



# Quarterdeck

**FEBRUARY**  
**2018**  
*OUR 87th*  
**YEAR**

PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

[www.philadelphia\\_ship\\_model\\_society.com](http://www.philadelphia_ship_model_society.com)

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**Mike Weaver**

**Jim Wheeler**

**Mike Zimmerman**

## Representatives to ISM

**Joe Jordon**

**Pat & Ed Leaf**

**Tom McElhinney**

## NEXT MEETING 1900 hrs - 7:00 PM THURSDAY, MARCH 1st

After the arrival of night driving, snowstorms, the flu season, and an unbelievable Super Bowl win for the Eagles, we will resume our regular schedule of meetings at 1900 hrs (7:00 pm ) Thursday night March 1st 2018.

**OUR PROGRAM** for the evening will be a presentation by member Pat Leaf "Food Service in the Royal Navy During the Napoleonic Wars."

There will be a bonus to those who bring in a show and tell item - "show a technique, a half finished model, new air brush or kit for Xmas. Bring it in!"

**BUSINESS MEETING** As reported, in the January newsletter, we will discuss - The Name tag order, Meet up page for the club, Booking next year's Christmas party and basic frame work for the new year.

**A REMINDER** from the treasurer Steve Bulova to pay your 2018 dues A return coupon is on page 2.



## *The Year in Review*

President Jim Wheeler led us into the new year with a proposal to shut down the old website and go with the new one which was unanimously approved. The monthly programs were varied and informative and included members John Crhistinzio, Todd Wardwell and Michael Zimmerman. The Society appreciates your contributions.

Our year included The Northeast Joint Clubs Ship Model Conference Conference at New London, CT., where our Spence Delin won the Jim Roberts award for the 3rd time. In June we displayed our models at the Pennsville N.J. Farm day. In August we ran our boats in the lake at Camp Englewood. Coast Day at ISM in September- Good crowds but too windy for sailing. But the choppy water did not stop Steve Bulova (the only one to run a boat that day.)

October brought the Annual White Whale Sale. Good buys, good refreshments, good fun.

In December the Society displayed models decorated with lights at ISM's Festival of Lights. For this month's meeting, the Show and Tell was replaced buy a Christmas party that included the singing of carols with musical accompaniment by Steve Bulova and Mike Zimmerman.

The annual Christmas Brunch at the Corinthian Yatch Club was outstanding and a fitting end to an active year.

Ed Leaf , our treasurer for over 25 years, has decided to retire and hand over the books to Steve Bulova and he was given a special award at the Brunch.

Sadly, we lost Alice McElhinney, that warm, wonderful, talented lady. It will take more than one person to replace her.

**CLIP AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT**

**2018 DUES NOTICE**

Treasurer Steve Bulova requests that you send a check by mail or bring a check or cash to a meeting.

Dues are \$35.00 for an individual membership or \$40.00 for a family membership.

Please make the check out to PSMS.

Fill out the form and return with cash or check in the proper amount.

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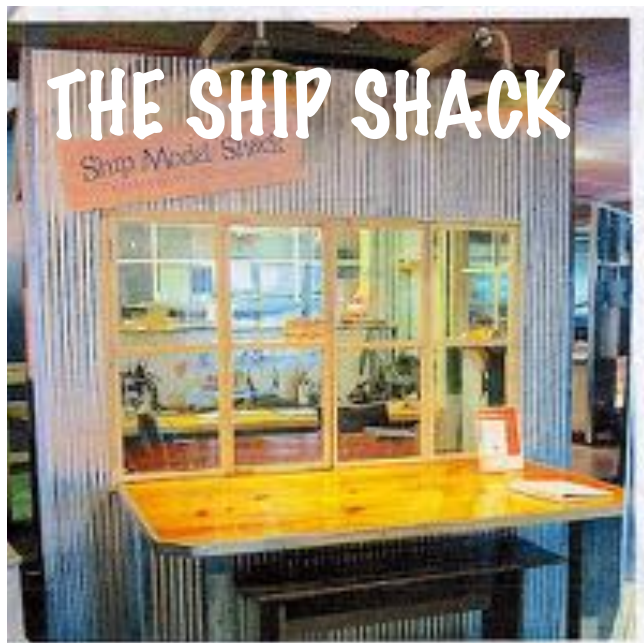
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I HAVE PAID MY DUES FOR 2018

**NOTICE**

If you have already paid your dues for 2018, please complete the coupon, check the box and return to the treasurer. Thank you.

