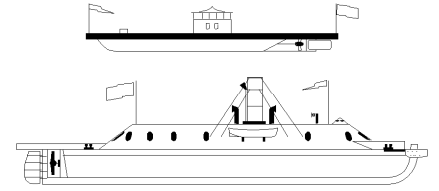


Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

Logbook



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FROM THE PILOTHOUSE



NOW DO YOU HEAR THERE FORE AND AFT –

Many thanks to Eric Harfst and his wife Pat for hosting the June meeting at their home in Ford's Colony. The refreshments were delicious as usual and Bill Clarke was thrilled because he was able to hang around and have a snack too. Although in Bill's case, the word snack may be too small.

We decided to change the date for the fall picnic when it was realized that many members were going to be out of town in the early part of October. A straw vote indicated that October 30th was a far more popular date with the membership. Bill Dangler, who had made the original reservation at Newport News Park, was able to change the date of our reservation. Another "well done" to Bill. So everyone should mark their calendar with the new date, October 30th. The exact time for the event has yet to be decided. The membership also decided that the club treasury would fund buying the hamburgers and hot dogs. Brad Granum volunteered to take care of purchasing the meat since he is a Navy vet and can make the purchase at a military commissary at significant savings. Greg Harrington has volunteered to supply the "software" (napkins, plates, etc.). Since both the skipper and the first mate will be out of town in the first half of October, Bob Comet has volunteered to coordinate the details (specifically who else will bring what). We will send out a flyer with the September Logbook with further details and a list of stuff that members will need to bring to the picnic. Remember, since this is a public park, no wine, beer or spirits are permitted.

There will be a slight change again this month on the subject of our talk on model ship building. Since Jack Bobbitt could not come to the July meeting, I gave a talk on the use of Jigs and Mass Production Techniques, which was brought forward from August. Jack will give the second part of his talk on Model Painting at the meeting in August. I mention this, because there was a little confusion in the list of coming events in the last Logbook.

Also, hopefully we can get on with the project to start disbursing the periodicals from our library that we have decided are not reasonable to retain any further.

What with all the rain that we have been having lately, perhaps we should consider building models of the "Ark". According to my rain gauge, we had 19 inches of rain in July. The usual average is 4 1/2 inches.

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Mystery Photo



Well, well, well! Has our esteemed(?) editor stumped this august band of modelers? Would 'motley crew' better suit this band-of-brothers? I think so; because, on most days, diversity does rule the roost in our polite society. I expected a flood of responses, each correctly identifying this famous vessel, to fill my email queue and stuff my mail box to overflowing. The postal carrier should have cried out in agony. Alas, it was not to be. Perhaps we are made more from more steel than wood and rope.

For years, I know a large segment of HRSMS have watched Mystery Photo, waiting patiently – thankfully and mercifully suffering in silence - for the first sign of towering masts to come over the horizon. This issue, No. 217, marks the second month in a row where the first vessel sighted lead with a full brace of sail. Considering the vessel's famous history, identification should have been a snap. Only one brave soul responded; here is what he had to say:

"I have recently added a new room to the house on lot 8." Oh, I'm sorry; that cryptic message was scrawled on the back of his letter. Here is what Bob Baycar intended to say: "The pixels in some of the *Logbook* photos are too often too few and fine details, which I would have liked to see here, are not. The bow and the penants/burgee are kind of un-descript."

He continues: "However, I'd like to take a stab at the I.D. The sailing vessel appears to be an America's Cup contender of the post Civil War period. The lines I believe are of a centerboard schooner yacht with a long sharp bow and short full run. My Guess is the *Montauk* designed by Phil Ellsworth, one of 5 brothers, oystermen from Little Egg Harbor, who went to Pamrapoo, approximately 1840."

