



Quarterdeck

MAY
2019
OUR 88th
YEAR

THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY.

www.philadelphiahipmodelsociety.com

Launched January 7, 1931

The 858th meeting of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) was held at the Independence Seaport museum (ISM) on the second day of May, 2019. President Francine Serratore called the meeting to order at 19:00 and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the Meeting

Treasurers's report: Steve Bulova, presented the Treasurer's report. No material changes. Approved as read.

Secretary's minutes were approved as printed in the *Quarterdeck*.

Presentation: No presentation- Captain Orvis to be rescheduled.

Guests: Blake Mann

OLD BUSINESS

Northeast Conference: Pat Leaf. Went very well. Enjoyed dinner at Latitude 41 by 16 members Friday night prior to the Conference on Saturday. Three trophies won by members- Joe Jordan won 1st place and 2nd place in the power category with his Typhoon and Pipe's Dream, respectively and Spence Delin took 3rd place in the sail category with "Eliza".

Saturday night, some of the members who stayed ate at Steak Off.

Thanks to Mike Zimmerman who provided a door prize and acted as a judge.

Three members won door prizes. Joshua Fichmann, Jean Jordan. Pat Leaf, who won a door prize of the Bluejacket USS Perry, isn't interested in building it and would like to donate it to the club in a manner that would maximize profit verses being "given away" at the white whale sale.

Club outings

1. **Annapolis Maritime Museum:** Todd - No movement.
2. **Kalmar Nyckel-** John Bullock- No information.
3. **Camden Ship Museum-** Sunday in June or in the Fall
4. **Navy Museum, Washington D.C.** - will only work if we can do it during the week.
5. **Lakehurst Naval Station.** Mike Zimmerman. Will visit and report back.

Jim Wheeler reminded all about the 13th Maritime Model Expo on May 18th and 19th at St Micheals, Maryland, and the Baltimore Harbor National Maritime Day Celebration May 19th, and the Pennsville Farm Show, June 1st. we need to obtain 4 tables for under the trees.

Presentation Committee: Rick Rathgeber & Fred Signor

June-Lightship Video- Joshua Fichmann. **July-** Meeting and tour of the Philadelphia Coast Guard Base-Todd Wardwell. **August-Picnic at the Jim and BetsyFarm.**

September- Shadow boxes on Queen MaryII- Mike Zimmerman. **October-** Captain Orvis, The SS Normandy.

November- Tom McElhinney's friend- 3D printing.

New Member Committee: Mike Weaver sent out seven member packages to former members. Others to follow.

Website update: Webmaster Joshua Fichmann - Added a presentation section which features a demonstration by Ron Neilson on Set Sails- the intent to be to record future presentations by the club and feature them on the website. Also adding to the members sections with their pictures and creating a gallery for each member to feature their models. Did some research and found out how to post our past newsletters, which will be done shortly.

Also seeking to improve the events and calendar section.

Name tags: To order a name tag, contact Spence Delin. sdelin@verizon.net

The Shack: Joe Jordon - need volunteers for the shack. The old theater near the shack has been renovated with an open section with a view of the river.

NEW BUSINESS

After discussion, the Northeast Conference will stay as it is.

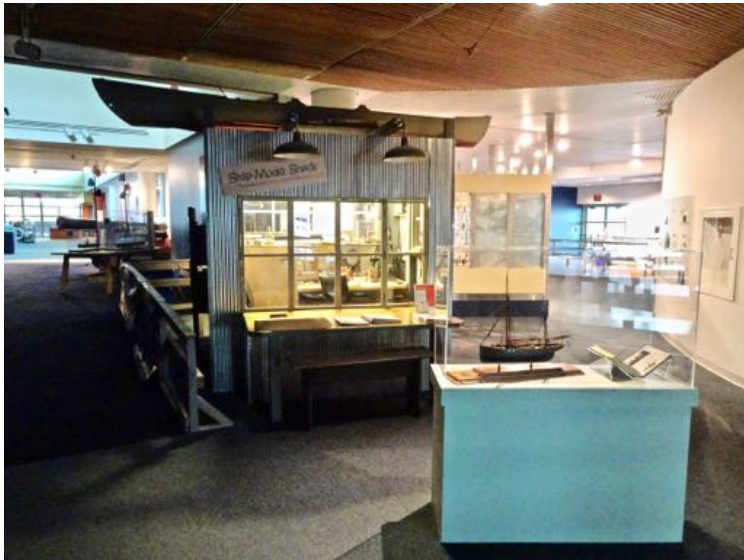
PSMS will attempt to put together a maritime show with ISM and other clubs (maybe even railroad). Joe Jordan will look into it.

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PSMS will investigate doing library presentations again to draw membership.
The July meeting will be delayed until July 11th because of Independence Day
50/50 winner; Francine Serratore

Respectfully submitted, Joshua Fishmann, Secretary



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.

Support PSMS.

Contact Joe Jordan. jjvtown@aol.com

Or sign up on the web:

philadelphia_ship_modelsociety.com

WHAT THE...!

As a work of art, Julien Berthier's boat *Love-Love* probably creates a lot of praise and wonderment. As a boat, it probably makes a few people alarmed or just plain angry.

