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The 844th meeting of the Philadelphia ship Model Society was called to order at 19:03 hours by President Jim Wheeler who opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A full house was in attendance for the guest lecturer Capt. Orvis and the White Whale Sale took the place of Show and tell. The club welcomed guests Dan Phelan. Tom Fagan from the Seaport Museum boat shop was as a guest of Joe Jordan. The Club took note that member Donnie Frenzel will be 13 years old on Monday, November 6th. Happy Birthday Donnie!

Donations were accepted from the membership for the Seaman's Church Institute to be delivered by Member Mike Weaver.

BUSINESS REPORT

The Secretary's minutes were approved as printed in the October QUARTERDECK.

The Treasurers' report was read by Ed Leaf. Motion to accept-accepted.

The Ship Shack: Needs volunteers for the next few Saturdays.

The slate of nominees for club officers announced by Pat Leaf of the board of elections is: **Todd Wardwell:** President **Francine Serratore:** Vice-president **John Bullock:** Secretary. **Steve Bulova:** Treasurer

Ron Spicer: Asst. Secretary/ Newsletter Editor

Vice-President is the job that scares members away because it has come to include the responsibility for programs. **There is no such requirement in the Rules.** Article V, Section 2 provide for the appointment of a program chairman, who in turn appoints a committee. Perhaps the Vice President could chair that committee, but it is not necessary for him to have full responsibility.

There are nine programs per year. The picnic in August replaces the regular meeting. There are no formal programs in November for the White Whale Sale nor in December for the holiday party.

Often members are our speakers and other times members bring guest speakers. THEREFORE, if you would be willing to volunteer for the committee contact PAT LEAF, pjlebl@comcast.net or 609 387-0667 Thanks!

Holiday Brunch at the Corinthian Yacht Club It was pointed out that there have been very few reservations. To meet our commitment, the club needs 30 reservations. **Reservations are due no later than**

December 3rd.

December 7th meeting: There will not be a program or a show and tell. The annual election will be held and it will be a meet and greet with refreshments with a holiday theme.

January Program: Food service in the time of the Napoleonic Wars in the Royal Navy by Pat Leaf.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM PRESENTED TO A FULL HOUSE



Captain Peter Orvis gave a detailed presentation of Celestial Navigation and the importance of latitude. The following topics were explained and discussed: dead reckoning, plotting sheets, how the sextant measures the angle between the horizon and any celestial body- called a sextant the bottom arc is 1/16th of a full circle. Using a second measurement locating Polaris off the big dipper. and the celestial sphere - all celestial bodies are fixed on it.

The establishment of latitude (every 15 minutes equals one hour) solved the problem at sea.

British Parliament offered 20,000 pounds, (3.4 million pounds today) to solve the problem of time at sea. John Harrison developed the first chronometer and won the prize. Sadly he died shortly thereafter.

Thank you Captain Orvis entertaining us and sharing your love of navigation.

GEARING CLASS DESTROYERS



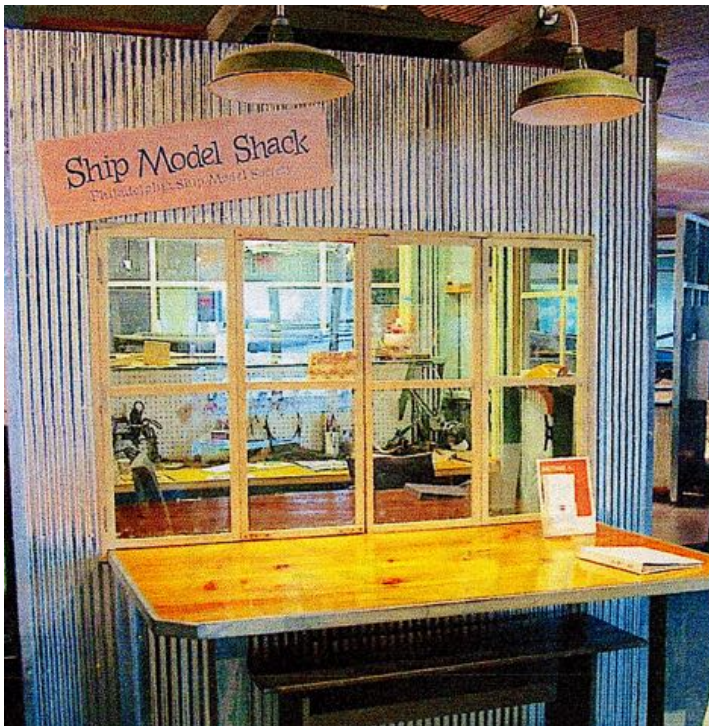
Member Francine Serratore displayed her model of the USS Johnson - a Gearing FRAM Destroyer. Captain Orvis was Captain of the Vesole (also a Gearing FRAM) during the late 60's/early 70's.

