



Quarterdeck

September
2018
OUR 87th
YEAR

PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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The 852nd meeting of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) was held at the Independence Seaport Museum (ISM) on the 13th day of September. President Todd Wardwell called the meeting to order at 19:20 and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no guests.

SICK CALL Nothing to report

The Treasurer's report read and approved.

Business Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Possible Club Outings:

Annapolis, Md. Nothing to report

Camden Maritime Museum. Todd Wardwell talked about the museum and its interesting exhibits. He pointed out that the museum building is built with ballast stones from ships around the world including one that delivered coal to Admiral Perry in Artica. After unloading, the ship used stones from Artica for ballast.

Kalmar Nykel. Nothing to report

December 16th Holiday Brunch: The price of \$30 per person (same as last year). will be confirmed by President Todd Wardwell. PSMS must guarantee at least 30 reservation and pay in advance. When the price is confirmed, Treasurer Steve Bulova suggests that members who plan to attend the Brunch combine their reservation and dues for 2019 into one check. That will save him double bookkeeping.

NEW PARKING POLICY: You must register your plates. This is important for all members! To register your car(s), email gwilliams@phillyseaport.org with name, plate number and make of car or truck. It will take a few days to work its way to the DRWC ticket booth. You must use the market street entrance which is manned 24/7.

Please read and follow the procedure as explained on page 3.

NEW BUSINESS:

Independence Seaport Museum is starting a Speakers Bureau and needs volunteers in an effort to make the public more aware of the Museum and the USS Olympia. It would involve speaking to groups and organizations. Anyone who wishes to participate should contact: gwilliams@phillyseaport.org 215- 413- 8679.

USS OLYMPIA: The Seaport Museum is looking for 2 or 3 people to demo ship modeling on the Olympia on October 13th, all day. If you are interested, contact;

Joe Jordon jjvtown@aol.com

A proposed change in the By-Laws will be brought to a vote at the October meeting.

The proposal is on page 2.

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Proposed change to the By-Laws/ Constitution

Existing Article 4: Was changed from “The Executive Board shall consist of the last 3 presidents” to “all who have served as President”.

The new proposed change will read “The Executive Board shall consist of the last 6 Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and or News Letter Editor, Independence Representative and one active President Emeritus.”

The reason for the change is to facilitate participation and quicker resolution of issues in the club. Under this proposal, the members of the Executive Board will be: 2013: Francine Serratore, 2014: Mike Zimmerman, 2015: Tom McElhinney, 2016: Fred Signore, 2017: Jim Wheeler, 2018: Todd Wardwell, Treasurer: Steve Bulova, Secretary: John Bullock, Editor: Ron Spicer, ISM Representative: Joe Jordan, Emeritus: Mike Weaver , Pat and Ed Leaf, Spence Delin etc.

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!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 4th **PSMS Meeting**
Program to be announced
Nomination Committee formed
- Nov. 1st. **PSMS Meeting**
White Whale Auction
Nominees announced
- Nov, 11th. Veterans Day
- Dec.7th Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec.16th. **Holiday Brunch**
Corinthian Yacht club
- Dec. 31 Fire works at ISM

Steamship Historical Society of America

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 Lovless at slloveless1959@gmail.com or 215-459-8889 for more details or if you are interested in joining

PSMS SHIRTS & CAPS

WITH EMBROIDERED SOCIETY LOGO

LONG SLEEVED POLO SHIRTS NAVY BLUE

Men's sizes small thru 4 XL.