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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](mailto:jjvtown@aol.com) Or sign up on the web: [philadelphia\\_ship\\_model\\_society.com](http://philadelphia_ship_model_society.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.

Send your license number to:

Joe Jordan Phone 609 518 9 [jjvtown@aol.com](mailto:jjvtown@aol.com)



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](mailto:sloveless1959@gmail.com) or 215-495-8889 for more details or if you are interested in joining.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### RETURN TO THURSDAY MEETING DATES

- March 1st PSMS meeting - 7pm**  
**Thursday** Program; "Food service in the Napoleonic Wars Royal Navy" by Pat Leaf
- April 5th PSMS meeting**  
 Program to be announced.
- May 3rd PSMS meeting**  
 Program to be announced
- June 7th PSMS meeting**  
 Program to be announced

## FOR SALE

I have some 75 mgz radios, surplus after switchover to 2.4 ghz.  
 2 Futaba 4 channel radios w/ receiver \$45 each extra receiver \$25  
 4 Futaba 2 channel radios w/ receiver \$30 each extra receiver \$23  
 1 MRC 2 channel radio w/ futaba receiver \$25 (broken gimbal, but it works . Also have extra crystals.  
 CONTACT : Francine Serratore  
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## 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](mailto:pjlebl@comcast.net)

**Please be sure of your size**

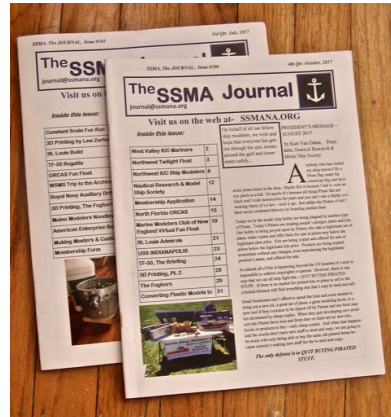
## THE SSMA JOURNAL

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



## 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.

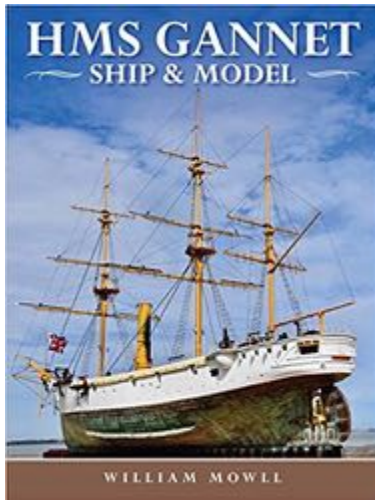
Other benefits include discounts on annual conferences, ship modeling seminars, NRG products and juried model competitions which are offered exclusively to Guild members. We hope you will consider joining our ongoing celebration of model ships and maritime history.

**YEARLY MEMBERSHIP**  
 \$48.00 USA  
 \$60.00 Foreign



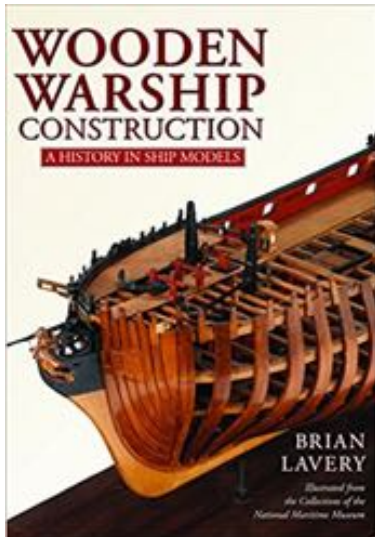
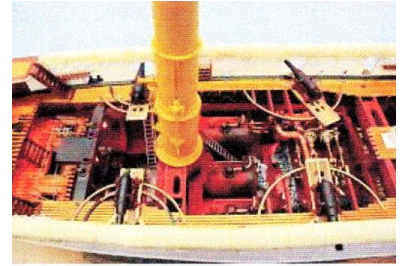
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HMS GANNET / SHIP & MODEL



HMSS Gannet was a Royal Navy Dotterel-Class screw sloop launch in 1878 of composite construction with wooden hulls over an iron frame. With her white Mediterranean livery and elegant clipper bow, she was the epitome of the colonial gunboat.

