

# HAMPTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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## Getting Acquainted/Show & Tell

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is on loan to the new "Age of Exploration" gallery at The Mariners' Museum).

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We adjourned at 2212 for refreshments, including Mary's perennial (and always delicious!) peanut pie.

Purser's Reminder: If there is a "D" on your mailing label, please remit \$12 for dues through February 28, 1993. Our fiscal year began March 1.

Next Meeting: 25th Anniversary Reception, Cruise and Banquet, Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11. Details and registration form mailed last month. If you have not reserved yet, Bill Fox might still be able to work some magic with his shoehorn if you call him NOW at 253-0310. Unless, of course, you're reading this after 10 p.m.!

On the Bridge:

Skipper: Bill Altice 748-4880

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TO:

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## MINUTES OF MEETING, MARCH 13, 1992

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BOB SANDERSON (guest, 1st visit), newly moved from Long Island to Ford's Colony; former member of Long Island Ship Model Society (as were Bill Hinrichs and Alan Frazer); took up ship modeling in retirement, has built Artesania Latina's Swift.

TOM ABBOTT, working on clipper Lightning.

JOHN CHEEVERS, past skipper, working on pilot steamer Virginia for V.P.A. exhibit at Lifesaving Museum (brought it tonight). Also passed around copies of S.M.S.N.N.J. Broadaxe, W.S.M.S. Newsletter, S.N.A.M.E. paper on S.S. United States, latest Nautical Research Journal.

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RALPH SMITH (guest, 2nd visit), planking the spar deck of a plastic USS Constitution, and working on a 1:1 scale boat.

ALAN FRAZER, a curator at M.M., currently nearing completion of the "Age" gallery, to open March 21; mentioned that modelers will find much of interest in new models, paintings, drawings, and videos of exploration ship replicas; passed around a catalog of prints by Western Rivers artist Michael Blaser.

JIM McCURDY, newly retired from U.S.N. and now working on Rattlesnake and Alfred as well as a Civilian job.

KENT WADE, has a hobby of "starting models" (several of us share it!)

PETER TAGG, working on LSD 44, USS Gunston Hall.

JIM TYREE, still in Richmond (sorry, purser did not catch the rest and neglected to ask later).

NICK RUMSEY, another recent member, building a steam tug. And, yes, he is related to James Rumsey, 1780s steamboat pioneer in Maryland.

BILL FOX, writer, occasional modeler, also likes tugboats.

JACK BOBBITT, "recovering from burnout" from five years building frigate Virginia; researching Chesapeake Bay sailing workboats for his next model.

HARVEY WILLIAMS, restoring 1:1 scale cabin cruiser of 1939, and starting model of USS Baltimore.

LEONARD WINE, becoming a volunteer docent at the new Hampton Air, Sea and History Museum, modeling USS Northampton-class cruiser.

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Respectfully submitted

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