

Newsletter of the Washington Ship Model Society

For the Mutual Benefit in Model Ship Building; for the Exchange of Ideas; and to Preserve for Posterity Scale Models of Historic Vessels, we Associate Ourselves Together to Form This Washington Ship Model Society

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WSMS Newsletter Reactivated!!

Helping Keep the Membership Together Virtually

SKIPPERS CORNER

Ahoy Crew! I trust everyone has been staying safe, and well. These have been interesting times, and have forced some new rules and technological challenges on all of us in order to carry on business as best we can. Since WSMS hoisted our **Quarantine Flag** we have had several meetings and events canceled. I will continue to make timely announcements of club news to all members and strikers in an effort to keep everyone up to speed. I would like to thank Brion Boyles and Carl Erickson for continuing to promote club visibility and interest through FaceBook and our club website. Lou Husser has, once again, stepped up as our Newsletter Editor and we thank him for that! I would also encourage all members to email photographs of your builds and projects to me and/or club officers Roger Frye, Carl Erickson, and Greg Stitz so we can forward them to all members to enjoy!



Our May club meeting and the May 16-17 Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum model show and RC show have been canceled. I'll continue to announce all club meetings and events well in advance in order to ensure our members can plan their participation accordingly. Also, the Lynx will reflect the latest status of all events as well. At this point, our next scheduled event still on the books will be August 1, 2020 in Philadelphia, PA as part of the Philadelphia Ship ModelCon. The event will be held aboard the USS New Jersey in the Ward Room. Last year unfortunately no WSMS members were able to attend. So, I strongly encourage all able-bodied seaman to think now about representing the club this year. See the upcoming events still tentatively scheduled on our Events Page. All great fun events and worthy of participation!

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Maritime Trivia Question

Which of the below flags is flown indicating a ship has a quarantine status?



Answer on the back page

ANNOUNCEMENTS BRIDGE & STAFF

As to be expected, our May 9 Virginia Meeting is Canceled

The Bridge hopes to see everyone at our next meeting as soon as we are able!

Skipper

Sometime hopefully this summer will see us back together again. The US Naval Academy workshop may also be closed for a while yet. and I am sure many other clubs and groups are still weathering the storm like us. Also, Lou Husser has volunteered to again edit the Newsletter. I sent him some stuff for publication and if any of you have photos, articles, information to share please pass on to Lou! At LBHusser@verizon.net



WSMS Elections will proceed remotely in June. The current Bridge have all volunteered to run again for their positions, but if there are other members interested in running for a Bridge position, you are strongly encouraged to put your hat in the ring by emailing me and the other club officers so we can announce candidate names in late May., before we cast votes on June 13th. Volunteer candidates for club officers are:

Larry Valett - President/Skipper
Carl Erickson - Treasurer/Pursuer
Roger Frye - VP/First Mate
Greg Stitz - Secretary

1st Mate

Nothing to report

Ship's Clerk

Nothing to report



Purser

Nothing to report

WSMS Webmaster

Our website is a key Society asset for keeping members informed. Please help me keep it current by sending me any relevant information to post related to member ship modeling activities. Don't forget the pictures!

Also, please take the time to join our Facebook group (Washington Ship Model Society...link: <https://www.facebook.com/Washington-Ship-Model-Society-152848694776650/>). This way, when I make an announcement or post something that you or other members have submitted, other modelers in your circle will be notified. It also gives other interested modelers the ability to ask you questions about your work and further share it (Think: Model ship virus)also, it gives me access to your pictures if you want me to post for you, if you don't have them locked down as "private". It would also help me if we were Facebook "friends", so that I might tag you or be able to communicate directly. In order to do this, either use this link : <https://www.facebook.com/brion.boyles> or look me up (Brion Boyles) on FB and send a "friend" request. Caveat: In joining the group, I will take your submission for posts as meant to be "public", unless otherwise directed. **HOWEVER, IN NO CASE** will I post private information, even if you ask me to. If you wish help in coordinating contact with a third party, I can help you there...but my primary concern will always be maintaining the integrity of our page and keeping it SPAM-free. Lastly, I scour FB and YouTube for interesting model stuff. I find a lot of neat goin's-ons and repost/link/share on our page. We have a lot of great clubs and FB pages linked to the various posts. You just click the pic, and you are taken to model groups across the globe."