In his new book, ship modeler Will Mowll, takes the reader on a detailed photographic step-by-step of the building of his 1/48 scale model of the ship. A particular feature of the model is the inclusion of the 2-cylinder compound steam engine with its three cylindrical boilers. Exquisitely detailed, all the machinery is made visible by means of a removable deck.



WOODEN WARSHIP CONSTRUCTION  
A history in Ship Models

The National Maritime Museum in Greenwich houses the world's largest collection of scale ship models. They range from mid-seventeenth-century to the present day and represent a three-dimensional archive. These models demonstrate excitedly what these ships looked like in a way in which the finest marine painters could not. The book takes a selection of the best models to describe and demonstrate the development of warship construction in all its complexity. It reproduces a large number of full-color photos with many close-ups and views.

Although pictorial in emphasis, the book weaves the illustrations into an authoritative text, producing an unusual and attractive form of technical history.

**First State Mini Club**  
41st ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

NAME C110

Show/Dealer info - 410-271-8554  
Event info - 302-674-8276  
Phone info - 302-436-1000  
Email - [info@firststateminiclub.org](mailto:info@firststateminiclub.org)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018**  
**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
Clarion Hotel "The Belle"  
1612 N. Dupont Hwy, New Castle, DE 19720

- ◆ Dullness & amateur exhibits
- ◆ Quality vendors and artists
- ◆ Cash given to the "People's Choice Awards"
- ◆ Door prizes & free parking, refreshments available
- ◆ Please see our website regarding possible changes before the show

Adult - \$4.00 | Children under 12 - \$2.50  
Adult with admission to Service Club - \$4.50  
Partial proceeds to charity | No baby strollers, please

IF YOUR  
SHIP  
DOESN'T COME IN,  
SWIM OUT  
AND MEET IT.

# Overconfidence, Poor Training Sank El Faro: NTSB Report

by Eric Haun



The sinking of the U.S. freighter EL FARO in 2015 with the loss of 33 lives came after an overconfident Captain set the ship and its poorly trained crew on a collision course with a hurricane, the National Transportation Safety Board said in its final report.

It was the worst U.S. maritime disaster in 30 years.

The report said that Captain Michael Davidson ignored his mate's repeated pleas that he change course to avoid Hurricane Joaquin off the Bahamas.

According to the report, Davidson was relying on out-of-date weather information and decided to leave his

quarters to alter course even as the 40 year old cargo ship steered into the center of the hurricane blinded by lashing spray.

The NTSB found that a rigid bridge hierarchy contributed to the disaster because officers and helmsmen were reluctant to contest his decision.

Davidson, a veteran of Alaska shipping routes, refused to emerge from his cabin even when one mate told him of 100 mile per hour winds ahead. "This was every day in Alaska", Davidson said, according to audio files from the vessel's data recorder.

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## THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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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!

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.

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## A WORD ABOUT THE NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

Sponsored by a group of 5 ship model organizations of which we are a member. The sponsorship is rotated every year, which means that PSMS is the host very 5 years. PMS hosted 3 years ago. Most travel to Mystic on Friday and meet for dinner at a local restaurant that evening, arranged by Pat Leaf. which is why Pat must know if you plan to attend.

You can choose to register and display as many models as you like. Not only completed models, but also works in progress.

For complete information, go to website and view the rules for the Jim Roberts award and the Peoples Choice awards.

**Make your hotel reservations early!**

## PSMS SHOW N' TELL PRESENTATION FORM

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Model presented: \_\_\_\_\_ Kit manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country of manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_ Scale: \_\_\_\_\_ Scratch built: \_\_\_\_\_  
Materials used in kit (wood, plastic, resin, etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of vessel (sailing, pleasure, military, etc): \_\_\_\_\_  
Circa: \_\_\_\_\_ Ships origin (country): \_\_\_\_\_ % of completion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated date of completion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional comments (ship's history, unique features, etc):  
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Were you happy with the kit? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What were you most pleased with regarding this project?  
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If you were to build this model again, what would you do differently (if anything)?  
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Do you have any suggestions regarding building techniques that you would like to share with our membership?  
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Would you like to ask our membership for advice on how to overcome any problem areas, which you may have encountered?  
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Is there anything else that you would care to share with us concerning this project?  
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If you presented something other than a Ship Model describe it below.  
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**IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED USE THE BACK OF THIS FORM. PLEASE SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE SECRETARY AT THE CONCLUSION OF YOUR PRESENTATION FOR QUARTERDECK INPUT PURPOSES.**