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

\$35.00

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

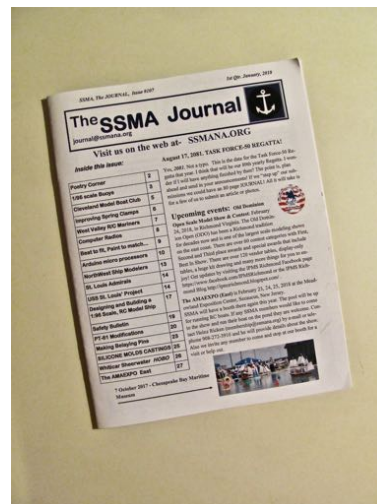
\$28.75

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



THE SSMA JOURNAL

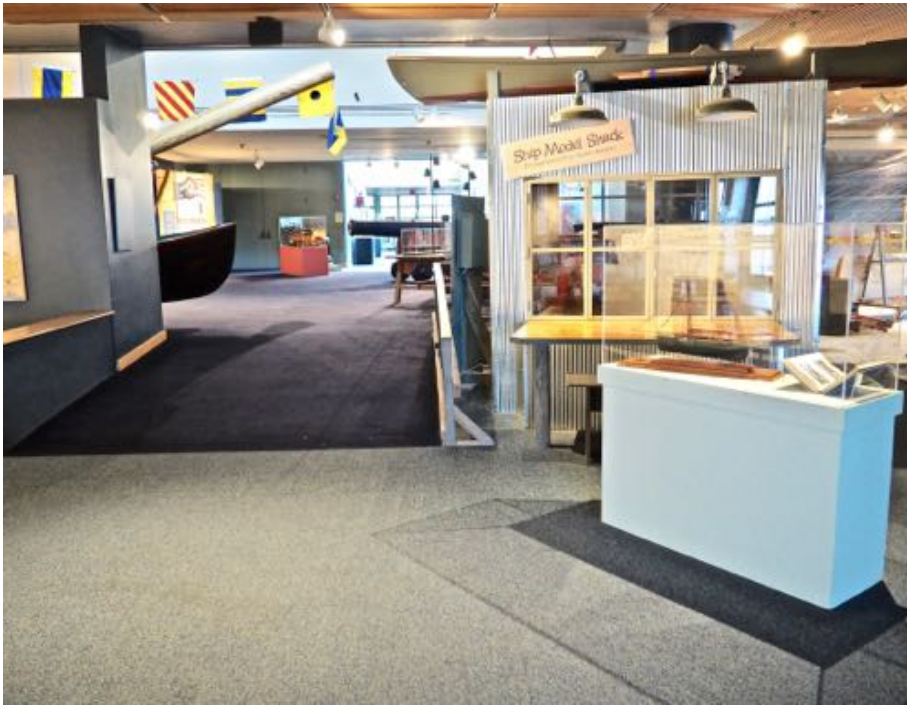
Become a member of SSMA

Annual dues are \$25.00

All membership applications and renewals

should be sent to:

Heintz Ricken
514 Cranford Avenue
Cranford, NJ 07016



The Ship 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:

philadelphia_ship_model_society.com

Parking - a reminder



DRWC, the owners of the parking lots at the Independence Seaport Museum, will have a list of names at both the Walnut Street lot entrance lot and they Lombard Street lot entrance. Members who have sent their auto information will simply have to give their name to get free parking

If DWRC does not have your information, you may be refused access to the lot. This is only for volunteer days (PSMS members are considered volunteers) and not for visiting Penn's Landing during non-volunteer hours.

NOTICE: The Walnut St. entrance to the parking lot is not manned after hours. Members should use the Market Street entrance to the parking lot. That entrance is 2 blocks north of the Walnut Street entrance.

If you have not registered your vehicle, email your name, car make, model and color, along with your license plate number (please include the state as well). State that you are a member of PSMS. If you use a 2nd car, register that car as well.



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

PSMS SNAPSHOTS; COAST DAY at the SEAPORT MUSEUM

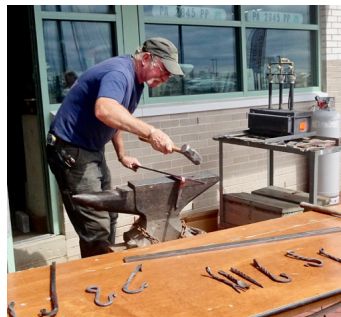


Lots of families and children.. The weather was sunny and the crowds grew as the day progressed. Our thanks to the members who participated. All in all a fun day.

