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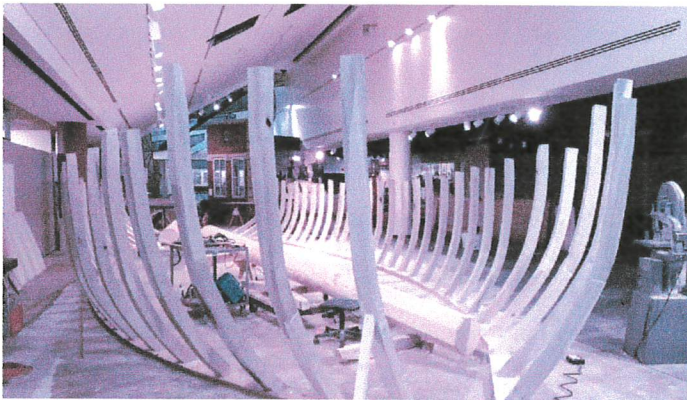
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## DILIGENCE II UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT ISM



Joe Jordan shared this picture of the pirate ship under construction at ISM--**Diligence II**. This will be a full-size American topsail schooner of the late 18<sup>th</sup> century and over eighty feet in length with a sixty-two foot deck and a complement of cannon. The vessel will be built to exacting details by the Workshop on the Water under the direction of Mark Donahue.

*Yes, volunteers are needed!*



## TWENTY-FOUR MEMBERS BRAVE COLD FOR 84<sup>th</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION!

The 812<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS)—our 84<sup>th</sup> birthday was held at the Independence Seaport Museum (ISM) on the eighth day of January 2015. President Tom McElhinney called the meeting to order at 1902 and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of PSMS members who are no longer with us.

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Dennis Levitt provided this beautiful picture of the "Big J". Visitors can tour the decommissioned battleship's 887-ft.-long deck & sailors' living quarters. *Thank you, Dennis for sharing this photo.*



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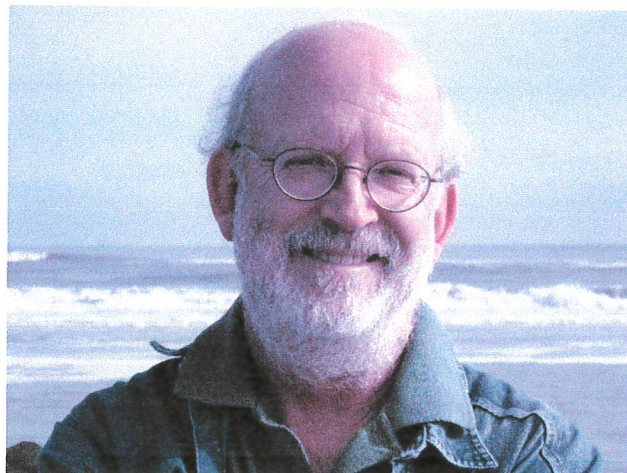
## NEXT PSMS MEETING

5 FEBRUARY

TIM McGRATH

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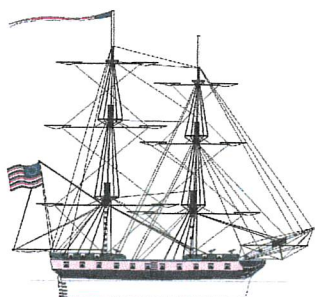
CONTINENTAL NAVY



**Tim McGrath** (BA History, Temple University '74) is a business executive who lives outside of Philadelphia. He has served on the board of directors of the Kearsley Retirement Community (founded by Benjamin Franklin's physician), Christ Church Hospital, the Philadelphia Senior Centers, and Fort Mifflin. He was recently appointed to the Board of Port Wardens of the Independence Seaport Museum. His many interests, including tennis, riding, and sailing, are limited only by creaking knees and a fickle rotator cuff.

Over the years he has written articles on management, U.S. history, and healthcare issues for various newspapers and magazines. His first book, *John Barry: An American Hero in the Age of Sail* (Westholme Publishing, 2010), won the American Revolutionary Roundtable Book of the Year Award, the Navy League Book Award, and was a finalist for the Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature. With his son, Ted (an award-winning freelance illustrator), he wrote *Travels with the Commodore*, a children's book published for the Philadelphia Port Authority's community reading program. His latest book, *Give Me a Fast Ship* (NAL/Penguin), was actually completed on schedule despite his terrible typing. He is currently working on a biography of President James Monroe.

