

# Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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The January meeting of the HRSMS was hosted by Marvin and Helen Bryant on Friday, the 13th. Twelve members and guests Bill Johnson, Angus Murdoch, and Braxton Allport were present. The meeting was called to order at 2018 by Skipper Bill Clarke. Marvin was in good spirits and enjoyed the proceedings as much as we enjoyed seeing him.

Under old business, the Skipper read a letter that the club had sent to the Mariners' Museum regarding the resumption of a modeling craft display at the museum. Member Alan Frazer, curator of models at the museum, indicated that there were complications in our bringing our own projects in to work on. Due to this, and due to the fact that the museum is in the midst of many changes, it appears that the idea will be shelved for the time being, to be revived at some later date.

The date of Saturday, April 8, was chosen for our annual banquet, to be held at the James River Country Club again this year. Price, menu, etc. will be covered in the March Newsletter. Some discussion regarding a speaker for the event followed, but no decision was made as to whom to invite for this.

Tom Tragle reminded members that the Kupjack Miniatures would be at the Portsmouth Museum through February 5. Several members brought and described models. Alan Frazer showed his Whitehall boat, John Cheevers described the VPA model of the twin-screw VIRGINIA, and Paris Aiken displayed the VPA model of the WILLIAM A. GRAVES.

Nominations and elections for new officers resulted in the unanimous election of John Cheevers as Skipper, Tom Abbott as First Mate, and Tom Hesse as Purser. The meeting was adjourned at 2110, after which Angus Murdoch, director of the Life Saving Museum of Virginia, gave an illustrated talk about the Coast Guard and lifesaving service during World War II. His presentation was interesting and entertaining, and it gave a preview of an upcoming exhibit at the museum.

The February meeting of the HRSMS will be held at the home of Bill Fox, 112 Colonel's Way, Williamsburg (253-0310) on Friday, the 10th, at 2000. Plan to attend, and bring a friend and a model if you can. P.S: Don't miss the Forbes Magazine Toy Boat Fleet, at the Life Saving Museum of Virginia through March 31. Also, it is never too early to mail or bring in your 1989 HRSMS dues.

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