



# Quarterdeck

OCTOBER  
2018  
OUR 87th  
YEAR

THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY.

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The 853rd meeting of the Philadelphia Ship Model society was held at the Independence Seaport Museum (ISM). on the 4th day of September with 20 members in attendance. President Todd Wardwell called the meeting to order at 19:05 and opened with the Pledge of allegiance. The members welcomed Ryan Szimanski, curator of the Battleship New Jersey.

♥ **SICK CALL:** John Bullock had knee replacement surgery.

## MINUETS OF THE MEETING

No treasurers report - Absent.

Vote on the proposed changes to By-Laws Article 4:

**Proposed change-** "The Executive Board shall consist of the last 6 Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter editor, ISM Representative, and a President Emeritus to be elected each year." An 11 member board with a quorum requirement of 6. It was approved unanimously by all in attendance. 20-0

### October 13th, Navy Day on the Olympia:

Three members ( Joe Jordan, Jim Wheeler, Mike Weaver ) have volunteered to perform public demonstrations on problem solving in ship modeling.

### Camden Maritime Museum

Tod Wardwell reports playing phone tag with the curator for a Sunday visit.

### The 6th Annual Model Boat Show;

A reminder that the show is being held on November 10th in Oxford, Delaware. (For more information, see page 2.)

### White Whale Auction:

A suggestion was made to use the Seaport Museum to advertise within the Museum to open up the White Whale Sale to the public.

### Holiday Brunch: 12/16 at the Corinthian Yatch Club

For reservations, send your payment of \$35.00 per person *made payable to PSMS* to: Steve Bulova, 4631 Larchwood Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19143.

President Todd Wardwell will send out an email to confirm the head count for the brunch.

As in years past, Steamship Society members will be invited to participate.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee are Tom McElhinney, Rick Rathgeber and Fred Signor.

Nominees will be announced at the November meeting and the vote held at the

December 1st meeting.

### Seaman's Church Donations:

Members may bring their donations to the November and December meetings. Mike Weaver has volunteered to deliver the donations to the church.

### Washington D.C. Navy Yard Trip:

President Todd Wardwell has proposed a trip to the Washington D.C. Navy yard on Saturday, November 3rd. Estimated costs: \$1,100 for 29 person bus, no restroom, \$1,500 for the big luxury bus to go to the Naval Museum. Free admission. At this writing, an email has been sent to all members to indicate their interest.

### November meeting- NO SHOW AND TELL, NO PRESENTATION. AUCTION ONLY

As always- refreshments set-up by Pat and Ed Leaf- Thank you.

## October Program

# PRIVATEERING AND THE CONTINENTAL NAVY DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION : The origins of the American Navy



An excellent presentation was given by Nick Firling of the Battleship New Jersey. Well prepared and illustrated, Nick knew his subject. He showed examples of Privateers' ships and cited their victories and defeats and pointed out that the Continental Navy was not the U.S. Navy. During the revolution, the colonies did not call themselves the United States. The U.S. Navy claims October 13th 1775 as the date of its official establishment when the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution creating the Continental Navy. However, with the end of the Revolutionary War, the Continental Navy was disbanded. Under George Washington, threats to American merchant shipping by Barbary Pirates, led to the Naval Act of 1794 which created a permanent standing U.S. Navy.

## The Secret Language of Ships



This photo was taken from a tug that's moving in on a ship, guided by white arrows pointing to the "chocks" that house small but strong posts called "bitts." The tug fastens lines to these bitts.

SWL 50t means that the safe working load for each bitt is 50 tons. Once a tug has fastened a line to the bitt, it will exert no more than 50 tonnes of pulling pressure as it helps the ship brake or negotiate docking.

## 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.**

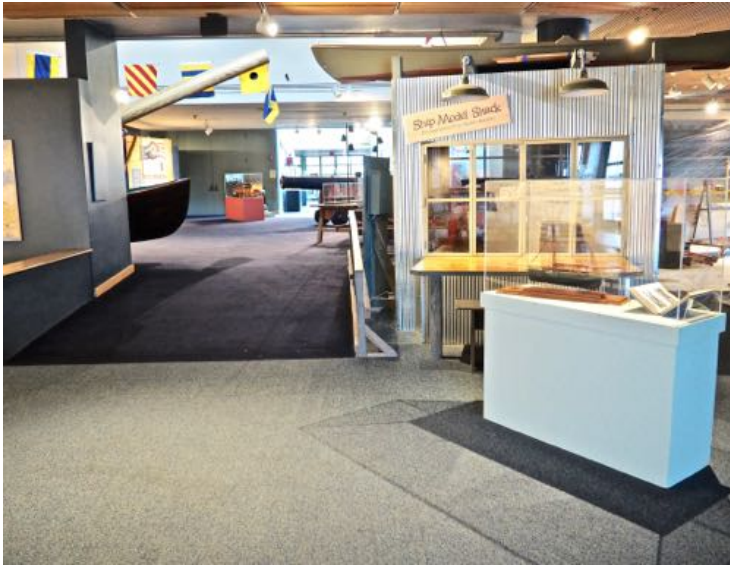
There is **no charge** for table space. Tables and burlap covers are provided or use your own.

