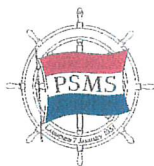


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TALL SHIPS ATTRACT RECORD CROWDS



From the helm of his boat, **PSMS' Jim Wheeler** shares a photo journal of the **TALL SHIPS FESTIVAL** in June 2015 on the waterfronts of both Philadelphia and Camden. The anticipated 300,000 attendees turned out to be 500,000! **PSMS' Spencer Anderson** headed the volunteers for **ISM** and reports that of the 28 volunteers, 13 were **PSMS** members. See pages 3 and 8 for details.



KEN KERSCH WOWS PSMS WITH HIS SERVICE ON USS *NEW JERSEY*

The 818th meeting of the **Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS)** was held at the **Independence Seaport Museum (ISM)** on the second day of July 2015. President **Tom McElhinney** called the meeting to order at 1910 and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Thirty-one persons attended including the guest speaker, **Ken Kersch**, and his wife **Evelyn**, **Betsy Nutt** and **Mary Rogers**.

(continued page 3)



Kevin Kersch and his wife **Evelyn** at July's **PSMS** meeting. **Ken** joined the Navy in 1966 and went to boot camp in the Great Lakes and was sent to **USS Sion Lake AS-33**. He started out on the deck force and then to outside machine shop working on **Polaris** subs. In November 1967 **Ken** was transferred to the **USS New Jersey** as part of the pre-commissioning crew. After training in San Diego he reported to the ship to work getting it ready for action. **Ken** worked in the machine shop repairing or making new parts for everything mechanical on the ship—including all weapons and ship systems. The "**Big J**" is the longest battleship built by the USA and is an Iowa-class battleship and the most decorated in the US Navy. *Ken, thank you for a splendid evening! Hope to see you and Evelyn in the near future!*

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Days to Remember

1. NO REGULAR MEETING ON 6 AUGUST, HOWEVER AT 7 PM MEET WITH SPENCER ANDERSON TO MAKE PLANS FOR OUR

FUN FLOAT

AS PART OF ISM'S COAST DAY ON 12 SEPTEMBER.

2. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ON 9 AUGUST FROM 2-3 PM AT JIM & BETSY NUTT'S FARM.

ANNUAL PICNIC

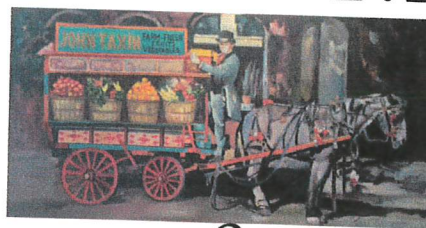
3. PSMS ANNUAL PICNIC, SUNDAY, 9 AUGUST FROM 3-6 PM AT JIM & BETSY NUTT'S FARM (SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS.) PLEASE RSVP BY 1 AUGUST.
4. REGULAR MEETING, 12 SEPTEMBER, 7 PM ABOARD THE OLYMPIA.



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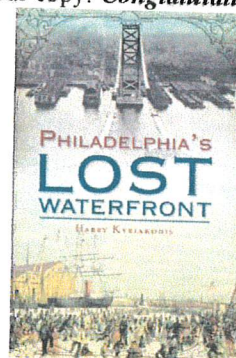


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THE TUMULT
OF DOCK STREET

Exhibit at ISM runs through February 2016.

Note: PSMS' Harry Kynakodis' book was used in the development of the new ISM exhibit. You'll see Harry's name on the list of people who helped put the exhibit together. Have you purchased and read Harry's outstanding book. Ask him to autograph your copy! *Congratulations, Harry!*



- 6 August: 7 PM NO PSMS Meeting; FUN FLOAT Committee Mtg.
- 9 August: 2 PM PSMS Executive Board Meeting at the Nutt's Farm
- 9 August: 3-6 PM Annual Picnic at the Nutt's Bonnie Ridge Farm
- 16 August: Task Force 50 Regatta, York, PA
- 3 September: 7 PM PSMS Meeting on Board the *Olympia*, led by Spencer Anderson and Jesse Lebovics
- 12 September: COAST DAY at ISM; PSMS will have a FUN FLOAT
- 1 October: 7 PM PSMS Meeting. Program: Captain Peter Orvis
- 3-4 October: Maritime Model Expo, St. Michaels, MD
- 5 November: 7 PM PSMS Meeting. Program WHITE WHALE SALE with John Oddo, Auctioneer
- 11 November: **VETERANS DAY**
- 3 December: 7 PM PSMS Meeting. Program TBA
- 20 December: HOLIDAY BRUNCH BUFFET, Corinthian Yacht Club, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM

THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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(See listing of PSMS Officers and Board of Directors on page 14.)