Lynx Editor

I apologize for the long interlude since I last edited and sent out a newsletter; it increasingly conflicted with other responsibilities. Inputs were dropping off as well as feedback as to whether the newsletter was fulfilling a need or was getting stale. With the COVID 19 crisis freezing our ability to hold member meeting, as well as to attend and support other related events, it became increasingly obvious that we needed to get the newsletter back on track as a key organizational communications tool. It needs to serve as a bridge for keeping members informed on what's happening at the

individual internal WSMS level as well as in the external ship modeling world.

As such however, its vital that members assist with the newsletter by sending me material that can range from a complete article with pictures to tips, websites, pictures of their work, interesting events..., Note: if any of the material is gleaned (not plagiarized) from other

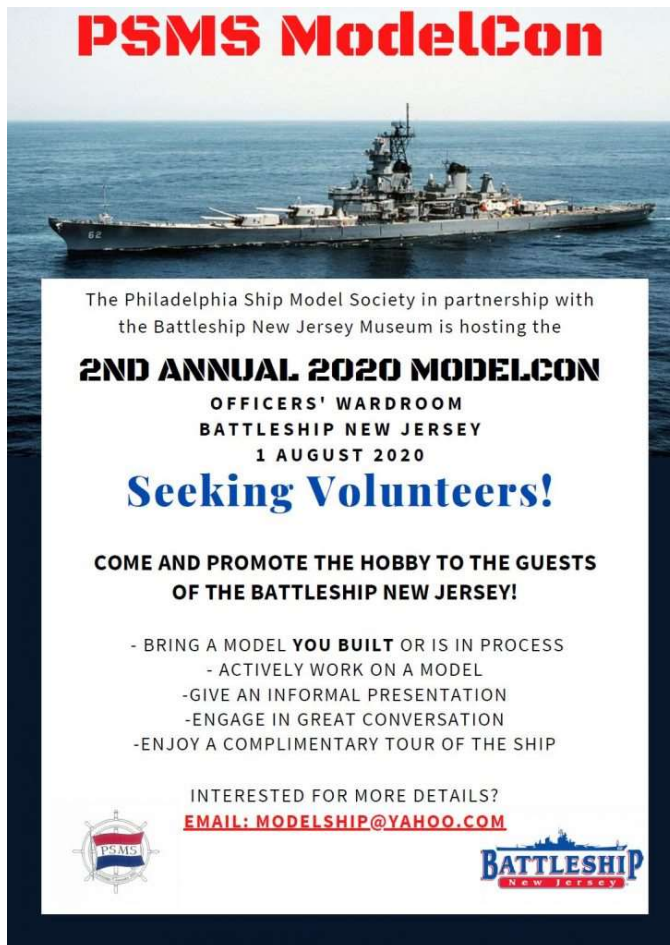
sources, also provide information for the source so appropriate attribution can be made. Also, if any member is looking to sell our purchase a ship-model related item consider using the Lynx's "CLASSIFIED ADS." It's free to WSMS members.

WSMS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WSMS Annual Auction

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic the auction scheduled for March was cancelled. However once the restrictions on gatherings is lifted, a new date will be set for conducting the auction

Philadelphia Ship Model Society Annual ModelCon Invitation



PSMS ModelCon

The Philadelphia Ship Model Society in partnership with the Battleship New Jersey Museum is hosting the

2ND ANNUAL 2020 MODELCON



OFFICERS' WARDROOM
BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY
1 AUGUST 2020

Seeking Volunteers!

