

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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NEWSLETTER

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The March meeting of the HRSMS, our annual dinner meeting, was held at the James River Country Club on the 12th. The dinner meeting was attended by 28 members, spouses, and guests, and featured a model exhibition, awards, and program in addition to the dinner and social hour. Out-of-town guests included member Don Sample and his wife Mildred, from Annapolis. Capt. Arthur Johnson and his wife Marian were present, and the completed GRAVES was presented to him after being on display during the event. Guest David Tagg displayed his "sticks and strings" handiwork, and host Jack Bobbitt showed us his remarkable progress on the frigate VIRGINIA. The partially completed VPA models of the schooner and ex-yacht VIRGINIAS were displayed by Paris Aiken and John Cheevers, respectively.

After dinner, awards were made to former Skipper and co-founder Tom Tragle for his service as Skipper just prior to the incumbent. Membership certificates were presented to new members Jim Hood and John Tregellas, and to Don Mullens in absentia. Member of the Year for 1987 was awarded to Jack Bobbitt for his outstanding work on the VIRGINIA and for articles published during the year.

Following the awards, we enjoyed an excellent program on "Scrimshaw : The Whaleman as Artist and Craftsman" by Rich Malley, Associate Curator at the Mariners' Museum. Rich, who was formerly associated with Mystic Seaport, displayed a thorough knowledge and enthusiasm for his favorite subject, and illustrated his talk with slides of works from Mystic and from the local collection. Almost drowned out by an orchestra in the next room at the end, Rich held his own and "beat the band".

The April meeting of the HRSMS will be held at the home of Jack Bobbitt (69 Queens Court, Newport News 599-0557) on Friday the 22nd at 2000 instead of the 8th, as previously announced. The reason for the postponement is a conflict with a dinner meeting of the SSHSA on the 8th. This meeting will feature Bill Miller, noted author of over 20 books on the history of liners, and is open to HRSMS members and guests by calling Tom Abbott. We hope to see you at both of these April events.

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