

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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The April meeting of the HRSMS was held at the home of Jack Bobbitt on the 22nd and was attended by five members and by long-time guest David Tagg. The meeting was a short and informal one lasting from 2041 to 2042, and the only business was the election of David Tagg as our newest member.

In the absence of a formal meeting, a discussion took place around Harold Hahn's book Ships of the American Revolution and Their Models. Ships of the United States, Britain, and France were discussed. The opinion was expressed that there were similarities between Britain's war with the United States in the 1770s and the US involvement in Vietnam two hundred years later. For show and tell Bill Altice brought six boats for the VPA model of twin-screw VIRGINIA (ex-PAWNEE). These consist of two each skiffs, surf boats, and motor launches; and display Bill's usual fine craftsmanship. Kent Wade brought no model but indicated that he is once again at work on his destroyer REUBEN JAMES (DD-245).

The May meeting of the HRSMS will be held at the home of Skipper Bill Clarke, 196 Odd Road, Poquoson (868-6809) on Friday the 20th at 2000 instead of the 14th, as previously announced. This is Bill's annual strawberry extravaganza, so bring both a hearty appetite and something to show and share.

Skipper: Bill Clarke 868-6809
First Mate: John Cheevers 875-0732
Purser: Bill Fox 253-0310