For registration and information contact: Ed Thieler 28289 Oaklands Rd, Easton, MD 21601

PH. 1-410-820-5028

[edthieler@yahoo.com](mailto: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.)



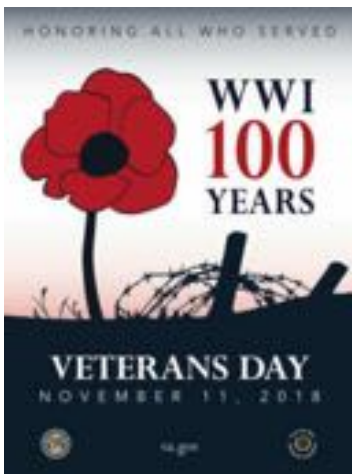
## The Ship Model Shack

The Seaport Museum has chosen PSMS to demonstrate 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). To fulfill this responsibility, we need volunteers to sit the shack on weekends. See if you can find the time in your schedule. Take a model, meet the public and share our hobby. Contact Joe Jordan:

[jjvtown@aol.com](mailto:jjvtown@aol.com)

Or sign up on the web:

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



### VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11TH

*Centennial commemoration  
of the end of*

World War I on November 11, 1918. The theme for the 2018 Veterans Day Poster is :

**'THE WAR TO END ALL WARS'** and features a poppy and barbed wire.

### NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 1ST WHITE WHALE SALE & AUCTION



*Hear Ye All . . .* Once again, in search of the

Great White Whale, PSMS members will miss the whale but find many distressed and a few intact ship models and other ephemera from our own workbenches and shelves. So check your work area and open up that cardboard box in the corner and see what you can bring to be auctioned off (all sales go to our club). Let there be no buyers remorse when you find yourself with a new project or two or that piece of equipment that you had been hoping to purchase. Two guarantees: an evening of fun and some good buys.

NOTE; NO SHOW AND TELL AT THE NOV. MEETING.



## Parking

### 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(s). ( 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.

Send the information to:

Greg Williams at: [gwilliams@phillyseaport.org](mailto:gwilliams@phillyseaport.org)

Phone 215-413-8679

This policy is for volunteer days, and not for visiting Penn's Landing during non-volunteer hours.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 13th	U.S. Navy Birthday
Oct. 27th.	Navy Day on the Olympia
Nov. 1st	<b>PSMS meeting</b> <b>White Whale Auction</b>
Nov. 11th	Veterans Day
Nov. 22nd.	Thanksgiving
Dec. 7th	<b>PSMS Meeting</b> Program to be announced
Dec. 7th	Pearl Harbor Remembrance
Dec 16th.	<b>Holiday Brunch</b> Corinthian Yatch Club
Dec. 31	Fire works at ISM

## 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 4 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](mailto:pjlebl@comcast.net)



The Delaware Valley Chapter meets at The Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's Landing on the Delaware River, Sunday 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.



## 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 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. **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



## SEAMAN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE OF PHILADELPHIA AND SOUTH JERSEY

### IT'S DITTY BAG SEASON!

**Ditty Bag Wish List** - PSMS will be collecting these items at our **November and December** meetings for the Seaman's Church Institute of Philadelphia and South Jersey.

**They need our support and these items are needed! Thank you!**

Hats & Scarves (dark colors only) Razors, Cans of Shave Cream (7 to 11 oz), Combs, Heavy Socks, Toothpaste (4 to 6 oz), Work Gloves, Deodorant Sticks, Mini Sewing Kits, Nail Clippers, Pens and Writing Paper with Envelopes.