Welcome to PSMS, Tim!



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



From ISM Collection

Among the Continuing Exhibits at the Independence Seaport Museum:

*Tides of Freedom: African Presence on the Delaware*

*Shipboard Life: Exhibit aboard Olympia*

*SS United States: Charting a Course for America's Flagship*

*Olympia: Launching the American Century*

*Marking Time: Voyage to Vietnam*



5 February 2015: PSMS MEETING: Tim McGrath: Continental Navy

9 February 2015: WHY? + ISM + PSMS

5 March 2015: PSMS MEETING; PROGRAM TBA



## THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

Launched 7 January 1931

(See listing of PSMS Officers and Board of Directors on page 19.)

The Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Independence Seaport Museum (ISM) at 1900 hours. ISM is located at Penn's Landing, 211 South Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Guests are always welcome! (For detailed directions to ISM, please see our website at <http://phillyshipmodel.com>). PSMS' annual dues are \$35.00 for an INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP; \$40.00 for a FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (includes member, as well as spouse with children FREE). When attending a meeting discounted parking is available at the Hyatt Regency Hotel (garage entrance is next to ISM). Please take your parking ticket to the front desk at ISM and have it stamped. This allows parking at the facility for \$12.00. Municipal parking is also available in front of ISM; however, the rates are higher and vary with the season. PSMS also reimburses attendees with \$5.00 toward parking.

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## PSMS JANUARY MINUTES

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The Secretary's minutes were approved as printed in the January *QUARTERDECK*. Ed Leaf presented the Treasurer's report that was approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. PARADE OF LIGHTS: Kudos to **Joe Jordan**. A report was in the January *QUARTERDECK*.
2. THE SHACK: **Joe Jordan** asked for volunteers on the sign-up sheet.
3. SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE: **Alice McElhinney** read a thank you note from SCI for our donations.
4. PSMS HOLIDAY BRUNCH BUFFET: Kudos were expressed to **Nora** and **Richard Berlinger** (absent due to the flu) for their efforts with this event at **The Philadelphia Corinthian Yacht Club**. **Lou Husser**, former Skipper of **WSMS**, wrote: "Please pass along to the PSMS our appreciation for the hospitality and friendship you extended to **Betsy** and me this past Sunday. We had a wonderful time, enjoyed everyone's company, had a great meal and found another cause to envy **PSMS** for its venue choices, the **Corinthian Yacht Club**! Merry Christmas & Season's Greeting to you all plus Best Wishes for a Happy New Year and one where we will hopefully find more opportunities for the **WSMS** and **PSMS** to partner in."

**(Remember 12/20 has been reserved for our 2015 brunch!)**

5. Diligence II: The pirate ship under construction at **ISM**. The President reported that prior to the meeting **Craig Bruns** and **Jesse Lebovics** gave early arrivers a tour of the "new look" at **ISM**. Tonight's meeting will conclude early enough for others to see the new display. Truly amazing!
6. 1<sup>st</sup> MID-ATLANTIC SHIP MODEL SHOW & CONFERENCE: **Pat Leaf** reported no updates from **WSMS**.
7. When a **PSMS** meeting is cancelled: The Secretary will send an e-mail to members
8. Swedish Museum. **PSMS** approved our participation in this forthcoming event. At our February meeting **John Christinzio** will have the dates, confirm that we need 20-25 models, and he will urge that the Swedish Museum have special stands for the models.
9. First State Mini Club: 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Sale, Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. **John Oddo** urged our participation in this event. Details are in the *QUARTERDECK*.