While Bob's guess is not correct, he did offer the clue that lead to this vessel's identification. Reasoning that the vessel did indeed depict one of the many United States defenders of the America's cup, I searched the internet for a list of cup winners. (Its interesting to note that the list begins with the schooner yacht *America*, which wrestled the cup from Britain in 1851. Subsequently the cup was renamed the America's Cup.) The winners' list with year, vessel name, skipper, and nationality is as follows:

2003 -- *Alinghi*, Russell Coutts, Switzerland.

2000 -- *NZL-60*, Russell Coutts, New Zealand.

1995 -- *Black Magic*, Russell Coutts, New Zealand.

1992 -- *America3*, Bill Koch and Buddy Melges, United States.

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The August meeting of the HRSMS will take place at the Synerject Corporation, courtesy of co-host Len Wine. Since this venue provides us with an expanse of tabletops to display things, I encourage all members who have a model that they are working on to bring it and let everyone see what you are up to these days. We have the potential for a great show and tell session.

Joe McCleary

(Mystery Photo—Continued from page 1)

- 1988 -- *Stars & Stripes*, Dennis Conner, United States.
1987 -- *Stars & Stripes*, Dennis Conner, United States.
1983 -- *Australia II*, John Bertrand, Australia.
1980 -- *Freedom*, Dennis Conner, United States.
1977 -- *Courageous*, Ted Turner, United States.
1974 -- *Courageous*, Ted Hood, United States.
1970 -- *Intrepid*, Bill Ficker, United States.
1967 -- *Intrepid*, Bus Mosbacher, United States.
1964 -- *Constellation*, Bob Bavier and Eric Ridder, United States.
1962 -- *Weatherly*, Bus Mosbacher, United States.
1958 -- *Columbia*, Briggs Cunningham, United States.
1937 -- *Ranger*, Harold Vanderbilt, United States.
1934 -- *Rainbow*, Harold Vanderbilt, United States.
1930 -- *Enterprise*, Harold Vanderbilt, United States.
1920 -- *Resolute*, Charles F Adams, United States.
1903 -- *Reliance*, Charles Barr, United States.
1901 -- *Columbia*, Charles Barr, United States.
1899 -- *Columbia*, Charles Barr, United States.
1895 -- *Defender*, Henry Haff, United States.
1893 -- *Vigilant*, William Hansen, United States.
1887 -- *Volunteer*, Henry Haff, United States.
1886 -- *Mayflower*, Martin Stone, United States.
1885 -- *Puritan*, Aubrey Crocker, United States.
1881 -- *Mischief*, Nathaniel Clock, United States.
1876 -- *Madeleine*, Josephus Williams, United States.
1871 -- *Columbia*, Nelson Comstock, United States.
1870 -- *Magic*, Andrew Comstock, United States.
1851 -- *America*, Richard Brown, United States

I have an excellent color print behind me, on the wall of my office that depicts *Puritan* defeating *Genesta* in 1885. What is noteworthy for this column is the fact that both contenders are single masted. If our Mystery Photo does depict a cup winner, then the short list dates between 1851 to 1881 or five famous yachts.

I started at the beginning of the list and looked at *America* first. Just that quick, the search was over. At the web site for the American Museum of Photography, under the section for Museum Posters I found our Mystery Photo.

The details for this poster and a shameless plug for the site are as follows:

The Yacht "America" Sails Into History - 1889
Edwin Hale Lincoln (1848-1938) of Massachusetts claimed to

be the first person to photograph this legendary sailing ship, for which the America's Cup is named. Reproduced here from a dazzling hand-tinted platinum print, with Old Glory rippling in the breeze as the swift yacht cuts through the waves in Vineyard Sound. A must-have for every sailing enthusiast. 24 x 30 inches. Regularly \$45 plus \$6 shipping. **SALE PRICE: \$39 including U.S. shipping**

John Cheevers

The sailing Yacht America was designed by George Steers for John C. Stevens, Commodore of the New York Yacht Club. The America was 93.5 feet long, 22.5 feet wide, carried 5263 square feet of sail, and displaced 170 tons.