The Gearings were destroyers at the very end of the war until about 1947 and were the pinnacle of World War Two destroyers. They were so successful and versatile that during the late 1950's, a plan to modernize them and keep them useful to the fleet was implemented. FRAM (Fleet Rehabilitation and Modernization) was begun during the mid to late '60s and was performed on Essex Class Carriers, Gearing, Sumner, and Fletcher class destroyers. The Gearings received the most extensive rebuilds and that enabled them to serve the U.S. Navy until 1982 and in some navies until the 2000s. A tribute to their design.

Francine Serratore



“ I chose Johnson for a name , because she was based in Philly and some of my friends did reserve training on her. However, I may rename the ship in honor of Captain Orvis.”



THE SHIP MODEL SHACK



The Seaport Museum has chosen PSMS to represent ship modeling to the public. We are one of the few exhibits that can respond when asked a question (one other being the boat shop). We need volunteers to sit the shack on weekends. Take a model, meet the public and share our hobby.

Contact: Joe Jordan at jjvtown@aol.com

Or sign up on the web: philadelphiahipmodelsociety.com

PARKING

Parking is free at the Parking Authority Municipal Lot located directly in front of the Seaport Museum for members attending the monthly meetings. You must enter at the Walnut street entrance. A volunteer member will be there to monitor the gate between 6:15 and 6:50 PM. Those arriving earlier or later should temporarily park to the side in the oval and go to the front desk and obtain a parking pass, which, after use must immediately be returned to the front desk.

Remember! You must have your license number on file with ISM in order to get special parking. If you use more than one auto, send both license plate numbers.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Nov 5th. | 125th Anniversary of launching of USS Olympia |
| Nov 11th | Veterans Day |
| Dec 7th | 7:30 pm PSMS Meeting - Elections |
| Dec 9th | Festival of lights at ISM |
| Dec 17th | Christmas Brunch, 12 noon
Corinthian Yacht Club
Essington, PA |
| Dec 31st | New Years Eve Fireworks at ISM |
| Jan 4th | 7:30 pm PSMS Meeting,
Program "Food Service in the time of the Napoleonic Wars in the Royal Navy" by Pat Leaf |

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THERE IS A REQUEST FROM THE **DRWC**, OWNER OF THE PARKING LOT AT THE MUSEUM, THAT ALL **PSMS MEMBERS** AND VOLUNTEERS SUBMIT THEIR LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS TO MAKE SURE THAT USERS OF SPECIAL PARKING ARE ENTITLED TO DO SO.

SEND YOUR LICENSE NUMBER TO: **JOE JORDON** Phone 609 5189 672
jjvtown@aol.com

WHITE WHALE AUCTION A FUN FILLED EVENT



Auctioneer Tod Wardwell and Pres. Jim Wheeler

The second half of the October evening was taken up by the annual White Whale Auction. Auctioneer Todd Wardwell gave the attending crowd their monies worth with humorous descriptions and plenty of one-liners to keep the bidders interested and runners Joe Jordon and Jim Wheeler busy.

Steve Bulova handed out numbered cards for everyone who wanted to bid and identifying the bidders went smoothly.

There were plenty of bargains- a fully completed ship model, new in the box models and some incomplete boxed models, plenty of books, tools and miscellaneous objects. But all were taken home. Nothing left but dust!

Looking forward to next year!



Above: Mike Weaver and John Bullock peruse items



Above right: Joe Gudonis Coast Guard Rescue boat donation.