A special thanks to:

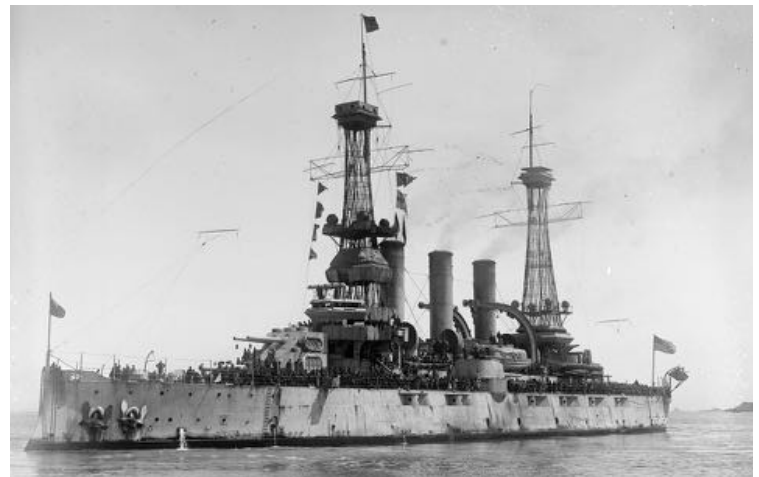
Jeffery Hufferburger, ISM, John Swartzenbach, ISM, (They helped set up and did blacksmithing), PSMS Members: Gerry Weigand, Joshua Fichmann, Joe Gudonis, Mike Weaver, Mike Zimmerman, Jim Wheeler, Ron Spicer and Joe Jordan.

Photos by Ron Spicer



MODEL COMMISSION FROM THE BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY

“We are are looking to have three “same scale” models made for display on the on the Battleship; the first New Jersey (BB12?), the second New Jersey BB62, and the “new” New Jersey, which is a submarine, all three set on a single platform. I know scale presents a problem because of the submarine- and I don’t know what class of the first N.J. was or the class of the new sub. That being said, do you think we could interest anyone at PSMS? If you are interested, contact: dlevitt1111@comcast.net



Oxford Maryland 6th Annual Model Boat Show Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018

From 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Set-up starts at 8:30 a.m. Take-down at 4 p.m.
Oxford Community Center auditorium, Oxford Maryland.

There is **no charge** for table space. Tables and burlap covers are provided or use you own.

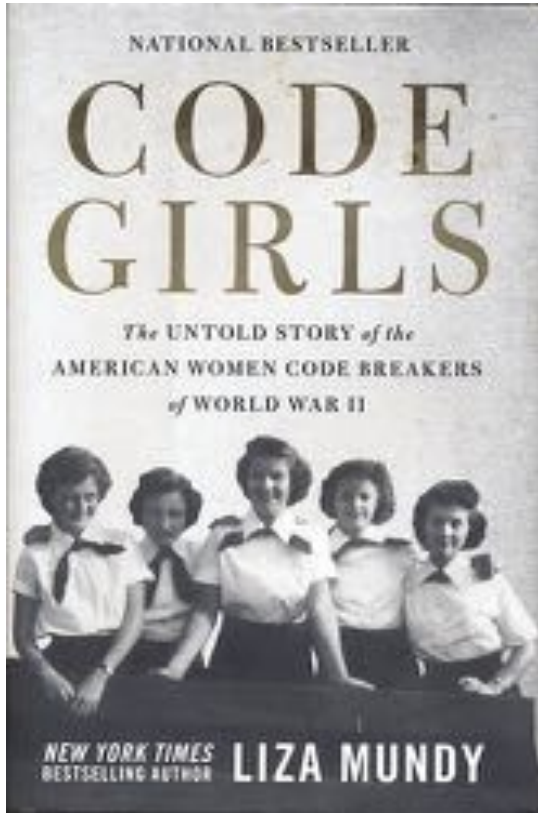
For registration an information contact:

Ed Thieler 28289 Oaklands Rd.
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PH. 1-410-820-5028
edthieler@yahoo.com

There are 2 concurrent shows: Oxford VFD Auxiliary’s Annual Antique Show and Sale held next door in the firehouse main room both Saturday and Sunday. The two events compliment each other as once people park their car they can walk between the buildings.

In Easton, Maryland, The Waterfowl Festival (famous for its decoy carving and wildlife art.) is held Friday November 9th, Sat.10th, and Sun.11th.