COME AND PROMOTE THE HOBBY TO THE GUESTS OF THE BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY!

- BRING A MODEL **YOU BUILT** OR IS IN PROCESS
- ACTIVELY WORK ON A MODEL
- GIVE AN INFORMAL PRESENTATION
- ENGAGE IN GREAT CONVERSATION
- ENJOY A COMPLIMENTARY TOUR OF THE SHIP

INTERESTED FOR MORE DETAILS?
EMAIL: MODELSHIP@YAHOO.COM



Chesapeake Bay Model Club Invitational Events Announcements

From Ed Thieler

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Model Guild sponsored, Model Expo - **Cancelled**

As you might well have anticipated, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum has cancelled the Model Guild sponsored, Model Expo, and the other scheduled Maritime Festival events for the weekend of May 16/17, 2020. Unfortunately, we will not be able to gather under a warm spring sun to celebrate the challenges and joys of crafting and sailing model boats, and enjoying the camaraderie of fellow modelers. So, let's think ahead – let's spend our idle distancing" hours, huddled in our shops, building new models, sprucing up older models, and generally getting ready for getting together at some later date.

Oxford Maryland Eighth Model Boat Show - **Saturday, November 14, 2020**

The Oxford Community Center, in Oxford, Maryland, presently has the eighth Model Boat Show on the schedule to be held Saturday, November 14, 2020. It is still a little early, in these uncertain times, to say whether it will be possible to hold this much anticipated celebration of your modeling expertise. If it appears our kind of gathering is possible, I will send out a "save-the-date" notice in August. If we still must maintain our distance from one another I will send out a cancellation notice as soon as I have it. Our very best wishes for a healthy summer to all. I hope everyone stays safe! Continue those projects I know everyone is working on, and when we do get back together, we will have a lot of projects to share!

The Washington Dc Army & Navy Club Model Display Invitation

By Lou Husser

WSMS Gallery of Ship Models & Cocktails Event – November 202 (Date to be determined)

Last November the WSMS at the invitation of the ANC participated in a Naval-themed Cocktail Evening Party in the Club's Eagle Lounge. The event proved to be extremely popular with the Club members and resulted in an invitation to reprise the event this fall. owner cased-models in prime locations throughout the club. Information on the Washington Ship Model Society was provided to interested ANC members and resulted in at least six requests for information on our meetings and events as well in a request for help in restoring a family heirloom clipper ship model. Once more information becomes available on a date for the event the information will be passed along to WSMS members inviting volunteers to participate. If you are also interested in displaying one or more models please contact me by Email at LBHusser@verizon.net or by phone at 540 659-7088 for details.



WSMS NEWS & VIEWS

My Latest Build

By Larry Valett

I know many of you are not on social media, so I copied a few photos and some historical information on my latest build! After 5 long years, I finally completed the Revolutionary War Brig, FAIR AMERICAN. Scratch built, 1:48 scale from my own drafts and rigging plans, built from maple, ebony and cherry from our backyard. I'm privileged to work as a model shipwright at the US Naval Academy Museum where the original ship model is displayed as part of the famous Rogers Collection. It made my research and design plans much easier!

Captained by Charles Morgan, the FAIR AMERICAN was an American privateer brig out of Charleston, SC. She was only 72' long, 140 tons, and carried 14 guns and 45 crew. Along with other privateers, she raided Bermuda in the spring of 1777, seizing a fort and capturing several British vessels. Upon her return she stumbled upon a British fleet of eighty sail bound for England. She captured two of these prizes and escaped back to Charleston. Later, she was part of the American squadron which broke the British blockade of Charleston harbor on February 12, 1778, and shortly after engaged in battle

against HMS Yarmouth.

She was captured by the British in 1780, refitted in England,

and turned against the Revolutionary cause.





