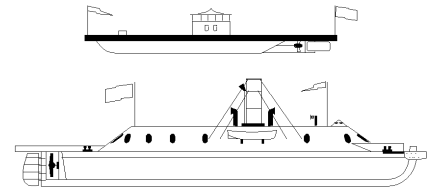


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From The Bridge



The month of October once again showed us the power of Mother Nature. I hope everyone survived Hurricane Sandy with minimal damage as most of the East Coast felt her destructive power. I had been following the path of Sandy since she was just a tropical depression way out in the Atlantic Ocean. A local weather forecaster, who forecasts the weather for commercial clients, predicted early on that she would make land fall just north of the Virginia – Maryland state line. He is usually right, even though the National Weather Service said Sandy would hook right and head out into the Atlantic.

Sandy made landfall in New Jersey as just barely a Category One Hurricane. It was not the wind that did the destruction, it was the storm surge. With a full moon, the storm surge hit the coastal communities in New Jersey, New York and Connecticut with such force that it caused mass destruction of communities along the waterfront. Loss of life, as tragic as it was, was kept to a minimum with advanced warnings. Houses were either destroyed or flooded with water that made them unlivable. Seeing the pictures of whole communities flooded out and houses moved off of their foundations just pained me to think of their losses.

Just a little over two weeks before Sandy, I visited New York City for my first time. I was there to attend the NRG Seminar at Fort Schuyler in the Bronx. I went to New York City several days early so that I could do some sightseeing. I spent most of my time in lower Manhattan seeing the sights such as South Street Seaport. This area was hit hard by Sandy and I am sure that a lot of the small shops that we visited, including the Museum, probably took in a lot of water. I really feel bad for the residents of New York City. It is a beautiful city and I do want to go back and spend more time seeing the many attractions the city has to offer. The City and its citizens will recover from the devastation that Sandy caused.

I appreciate Tim Wood filling in for me at last month's meeting while I was away attending the NRG Seminar. I hope that everyone has had a chance to spend some time in their workshop making sawdust. Please bring your current modeling project to the meeting to share your progress with the membership. Just seeing your ship model under construction will generate discussions with the membership.

I look forward to seeing everyone Saturday.
Ryland

Mystery Photo



Mystery Photo #316: Have you seen the commercial on TV for the latest Samsung smart phone where the dweeb asks, "have you ever experienced Deja, Deja, Deja, Deja-vu?" The commercial isn't really important to this essay but the idea of "being there" at least four times is. By now I would expect even the casual reader to be familiar with Cruisers serving the British Royal Navy in the decades of the 1930's, 40's, and 50's. This offering, to my memory, makes four British Cruisers that have graced this column—quite a Fab4

Even though we've seen 4 examples of these cruisers, its just a drop in the bucket when you look at all the cruisers serving the British Empire in a short 30 year window. Heck, its a drop in the bucket when you look at this class and all the near-sister variants. I count at least 63 examples you could choose as this Mystery vessel if you only afforded yourself the casual glance. If you put some serious effort in to studying the features of our offering you can narrow the field to about 10, and then you got to get lucky.

Who got lucky this month? Tim Wood supplied the only reply and had this to say, "I'm going to have to go with the HMS Swiftsure for lack of a better photograph for this months mystery photo..." Not a bad guess when you consider that Swiftsure was delivered with three turrets, the same number you can count in the Mystery Photo. But, whereas you can see aircraft hangers adjacent to the number 1 stack in our mystery photo, Swiftshire was built without them. Tim, your luck just ran out.

After a short Internet search, I found the Mystery Photo on line and it was captioned as HMS Liverpool a unit of the three ship Gloucester-class of 6-inch gunned light cruisers built and delivered for service in the late 1930's. From Wikipedia we see that "HMS Liverpool, named after the port city of Liverpool in north-west England, was a Town-class light cruiser of the Royal Navy in service from 1938 to 1952. During the Sec-

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Saturday November 10, 2012

Place: Mariners' Museum

Time: 1000 Hours

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Mystery Photo

ond World War, Liverpool gained four battle honours and was seriously damaged in two attacks by Italian torpedo bombers. She operated variously with the naval stations in the East Indies and China

battles of the Espero Convoy and Calabria, the Arctic Convoys, and Operation Harpoon during the Malta Convoys. An aerial attack on 14 June 1942, during Operation Harpoon, proved to be the ship's final combat of the war and for the remainder of the conflict, Liverpool underwent repairs and refitting at Rosyth, Scotland."



