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## Monthly Newsletter of the Washington Ship Model Society

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# LATE EDITION!!

(VERY LATE I AM SORRY TO SAY)

## MAY CONTINUES WSMS's FULL CALENDAR OF SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS!

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### Skipper's Corner

Spring so far for the Society has been off to a great start for many of our members that participated in our April slate of events. These were a tour of the USS New Jersey where we were hosted by members of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society; one of which was Ed Lief. As many of you are aware Ed is a world class modeler with more than a few models on display in museums, airports and naval ship memorials. He has also written several very influential and popular books on our craft. The tour was specially was conducted by the battleship's curator and included numerous spaces not normally seen by the public such as the inside of a turret, A turret magazine, and engineering spaces. Look for a more detailed article in a future Lynx.

Also in April we had an excellent turn out for the NOVA IPMS Annual Model Show which replaced our regular end of month focus meeting. The event was particularly special in that in a first for the WSMS, we judged and awarded a trophy for ship modeling. We plan to make this an annual award for that IPMS show. The winner and his entry are featured in an article below. A big BZ to our 1<sup>st</sup> Mate, Warren who managed our participation in this fun event.

### Events On the Horizon:

**31 May & 01 June** - Maritime Model Expo,  
Chesapeake bay Maritime Museum - 10am-4pm  
Saturday and 10am-3pm Sunday

**June 14** - Regular Meeting of the WSMS at Walter  
Reed Hospital

**Summer 2014 Date to be determined** – Tour of the  
David Taylor Naval Research Center, Bethesda, MD

## WSMS UPCOMING EVENT NEWS

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### ***Maritime Model Expo***

#### **GREAT NEWS FROM OUR EVENT COORDINATOR, DOUG WILDE!**

The Maritime Model Expo WHICH WE ARE HELPING SPONSOR is moving back to the North Campus and us back into the Steamboat Building! This is a great venue with lots of space for tables and much more light (to the relief of our aging eyes).

Doug is a 100% right when he says, "I don't need to remind past participants how much fun this Expo is, even in that dark cave the past few years. For those who have not attended you really ought to as visitors are friendly, set to have a good time, and often an unexpected source of information or contacts. Local restaurants serve good food and there is a fantastic nautical bookstore out by Tilghman Island. Also stop at the tiny coffee stand on your way into town and pick-up a breakfast burrito. Pretty much justifies the trip itself."

**DOUG NEEDED A SHOW OF HANDS** of those considering attending and equally as important, those who would bring models or let us borrow their beauties for the show. Eight members have responded and all are bringing material. It is really important WSMS put on a good show this year.

