

# HAMPTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

January 1994

Sixteen members braved a rainy night and (for most) substantial distances to gather at the Rumsey Mansion in Richmond on December 10. Skipper Bill Altice rang the bell for order at 2023. There were no corrections to the published minutes, and a Purser's report was given.

## Old Business

1. Proposed new Constitution and Bylaws were presented for the second time. Problems were discussed and two amendments offered:

A. It was moved, seconded and adopted that the last sentence of Article V, Section 1-F be revised to read, "This office may, at the discretion of the Skipper, be combined with **any other office.**" [Changed area in boldface]

B. It was moved, seconded and adopted that the first sentence of Article V, Section 2 be revised to read, in part, "Candidates for Skipper, Mate, Clerk and Purser..."

It was moved and seconded to adopt the new Constitution and Bylaws with the above revisions. Passed unanimously.

2. Possible new dates were discussed for the joint meeting with Washington. Suggested dates, April 30-May 1 (if that is not the Easton Festival weekend), May 14-15 or May 21-22 (Mothers' Day is May 8), will be discussed with Washington.

3. Chuck Reynolds volunteered to host the September meeting and Alan Frazer will shift to January. February and April remain uncovered.

4. The Purser requested corrections to the roster previously distributed.

## New Business

1. The Skipper reminded us that the next election process will begin with nominations to be made at the January meeting. Think about candidates you would like to nominate; talk to them about it; and remember that the Skipper and 1st Mate are eligible for another term but *the Purser is not, as he is completing his third consecutive term.*

2. The Skipper explained the desire of the Lifesaving Museum of Virginia for a program by a few HRSMS volunteers, to be held at the Museum in January or February.

## Sharing

1. Alan Frazer described a volunteer opportunity for a woodworker who would like to interpret and compare colonial and modern tools at the Dewitt Wallace Gallery, C.W.

2. Bill Altice passed around newsletters from North Jersey and Washington clubs, plus a Bluejacket 1994 catalog.

3. Bob Sanderson brought a book on USS TEXAS. Coincidentally, Chuck Reynolds brought a fine old photograph of the same ship.

4. John Cheevers brought the club's copy of Nautical Research Journal, along with these goodies:

- a copy of the book, *Ship-Fitting Practice*, from Sun Ship, 1941;
- photos of Bob Cook's superb BONHOMME RICHARD/DUC DE DURAS model as shown at

- our January meeting;
- photos of East German gunboat HIDDENSEE at Solomons Island (see minutes of May 14, 1993; June Newsletter).
  - Kester Soldering Paste, as used by Roger Cole; hard to find, but in stock at new K-Mart Super Center (plug!).

5. Jim McCurdy would like comments on Testors' "Aztec" air brush.

General meeting was adjourned at 2129.

### Tech Talk

Host Nick Rumsey showed some nice slides of his professional woodwork. Noted that many veneers are now coming through at only 1/40" thickness instead of the old standard 1/28"; causes problems in gluing and sanding. Then described the building of an elegant model case in fine woods, including methods of clamping and gluing (clear silicone) the glass vitrine, all illustrated with slides and the actual case. - Good job.

Then we adjourned to the ENORMOUS living room for a fine spread. Thanks, Nick.

Important Reminder We need a volunteer to host the February 11 meeting.

Next Meeting: Nominations for office will be taken on Friday, January 14, 2000 hrs., at the Frazers, 108-G Indian Summer Drive, in lower York County. **From Hampton and east**, use I-64 West to exit 262-B, marked "134 North/Magruder Blvd/NASA Poquoson," then 4.2 miles on 134 to 6th light; turn left at "Four Seasons" sign, onto Indian Summer Drive to last building on left; we're upstairs on right. **From Williamsburg and west**, use I-64 East to exit 256-B "Victory Blvd. East/Poquoson," go 2.2 miles on Victory (becomes 171 where it crosses US 17) to 4th (I think!) light; turn right on 134 South; 2.7 miles to 4th light on 134; turn right at "Four Seasons" to last building on left. Please R.S.V.P. 865-7300 by Wednesday evening.

### On the Bridge

Skipper: Bill Altice 748-4880  
1st Mate: Leonard Wine 588-5831  
Purser: Alan Frazer 865-7300  
Historian: Bill Fox 253-0310

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**NEXT MEETING:**  
JANUARY 14

TO:

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