

# HAMPTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

August 1993

We gathered on July 9 at Bill and Ethel Hinrichs' home, where Skipper Bill Altice called the crew to order at 2010 with 17 members, no guests.

## Old Business

1. There was discussion of Festival in the Park at Mariners' Museum on June 13: great turnout of members and visitors, on a gorgeous but warm day. Thanks to all who helped to show our flag (literally), and especially to David Tagg and Gene Berger, who did their usual fine job of pulling our part of it together.

2. A letter was read from David Merriman, thanking us for having him as our speaker in June. Our pleasure, David, and we thank you!

## New Business

It was uncertain whether Ralph Smith would be able to host the August meeting as scheduled, so Graham Horne volunteered to do so, if needed. (It is!)

## Sharing

1. Bill Altice gave a review of BlueJacket's kit for paddle steamer PORTLAND (\$300 + \$30 for base). Many problems: hull too short, narrow and assymmetrical; instructions poor; poor response to complaints (but they did send a new hull, its ends untrimmed, that was at least long enough. From Tom Hesse: "Do you recommend the kit, Bill?"

2. Bill Clarke reported that he and Len Wine had visited USS PEGASUS, one of six hydrofoils, about 16 years old, used out of Key West for interdiction. Capable of 50 knots in 10-foot seas, they are to be decommissioned and stored due to high operating costs. Clarke, Wine and John Cheevers visited Len's ship, USS MISSISSIPPI, and USS GEORGE WASHINGTON, on July 4.

3. David Tagg and Gene Berger described their tour of England: London, Greenwich, Chatham Dockyard, Portsmouth, and other places. Sounds like a great time, and they came back with lots of photos, books, and memories. Good stuff!

4. Alan Frazer showed his new model of USS MONITOR, built in two evenings from a new paper kit produced by Mariners' Museum and NOAA (Monitor National Maritime Sanctuary). Designed and drawn by former HRSMS member John Tilley, it is well done, goes together without major problems, and is available free from M.M. Education Department. A kit was quickly passed to our "paper maven," David Tagg, and six more were soon snapped up.

5. Alan also mentioned a) NRG tour of England in May; b) International Society of Marine Painters' exhibit at Mariners' Museum until September; c) book, Modern Ship Model Construction, by Ralph Williams.

7. Jim McCurdy mentioned article in June Smithsonian on new ship model gallery at USNA, Annapolis.

8. Bill Clarke reported the death of Russ Aller, a well-known modeler and sparkplug of the Tulsa club's project to host the 1996 NRG Conference.

This part of the meeting was adjourned at 2115.

As a tech talk, Tom Abbott showed us his model of CSS HUNLEY, a pioneering submarine that probably killed more of its own crewmen than enemies, and described his research and modeling in detail. A fascinating project, and Tom's usual fine craftsmanship.

Finally, we shared Bill and Ethel's usual elegant and delicious late supper. Thanks for the hospitality.

**NEXT MEETING:** August 13, 2000 hrs, hosted by Graham and Moira Horne. Map and directions enclosed. Please call ahead to let them know you are coming.

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE DEPARTMENT!** Len and Lois Wine proudly launched KATHLEEN MICHELLE on July 2, 1993, 1530 hrs. Displacement .0033203 tons (7 lb. 7 oz.); LOA 19.75 in. This was officially announced in the formal minutes under "New Business," but we report it here in a festive, less formal setting. And all of our recent tonnage is properly called "she."

Note to Nautical Research Guild Members The Guild has asked us to pass the word that you should ignore the "1993 Dues Are Payable" notice on the flysheet with the June issue.

**On the Bridge**

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**NEXT MEETING:**  
AUGUST 13

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