Books



CODE GIRLS

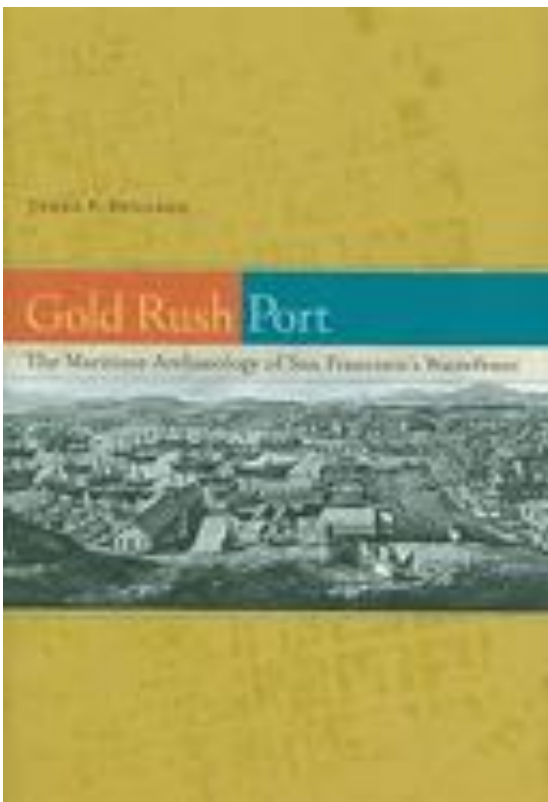
The untold story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II

By Lisa Mundy

The award winning national best seller about the American women who secretly served as code breakers during WWII. A “prodigiously researched and engrossing “ (New York Times) book that shines a light on a hidden chapter of American history.

Recruited by the U.S. Army and Navy from small towns and elite colleges, more than ten thousand women served as codebreakers during WWII. While their boyfriends took up arms, these women moved to Washington and learned the meticulous work of code-breaking. Their efforts shortened the war, saved countless lives and gave them access to careers previously denied to them. A strict vow of secrecy nearly erased their efforts from history. Now with dazzling research and interviews with surviving code girls, author Liza Mundy brings to life this riveting and vital story of American courage, service, and scientific accomplishment.

NOTICE ANYTHING? See page 9



GOLD RUSH PORT

The Maritime Archaeology of San Francisco's Waterfront

Described as a “forrest of masts”, San Francisco’s waterfront was a floating economy of ships and wharves, where a dazzling array of global goods was traded and transported. Drawing on excavations in buried ships and collapsed buildings from this period, James P. Delgado re-creates San Francisco’s unique maritime landscape, shedding new light on the city’s remarkable rise from a village to a boomtown of thousands in three short years from 1848 to 1851.

Gleaning history from artifacts— preserves and liquors in bottles, leather boots and jackets, hulls of ships even crocks of butter lying alongside discarded guns— Gold Rush paints a fascinating picture of how ships and global connections created the port and city of San Francisco.

SHOW & TELL “A finished model is a trophy to your time” Joshua Fischmann

MIKE WEAVER



USS WAMPANOAG 1863
Civil War Commerce Merchant Cruiser. Union built to pursue confederate blockade runners.
Scale 1/96 Scratch built . 80% finished.



Mike also presented 2 small examples of patterns on mock-ups, one wood and the other paper showing patterns inspired by the book "DAZZLE", by James Taylor. The book details how the WWI naval camouflage patterns were inspired by the abstract art movements in Europe. Mike has wide interests and is a prolific model maker.

STEVE BULOVA

Photos by Ron Spicer



ANTEO
1981 Panart kit. Scale 1:30
Pre-WWII Italian Tug Boat. Lime-wood planking on frame. The interior is coated with slow drying epoxy. Of special note is the upper deck featuring brass bulkheads attached with 200 brass rivets. The model will be radio controlled.



SHOW & TELL *continued*

JOE JORDAN

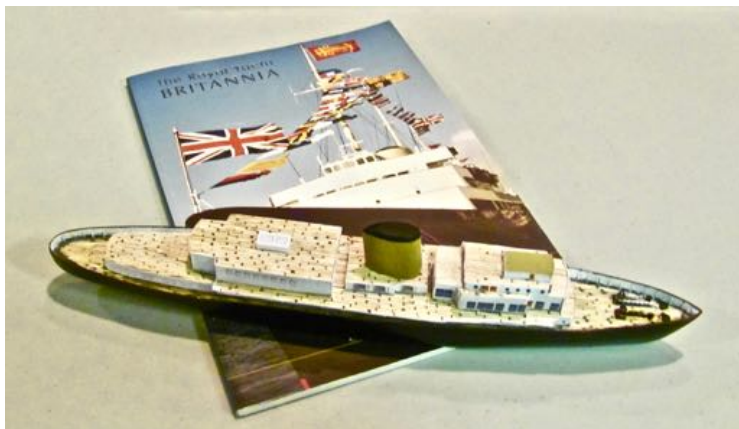
AMERICAN SCOUT 1946

A 50 year old post WWII Sterling kit. Scale 1:100. 50" long. 80% finished. Radio controlled.