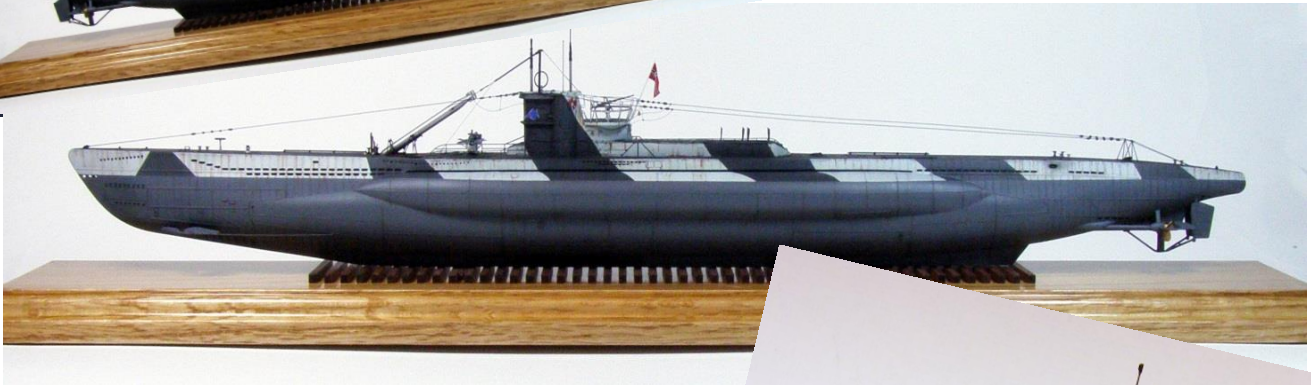
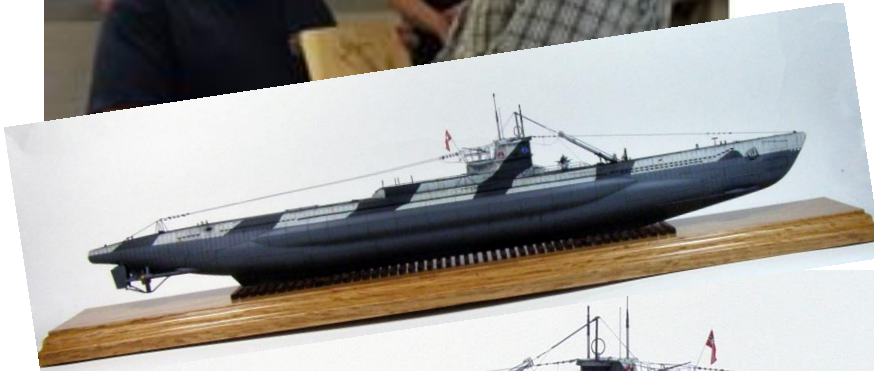
**SOME MORE INFO ON THE EVENT** - The Model Guild of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, the North American Steamboat Modeler's Association, and WSMS are sponsoring the event. The museum has 12 exhibit buildings and an 18-acre waterfront campus. On Saturday, festival-goers can take a Miles River boat ride on some of the museum's floating fleet of historic vessels. During the event, radio-controlled steamboat modelers will sail model boats in a large, pond, while R-C model sailors also race their craft along the museum's waterfront. Steam-powered and sailing models will be demonstrated throughout the weekend. On Sunday from 11 to 1 p.m., CBMM's Model Sailing Club will race five-foot R-C skipjack models along CBMM's Fogg's Cove. On-land exhibits will include a collection of models by Washington Ship Model Society members and other highly acclaimed modelers as well. - See more at:  
<http://www.cbmm.org/modelexpo/index.htm#sthash.ZXa1vkC1.dpuf>

**No May Focus Group Meeting** - It is being replaced by the event in St Michael's MD.

## REPORT ON WSMS APRIL EVENTS

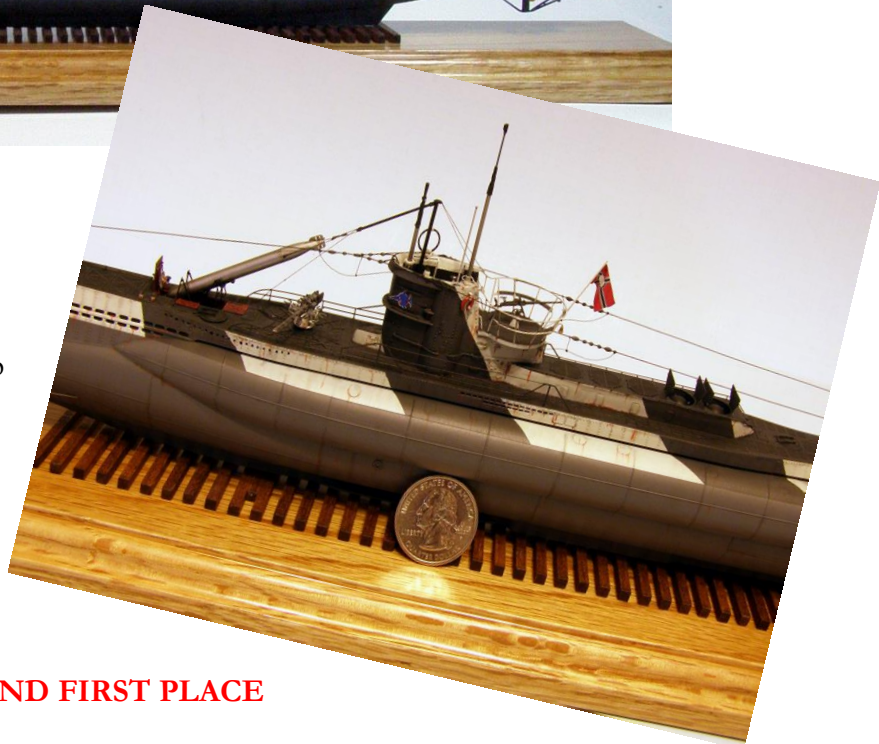
### NORTHERN VA IPMS MODEL CLASSIC SHOW - SATURDAY, 26 APRIL

This event replaced our April focus meeting. It is the Northern Virginia IPMS annual model Expo that we participate in every year at this time. We had 3 tables for displaying and demonstrating our craft. It has always been an excellent venue for our members to pick up a model kit, participate in some of their excellent workshops and if inclined, enter one of the model contests. As in previous years, our First Mate Warren



coordinated our participation.

