

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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NEWSLETTER

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The November meeting of the HRSMS was held at the home of Gene Shelton on Friday the 13th, with ten members and guests Jim Johnson, Don Mullins, and Peter Tagg in attendance. Skipper Bill Clarke called the meeting to order at 2015. Minutes of the October meeting were corrected to indicate that Mate John Cheevers presided.

Under old business Tom Tragle reported that purchase of the tract of land adjacent to the Virginia Beach Maritime Museum was completed, thanks to contributions (including ours) and additional funds made available by city council. Jack Bobbitt gave a report on the recent NRG conference in Philadelphia and noted that the 1988 conference will be held in Baton Rouge, LA from October 21 to 23. Bill Clarke gave an update on the VPA project, noting that display cases were being made for the two models closest to completion. Bill Altice is nearing completion of small boats for the models, and Paris Aiken has progressed to the installation of bulwarks on the schooner VIRGINIA, requesting assistance with the transom and deckhouses.

No new business was brought up, but the new book on the TITANIC brought by Tom Abbott generated a lively discussion concerning the cause of her sinking and the recent telecast on the salvage of spoils from her wreck. The meeting was adjourned at 2050, after which all enjoyed refreshments and the display of models brought by members and guests.

The December meeting of the HRSMS will be held at the home of Tom Tragle, 211 Florence Drive, Hampton (826-4290) on Friday the 11th at 2000. Plan to attend, and bring something nautical to share.

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