

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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The December meeting of the HRSMS was held at the home of Tom Tragle on Friday the 11th, with 13 members and guests Jim Hood, Don Mullins, Tom O'Connor (welcomed back after a long stay in the hospital), and David Tagg in attendance. Purser Bill Fox called the meeting to order at 2010.

Under old business, Tom Tragle noted that we previously agreed to make an annual Outstanding Member award, with the recipients' names to be listed on the back of the Founders' Award Bell. Tom Abbott and Bill Fox were quickly nominated and voted for this award for the years 1985 and 1986, respectively, Tom for winning two awards in the 1985 model competition at the Mariners' Museum and Bill for his 1986 book on Newport News ships. Nominations and the award for 1987 will be made at the January meeting, so members should consider others for nomination.

Under new business, Tom Tragle suggested that we have a roundtable discussion and exhibit period after the business portion of our meetings, but before we break for refreshments and general discussions. This was favorably received and will be tried at the January meeting. It was noted that Mr. Crabtree had suffered a fall and was in ill health, and a greeting card to him was signed by all present and mailed. At the end of the business session, Jim Hood and Don Mullins were voted in as new members of the HRSMS and were welcomed aboard. The meeting was adjourned at 2050, after which all enjoyed a feast from Tom's table and bar, and models brought for display.

The January meeting of the HRSMS will be hosted by Marvin and Helen Bryant at the Hampton Convalescent Center, 414 Algonquin Road, Hampton (Wythe area, near Hampton General Hospital) on Friday the 9th at 2000. Rumor has it that special guest (model) appearance will be made, so plan to attend, and bring a model to share with Marvin and the rest of us.

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P.S.: The Skipper advises that Victory at Sea will be shown on A&E Cable Network on Wednesdays at 2000, starting on January 6.