For the first time, we sponsored, judged and awarded a WSMS ship model trophy. **Mr. Scott Bregi**, pictured in the photo at top is presented the award by WSMS Commodore Doug Wilde. We invited him to become a WSMS member but lives in the Norfolk region. Hopefully our friends with the Hampton Model club seek him out!



### WSMS SPECIAL AWARD WINNER AND FIRST PLACE MODEL

As reported by Commodore, Vince McCullough, who helped in judging the winner of the special WSMS Ship Modeling Award, The top 3 ship models were judged to be:

1. Type VII Minelayer 1/350 Scott Bregi – winner of the WSMS Special Award
2. HMS Hood 1/700. Nathaniel Johnson – Honorable mention and a WSMS coin
3. IJN Shokaku 1/700. Joe Marranca– Honorable mention and a WSMS coin

## DAVID TAYLOR NAVAL RESEARCH CENTER DTRC VISIT

Arrangements are being made through our long time member, Dana Wegner to DTRC & Model Basin in Bethesda, MD in the summer. DTRC is homeplate for all of the USN's model collection which Dana has the responsibility to maintain. Because DTRC is a government facility there are some points to be aware of. Security requirements require that visitors must be able to show U.S citizenship and a photo ID. No cameras or cell phones can be taken in. Because it is a workplace, our visit will have to be on a week day during normal business hours. Dana will arrange a tour guide to conduct a tour of the various facilities (depending on how much time we have) and we will end up down the basement with Dana and his museum-type models.

## Member Scuttlebutt

### Bruce Buchner

Bruce recently had a triple bypass performed at Walter reed Hospital near the end of March. He reports "All went well and I can tell the difference of the increased blood flow already!" Bruce is back home and reports that walking is going good with very little pain. but still gets tired quickly. However the upside seems to be that Bruce has been very productive, working on at least 2 models; a USS Gato 1942 1/3250 (see photo page), a ww1 German battle cruiser, the SMS Derflinger Drop him a line at [buchnerb@cox.net](mailto:buchnerb@cox.net)

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## Topics In Consideration For Future Meetings:

- Ψ Establishing a WSMS "model bureau" where models that members are willing to loan for a show such as the Model Expo at CBMM, can be used even if they are unable to attend.
- Ψ Summary of the discussions with the PSMS on potential joint ventures
- Ψ Fall/winter 2014 events

*If you have a topic that you would like to see addressed, send it to the Ship's Clerk for addition into the agenda*  
*Ship's Clerk - Douglas Beatty*      [pdbeattyword@msn.com](mailto:pdbeattyword@msn.com)

## Notes on WSMS Meeting Planning for New & Potential New Members

There are, with few exceptions, two WSMS meetings monthly. The regular monthly business meeting is virtually always on the 2nd Saturday of every month and rotates between Bethesda (even numbered months) and Alexandria (odd numbered months). Exceptions to the foregoing are when we have an event that coincides with a 2nd Saturday such as the field trip to tour the USS New Jersey. The 2nd meeting each month is the Focus meeting which is held at a hosting member's house every 4th Saturday. Again, there are exceptions when a planned event overlaps a 4th Saturday; or when a holiday proves problematic such as Thanksgiving & Christmas which we try to work-around.

The Lynx, our newsletter, which we try to get out by Wednesday or Thursday preceding the regular meeting, contains both an agenda for the upcoming meeting and a long range schedule listing.

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## AREA MARITIME-RELATED EVENTS

**When: June 11, 7-9pm**

**Where: Havre de Grace Maritime Museum**

Join them as part of our Summer Concert Series at the Maritime Museum. Seamus Kennedy performs traditional Irish sea shanties as food and beer are served inside our climate-controlled facilities.

**Contact: Bruce Russell, 410-939-2576**

## CLASSIFIED ADS & OTHER NOTES

### **ADVERTISING CAN WORK FOR YOU...For Example**

#### **LEMSTERAAK - MODEL OF A DUTCH SAILBOAT**

Mr. Jim Whalen, a friend of myself and one of our members, Charlie Bingay, asked if we could help him research information about the pictured model. He thought it might be the type of boat is called a Lemsteraak which were/are built in Holland. Jim would like to restore the rigging but couldn't locate anything specific enough that would help him to re-rig the gaff pole, booms, etc.