### NEW BUSINESS

10. Kudos to **Rick Rathgeber** and **Pat Leaf** for organizing our 84<sup>th</sup> celebration.
11. FEBRUARY MEETING: On the 5<sup>th</sup> **Tim McGrath** will give a program on the "Continental Navy". **Fred** would appreciate any suggestions or volunteers for future programs.
12. 2015 Regatta or Fun Float at **ISM** on 12 September. Without doubt **PSMS** will be working with **ISM** on **Coast Day**. Concern was expressed about having a safe place for the ships.
13. CANCELLATION OF MEETINGS/EVENTS: The Secretary will send via the **PSMS** mailing list any cancellation.
14. **PSMS** voted to return to a different order for monthly membership meetings. Starting in February the order (following the Pledge of Allegiance) will be Program, Show N' Tell, Break, Business Meeting and Clean-up..
15. Constitution and By-laws: Although not challenging the past election, **Pat Leaf** brought to the members attention that the last **PSMS** election did not adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws. "Article IV Nominations and Elections, Section 1: The nominating committee shall consist of three (3) members, not candidates for office. The committee shall be appointed by the President at the regular November membership meeting. This committee shall present a slate of nominees of the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer to the entire membership through the newsletter, prior to the December meeting. Section 2: At the December meeting, one member of the nominating committee shall conduct the nominations and elections. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor until a motion is made and carried to close the nominations for each office."
16. NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS/SICK CALL: New Member: **Steve Green**. Death of **Jerry Kates'** wife, **Barbara**, on 12/05/14; Birth of **Jim** and **Betsy Nutt's** third grandson; Birth of **John** and **Nancy Esposito's** first grandson, **Harrison James Esposito**.

### PROGRAM

17. **Fred Signor** introduced our member and speaker: **Harry Kyriakodis** on *Philadelphia's Lost Waterfront*.

**BREAK**—with special refreshments for our 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.

**SHOW N' TELL** (Please see pages 9 and 10 of the *QUARTERDECK*.)

18. 50/50 drawing was held and **Tom Sheridan** won!
19. **NEXT MEETING**: **Tim McGrath** on the "Continental Navy".
20. **ADJOURNMENT**:

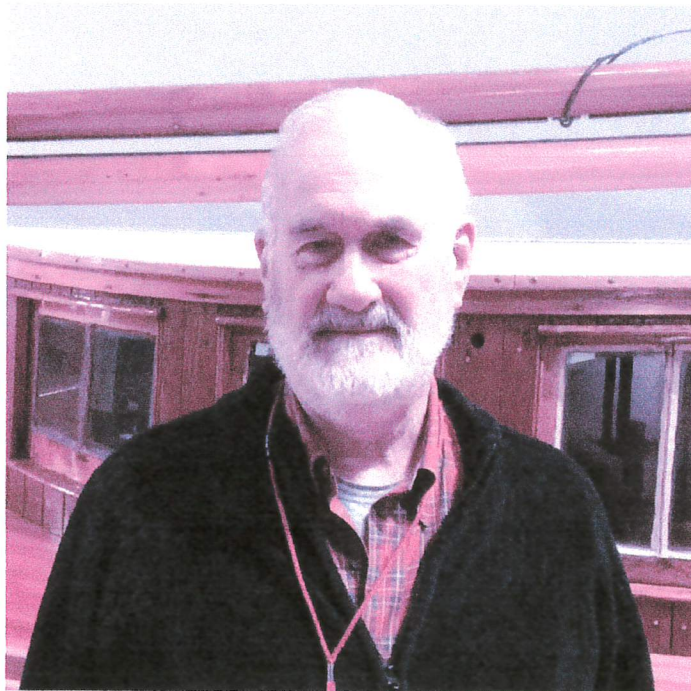
The meeting was adjourned for clean up at 2120.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Alice McElhinney**



## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

### TOM McELHINNEY



Born on a farm in Iowa, at five my family moved to Louisiana where my father did research on the byproducts of sugar cane. My first models came from the *Book of Knowledge*, and then I turned to Strombeck Becker as a source for models. My friends and I made many models of planes using balsa and paper and cast lead soldiers by the dozens. (My other hobby besides bridge!). We had many boats and ships but built few because motors were not easy to get, and while rubber bands worked for flying planes, they didn't move ships very far.

Having a younger brother kept me modeling for several more years and then two children gave new interest—and now two granddaughters which have also led to the making of doll houses. Our 14-year old granddaughter has worked on five ships and brought one to a **PSMS** meeting last year. The 2-1/2 year old's favorite expression is "No time out!"—so she's not quite ready for ship modeling!

I met **Bill Wester** in 1981 and he introduced me to the Philadelphia Ship Model Society. I joined **PSMS** and the current term is my second time as president. Most of my work on models has been in restorations of which I've done quite a few and I'm only now really starting to work on building some models of my own. Ship modeling is enjoyable and needs no external stimuli; however the camaraderie and the sharing of information provide benefits that enhance the modeling experience. I enjoy doing volunteer work for Craig Bruns at **ISM**.

