

HAMPTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

February 1994

Eighteen members and one guest braved a mini-blizzard to gather at the Frazers' penthouse on January 14. Skipper Bill Altice rang the bell at 2010. There were no corrections to the previous minutes as published, and the Purser reported a still-healthy bank balance.

The Skipper introduced and welcomed Ulrich Guenther, our first-time guest, from Germany via Gloucester.

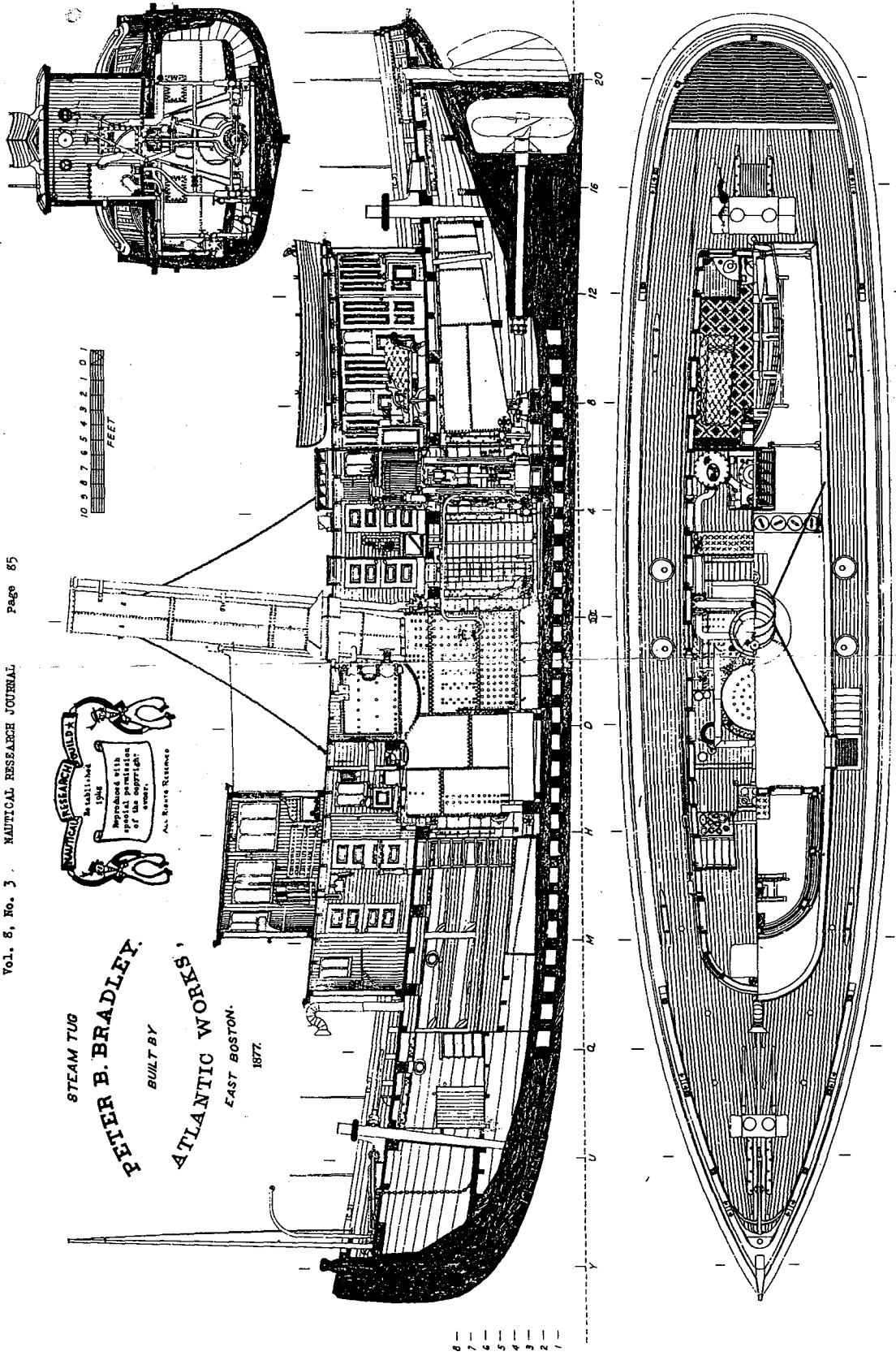
Old Business

1. The Washington Society is still considering dates for the joint meeting. We still need speakers; Tom Abbott volunteered. Bill Clarke suggested adding the fledgling Annapolis club for this weekend event.
2. David Tagg moved that the date of the February meeting be changed to the 18th, so he can host it at The Admiral Lord Nelson in Hampton (a pub). Free parking and dinner; cash bar for beer and wine, and tip the waitress. Motion seconded and passed. It was also agreed that we should gather for dinner by 1930 hours.
3. Chuck Reynolds offered to host the vacant September meeting (in Chesapeake), and John Cheevers will host the April event caused by David's shift to February.