Liverpool returned to service in 1945 for assignment to the Mediterranean Fleet. In the early 1950s, the cruiser harboured in Port Said to support the British Administration of the Suez Canal Zone when Egyptian guerrillas campaigned against it. The cruiser was decommissioned in 1952 during a period when the Royal Navy was rapidly contracting, and was broken up in 1958 at Rosyth.

Procured in response to the American Brooklyn and Japanese Mogami classes of light cruiser, the Town class consisted of three variants for a total of 10 ships. These ships were intended for fleet duties rather than trade protection, which their predecessors had been designed for. The class represented a significant improvement in armament and armour, which provided reasonable protection against 8-

HMS Liverpool in Malta

and with the Mediterranean and Home fleets. While assigned to the China Station in January 1940, the cruiser instigated a diplomatic incident with Japan when she intercepted the liner Asama Maru off the coast of Japan. Liverpool fought in the

inch (200 mm) shells. Their primary armament of twelve 6-inch (150 mm) guns in triple turrets, compared to the eight and six guns possessed by the preceding Leander and Arethusa classes, still adhered to the constraints of the London Naval Treaty. Liverpool became one of the three Town-class cruisers—with Gloucester and Manchester—ordered to a slightly revised design referred to as the Gloucester, Liverpool, or Type II sub-class. The second group retained an almost identical configuration, differentiated only by a beam enlarged to 62.4 feet (19.0 m) (compared to Southampton's beam of 61.8 feet (18.8 m)), a redesigned bridge, and improved fire control equipment. When first ordered in the mid-1930s, the original Town-class cruisers Newcastle and Southampton were to have been called Minotaur and Polyphemus on commissioning."



THE ANSWER

Mystery Photo 316
HMS Liverpool

There you have it...fabulous.

