

HAMPTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

January 1993

The December 11 meeting, at Jack Bobbitt's home, found 16 members present, counting Br'er Clarke who arrived in time for chow after his mother's 80th birthday party. Henry Schekulin of Richmond was our only guest; first visit. Minutes of November 13 and the purser's report were approved.

Old Business

1. Len Wine sent over our stationery and our new banner. The latter was done in one day, and well under budget! Thanks, Len, for two fine jobs
2. Further discussion of the weekend event at Easton, MD on April 30-May 2. There is no cost for exhibitors such as HRSMS; tables, insurance, overnight security all provided. Several members are interested in participating.
3. Purser passed around letters from Basil Roebuck and Captain Bill Johnson; the latter with kind words about the last pilot boat model. Thanks, Bill.
4. Kent Wade will definitely resign. We'll miss you, Kent; please be our guest occasionally.

New Business

1. Jack Bobbitt proposed that we have club name badges; he will investigate.
2. Jack also asked to host the January meeting, as Bob Cook will be staying at his home that weekend, with his finished *BONHOMME RICHARD* model, enroute to its presentation to U.S. Naval Academy Museum at Annapolis. Don't miss it!
3. Purser circulated signup sheet for prospective hosts for 1993 meetings. The schedule is full, including two meetings in Virginia Beach and one in Richmond. It will be published with the roster.

Business meeting adjourned at 2053.

Sharing

Fox Announced that Walter Meseck, long-time tugboatman, will be speaker at Steamship Historical Society on Jan. 17 at Chamberlin; see Bill for details.

Purser Reminder of "Great Age of Sail" exhibit at Chrysler Museum through Jan.17; "Great Age" catalog at M.M. Gift Gallery; see Alan if interested in building a one-design sloop model on commission (local builder preferred); Canadian flag decals and ships' hull markings from Arrow Graphics; catalog of Tab Books (International Marine).

Melton *Air Brush/Action* magazine (there's a publication for just about everything!)

Berger Periscope housings and hatches for his *BALAO* model (elegant work, some of it in brass; tapered base and tubes formed around wood patterns and silver-soldered); possible demo by Dave Merriman on casting of metals and resins.

Bobbitt Router, converted to spindle shaper with home-made table and blades; adjustable to 1/120" accuracy; cove-molding waterways on his pungy made with this tool, which is available to members; follower attachment allows moldings to be cut with lateral deck curve; also showed neat bead molding scribed and scraped into wales; further discussion of pungy details and painting.

Horne Whitehall Boat, nearly finished and very handsome indeed. Nice finish over basswood, and also featuring neat bead moldings in plank edges.

Brindza More details on the two-man cruise on his boat; "heavy condensation" in the bilge turned out to be a fairly serious leak; repeated attempts to tighten things made it worse, required frequent pumping and immediate haul-out on return to the marina.

We adjourned for discussion and excellent refreshments by Jeanne. Thanks!

Next Meeting:

Friday, January 8, at the home (again) of Jack and Jeanne Bobbitt, 69 Queens Court, Newport News. See directions in last Newsletter, or call 599-0557 or 865-7300 if you don't have it and can't remember.

On the Bridge:

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NEXT MEETING:
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