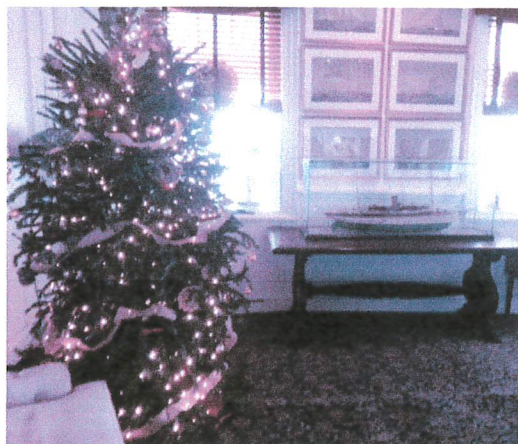
I've been married 58 years to **Alice** (who joined **PSMS** several years ago. She is currently our Secretary and Editor of the *QUARTERDECK*). She is a native Louisianan, so it is good that I moved to that state—although we were in college (she at LSU; I at Tulane) before our paths crossed. We've lived in this area since 1960.

I am an ordained Presbyterian minister, with my doctorate from Temple. I worked in the field of medical bioethics and specialized in ethical problems of genetics and the future. I have written and lectured extensively in this field, as well as having been on the faculties of Thomas Jefferson, Hahnemann and Temple University. Currently I am doing some work at Georgetown University in preparation for a national conference on the humanities in medical education.





## *Memories from the Holiday Brunch Buffet ...*







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## *More Memories from the Holiday Brunch Buffet ...*





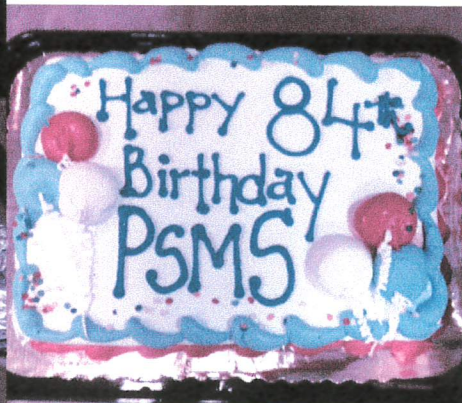


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# PSMS *JANUARY* MEETING

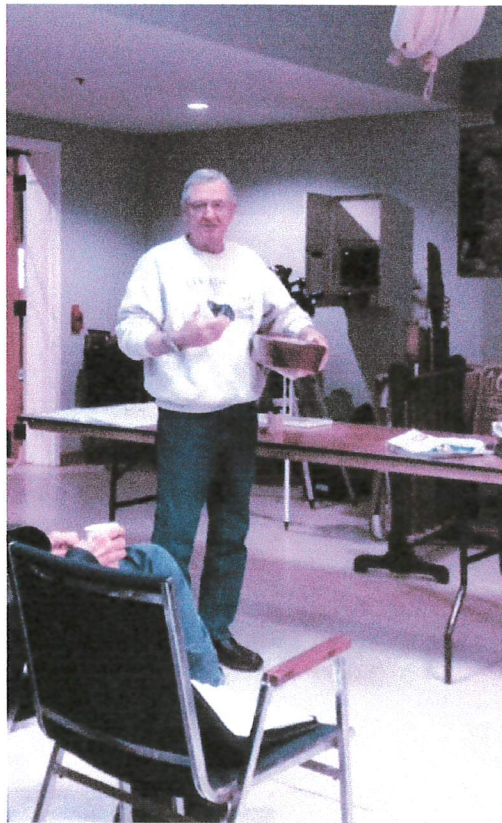




## PSMS **JANUARY** SHOW N' TELL



**Ron Spicer** is making a display model for the Olympia. He is using an Encore plastic kit, scale 1/232. It is 30% complete.



Once again **Joe Jordan** brings in a Chris Craft model. He has built several beautiful models and this new effort has the expected high quality. It is based on a Dumas kit 1/8 scale and is about 60% complete.



## Now hear this ...



**Become a Member of ISM ...**Independence Seaport Museum members receive free admission to the Museum, Workshop on the Water, the cruiser *Olympia* (shown above) and submarine *Becuna*, as well as invitations to exhibit openings, discounts in the gift shop, special member pricing for special programs and events and preferred access to boating opportunities on visiting tall ships.

Membership levels: Individual - \$45 (benefits apply to one person); Family - \$75 (benefits apply to up to five people in the same household); see their website for other levels.