Refreshments and plates and napkins set out for the break in Halloween colors thanks to Pat Leaf

Right; Model kits- some unopened.



THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

Requests Your Presence at the



HOLIDAY BRUNCH BUFFET



at the

Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia
300 West Second Street
Essington, PA 19029

Sunday, December 17, 2017
11:30AM - 2:30PM

Adults \$30.00
Children \$15.00
(Tax and Gratuity included)
Cash bar

BRUNCH BUFFET MENU:

Tossed Garden Salad - w/2 Dressings
Grilled Vegetables with Balsamic Vinaigrette
Fresh Fruit Salad

Eggs Benedict, Scrambled Egg Bar, Breakfast Sausage
& Bacon

Oven Roasted potatoes, French Toast w/ Maple Syrup
Assorted Bagels & Pastries

Smoked Salmon with Traditional; Accompaniments

Carved Flank Steak with Horseradish Sauce
Boneless Chicken Breast with Champagne Sauce
Honey Glazed Salmon

R.S.V.P. Reservation Deadline: **December 3, 2017**

Checks for \$30.00 per person payable to: PSMS
c/o Ed Leaf
433 Summer Ave.,
Edgewater Park. NJ
08010

DIRECTIONS:

195 South or North Exit on 420 South.
Cross Industrial Highway to Dead End,
Turn Right on 2nd St. CYCOP is on the
left after Gov. Prinz Park



NEWS FROM ISM BOAT SHOP



October 25th

Steve and I worked on making gratings for Diligence with modest success. There was a lot of milling and cutting to get them lined up. Charles is making catheads for the ship. Jeffrey is making a 23 foot stairway for the Olympia out of pipe. It will have brass cleats to hold the sides together. Bobby is doing the machining on the cleats. He is really good at metal and woodworking. The project is to be in place by Friday October 27th.

Joe Jordon

**GREAT FOR
CHRISTMAS!**



PSMS SHIRTS & CAPS WITH EMBROIDERED SOCIETY LOGO

LONG SLEEVED POLO SHIRTS NAVY BLUE

Men's sizes small thru 4 XL. **\$35.00**

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

Women's sizes thru 2X. **\$35.00**

SHORT SLEEVED POLO SHIRTS, NAVY BLUE

Men's sizes small thru 6XL and tall in XL thru 3X

Women's sizes small thru 3XL **\$28.75**

Hat 6 panel wave cap, navy with white trim **\$14.50**

FOR ORDERS:

Contact Pat Leaf at pjlebl@comcast.net

Please be sure of your size



ISM FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

On December 9th Independence Seaport Museum will hold its' annual Festival of lights celebration at 5:30 PM. The lighted boat parade features our working port with tug boats and other working vessels decorated in lights. As in the past, PSMS will participate with decorated ship models. PSMS will display lighted models at the Ship Model Shack. The SHACK is "home" to the Philadelphia Ship Model Society, the oldest ship modeling society in America!

THE SSMA JOURNAL

Become a member of SSMA

Annual dues are \$25.00 All membership

applications and Renewals

should be sent to:

Heinz Ricken

514 Cranford Avenue

Cranford NJ 07016



Delaware Valley Chapter News

The Delaware Valley Chapter meets at The Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's Landing on the Delaware River at 2:30 pm. Membership is \$15 for one year. Contact Chapter Chairman Steve Loveless at sloveless1959@gmail.com or 215-495-8889 for more details or if you are interested in joining.

TALL SHIP SSV OLIVER HAZARD PERRY RUNS AGROUND IN RHODE ISLAND



SSV Oliver Hazard Perry, Rhode Islands Official Sailing Educational Vessel home-ported in Newport, is back safe at her home berth at Fort Adams State Park after an incident that left her disabled in inner Newport Harbor.

Sunday evening October 15 , the 200 foot Perry, with 12 crew members aboard, was moving under diesel power from Bowen's Wharf to Fort Adams a quarter mile away when her two propellers became entangled in one of the ship's dock lines. Perry drifted without engine power and came into contact with four boats that were docked nearby. No one was injured and minimal damaged occurred.

On Monday, October 16th, a diver cleared both propellers, and both engines were operational. Coast Guard required tugboat assistance relocated the ship to its berth by 5 p.m.

