

# Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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The August meeting of the HRSMS was held at the home of Tony Hamm on the 14th, with 11 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Skipper Bill Clarke at 2005.

Under old business, Tom Tragle made a motion that the club donate \$200 to the 24th Street Oceanfront Park, to help save the last remaining oceanfront land for use by the Virginia Beach Maritime Museum. After some discussion, the motion was seconded and was voted in the affirmative by the membership which was present. This donation was made the following day, and a certificate was subsequently received from the park organization. In a related matter, progress on the VPA models was reported. Paris Aiken is working on hull #5, John Cheevers on the deck of #2, the GRAVES is with Lester McLeod, and Tom Abbott has been working on masts and hoops.

Under new business, Bill Clarke notified the membership about a model Dutch gunboat in need of restoration for a Williamsburg owner, anyone interested should contact Bill. The meeting was adjourned at 2025, after which attendees enjoyed refreshments and show-and-tell items including Jack Bobbitt's VIRGINIA, John Cheevers' "closet rod" submarine USS NEWPORT NEWS, and Tony Hamm's imported ship model kits.

Members are reminded that the WSMS exhibition "Down on the Waterfront: Historic Vessels in Miniature" opens at the Lyceum in Alexandria on September 11 and will be there through February 28, 1988. The WSMS has informed us that the David Taylor Model Basin in Carderock, MD will hold its 50th anniversary open house and exhibition from 0900 to 1600 on Saturday, September 19. The event is free and open to the public. Les McLeod will visit our area on September 25 to bring his model of steamer CSS NANSEMOND to the Hampton Roads Naval Museum. Bill Altice recently delivered his model of gunboat CSS PATRICK HENRY to the museum. It's great to see that we have as many real modelers as we do talkers in the club!

The September meeting of the HRSMS will be held at the home of Tom Abbott, 928 Foley Drive, Williamsburg (220-0987) on Friday September 11. Come on out, and bring items and models to share.

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