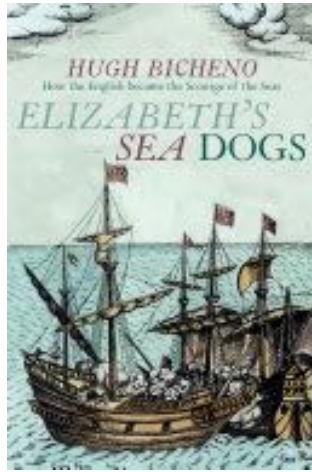
# BOOKS

## ELIZABETH'S SEA DOGS

By Hugh Bicheno

Elizabeth's Sea Dogs investigates the rise and fall of a unique group of adventurers. Men like Francis Drake, John Hawkins, Martin Frobisher and Walter Raleigh. Seen by the English as heroes but by the Spanish as pirates, they were expert seafarers and extremely tough men in extremely hard times. They

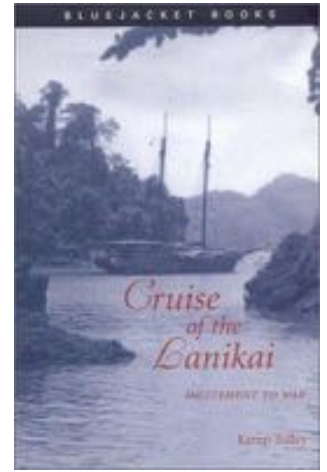
defeated the Spanish Armada and made Queen Elizabeth I extremely wealthy if seldom grateful. Author Hugh Bicheno sets the Sea Dogs in Historical context and reveals their lives through diligent historical research with color plates and the author's own maps and technical drawings.



## THE CRUISE OF THE LANIKA

By Kemp Tolley

In early December 1941 in the Philippines, a young Navy Ensign named Kemp Tolley was given his first ship command, an old 76 foot schooner that had once served as a movie prop in John Ford's "The Hurricane." Crewed mostly by Filipinos who did not speak English and armed with a canon from the Spanish-American War, the Lanika was ordered to sail south to spy on the Japanese fleet. Events overtook the plan when Pearl Harbor was bombed before Lanikai could get under way. When Bataan and Corregidor fell, he was ordered to set sail for Australia and became one of the few U.S. naval vessels to escape the Philippines. Tolley's description of their escape ranks with the best of sea tales.



## COMING IN DECEMBER

### THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY HOLIDAY BRUNCH BUFFET

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

Adults \$35.00 Children \$15.00  
(Tax and gratuity included)  
Cash bar

Send your payment to;  
Steve Bulova  
4631 Larchwood Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19143  
Make your checks payable to: PSMS

This might be a good time to include a check for \$35.00 for your 2019 Society dues



### 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](http://www.thenrg.org)

# SHOW AND TELL

TODD WARDWELL



TABLETOP, SAILS OF GLORY/AGE OF SAIL GAME  
Scale 1/1200

Played with plastic ships. Can be played with simple or advanced rules using a variety of chips and a ruler. Ships are maneuvered in a realist manner. Great simulation for Fighting Sail.

JOE JORDON



Joe presented a work in progress. A Dumas kit that he started and put aside 20 years ago. Unhappy with it, he stripped it to the bare wood and refinished the wood applying 11 coats of polyurethane varnish, wet sanding between coats moving towards scotch bright. The lettering was cut out with an exacto knife from pressure sensitive vinyl attached to frisket paper and then peeled off and applied to the hull. It was then varnished over which embedded it into the finish. Joe says it will need 6 or 7 more coats of varnish. All fittings will be redone. When finished, it will be radio controlled.

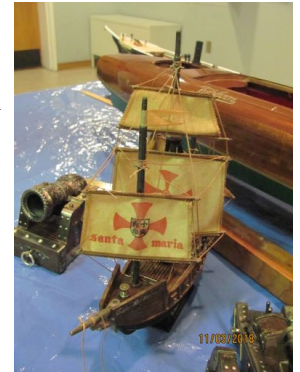


JOE GUDONIS



Joe collects “Things not as they seem”. He presented 3 objects that, at first glance, looked like 2 cannon and a ship replica. In fact, they were radios! Guess you can see, he collects anything nautical.

Also, Joe went on the Italian Tall Ship *Vespucci* which is a “teaching ship” with a crew of over 400 but no one spoke English!  
Very entertaining.



# SHOW AND TELL continued

FRANCINE SERRATORE



FREMM CLASS FRIGATE. Carlos Begamini class. Circa: today.  
1/96 Scale. 70% complete.

Materials used in the kit-wood, plastic resin balsa Owl eyes, brass etc. The hull is from MBT HULLS, Gibraltar, the superstructure kit is from CNC Models. Both can be purchased from CNC.

FREMM is a French/Italian cooperation and stands for Frigate Replacement European Marine Modernization. The ships are heavily stealth and automated and while being heavily armed, in many navies they would be considered destroyers due to their large size and capabilities. Both France and Italy have sold them to Egypt, Algeria and Greece. The U.S. Navy is looking at building them at the Martin Marietta Facility in Wisconsin.



