

FROM THE PILOTHOUSE



News from Ulrich: Ulrich Geunther has moved into a new house in Palmyra that he helped build while he was working with a construction contractor. It's smaller than his previous house in Gloucester, but it has attached to it a larger shop and a Florida room. He also built in a large space over his fireplace for a future model, either the Wappen Hamburg or Cutty Sark. He has a partly finished model of the *Santa Maria* that he hasn't been able to work on because of job and new house work. He has lost his job with the contractor, mainly because he wanted to do things right, and they accepted sloppier work. That's what happens to fussy model builders! His wife is working at a job she likes, and Ulrich is currently the cook and housekeeper. He's hoping to get a job as a finish carpenter, or he may work with a maker of hand-made saddles and learn that trade. He enjoyed working with his hands as opposed to the office work he had been doing, and will probably go in that direction. Ulrich misses being able to attend or meetings but enjoys the Log book and would like hearing from the membership.

Trafalgar Anniversary

October 21 is the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar fought on that day in 1805 off Cadiz. According to Midshipman R.F. Roberts in HMS Victory the Combined French-Spanish Fleet, under Admiral Villeneuve, consisted of 35 sail of the Line, 4 frigates, 2 brigs. The British Forces, under Admiral Nelson, had 27 sail of the line, 4 frigates, a schooner and a sloop. The French and Spanish fleets were annihilated with only 11 ships reaching Cadiz, never to venture to sea again. The following is an account of the battle written by a sailor in HMS Royal Sovereign:

Honoured Father,

This comes to tell you I am alive and hearty except three fingers, but that's not much, it might have been my head. I told brother Tom I should like to see a greedly battle, and I have seen one, and we have peppered the Combined rarely; and for the matter of that, they fought us pretty rightish for French and Spanish. Three of our mess are killed, and four more of us winged. But to tell you the truth of it, when the game began, I wished myself at Warnborough with my plough again; but when they had given us one duster, and I found myself snug and tight, I set to in good earnest, and

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Mystery Photo



Welcome to Mystery Photo, *Logbook* No. 184! I always thought the Fall Season was the time for premiers. This photograph looks more like a re-run to me! I don't mean to say that the image is being repeated--we've already done that--but that the vessel is being repeated. Did anyone notice? If you remember, *Logbook*, No. 176 had a brilliant write-up describing this vessel's first appearance in *Logbook*, No. 175; I'm surprised and a little hurt that no one remembered. I expected a flood of responses stating this fact among other interesting anecdotes about this vessel. Two months ago, Bill was collecting at-a-boys like nobody's business for good mystery photos. This month's aw-#@&% wipes them out.

So, you can't remember the name of the ship in the Mystery Photo! I'll give that to you in a moment. But first, looking back to January of 2001, it's easy to see that the previous image is the better of the two. This image suffers too much from the printing process—it's a bit dark. But through all that, though, you can't mistake the profile of *Albatross*, a steamer in the United States Fish Commission service. Seen here, she presents her attractive port side for inspection, *Albatross* rides at rest on a starboard anchor with one of her boats along side. Her rig is modified and simpler in this image than that seen in the January photo. Gone are the cross yards on her foremast. The white-painted hull is still present, as is the buff colored superstructure. The stack still looks black. Notice the large boom (crane) attached to the foremast. What do you suppose its purpose is?

I keep to my opinion that she is an excellent candidate to model. She offers the best of both the steel and wood/sail camps. I'm sure there are excellent opportunities to expand one's modeling experience here. If you attended the recent NRG conference in Washington, D. C. you would see a chance to try Don Preul's shell plating technique on her hull.

I'll leave you with a short column this month. I'm in the middle of a big outdoor project and need to finish before the weather breaks. If you want a more complete history of *Albatross'* design and career, see *Logbook* No. 176. For now I leave you with this shortened column.