MINUTES



HRSMS Monthly Meeting
July 9, 2004
Host, Eric Harfst

Guest Milton Barube, 2nd meeting

The meeting was called to order by the Skipper at 2000 hours.

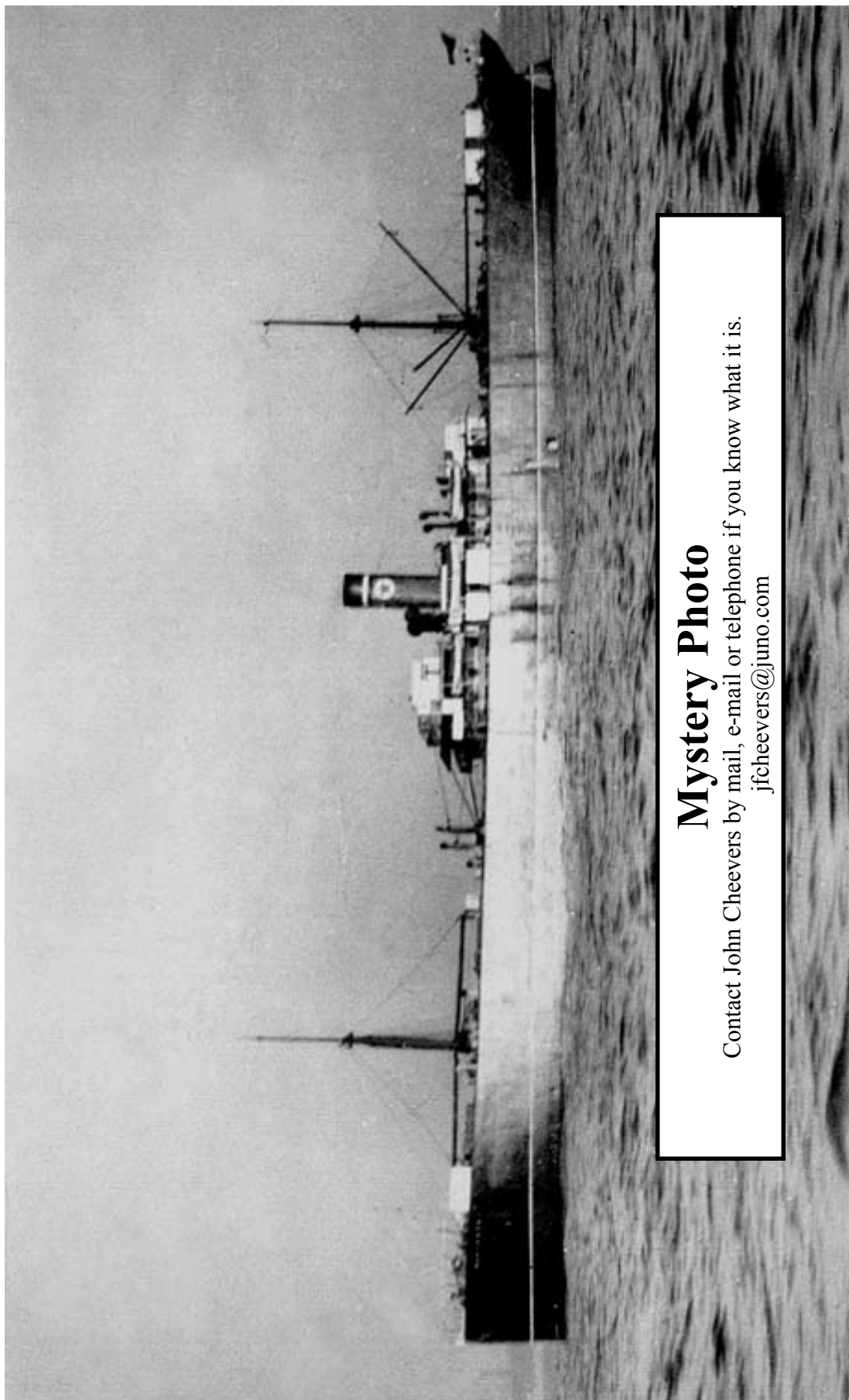
The guest was welcomed. The Skipper gave thanks to Dave Bake for running the June meeting in his absence.

