

HAMPTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

December 1993

Seventeen members and two guests gathered on November 12 at Heinz and Mareke Schiller's home, where Skipper Bill Altice gonged us to order at 2006. [The bell must have lost weight, or Popeye ate his spinach!] There were no corrections to the previous minutes as published, and there was no purser's report.

Old Business

1. Nobody represented the Society at the Watermen's Museum on October 16-17.
2. The joint meeting with Washington will be re-scheduled, as the first weekend in April is Easter. Graham Horne, Jack Bobbitt and Tom Abbott are probable volunteer speakers.
3. Proposed new Constitution and Bylaws were presented and discussed in detail by the Skipper, with help from other members of the Bylaws Committee. [Copies enclosed for regular members not at November meeting.] Suggested changes to the draft are: Article III, Section 4, delete "when request is made"; Article V, Section 1F, change to "combined with any other office."; Article V, Section 3, add ", Clerk" after "Mate" in list of officers to be elected. Bill Clarke questioned the need for allowing separation of the offices of Clerk and Purser. The new document will be moved for adoption at the December meeting; be there to vote.

New Business

1. Charles "Chuck" Reynolds and Robert Dillingham, being present as guests for the third time, were duly elected to membership in the Society. Welcome aboard!
2. The Skipper asked for more Show and Tell: bring models, tips, talks, books, whatever may be of interest to members and guests.
3. The sign-up sheet was passed for those wishing to host our 1994 meetings. January, April and September have not been staked out.

Sharing

1. The Skipper passed around a folder from Envision Design Centers (New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco; phone 1-800-466-8811), who can produce laser-cut parts "from your artwork, drawings or computer (CAD) files" in almost any non-metallic material and size.
2. Bob Moritz is corresponding with a modeler in Poland who is seeking advice and help from members; showed a magazine with some of this man's unbelievably fine warship miniatures. Presumably Bob will bring in his inquiries to see who can help.
3. Hugh Melton showed some Swiss-made sandpaper ("SIAWAT FC"), which comes in grits to 1000. Used wet or dry, it does not clog, and Bill Altice says it's "good stuff." Contact Hugh to order.
4. Bill Clarke described his visits to USS John Paul Jones (3rd Arleigh Burke-class destroyer) and Smithsonian Air & Space Museum restoration facility at Silver Hill, Maryland.
5. Bill Altice reported that cyano glues are not long-lasting, since they oxidize, especially under ultra-violet light. They are good for "tacking" parts while applying other, more permanent glues to the joint. Alan Frazer had picked up the same report from an objects conservator. Jack Bobbitt added that the same applies to acrylic paints.
6. Heinz Schiller offered a lot of possibly useful "stuff" that we were welcome to take in exchange for donation to the club [We took in \$12.00; thanks, Heinz].
7. Jack Bobbitt showed his pungy model and talked about painting it. Used six coats of "Coachmakers' Paints" (also known as "Japan Colors"), brushed and distressed to dead flat finish. Call Jack for sources.

8. Graham Horne pointed out that any color can be mixed with just three "pure" colors: magenta, cyane blue and chrome yellow, plus black and white. This is the basis for four-color printing (where the white is the paper).

9. Bob Moritz showed his miniature Liberty Ship, now nearly finished.

10. Jack Bobbitt and Alan Frazer reported on the Nautical Research Guild Conference in Kingston, Ontario. Overall, a very good one. Future conference sites are booked through 1998; our turn again in 1995, following Manitowoc in '94.

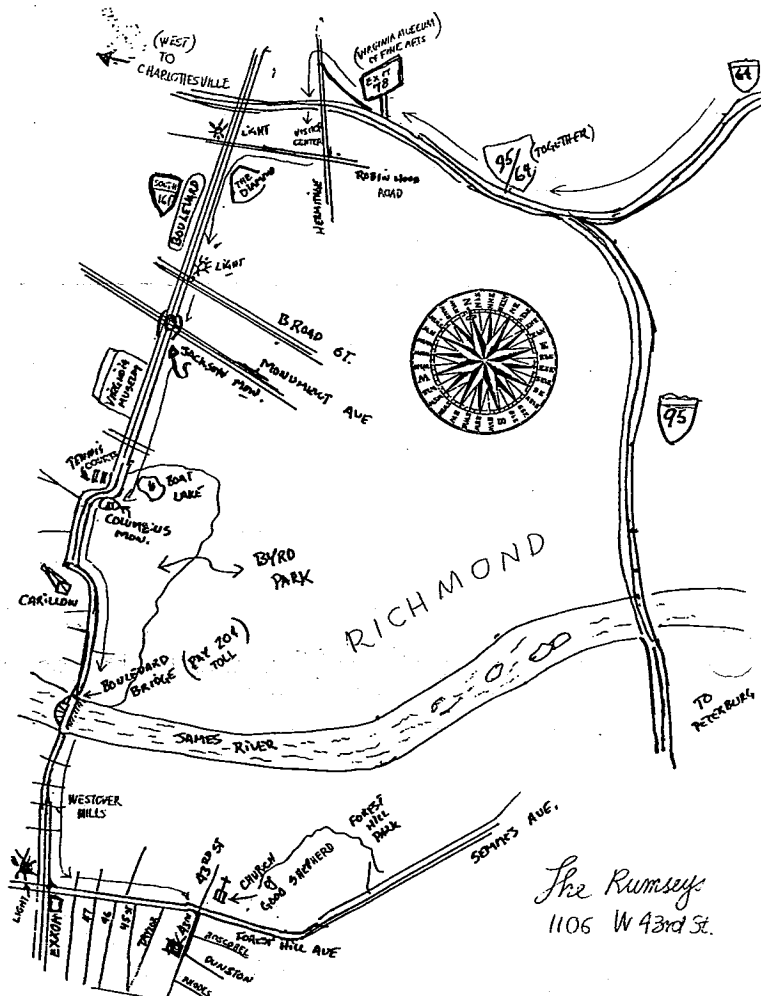
We adjourned (time not recorded) to the usual delicious refreshments by Heinz and Mareke.

From the Purser: We need a volunteer to host the January meeting.

Next Meeting: We will again trot out new Constitution and Bylaws on Friday, December 10, 2000 hrs, at the home of Nick, Monica and Carl Rumsey, plus pugs and puss, at 1106 West 43rd Street, Richmond. Active members should all have a copy of Nick's letter and map, but "just in case," here is a reduced copy of the map. It loses something without Nick's elegant highlighting job, so follow the light arrow from I-64 sign at upper right to 43rd Street at lower left. Please call Nick as soon as possible if you are coming. Note 20-cent bridge toll.

On the Bridge

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