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 19106. 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 garage entrance next to ISM. The hotel is now a Hilton Hotel at Penn's Landing). 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. The *QUARTERDECK* is the newsletter of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society and is published after each monthly meeting. Copyright © 2015 Philadelphia Ship Model Society. All rights reserved.

WELCOME: Our speaker, **Ken Kersch**, and his wife **Evelyn** were welcomed.

PROGRAM: PSMS' **Dennis Levitt** introduced our speaker, **Ken Kersch**. **Ken** gave an outstanding presentation on the "History of the USS *New Jersey* and her actions in Vietnam."

SHOW N' TELL: Led by Vice President, **Fred Signor**, please see pages 6 and 7 of the *QUARTERDECK*.

BREAK: Special kudos to **Pat Leaf** who organized refreshments with a theme of the 4th of July!

BUSINESS MEETING:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **THE SHACK:** In **Joe Jordan**'s absence two openings in the July schedule at the *SHACK* were filled—thank you **Kurt Faust** and **Mike Weaver**.
2. **TALL SHIPS:** **Spencer Anderson** reported that of the 28 volunteers who worked at the **FESTIVAL**, 13 were PSMS members: **Craig Bennett**, **John Bullock**, **John Christinzio**, **Kurt Faust**, **Joe Gudonis**, **Ed Leaf**, **Pat Leaf**, **Jim MacIntyre**, **Ron Spicer**, **Jim Wheeler**, **Gerry Wiegand**, **David Zinni**, and **Spencer**.



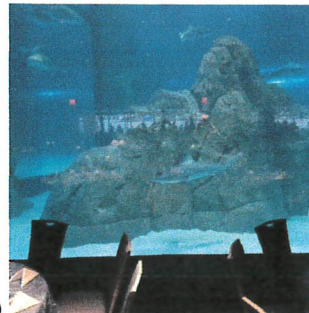
Volunteers were honored at the Adventure Aquarium in Camden!

3. **Fun Float (part of ISM's COAST DAY on 12 September):** **Spencer** reports committee will meet on 6 August at 7 PM in the Educational Room at **ISM**.
4. **PSMS Website:** **Spencer** reports the concern is data entry—new site will be up soon.
5. **Becuna model:** **John Bullock** and **Spencer Anderson** have worked on this project
6. **Annual Picnic & Executive Board:** The picnic will be held on Sunday, 9 August at **Jim** and **Betsy Nutt**'s farm from 3-6 P.M. RSVP is required by 1 August. (See page 4 of the *QUARTERDECK* for details.) Note: The PSMS Executive Board will meet prior to the picnic from 2-3 PM.)
7. **Swedish Museum:** **John Christinzio** is waiting to hear from the museum; he has provided pictures.
8. **Regatta V at FDR Park:** **John Christinzio** reports it cannot take place this year.
9. **US Naval Academy Visit:** **Pat Leaf** is working on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. **NO MEETING IN AUGUST; FUN FLOAT COMMITTEE** will meet on 6/08; we have the **ANNUAL PICNIC** at the Nutts on 9/08.
11. **3 SEPTEMBER MEETING:** 7 PM aboard the *Olympia*.
12. **DRAWING OF 50/50.**
13. **ADJOURNMENT** at 2120 followed by clean-up!

Respectfully submitted,
Alice McElhinney, Secretary/Editor



(Adventure Aquarium in Camden)



PSMS PICNIC

SUNDAY, 9 AUGUST, 3 – 6 PM

Bonnie Ridge Farm

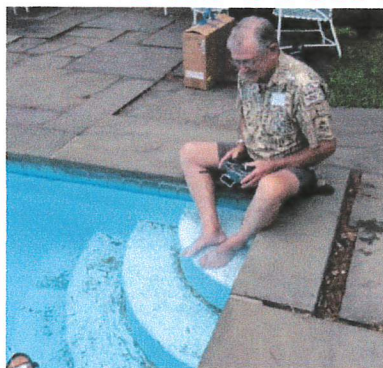
Home of Jim & Betsy Nutt, 475 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422
[The Nutts will provide: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Condiments and Paper Products!]

YOU are to bring chair(s) & towel(s) & pick from the following:

Potato Chips, Pretzels, Hamburger Rolls, Hot Dog Rolls;
Salad: Waxed Bean, Green Bean, Potato, Veggie, Tossed, Macaronni, Beets;
Fresh Corn (shucked, please), Deviled Eggs, Baked Beans.