John Cheevers

MINUTES



Minutes of Hampton Roads Ship Model Society October 12, 2001

Held at the home of Graham and Moira Horne in
Rockville, Virginia
Hosted by Graham and Moira Horne

Meeting Called: 20:13

Meeting Adjourned: 21:42

Treasurer's Report: None given

With the absence of the Skipper and First Mate, Purser John Cheevers presided over the meeting.

Members: 9 present. This meeting had all the makings of an international gathering of the clan. In addition to Heinz Schiller, Henry Schekulin, and a just-returned-from-England Joe McCleary, we had our resident expatriate Englishman Graham Horne, and expatriate Englishman/Canadian come-here Roger Cole and his wife Jane. Even with a slim crowd of nine, the evening promised to be entertaining, and was. (If you notice, even with just nine and no Bill Clarke, we still managed to go over an hour.)

Additions or Corrections: None!

Old Business:

- None reported or discussed.

New Business:

- Joe McCleary had a question regarding the intent of the form (To Build A Ship Model) that was included in the last newsletter: Can members nominate others to speak on specific topics or is the form intended for the respondent to indicate his intended topic? After some discussion, there was a call for subjects and it was noted that Jack Bobbitt has the December topic, while Bob Comet and Bill Clarke will speak on rigging and photography in the future.
- Joe McCleary spoke a bit on the recently concluded NRG Conference recapping events. He thanked Cheevers for the write-up in the last newsletter; showed the personal favor that each attendee received (an old type anchor set on a cherry base with the conference logo laser etched into it.) Cheevers indicated that he won the table favor (a Chesapeake skiff model that he failed to bring (Maybe to the November meeting, John?) To my recollection Jean Bobbitt, Graham Horne, and Dave Baker won door prizes—it pays to go!
- There was no other new business.

Show and tell:

We went around the room, clockwise, giving everyone an opportunity to present whatever they brought for the evening.

- Joe McCleary, sitting to my left so I could keep control of him, went first: He presented a large pile of books he collected from his recent trip to England. Good stuff, interesting titles.
- Henry Schekulin was next: He told the story about a long-term loan of a rare book *Old Ship Figureheads and Sterns* and its return to its rightful place. He presented his recently acquired copy for our review.
- Brd Granum (Class of '51): had a video of the George Rogers collection of dockyard models that highlighted the exhibit, sponsored by the Naval Academy class of '51, on display at the Naval Academy Museum. A quick vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to view it before refreshments.
- Ryland Craze spoke well of using the on-line resource Seaway's ship-modeling list. He accesses it through Yahoo. It is sort of a chat room where modelers can ask and answer questions relating to the construction of ship models. Those of you with the ability who have not visited the site should do so.
- Canadian come-here, Roger Cole, presented a poster on submarine arrangements and facts that he picked up at the Smithsonian to the club historian.
- Graham Horne presented his model of the Yankee Skiff, a now indigenous Chesapeake Bay boat type used for tonguing oysters, and the building jig and assorted other jigs and tools used in its construction. Some of Graham's shop tools include hand made rabbet scrapers, file tangs turned to chisels, modified pliers, and cork-backed rulers. At 22-feet in length, the skiff is not a small boat. Plans are available from Saint Michael's.
- Alan Frazer rounded out our presenters with his tale of taking the last West to East crossing aboard *Norway* (ex *France*). The voyage included stops at all of the ports visited by either the vessel or the operating line during its colorful almost 40-year life.

Program: To Build A Ship Model

- Graham Horne's presentation on the Yankee Skiff constituted this evening's program.

The meeting was adjourned and all members enjoyed fellowship with club members and the fine fare provided by our gracious hosts. I, myself, took home a souvenir for each of the kids when Jane Cole added to their international money collection with a double looney for each. A double looney is the Canadian 2-dollar coin. Thank you Jane. Thanks also to Graham and Moira for providing another gracious evening.