A respondent from another club who read our newsletter and is from Holland and models all sorts of Dutch vessels was kind enough to respond to Jim with excellent background information for Jim to cogitate on in taking on the re-rigging of his fishing boat!



#### **WSMS BOOKS FOR SALE**

There are still a variety of great books left from the February auction. They will continue to be brought to our monthly regular meetings for purchase.

#### **Newsletter Ad Policy**

Members may submit as many ads as they choose for printing in the Lynx as they desire. 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, also limited to a 100 words. The acceptance of the ads are at the discretion of the editor. He will also have blanket authority to edit the contents as he believes appropriate.

## WEBMASTER CARL'S CORNER

### **Information Security Advisory IF AN EBAY USER DID YOU KNOW?**

EBay has gone public with news that they have been the victims of a data breach that resulted in 145 million customer records being compromised. It appears that an employee's credentials were hacked to gain access to a database containing the following customer information:

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| ➤ Names      | ➤ Encrypted Passwords |
| ➤ Addresses  | ➤ Physical Addresses  |
| ➤ Birthdates | ➤ Phone Numbers       |

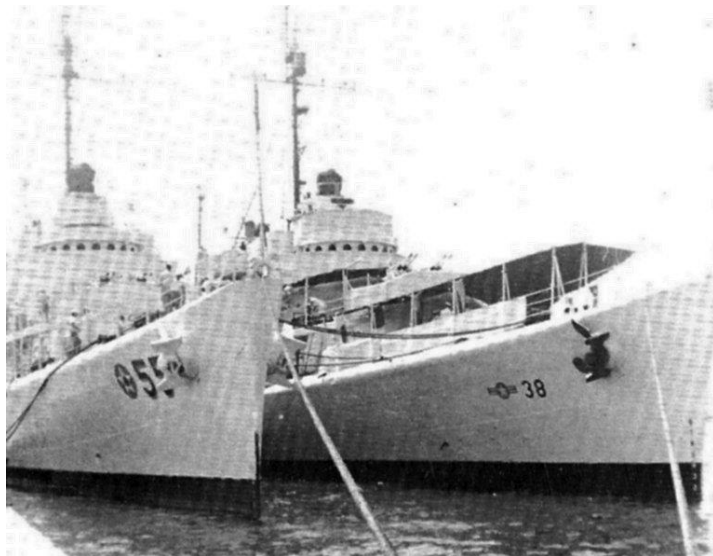
Steps To Take - You may want to change your eBay account password immediately. Just to be on the safe side, it also would be a good idea to change your PayPal account password.

Change the password for any online account that may have used the same password as your potentially-compromised eBay password. In the future, try to use a unique password for all of your online accounts.

Be on the lookout for phishing emails that may be related to the eBay breach. If you get an email advising to change your password by clicking on a link, don't click that link. Instead, if you want to change your password, go to a saved favorite/bookmark for that site, or carefully type the URL for the site into your browser, then use the site's change password function.

## **APRIL'S IT OUGHT TO BE A MODEL ANSWER!**

A non-member, John King came close to the right answer for the following question:  
"Who are these two vessels and what is immediately odd about them?"



### **ANSWER**

1. USS Valcour and USS Duxbury
2. An aviation insignia was added in the mid- or late-1950s adjacent to their hull numbers.

## **MAY'S TIPS OF THE MONTH**

In order to keep CA glue fresh discard the original top and replace it with a map pin. The pin has a good handle and the pin's length keeps the glue in good condition.

Source: *Bluejacket Newsletter* – *Attributed to Billy in Savannah, GA*

*Note: If you have a Tip you'd like to share or conversely need a tip , send it to [LBHusser@verizon.net](mailto:LBHusser@verizon.net) for publication in the newsletter*

### **WSMS Organizational 2014 Goals**

Add seven more new members in 2014

Progress – 1 down 6 to go

Conduct 3 maritime-related road trips

Progress – 1 down 2 to go and 2 planned

Institute an outreach program to increase our contact with related regional organizations

Bridge and WSMS Commodores work to strengthen our administrative and planning processes

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