WSMS MEMBER'S SCUTTLEBUTT



A column where members can contribute most any notes or recommendations pertinent to ship modeling or maritime related information

Send comments to Lou Husser at LBHusser@verizon.net

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Ongoing Construction

Of interest to anyone who makes model boats, or does any kind of woodworking, are the construction projects going on in the ship yard. Visitors, when the museum re-opens, can get up close the 57ft long representation of the 1630s Maryland DOVE, the rebuilding of the tug DELAWARE, and restoration of the oldest known log-canoe GLIDE. The size of the vessels and the huge dimensions of the lumber will make you happy you make model boats.

Ed Theiler

USS Kearsarge photos

See this website for great detailed photos of the Kearsarge being transformed into a floating crane
http://lesliejonesphotography.com/collection?search_a_pi_views_fulltext=Kearsarge

Bruce Buchner

The 2020 NRG Conference Has Been Cancelled – Rescheduled For 2021

The Board of Directors made the difficult decision to reschedule the 2020 Conference to be held at the Channel Islands Maritime Museum in Oxnard, CA this October. They have rescheduled it for October 2021 at the same venue. The Board felt that attendance would be much less than normal because of the uncertainty of safe travel secondary to the COVID-19 pandemic.

MEMBER GONE TO FIDDLER'S GREEN

JOHN REEDER

As many of you may have heard, John, one of our very long-time members passed away in December. He served numerous times on the WSMS bridge and was our Purser for many years. John was a world class collector and restorer of WWII models; in particular recognition models used by our Department of Defense as well as many rare examples used by both Allied and Axis Services. His wife Nicola graciously met with our Skipper Larry, Carl Erickson, and Bill Black to review his collection and provide her with information to help in its disposition. John had an amazing, and enormous, collection of models.

Nicola told Larry that he could notify all WSMS members interested in acquiring some of John's models and is willing to meet with members by appointment. Following are a few photographs of his collection. WSMS members may connect with her individually if you are interested. Contact our Skipper for Mrs Reeder's contact information.



WSMS MEMBER'S COVID – 19 NEW CONSTRUCTION

WSMS members are invited to submit pictures and narrative on their COVID-19 isolation induced modeling projects. I'll kick this off describing 2 such efforts. The first was started in early March and is a 1/700 scale model of the USS Pittsburgh, CA – 72 (my home city growing up). It actually is serving as an understudy model in preparation of taking on a larger, 1/350th scale model of the same WWII era cruiser that Joel Labow kindly let me obtain from him. The model parts are fairly well representations however working at 1/700 scale and with scale photo etch is a challenge. Further, I decided to see if my under-developed airbrush skills could be improved by painting her in a dazzle camouflage scheme. Here is the box art plus several photos of the results.

BOX ART



1952 Cruise Book
Cover



USS Pittsburgh (CA-72), originally named USS Albany (CA-72), was a Baltimore-class heavy USN cruiser. The third ship to bear the name, it was laid down on 3 February 1943 by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation's Fore River Shipyard at Quincy, Massachusetts; launched on 22 February 1944 and commissioned at Boston on 10 October 1944. In WWII she served in the Pacific theater and lost her bow in a typhoon, also recovered and reattached. She later served in the Korean War.



NEW PHOTO SHOW AND TELL SECTION

Featuring Our Work Spaces

At one time, the WSMS members used to routinely hold focused meetings in which we met at a member's house which always included an opportunity to visit that person's modeling space. As you would expect, some were fairly simple, even kitchen tables or not much more; Carl Erikson's space for instance which nevertheless results in the most amazing and complex paper ship models for instance. Others had extremely elaborate, highly organized and well maintained, Gene Larson's in particular comes to mind. Then there are those others like Bruce Buchner's filled with amazing milling machines, computers, 3-d printers and a gazillion projects all in various states of production and ankle deep in brass filings. No matter what the size or components, all produced amazing products.

So, I propose that we share a virtual tour of our production facilities. No demerits for orderliness, or drooling over others equipment; just a just for fun look into our COVID-19 escape pods!? Here are a few photos and a note of mine. Now send me photos and if you like a narrative explaining yours!