A Purser's report was given.

Old Business: The 2005 NRG Conference was discussed. The list of speakers was set. Joe noted that he had taken a trip to Charleston South Carolina and reported on "The Friends of the Hunley". Bill Dangler said that he had procured shelter #11 at Newport News Park for October 16th for the HRSMS Picnic. Much discussion ensued. It was decided to move the date of the picnic to October 30th. Bill said that he would reschedule the shelter. Joe said that he would be looking to form a committee to run the picnic.

New Business: The Skipper noted that Lloyd Warner had called soliciting articles for the NRG Journal. That prompted a discussion of the NRG and the Journal.

Show & Tell: John Cheevers had several copies of schooner plans for distribution. He also showed the progress on his tugboat project. Bill Dangler noted that the 7th Maritime History Conference would be held in Norfolk during October.



Mystery Photo

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

AUGUST

- 13 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Host, McCleary - Wine Jigs, Mass Production Techniques, Making Close Fits: Joe McCleary

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Mid-Atlantic Maritime Festival, CBMM
 10 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Host, Dean Sword Making Tapered Spars; Bob Comet
 17-19 NRG Conference, Portland Maine

OCTOBER

- 8 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Host, Greg Harrington How To Make Art Work and other tips on Ordering Brass Etchings; John Cheevers
 30 HRSMS Picnic - Newport News Park

NOVEMBER

- 14 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Host; Heinz Schiller Making Scale People; Bob Comet

DECEMBER

- 12 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Host, Jack Bobbitt Making Ventilators and other Metal Forming Techniques; Joe McCleary

JANUARY

- 14 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Host, Bob Comet

FEBRUARY

- 11 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Host, Dave Baker Election of Officers

MARCH

- 11 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Host, Tim Wood

APRIL

- 8 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Host, Bob Baycar

MAY

- 13 **H.R.S.M.S.** Monthly Meeting: Host, Bill Clarke

JUNE

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

JULY

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

WATCH, QUARTER AND STATION BILL



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Next Meeting

Date: August 13, 2004

Place: Synerject, LLC, 201 Enterprise Dr., Newport News, VA 23603

Time: 2000 Hours

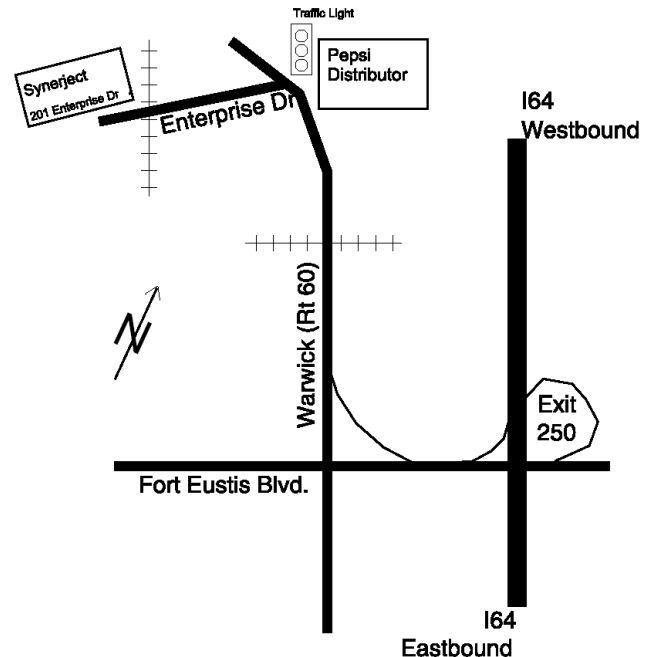
Host: Len Wine & Joe McCleary

From Richmond

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From Norfolk

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Thanks

The members would like to thank Eric Harfst and his wife Pat for hosting the July meeting.