Desserts: Cookies, Fresh Fruit, Cake, Pie
(try for things that can take outside temps);
Soft Drinks, Lemonade, Beer, Wine

SWIMMING AT YOUR OWN RISK! YES, RCs ARE WELCOME!



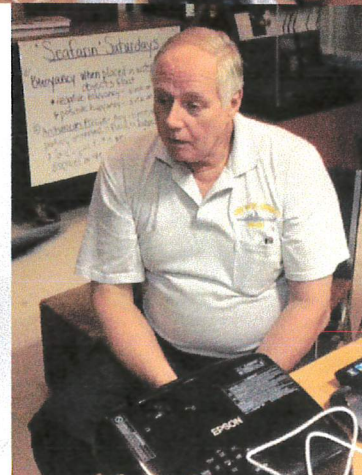
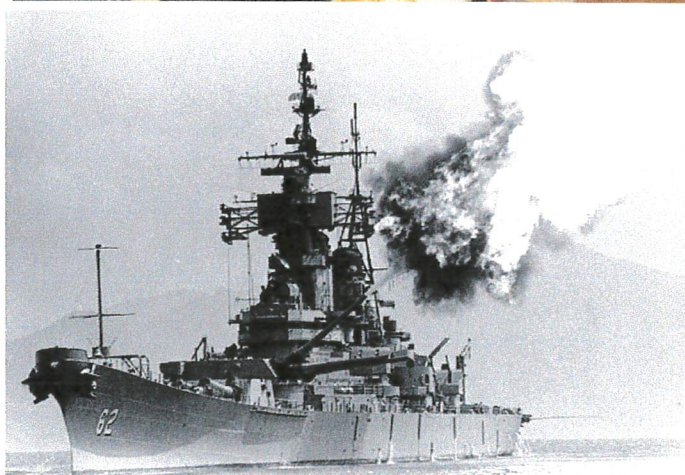
RSVP by 1 August: Betsy Nutt:

610-220-6938; betsynutt1@gmail.com

(When responding, please indicate how many persons are coming & what foods you're bringing! If we have too much of something, you may be requested to bring something else.

Thank you!)