Submitted by John Cheevers (silent partner)

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thought no more about being killed than if I were at Murrell Green Fair, and I was presently as busy and as black as a collier. How my fingers got knocked overboard I don't know, but off they are, and I never missed them till I wanted them. You see, by my writing, it was my left hand, so I can write to you and fight for my King yet. We have taken a rare parcel of ships, but the wind is so rough we cannot bring them home, else I should roll in money, so we are busy smashing 'em, and blowing'em up wholesale. Our dear Admiral Nelson is killed! so we have paid pretty sharply for licking 'em. I never set eyes on him for which I am both sorry and glad; for, to be sure, I should like to have seen him - but then, all the men in our ship who have seen him are such soft toads, they have done nothing but blast their eyes, and cry, ever since he was killed. God Bless you! chaps that fought like the devil, sit down and cry like a wench. I am still in the Royal Sovereign, but the Admiral (Collingwood) has left her, for she is like a horse without a bridle, so he is in a frigate that he may be here and there and everywhere, for he's as cute as here and there one, and as bold as a lion, for all he can cry! - I saw his tears with my own eyes, when the boat was hailed and said my lord was dead. So no more at present from your dutiful son,

Sam

Submitted By: Bob Comet

WEB SITES

Notes on Workshop Techniques

<http://easyweb.easynet.co.uk/~chrish/techindx.htm>

Silver Soldering Tips

<http://www.cancom.net/~hnilica/soldering.html>

How to Instructions, Brazing

<http://www.bernzomatic.com/brazht.htm>

Soldering Supplies

<http://www.hobbypeople.net/prdcls/solder01.htm>

Exotic wood for Turning

<http://www.woodturnerscatalog.com/>

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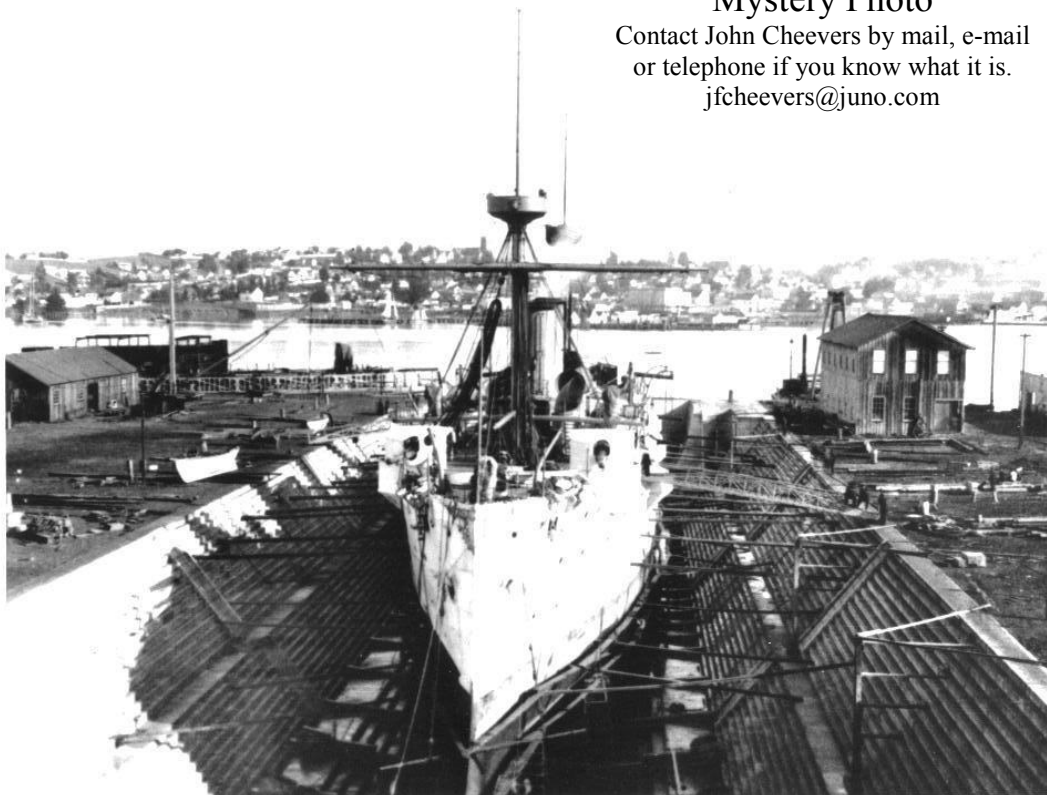
<http://www.exoticwoods.com/>