**NOTE:** As a member of PSMS you are considered a **VOLUNTEER** at ISM—in addition to working in the SHACK, we are encouraged to volunteer at other events sponsored by the museum! Each month Katie Burke (Education & Volunteer Coordinator at ISM) will send you **VOLUNTEER NEWS**—  
*See the different areas where we are needed and –*

## VOLUNTEER!

**NOTE:** All volunteers need to sign in and out from the museum from now on. The sign in book is located by the front desk on the podium. Boat shop volunteers will continue to sign in and out at the boat shop. Ships volunteers will sign in and out on the ships, unless they are coming into the museum and then they would sign in and out there as well. For PSMS, you will also need to sign in and out at the front desk.

Therefore if there is an emergency we will know who all is in the building at that time. If there is an emergency inside the museum, please exit the building and meet at the Walnut Street steps. For those on the ships, you will meet on the landing in front of the ships. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best, Katie Burke

*Education and Volunteer Coordinator, Independence Seaport Museum, Philadelphia*

### SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY IN FEBRUARY:

We have been given a great opportunity to receive free publicity for the museum by volunteering for WHYY's radio membership campaign. Organizations who volunteer as a group get their name, and a bit about the work they do, mentioned on the air several times over the course of their volunteer shift. For this opportunity we need **at least 10 people** to sign up. Ideally we need **18 to 20 people**, so we won't have to share the air time with another organization. Also once an organization has volunteered for a radio drive, they are eligible to join WHYY for a TV membership campaign allowing the museum to get free TV air time. What a great opportunity to spread the word about our museum!

During our shift our group of volunteers will sit in as the Membership Drive is broadcast live from the WHYY-FM Studios, answer phones, and accept pledges of support from WHYY-FM listeners. Entering pledge information is a simple data entry operation using a headset and personal computer; all volunteers will be trained upon arrival.

- **All volunteers must be comfortable entering pledges onto an online computer form and have basic keyboard proficiency.**
- **Volunteers need to stay for the duration of the shift you select.**
- **Please be at WHYY and ready to go at the start of the shift for training purposes.**

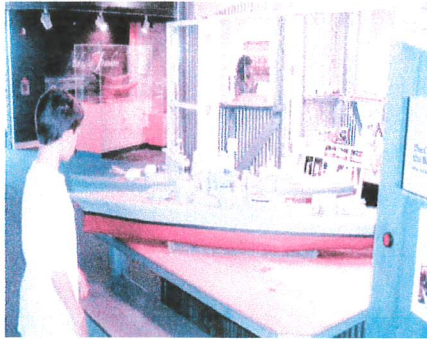
Again, this is a really great opportunity to get our name out there, and I really hope we can get together a group of 18-20 people to participate. Below I have posted some possible dates and times. Please let me know if you are interested and what dates and times work for you. **Please get back to me ASAP as shifts go fast.**

~ Thursday, February 5, 2015 OR Monday, February 9, 2015  
6 am to 10 am 6 am to 10 am  
2:30pm to 8 pm

Breakfast (and coffee!)/Lunch/Snacks/Dinner will also be provided



***Now hear this continued ...***



## **THE SHACK**

**Don't forget to contact Joe Jordan ([jjvtown@aol.com](mailto:jjvtown@aol.com)). *VOLUNTEER!***



### **MAKING DITTY BAGS AT THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE of Philadelphia and South Jersey 2014**



### ***Thank You Note from The Rev Canon Dr. Peter B Stube,*** **Executive Director & Chaplain of the Port, Seamen's Church Institute:**

*Please thank your people at PSMS for their donations for our ditty bags. Between Thanksgiving and now we have given away 3,000 bags to seafarers from around the world who visited our port. Many of the seafarers are from equatorial lands and so have so sense of Philadelphia winters.*

*Again thank you all so much.*

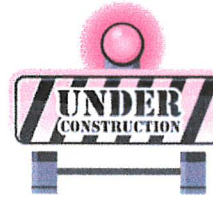
*Sincerely,  
Peter B. Stube*





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## NEW PSMS WEBSITE!!