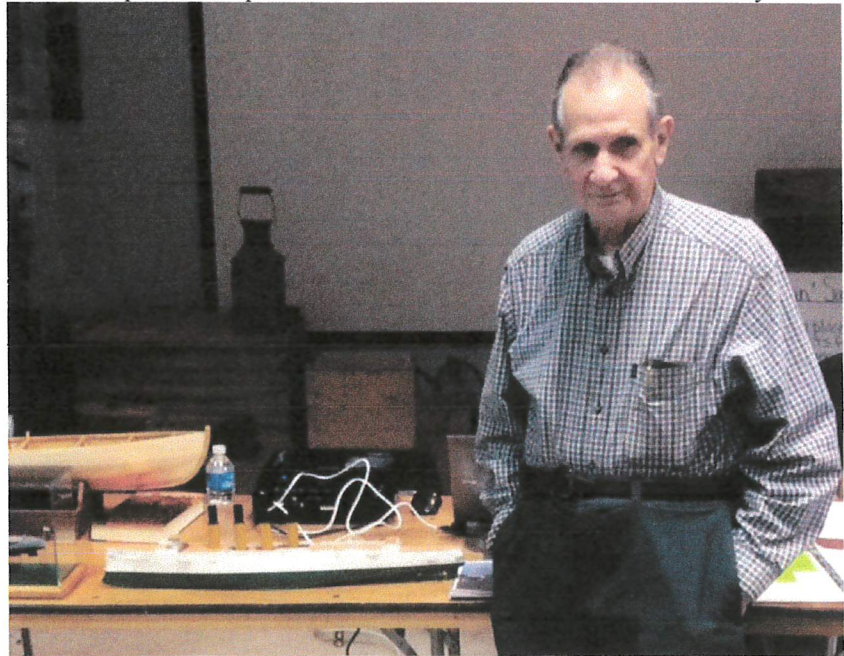
PSMS *JUNE* MEETING



PSMS *July* SHOW N' TELL

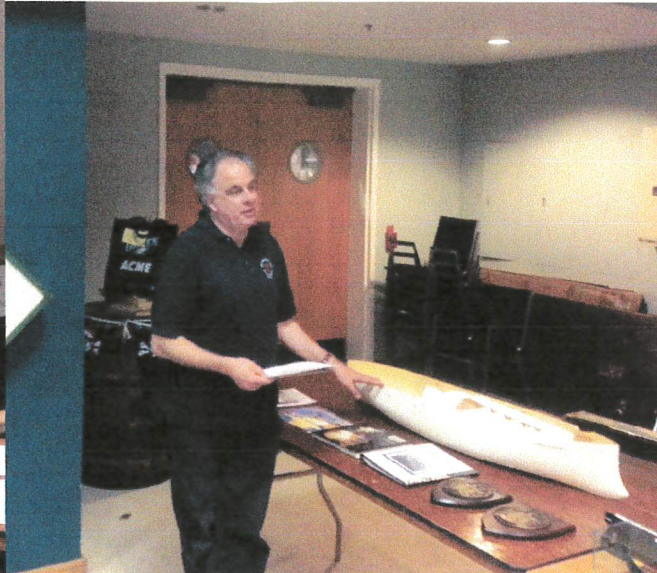


1. **Mike Zimmerman** brought his HMS *Belfast*, now cased and ready for delivery to a friend in England. The model is a 1/350 Trumpeter kit made of plastic and photo etch. The best feature of the kit is accuracy.



2. The Russian warship *Varwag*, circa 1900, is now about 35% complete. This is a scratch built model that **Ed Leaf** expects to complete in another month. The scale is 1/6"=1'.

PSMS *July* SHOW N' TELL



3. **John Oddo** (left) brought pictures of the restored *C.C. Jones* which is not only named for the owner of the fishing boat, but also coincidentally the name of **John's** grandfather. Quasi nepotism aside **John** did a fine job of research, sewing sails and general restoration to produce a splendid model. One aspect of this job is the size of the model with sails about 5 feet high.

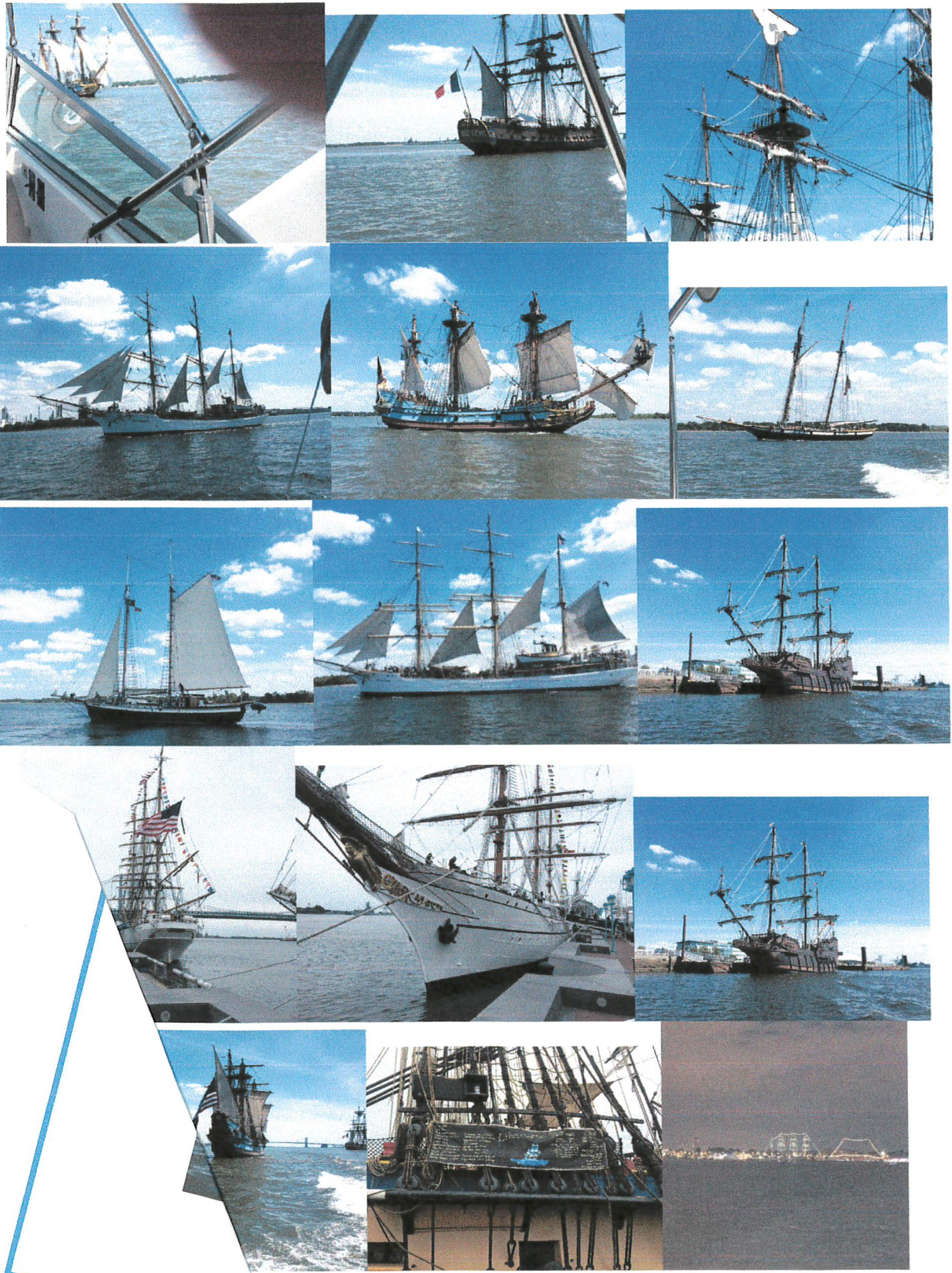
4. Another British fighting ship, the *HMS Majestic* (1896), was presented by **John Christinzio** (right photo). The model is a 1/96 Deans Marine kit that John is just starting. An interesting ship, the first of the largest class of battleships and the standard for the predreadnoughts. It was the last battleship to have side by side funnels. **John** says this is a great kit with simplicity of construction and organization of parts, easy instructions and online build portfolio.