Lou Husser's "Man Space"

About 15 years ago as a result of Betsy my wife wanting a bigger kitchen and a screened in porch, I skillfully negotiated including a workshop/office space tacked on behind our garage. The room is approximately 20 X 12 feet and access was deliberately limited to entering thru the back of the garage or by French doors out the side of the house (I had grand schemes on what I might produce..., never realized. It has 4 large windows looking out on the backyard. It contains all my modeling reference books, models in various states of completion, a table where I telework from, a mid size HDTV, old stereo, various storage areas and rolling bins and my re-purposed modeling table I made years ago for my son as a study desk. It also has 2 chairs, one a leather recliner and the other a once expensive and incredibly comfortable... (just ask my little mutt) easy chair that not even Good Will would take. It also has an old small sofa that doubles sometimes like Thanksgiving as a fold out bed. The only powered tools are a couple of Dremel's; my power saws, sander and paint booth are actually in the garage. Here are a few pictures...



MODELING TIP & TECHNIQUES

Soldering Brass

Mr. Ken Foran (greateaksstudio@gmail.com) speaking at a past NRG Conference discussed methods of working with brass. His book on the subject is available from:
<https://www.amazon.com/Model-Building-brass-Kenneth-Foran/dp/0764340042>. He uses a mill stressing 4 jaw chucks for square stock and 3 jaw chucks for round stock. He cleans excess solder and flux with acetone and Q-tips and uses resistance soldering for small parts connected to large parts only. He recommended Starbright Solder: 1/32" diameter with flux and uses 40W to 120W soldering irons. Another tip was that yellow ochre prevents solder from sticking and parts have to be clean and tight fitting to solder well.

Removing Accidental Dents to Hull Planking

If you dented your hull or planking (like you dropped a tool on it) take a drop of water and put it in the dent. Then take a hot iron and lightly rub it over the dent. The water will turn into steam, which will raise the wood fibers up. A quick swipe of 320 or 400 grit sandpaper and the dent is gone. If there is still a depression, try it again. If, after that, there is still a depression, then some filler will be needed. Remember this only works for dents, not gouges where the wood is removed.

Courtesy of Nic Damuck, BlueJacket Shipcrafters, Inc

Gluing metal to wood

This can be a challenge. Try using Locktite GO2 which can be purchased at Lowe's. The glue sets in 30 minutes, does not have the mess of two-part epoxy, and, gives a very strong bond.

Courtesy of Claude McElvain Gulf Coast Ship Modelers Society, Houston, Texas

Source for Plans and Blue Prints

<http://3dhistory.de/wordpress/warship-drawings-warship-blue-prints-warship-plans>

Courtesy of Bruce Buchner

Old Manufacturer Model Plans

Do you have an old unassembled model but no manufacturer's plan for assembling it? Check out <http://smm.solidmodelmemories.net/Gallery/index.php>

Courtesy of Bruce Buchner

**Have a modeling tip? Share it
by sending it to the editor at:**

LBHusser@verizon.net

Selected Ship Modeling Resources From the Web

Extracted from the Colorado Rocky Mountain Shipwrights Newsletter, "Scuttlebutt"

Model Ship Builder - This website has a popular forum with over 1900 members. Extensive group of building logs. They also sponsor group builds and provide an opportunity for members to place articles. www.modelshipbuilder.com/ Navy Board Models NBM is a collaborative effort of the Model Ship Builder website, and others. There is no forum, but you can access the build logs from Model Ship Builder, the rejuvenated Ships of Scale forum, and archived issues of "Warships and Workbooks" and "Model Ship Builder Journal" www.navyboardmodels.com

Ships of Scale - Though the magazine of the same name is no longer published, the website still thrives with a forum and build logs. It is "associated" with the Navy Board Models site through links as well. <https://shipsofscale.com/sosforums/>

Nautical Research Guild Official Website - (A premier ship building organization) There are articles, links, and NRG news. <http://www.thenrg.org/>