YOUR PATIENCE HAS BEEN APPRECIATED—NEW WEBSITE SHOULD BE OPERATIVE IN  
**February 2015**

<http://philadelphiaShipModelSociety.com>





### First State Mini Club

#### 38th ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

Show info - 484-433-3768  
Dealer info - 610-347-2255  
Exhibit Info - 302-654-8278  
Hotel Info - 302-428-1000  
Email: [show@firststateminiclub.org](mailto:show@firststateminiclub.org)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015**  
**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
**Clarion Hotel "The Belle"**  
**1612 N. Dupont Hwy, New Castle, DE 19720**

**NEW LOCATION!**

- ❖ Dollhouse & miniature exhibits
- ❖ Quality vendors and artisans
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- ❖ Door prizes, refreshments & free parking

Adults - \$5.00 | Children under 12 - \$2.50  
Adult with ad/postcard or Senior Citizen - \$4.50  
Partial proceeds to charity | No baby strollers, please

[www.firststateminiclub.org](http://www.firststateminiclub.org)



Our 2015 show is moving to a **new location!** The beautiful [Clarion Hotel - The Belle](#) in New Castle Delaware. [Click here](#) for more information, directions and map.

At this point in time, our exhibits chair Marnie King would like to collect exhibits registration forms so that she can plan for the needed space. We will be at a new venue this year, The Clarion (The Belle), 1612 N. Dupont Hwy, New Castle, DE 19720, near the Delaware Memorial Bridge, and so our space needs to be planned carefully. Please send Marnie a form ASAP if you would like to show an item, even if you are not sure it will be finished by March 22nd, so that a space can be reserved. She may not be able to accommodate last-minute entrees. On the other hand, she finds it easy to spread items out to fill an open space if necessary. Here is the link to the form:

<http://naturalhistorydelaware.us5.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=52df3edd391ef1fd367145bde&id=688d3e230b&c=c679719fc8>

**Lois Weyer, FSMC Board Member and Hotel Liaison**



***Now hear this continued ...***



John Oddo and Mike Weaver attended this show in 2013—**WOODS HOLE BOAT SHOW**—the show meets every other year and the 2015 event will take place on Patriot's Day Weekend—18 and 19 April 2015. Hours: 9 am to 4 pm Saturday; 9 am to 3 pm Sunday. The show features displays of model boats built by enthusiasts from all over New England and beyond. Displays include historical representations, racing boats, tug boats, war boats, pleasure boats, working boats, whimsical feats of Imagineering and more.

There are races of remote controlled sailboats in Eel Pond, which is connected to the ocean by a drawbridge. There are presentations by people doing interesting things with models and other boats. There is a "kiddie pool" for kids of all ages to float their own boats (we have kits available to construct your own simple sail boats) or practice with remote control "motor boats". Come see the boats, talk with the builders, listen to the presentations, sail your own model, and have a great time!



## **NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT 33<sup>rd</sup> NORTHEAST SHIP MODEL CONFERENCE & SHOW, 25 APRIL 2015**

It's that time again! Planning to go to New London and the Northeast Ship Model Conference is one of the high points of the year. As in years past, we ask for someone to do a tabletop demonstration.\* For our newer members, this is a one-day event many of us attend, traveling to New London, CT on Friday, staying that night at the Howard Johnson Motel in Mystic, and getting together for dinner that evening. After the Conference on Saturday some people return home while others stay until Sunday, having dinner together again. It's a nice way to get acquainted with other members outside of our meetings. There is a lot to see and do in the area, not the least being Mystic Seaport and the adjacent points of interest. Although we are the farthest organization from New London we have always had the largest number of members and guests other than the local Connecticut club. More information will be provided at the February PSMS meeting on the 5th. *Pat Leaf*

\*Each of the six organizations provides a person to demo a special technique in model building. We've had great success with ours and look forward to doing so this year.

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***... more information on Northeast Conference & Show***

The USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild (USSCMSG) is hosting the 33rd annual Northeast Joint Clubs Conference and Model Show. The conference will be held at the Port 'N' Starboard Convention Center, Ocean Beach Park, New London, Connecticut on Saturday, April 25th, 2015. The show will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **Information about the conference and links to the conference flyer, printable registration form and an on line registration form can be found on the attached link:** <http://www.usscmsg.org/home/nsmc>. The online registration form accessible through this link can be filled in online, but you can't pay online. After filling out the online Registration form, print it out and mail it along with a check payable to USSCMSG. On the check, please write the name of the person or persons who are being registered. The form and the check shall be sent to Dave Lash, Purser, 42 Davelin Road, Wayland, MA 01778. Please note that I have also attached to this email the pdf files for the registration form and conference flyer.