New Business

1. The Skipper read descriptions of offices to be filled under our new constitution, and then called for nominations. After announcing that he chose not to run for another term, he relinquished the chair to the Mate and nominated Jack Bobbitt as Skipper. Nomination was seconded and the candidate accepted. Skipper resumed the chair. Cheevers nominated Len Wine for another term as Mate; seconded and the candidate accepted. There were initially no nominations for Clerk, so the Skipper "skipped" to Purser (the two offices now being separate although they could be combined). Wine nominated Bill Clarke for Purser; seconded and the candidate accepted. On the second pass, Clarke completed the round-robin by nominating Cheevers for Clerk; seconded and the candidate accepted. Election will be held at the February meeting, apparently via a single ballot.
2. The question of a banquet was brought up. Clarke suggested the 4th weekend in March (Saturday, 3-26), to fall about half-way between regular meetings. Possibly at The Admiral Lord Nelson. Bobbitt will check country club as possible backup site. Octavia Cubbins and Lisa Royse, from Mariners Museum, were suggested as possible speakers; preference expressed for Royse (on figureheads, with slides). Time suggested, 1830 for grog rations and 1900 for mess. Await developments in February.
3. Chuck Reynolds asked if the host was expected to provide a program. Reply was "No, but okay if he wants to, and it might be easier at home than to carry stuff elsewhere." Anyone (host or not) offering a formal program (beyond the brief "show-and-tell" variety) should discuss with the Skipper to avoid possible double booking.

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Wooden Steam Tugboat Peter B. Bradley, 1877

This highly detailed drawing was published as a lithographic poster, apparently a promotional piece for her builder, the Atlantic Works of East Boston. It includes details of fastenings in the boat's keel structure, every rivet and bolt in her boiler, and a finely paneled after cabin, complete with a luxurious chaise-longue and swivel chair; surely the stuff of a handsome outaway model. The drawing was published, along with lines, in Nautical Research Journal way back in 1957, but I have never seen a model from it. A half model is in the Hart Nautical Collection at M.I.T. - A.D.F.

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Sharing

1. Bill Fox - announced Steamship Historical Society meeting at Hotel Chamberlin on Sunday, 1-16, with Harry Jones of Maryland speaking on the Norfolk-Washington Line.
2. Hugh Melton - offered an article on a woodworking exhibit and demonstration at DeWitt Wallace Gallery, also 1-16.
3. John Cheevers - Wood Carvers Supply Co. will add entire roster to mailing list for two years if one member requests with an order. Tell John if you do not wish to be included.
4. Alan Frazer - (a) offered a Model Shipways *America* hull (compliments of Bill Wilkinson) and plans (compliments of John Shedd to Alan, a long time ago); Jim McCurdy got 'em; (b) showed John Fryant's plans list; (c) passed around a Prospectus for a new Rail Marine Info Group, which will publish stuff on railroad tugs, lighters, car ferries, etc.; (d) showed a many-sheeted, incredibly detailed set of plans for steam schooner *Wapama*, available from San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park (see magazine ads); (e) showed clipped E.A. McCann articles on USS *Texas*, from 1930s *Popular Science*, for benefit of Bob Sanderson and Chuck Reynolds (see December notes).
5. Gene Berger - showed and described the "sail" (conning tower) for his 9'9"-model of WWII fleet sub USS *Balao*, in Measure 32 camouflage and with working 'scopes and other gear. Plans Spring launch.
6. Graham Horne - showed his lovely model of St. Lawrence skiff, based on plan for boat by Bain of Clayton, New York.
7. Ulrich Guenther (guest) - described kit models he has built: small-scale *Essex* (Model Shipways); sloop (schooner?) *Emma C. Berry* (Sterling); Chinese junk (Amati); HMS *Bounty* (Mamoli); *Friesland* (Mamoli).
8. John Cheevers - showed a new *Wooden Boat* with nice photos of old motor launch; (b) catalogs of Wood Carvers Supply and Craft Woods; (c) *Wood Smith* magazine; (d) old volume of American Bureau of Shipping *Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels*; (e) mentioned two plan sources, *Transactions of Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers*, and *Marine Engineering Log* magazine (both at Mariners Museum library; and (f) last but not least, showed his lift hull of N.N.S. tug *Huntington* (1933-1991), describing jig used to hold router for simultaneous carving of sheer and camber, including (but not on this boat) steps in deck. Will show us the jig in April.

Adjournment 2200 hours to Jane's good deli buffet (If you liked the breads, all came from Super K-Mart).

From the Purser If you have a plain "A" to the right on your mailing label, dues are due as of March 1. We'll be happy to take your money at the February meeting.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 18, 1930 hrs. (Note one week later and 30 minutes earlier!), in the Trafalgar Room at "The Admiral Lord Nelson, A Public House," 55 West Queen's Way (Within the Mall), Hampton. Complimentary dinner (possibly Shepherd's Pie - fresh shepherd caught daily - or a Chef's surprise); tip the waitress \$1.50. Cash bar, beer and wine. Please call our genial host, Publican David Tagg (851-2639) by Wednesday, 2-16, to make reservations. No parking on Queen's Way; park in Air & Space Museum Garage (get ticket validated in the pub), or on Old Hampton Lane, between the garage and the Mall. There will be room to bring models, etc. Election of Officers will be concluded during this meeting.