5. **John Esposito** brought in his Indian Girl Canoe now in a Plexiglas case. *Beautiful!*



TALL SHIPS FESTIVAL ... THROUGH JIM WHEELER'S EYES:



Now hear this ...



The Independence Seaport Museum is gaining ground in its restoration of the USS *Olympia*, the oldest steel warship afloat in the world. But it's been a slow process that may rely on Gov. Tom Wolf approving millions in grant funding. Restoration for the 1123-year-old ship docked at Penn's Landing comes at a price tag of about \$14 million—including \$1 million just to move the ship and \$6 million for restoration work on the aging hull and deck. "That's the biggest challenge, raising the funds," said President and CEO John Brady. (See Jun 2, 2015 story by Fran Hilario in the *Philadelphia Business Journal*.)

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, you are encouraged to volunteer at other events sponsored by the museum!

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.

If you have been by the museum lately, you will have noticed the big changes happening on our galleries. We have taken down a large part of the main exhibit to make way for our new schooner, *Diligence II*. It is exciting too for the Seaport Museum and we hope you can come down and lend a hand. (See pictures on the next page.)

Now hear this continued ...

DILIGENCE II UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT ISM



The skeleton of the ship is in place! (Picture to the Right). The transom end of the Schooner Diligence II, 65' long at the deck. The deck will be about 2' off the floor, and the hull fully planked with 1 1/2" poplar. The planks are 5" wide, and the public can watch the construction this week. The 2 masts will pierce the ceiling. *Joe Jordan*



THE SHACK

Keep the lights on! Volunteer! Contact Joe Jordan (jjvtown@aol.com).

GET YOUR REWARD! Volunteers have the opportunity to receive rewards for the hours they give to the museum. By logging your volunteer hours in VIC Net, which is accessible through the Museum's website on the volunteer page, you can receive free museum gear. ISM will be rewarding goals of 100, 500, 1,000 hours and more. Some volunteers might have already been trained to use the new logging system, but if you haven't, Spencer Anderson will be happy to train you.

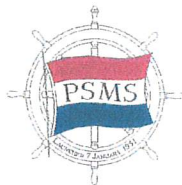


TALL SHIPS TAVERN

We were asked to display models at the Tall Ships Tavern last Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (23-26 July). The weather was just perfect at the balcony overlooking the Delaware River. Mike Weaver, Jim Macintyre, Craig Bennett, Gerry Wiegand and Joe Jordan (and prospective member Phil Bodner) spent time with the models and visitors. Note: all models were returned without damage and with much appreciation. We expect to have several new members and a few programs of interest from the event. I am told the ISM was pleased with the event and its success, and expressed gratitude for our help. CBS3 came by and filmed a short segment that aired over the weekend. The YouTube clip can be seen at: <https://youtu.be/gnfpAnZcPmw>. Again, many thanks to all who were able to participate. *Joe Jordan*



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
available in small through 4XL \$35.00

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

There is interest in woven fabric shirts and I will have catalogues showing them as well as the knit shirts. The prices in the catalogues are not the final cost with the logo but are expected to be \$30.00 or less, including the embroidered logo.

If you would like to place an order please let Pat Leaf know at pjlebl@comcast.net. Please be sure of your size.



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