NRG's Model Ship World - This large, comprehensive site is now operated by the Nautical Research Guild. It's a major forum w build logs and plenty of response to modeler's questions. Also access shop notes, tips, techniques and research. <https://modelshipworld.com>

FAQ for Ship Model Builders - (by John Kropf) This is a model ship building site which answers all sorts of questions about ship modeling. Many of the links do not work. <http://sites.google.com/site/shipwrightsfag/>

John's Nautical & Boatbuilding Page - This site includes mostly life-size boat building material, but its self-proclaimed "Mother of All Maritime Links" can be helpful. <http://www.boat-links.com/>

Bottled Ship Builder - This is a forum that is all about ship in bottle and miniature building. there's a lot of information on the site for any one interested in ships in bottles and miniatures <http://Bottledshipbuilder.com>

Model Ship Building Secrets - This is an English blog with a directory, "50 of the Best Model Ship Building Sites" <http://www.modelshipbuildingsecrets.com/resources.html>

Modeler's Central - An Australian commercial site that features a blog with many modeling tips as well. <https://www.modelerscentral.com/>

DeAgostini Model Space - A British commercial site selling kits and tools with a forum filled with build logs of large models <http://forum.us.model-space.com/>

Arsenal Modelist - Olivier Bello's ship modeling site featuring 43 short tutorials, closeups of his fine work and a building log. <http://www.arsenal-modelist.com/index.php?page=accueil>

Classifieds & Want Ads

Newsletter Want Ad Policy

Members may submit as many ads as they choose for printing in the Lynx. They may be either want or for sale ads and should normally be limited to a 100 or less words. Non-members may also submit one ad to a monthly newsletter

Wanted

Ship Restoration Query

I contacted the Washington Ship Model Society in 2016 about fixing my grandfather's Emma Earnest model. Then WSMS first mate Brion Boyles did a very good job. I now have a model sailing vessel of my late grandfather's that I would like to have repaired and completed. The rigging and sails are all that it lacks, and a few of the pieces on the deck need to be reattached. I realize this would likely be a project that would have to wait until the present public health situation subsides but wanted to reach out to you to see if you knew of anyone closer to me in Silver Spring that could take this project on. I'd be happy to send a picture if a professional recommended by the Society might be interested.

Kind regards,

Brett Grosko brettgrosko@gmail.com

For Sale

Books & Model For Free

I have been building wood model ships for over 40 years. I am getting a bit too old to build them and haven't touched any of it for years. I would like someone to have the references books I've used in the past. Also I have an unused Corel Flying Fish, 1:50 scale model ship kit that someone can have too. Both the books and kit can be had for frdd(see picture) for free; except I ask that you to pay for shipping. The Fubbs 1724 book is 2" thick & a wealth of knowledge. If your org or someone in your org would like to have them, please contact me directly at:

Gary Gordon

12332 Homestead Place

Charlotte, NC 28277 - 980-229-1149

Note: This ad dates to early March and may no longer be valid

Unique Models for Sale

Jim Wheeler is trying to reduce his stash of kits slightly (See pictures). If you're interested in anything, or have questions, please contact Jim @ jrwheeler@att.net



Maritime Trivia Answer

ANSWER – Trick question both now do!

In International maritime signal flags, plain yellow, green, and even black flags have been used to symbolize disease in both ships and ports.

The plain yellow flag ("Quebec" or Q in international maritime signal flags) called the "yellow jack", was probably 1st used to signify yellow fever onboard. Cholera ships also used a yellow flag. Its believed that the plain yellow flag was named Quebec ("Q") for its initial use in Quarantine (.e. "Q"). Now however it indicates the opposite—a ship that declares itself free of quarantinable disease, and requests boarding and inspection by Port State Control to allow the grant of "free pratique"

Now the black and yellow flag, or "Lima", also called the "Yellow Jack" when flown in a harbor, means "ship is under quarantine"