The SS Oliver Hazard Perry is not a replica, but a modern steel- hulled vessel purpose-built for training and education accommodating 49 people overnight including 17 professional crew. The first sea-going Tall ship to be built in America in over 100 years.

200 ft long, 3 masts, square rigged, twin 384 hp CAT Bio- diesel engines

U.S.Navy Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry led the first U.S. naval victory over the British in the battle of Lake Eric during the war of 1812.

THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

Launched January 7, 1931

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

PSMS annual dues are \$35.00 for an INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$40.00 for a FAMILY MEMBERSHIP Includes MEMBER as well as family with children FREE

Guests are always welcome

WHY IS A HAWAIIAN 'SUPERFERRY' DOCKED AT THE PHILADELPHIA NAVY YARD ?



WHYY reports a huge boat with "Hawaii Superferry" painted across the length of its hull sits near the Urban Outfitters headquarters. That's a helluva trip for a tune-up, a passerby might note. But, no, it didn't make the voyage from Hawaii. It's in Philly on a month to month basis. It had been parked in Norfolk, Va. It's not even a ferry boat anymore.

Hawaii Superferry, the ship's parent company, went belly up in 2009. since then, the Alakai (and its sistership Huakai) have led a vagabond existence, traipsing from port to port under the control of the U.S. Maritime Commission. In 2010, the ships even helped out in the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti.

The Navy acquired the high-speed ferries in May 2012. Now the Alakai is called the USNS Puerto Rico, though you wouldn't know it from the paint job.

So What's it doing in Philly? "High-speed transport Puerto Rico is currently berthed at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard under caretaker status" says Meghan Patrick, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift command. It may be here for a while. HST Puerto Rico will remain berthed at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard for the indefinite future.

Not so for sister ship. USNS Guam (formerly the Huakai) will soon be used to transport troops and cargo from Okinawa, Japan to other training sites in the U.S. Pacific Command

PLEASE NOTE; THE DECEMBER MEETING WILL NOT HAVE A SHOW AND TELL

VETERANS DAY



It is the soldier, not the reporter,
who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the soldier, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,
who has given us freedom to demonstrate.
It is the soldier who salutes the flag,
who serves beneath the flag, and whose
coffin is draped by the flag,
who allows the protester to burn the flag.

By Father Denis Edward O'Brien, USMC

VETERANS DAY ON THE OLYMPIA

Independence Seaport Museum will honor Veterans and active duty military in a **Veterans Day Ceremony** held on the Cruiser Olympia on Saturday, November 11, at 2 p.m.

Guest speakers include members of the **USS Philadelphia Sailors Association, United States Coast Guard, Arlington Cemetery, and Chapel of Four Chaplains,**

RADIO CONVERSATION

This is the actual transcript of a radio conversation between a British Navy ship and the Irish Coast Guard, off the coast of Kerry.:

Irish; Please divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid collision

British: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid collision.

Irish: Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the south to avoid collision.

British: This is the Captain of a British Navy Ship.
I say again, divert YOUR course

Irish: Negative. I say again, you will have to divert YOUR course.

British: THIS IS THE LARGEST SHIP IN THE BRITISH FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY 3 DESTROYERS, 3 CRUISERS, AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT SHIPS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES TO THE NORTH, OR COUNTERMEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS FLOTILLA.

Irish: This is a LIGHTHOUSE.....YOUR CALL!



THE NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD

"ADVANCING SHIP MODELING THROUGH RESEARCH"

Annual membership includes our world-renowned quarterly magazine, Nautical Research Journal, which features photographs and articles on ship model building, naval architecture, merchant and naval ship construction, maritime trade, nautical and maritime history, nautical archaeology and maritime art.

Other benefits include discounts on annual conferences, ship modeling seminars, NRG products and juried model competitions which are offered exclusively to Guild members. We hope you will consider joining our ongoing celebration of model ships and maritime history.

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP
\$48.00 USA
\$60.00 Foreign



For more information contact us at: www.thenrg.org or telephone 585-968-8111

From the officers and Executive Board of PSMS

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THANKSGIVING!