Materials: Balsa, Basswood and brass. Poor quality lead fittings and most wood had to be replaced. All deck sections are removable and the anchor will be movable. The gloss finish on the hull is excellent. His comments? "Never again".



MIKE ZIMMERMAN



HMY BRITTANIA

Scratch built, Scale 1/350 Pleasure/yatch 1953 to present. Now a museum ship in Leith Scotland.

Materials: wood, plastic, and photo paper.

Mike liked the challenge of building from photos and used photo paper images for details like windows and portholes.

He enjoyed planking the deck very much and then realized he had to cover most of it with cabins and superstructure.



SHOW & TELL *continued*

JOE GUDONIS



LEGO SHIP INA BOTTLE

900 pieces. All plastic.

One of Joe's more interesting projects. He had trouble with the neck, which broke off. It's been repaired and looks good for display.



Joe also presented a series of photos taken during his visit to the Viking Dragon full size replica ship at Penn's landing. His description of the tour and his knowledge of the ship gained during the tour were very informative and entertaining.

CODE GIRLS- Answer

The ties of the first four spell "FARM" for Arlington farms, their duty station. Putting a message in a picture or another message (known as steganography is an old cryptic (cryptologist) trick.

Credit Earl Boebert

TODD WARDWELL



BLUE NOSE II 1980

Fishing Schooner. Kit by Corel. Scale 1/75.

Found in a hobby shop partially built.

Material, wood. Todd modified and straightened the twisted hull, and completed the deck cabins. he's not happy with it but it was free! If he was to build it again?- he would "start from scratch". It looks pretty good!

NS SAVANNAH - A NUCLEAR POWERED PASSENGER CARGO SHIP



The Philadelphia Navy Yard is being considered as a mothball port for the *NS Savannah* (presently in Baltimore) . She will have the last of her nuclear shielding taken out and may be officially turned into a museum. At this time Philly is in the running (one of 5 ports being considered) but has not been selected.

— Tod Wardwell —

NS Savannah was one of only three nuclear powered cargo ships ever built (others being *NS Otto Hahn* and the Russian container ship *Sevmorput*).

First proposed in 1955 and built in 1969, she was part of President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" initiative.



Shipwreck may solve 250-year old mystery this month.

It's Australia's most historic ship, but the mystery of where Capt. Cook's Endeavour lies has been shrouded in secrecy for centuries.

As the 250th anniversary approaches of the famed explorer's departure on the Endeavour from Plymouth on Aug. 25th, 1768 to claim this country for England, the mystery may be about to be solved.

On a muddy floor off Rhode Island, the ship is believed to be among 13 ships scuttled in Newport harbor by the British in 1778.

Kathy Abbass of the Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project, has led investigations into the fortunes of Endeavour.

Bought by an English private owner and renamed Lord Sandwich, she carried British troops to the U.S. in the Revolutionary war. She then became a prison ship in Newport Harbor. When Abbass was researching the 13 scuttled ships in a blockade of Narragansett Bay to protect Newport from the French Fleet, she found a document that said the Lord Sandwich was Cook's Endeavour. It said there were five to the northwest of Goat Island and that Lord Sandwich was one of them.

Divers will have to look for Endeavours distinguishing features which are its length, broad flat bow, square stern, and long boxlike body. Larger than those among which it was scuttled.

If we find all five ships, and the other ships are much smaller, then it's likely that we've found her Abbass said.

The Secret Language of Ships



Are these bird cubbies, rusting in the sea air? Not quite. The cavities are, however, known as pigeon holes. They're part of an in hull ladder that allows mariners to climb up the side of a barge. Unlike cargo ships, flat-bottomed barges are not self-propelled. They're usually towed or pushed by tugboats, though in the early days they were usually hauled up rivers and canals by horses, mules or donkeys on an adjacent towpath. Though barges are usually unstaffed, they occasionally have to be boarded, for instance when a line needs to be thrown to a dock worker. Pigeon holes give the boarders a leg up.

Coming in November