John Cheevers

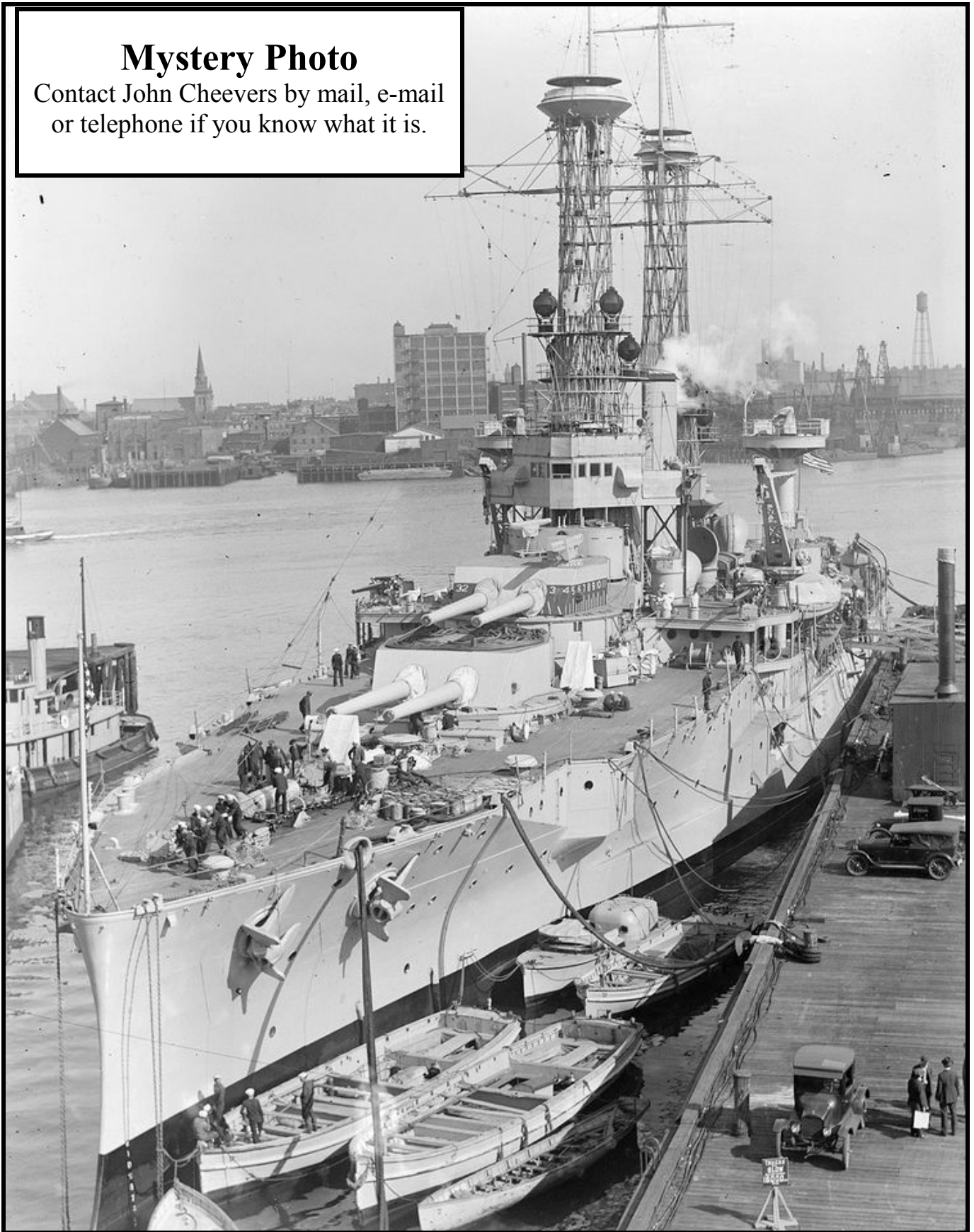
Nautical Term

Bluejacket - One of several nicknames for naval enlisted men, both U.S. and British. The term came into being shortly after navy sailors began to wear real uniforms, which included, obviously, a (short) blue jacket.

Submitted by, Tim Wood

Mystery Photo

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



NOTABLE EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 10 **HRSMS** Monthly Meeting: Mariners' Museum
Video "PT Boats", Tim Wood

DECEMBER

- 8 **HRSMS** Monthly Meeting: Mariners' Museum
Video "Central America", Henry Clapp

JANUARY

- 12 **HRSMS** Monthly Meeting: Mariners' Museum
Nomination of officers,

FEBRUARY

- 9 **HRSMS** Monthly Meeting: Mariners' Museum
Election of officers

- 23 **IPMS** Old Dominion Open, Richmond, va

MARCH

- 9 **HRSMS** Monthly Meeting: Norge Community Center
Auction

APRIL

- 12-14 Cabin Fever Expo York, Pa.

- 13 **HRSMS** Monthly Meeting: Mariners' Museum

MAY

- 11 **HRSMS** Monthly Meeting: Mariners' Museum

JUNE

- 8 **HRSMS** Monthly Meeting: Mariners' Museum

JULY

- 13 **HRSMS** Monthly Meeting: Mariners' Museum

AUGUST

- 10 **HRSMS** Monthly Meeting: Mariners' Museum

SEPTEMBER

- 14 **HRSMS** Monthly Meeting

- 19 Talk Like a Pirate Day

OCTOBER

- 12 **HRSMS** Monthly Meeting: Mariners' Museum

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AND
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MINUTES



Hampton Roads Ship Model Society
Monthly Meeting.
October 13, 2012
Mariners' Museum

The Mate, Tim Wood called the meeting to order at 1010 hours. There were no guests present. There was no correction or addition to the minutes. In the Purser's absence, Tony Clayton gave the Purser's report. The Webmaster Greg Harrington, had nothing to report.

Old Business: Thanks were given to Bill Dangler for coordinating the September picnic. After some discussion, Bill said that he would reserve the picnic site for the same weekend next year. Tim noted the auction to be held at the March meeting. Tony Clayton described Norge Hall, the location of the March meeting. Tim reminded everyone of the NRG book sale and noted purchased of several HRSMS members. Ron Lewis said that book donations were needed by the Deltaville Maritime Museum. The recurring call for presenters was extended. Tim Wood stepped up for November and Henry Clapp will fill the December date. Tony Clayton said that presenters were still needed for January and February.

New Business: Tim said that we have no information on the 2013 IPMS Old Dominion Open to be held in Richmond. Tim said that Bob Moritz had come over to his house and he demonstrated the "Comet method" of tapering masts for Bob. Tim thought it would be advantageous for members to get together and share techniques in their own workshop. John Cheevers inquired about the current schedule for the Model Builder's Stand and said that he would like to start going there on Sundays. Tim sent out a call for models to be displayed in the Model Builder's Stand.

Show & Tell: Greg Harrington talked about his trip to San Francisco and showed the book Ferries of San Francisco Bay. Tony Clayton showed the book about the *SS Central America*, Ship of Gold. Dean Sword noted that the participants in the Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race had tied up in downtown Portsmouth and that some of the vessels would open for tours. George Livingston showed several steamship company brochures. Tony Clayton had several issues of Ship in Scale magazine to give away. Heinz Schiller talked about his trip to Sweden and showed pictures of the *Vasa*. John Cheevers Showed and talked about the progress of his PT Boat hull. Bob Moritz showed his 1:200 *IJN Yamato*. Gene Berger showed the progress on his Subchaser

The meeting was adjourned to a video on the *Vasa* presented by Heinz Schiller.