Model Lumber Yard

<http://www.modelersboatyard.com/LumberYard/index.html>

Mystery Photo

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NOTABLE EVENTS

- NOVEMBER**
- 9 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Host, Heinz Schiller
Presentation: Plank on Bulkhead, Bob Comet
- DECEMBER**
- 14 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Host, Jack Bobbitt
Presentation: Deck Furniture, Jack Bobbitt
- JANUARY**
- 11 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Host, Bob Comet
- FEBRUARY**
- 8 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting:
- MARCH**
- 8 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Host, Southside Bunch
- APRIL**
- 5-7 Western Ship Model Conference, Long Beach, Ca.
- 12 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting:
- MAY**
- 10 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting:
- JUNE**
- 7 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting:
- JULY**
- 12 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting:
- AUGUST**
- 9 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting:
- SEPTEMBER**
- 14 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting:
- OCTOBER**
- 12 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting:

Thanks

The members would like to thank Graham Horne and his wife, Moria for hosting the September meeting.

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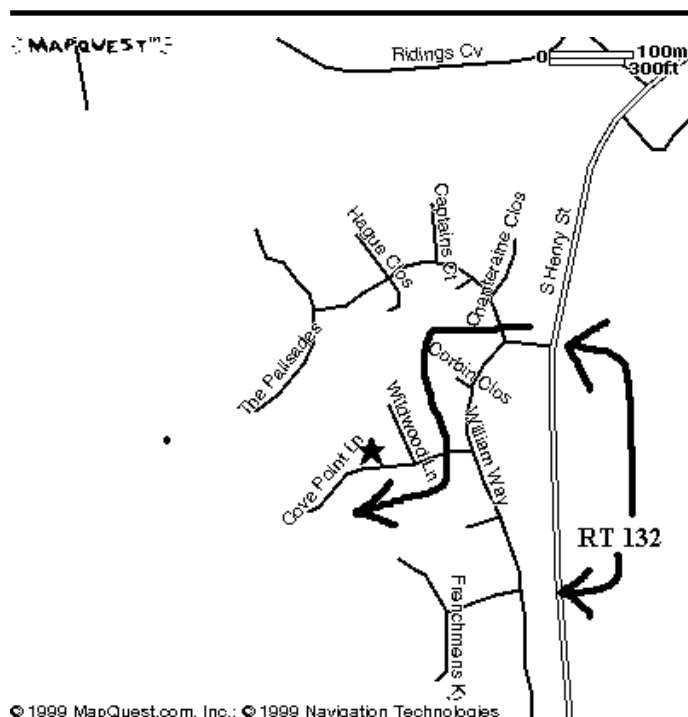
Next Meeting

The November meeting will be held on November 9, 2001, at 2000 hours. The meeting will be hosted by Heinz and Mareke Schiller, 133 Cove Point Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Phone:757.564.6471

Directions;

From points East: I-64 W, Take the VA-199 WEST exit 0.4, Merge onto VA-199 W. 3.0, Turn RIGHT onto S HENRY ST/VA-132. 0.9, Turn LEFT onto WILLIAM WAY. 0.1, Turn RIGHT onto COVE POINT LN. 0.1

From Points West: I-64 E., Take the VA-199 WEST exit and proceed as above.



FOR SALE: Used book from the Mariners' Museum book sale shelf.

The History of The American Sailing Navy, by Howard I. Chapelle, Bonanza Books, NY. Excellent condition, with dust jacket and protective cover intact. Not a first edition. Price:\$10.00.

Contact Joe McCleary (253-1802 or olddolphins@juno.com)

The Answer

The answer to Mystery Photo Number 184:
Albatross (Coast & Geodetic Survey)
NH 75584 Circa 1900