Please contact your club's membership and inform them that the registration process has begun. In addition, if any club has a member who would like to offer a table top demonstration, please ask them to contact Mike Swanson at [mike.swanson1@comcast.net](mailto:mike.swanson1@comcast.net), or by telephone at 978-948-2106.

On behalf of the USSCMSG, I want to thank you in advance for your assistance in making this event a success. Any assistance you can provide in the distribution of the conference flyer and notification to local media outlets is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Mike Swanson  
Vice Admiral  
USSCMSG



***1st Annual Mid-Atlantic Ship Model  
Conference & Show***

In partnership the **Washington Ship Model Society (WSMS)** and the **Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS)** are planning to host a regional ship model conference in 2015.

The date is: **Saturday, 6-13-15**. If the conference would go into a second day (6-14-15), there may also be events scheduled away from conference site. The registration fee for this conference will be announced soon. We need to have a reasonable expectation that regional modelers will find the program worth the price," reports **Lou Husser**, our coordinator.





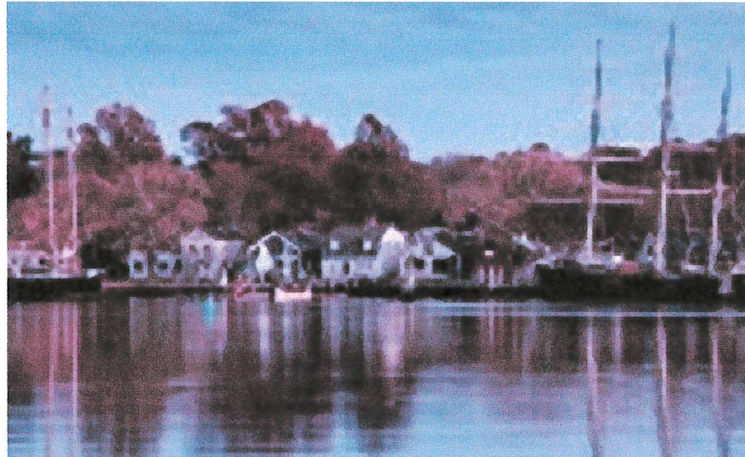
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**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATES\*\*\***

**NRG 2015 CONFERENCE**

**MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT 22-24 OCTOBER**

The conference will be at the MYSTIC HILTON LESS which is less than one mile from the Seaport.



**NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD (NRG) and  
NAUTICAL RESEARCH JOURNAL (NRJ):**

**NOTE:** Annual dues are \$38 which includes one year membership in the NRG and 4 issues of the NRJ. Mail payments to: Nautical Research Guild, Inc., 20 Water Street, P.O. Box 7, Cuba, NY 14727. Check out their website [www.theNRG.org](http://www.theNRG.org). This is an important membership, as their goal is "Advancing Ship Modeling through Research".

The NRG has just announced that it has acquired the largest ship modeling internet forum, **Model Ship World**, in order to further the goals of the **Guild** and provide information and education to its members. According to the NRG, this forum will be known as "**The Nautical Research Guild's Model Ship World**" and will provide an internet presence second to none.





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**THE SSMANA JOURNAL:** Lots of news and pictures about PSMS in their editions. Become a member of SSMANA; Annual dues are \$25 and sent to John Amann, 758 Regency Park Drive, Crystal Lake, IL 60014. Your check should be made payable to SSMA.



## PSMS SHIRTS & CAPS WITH SOCIETY LOGO



We can order shirts and caps with the embroidered Society logo and for the first time women's sizes are available.

Prices are:

Long-sleeved polo shirts, navy blue, men's sizes \$35.00  
available in small through 4XL

*Add \$2.00 for 2XL, \$3.00 for 3 XL, and \$4.00 for 4 XL*

Women's sizes small through 2X

\$35.00

Short-sleeved polo shirts, navy blue,

men's sizes small through 6 XL and tall in XL through 3X

\$28.75

Women's sizes available sizes small through 3XL

\$28.75

Hats 6 panel wave cap, navy with white trim

\$14.50

*If you would like to place an order please let Pat Leaf know at [pjlebl@comcast.net](mailto:pjlebl@comcast.net). Please be sure of your size.*





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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's a nautical New Year's Eve tradition with illuminated countdown numbers at Schooner's Wharf (Key West). AOL rated it as the No. 2 New Year's party in the nation – second only to the Times Square madness in New York City.