ED LEAF

## COASTAL UTILITY CRAFT

Inspired by his book, Ed's friend started this project from scratch but passed away prior to finishing. Ed offered it to anyone interested. Meant to be RC. The hull is finished and comes with plans and a box of parts. Taken by Mike Weaver.

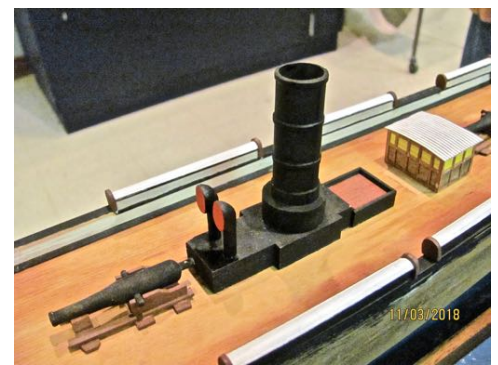


# SHOW AND TELL continued

MIKE WEAVER



**USS KEARSARGE**  
U.S.A. Civil War 1863. Scale 1/96  
Scratch built. 50% complete  
Material, wood  
Partial hull rescued from the White Whale sale. Bashing it into the Kearsarge, Mike re-configured the bow, finished the stern and rudder and scratch built the upper deck.  
Known for battle with CSA Alabama.



## CHINESE PIRATES PLUNDER 10 SHIPWRECKS CARRYING REMAINS OF UK'S WWII HEROES

Ten British ships sunk during WWII and designated as war graves have been plundered for scrap metal by Chinese pirates. British Secretary of Defense Gavin Williamson has demanded an immediate investigation.



Experts previously said that 6 ships had been plundered. Now they have revealed that 4 more have been targeted, and the figure is likely to rise. The ten are lying off the coasts of Malaysia and Indonesia. They include HMS

Prince of Wales and HMS Repulse.

Even worse is the fate of the heavy cruiser HMS Exeter, which famously confronted the doomed Graf Spee in the battle of the River Platte. It went down off Indonesia in 1942, but sadly, no trace of her is left on the seabed.

Chinese-owned barges fitted with cranes have been carrying out the illegal operations.

Experts say WWII vessels are particularly valuable as they were built and sunk before the era of nuclear explosions. As a result, they have absorbed little of the background radiation from the atmosphere, making them suitable for medical equipment.

In recent years, the wrecks of Prince of Wales and Repulse, a 750ft-long battlecruiser, have been ripped apart and experts believe half their structures are gone.

More than a dozen Chinese owned barges have been involved in the salvage. Some switch off their transponders to avoid detection. They then drop a 50 ton axe-shaped anchor on the sunken ship to smash its structure. Long cranes scoop up the smashed metal. The metal haul from each ship can fetch more than \$1.5 million dollars. *Continued on next page*



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## SHIPS BEING PLUNDERED

### SS LOCH RANZA

Newley plundered. Sunk off the coast of Indonesia. 1942

### HMS TIEN KWANG

Newley plundered. Sunk south of Singapore. 1942

### HMS KUALA

Newley plundered. Sunk south of Singapore. 1942

### HMS BANKA

Newley plundered. Sunk off Malaysia 1941

Nothing of it remains.

### HMS REPULSE

Battlecruiser, Sunk 1941. Propellers and shafts have been removed.

### HMS ENCOUNTER

Sunk in the battle of the Java Sea. 80% percent of the ship has been removed

### HMS ELECTRA

Sunk 3 days before Encounter. About half the ship has been looted.

### HMS EXETER

Sunk in the battle of the Java sea. Nothing remains on the sea bed.

### HMS THANET

Sunk near Malaysia, 1942. Has since been “broken up”

### HMS Prince of Wales

Sunk in 1942. Has lost more than half her hull plates.

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## Sixty per cent of the shipwreck HMAS Perth gone after illegal scrap metal salvaging

Jakarta: A team of Indonesian and Australian divers has made the shocking discovery that 60 percent of WWII shipwreck HMAS Perth has vanished, with evidence of large scale illegal salvaging for scrap metal at the site off the coast of Java.

“This isn’t what we were hoping to find,” Said Australian National Maritime Museum director Kevin Sumption.

It is with profound with profound regret we advise that our joint maritime archaeologists diving team has discovered sections of Perth missing.

Mr Sumption said interim reports after a search dive conducted on May 14 to 17 and an earlier remote sensing survey indicated only about 40 per cent of HMAS Perth remained.



ARRESTS: This crew was suspected of plundering HMS Prince of Wales and Repulse

