg Chapter of AARP for hosting the September meeting.

WATCH, QUARTER AND STATION BILL



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Clerk:	Tom Saunders	(757) 850-0580
Historian:	Len Wine	(757) 566-8597
Editors:	John Cheevers	(757) 591-8955
	Bill Clarke	(757) 868-6809
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Next Meeting

Date: October 13, 2000

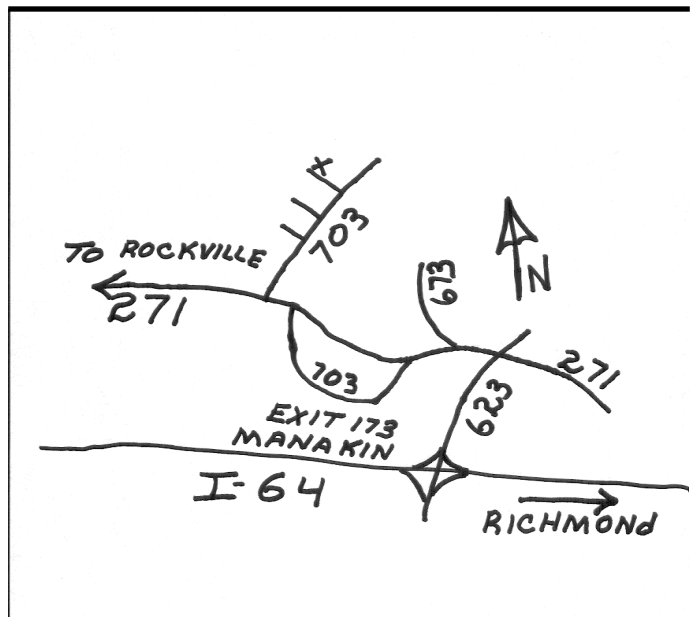
Time: 2000 Hours

Place: 302 St. Andrews Drive, Williamsburg, Va.

Host: Graham Horne

The next meeting will be hosted by Graham Horne on October 13, 2000 at 2000 hours. The meeting will be held at 12188 Loblolly Lane, Rockville Va. Please call if you will be attending (804) 749-4719.

Take I-64 west past Richmond to the Manakin exit. Proceed north on Rte. 623 to Rte. 271. Turn left on Rte. 271 to Rte. 703. Turn right on Rte. 703 to Loblolly Lane. Loblolly Lane is on the left.



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MOON struck a torpedo in Winyah Bay S.C. Admiral Dahlgren, awaiting breakfast in his abin, saw the bulkhead shatter and explode toward him. The explosion blew a large hole in the ship's hull aft and she sank in 2 1/2 fathoms of water. One man was killed. The Admiral, and the crew were taken on board NIPSIC. HARVEST MOON was stripped of her valuable machinery and abandoned 21 April 1865. In 1963, nearly 100 years later, a project was initiated to raise HARVEST MOON from the mud at the bottom of Winyah Bay and to restore the ship, but has made little headway.

2001 MEETINGS

If you would like to host a meeting next year, please contact the Clerk. Several months have been taken and are shown in the "Noted Events" column.