That's because it's designed specifically to look like it's sinking- and a sinking boat tends

to cause some chaos out on the water. But once people realize the boat and its Captain are not in any real danger, they get quite a laugh at its unique design.



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John Christinzio, Spence Delin, John Esposito, Joe Gudonis, Joe Jordon, Pat Leaf, Jim Macintyre,

Tom McIlhinney, John Oddo, Rick Rathgeber, Francine Serratore, Mike Weaver, Jim Wheeler

Todd Wardwell, Mike Zimmerman

REPRESENTATIVES TO ISM

Joe Jordon, Pat & Ed Leaf, Tom McElhinney

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 Penns 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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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

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\$35.00

SHORT SLEEVED POLO SHIRTS, NAVY BLUE

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\$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



Short Sleeved Polo

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

May 18th, 19th **13th Model Expo** St Michaels, Md

May 19th **National Maritime Day**,
Baltimore, MD Inner Harbor.
NS Savannah

June 1st **Pennsville Farm Show**
Saturday 10 am to 3 pm

June 6th **PSMS Meeting**
Program: Lightships
by Joshua Fichmann

July 11th * **PSMS Meeting** CWO Todd Wardwell
Coast Guard Base tour

August 10th **PSMS Picnic** Nutt's Farm

August 18th **Task Force 50** Boat Show and Fun Float

September 5th. **PSMS Meeting**
Program: Shadow boxes on
Queen Mary II by Mike Zimmerman

October 3rd **PSMS Meeting**

November 7th **PSMS Meeting**

December 5th **PSMS Meeting**

* **Note change of date**



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 or 215-495-8889 for more details or if you are interested in joining.



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TWO OCEAN GOING TUG BOATS

By Michael R. Zimmerman michael.r.zimmerman@villanova.edu

Part 2 of the previous article published in the April Quarterdeck

The other article published in the April SSMA Journal was by Captain Howard Howe on WWII Army Tugs. My father, Edward Zimmerman, was an asthmatic 4-F, so of course, he volunteered for the position of Foreman of the civilian crew on an ocean going US Navy Tugboat. Their mission was to go half-way across the Atlantic to tow in ships that had been torpedoed By German U-boats. The tugs were in dander of being attacked themselves, but the U-boats generally avoided them, as they could outrun and, with a regular Navy gun crew, outgun the U-boats.



Figure 4. USS Pinto ATF-90



Figure 5. USS Pinto AFT-90

I built the USS Pinto, AFT-90, a WWII armed ocean-going tug (Figure 4). The black suited figure on the foredeck is Willie Sutton, the notorious bank robber, who had been let out of jail to participate in the war effort. He was also armed and was the boats "gofer". Built for my daughter Wendy, the model shows her grandfather, the blue-eyed figure on the upper deck on the stern.

Dad took me on some ships he brought in. As I was only 5 years old then, I have only a vague memory of the ships, but i'm sure that's why I started making ship models, first out of the cardboard sheets from the Chinese laundry, then progressing to papier mache Ideal models, etc.

The other tugboat is the Argentine Navy ARA Alfred Sobral A-9, (previously US Navy rescue tug USS Salish ATA-187). In the Falklands War, the ship was hit by missiles fired by British helicopters, striking the bridge and killing 8 of the crew, including the ship's captain. The ship survived and the badly damaged bridge is currently on display at the naval museum in Tigre, Argentina. Building a model from a resin kit required scratch building the reconstructed bridge.

On 2001, she assisted the expedition ship Caladonian Star, which had been struck by a 110 foot high rogue waving transit of the Drake passage. We were on the Cal Star and were very pleased to see the Alfred Sobral, as seen in the photograph I took as she arrived. Figure 6. The wave heeled the ship 45. degrees, smashed the bridge windows and shorted out all electrical devices. We were led into Ushuaia and then flew home, A day late but happy to be alive.

Incidentally, I do some teaching in England and am finishing up my scratch built model of Her Majesty's Yatch Britannia.



Figure 6. ARA Alferez Sobral A-9

Baltimore Harbor National Maritime Day Celebration

on board the NS Savannah and Pier 13,
Canton Marine Terminal



**Sunday, May 19, 2019. National Maritime Day
Celebration and Wreath Laying Ceremony
Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of
SS Savannah's Voyage
Great Steam Extravaganza, a Gathering of
Historic Steam Ships**

NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

In 1933, Congress declared National Maritime Day to recognize the maritime industry. It is observed on May 22, the date in 1819 that the American steamship Savannah set sail from Savannah, Georgia, the first ever transoceanic voyage under steam power. During WWII, more than 250,000 members of the American Merchant Marine served their country with more than 6,700 giving their lives, hundreds being detained as prisoners of war, and more than 800 merchant ships being sunk or damaged. The Merchant Marine was called the fourth arm of defense by President Roosevelt.



Pennsville Historical Society Annual "Farm Day" June 1st



"You'll be amazed when you see the super cool ship models that will be here Saturday June 1st at "A Day At The Farm". Come join us! 11:00am - 3:00pm 86 Church Landing Road, Pennsville, NJ"

11 am to 3 pm

PSMS along with members of the New Jersey Ship Model Society, have participated in this fun event for several years. Easy to get to- just south of the Delaware Memorial Bridge, Pennsville lies just south of the end of the bridge..

Activities include pony rides and games for the kids, demonstrations and crafts, outdoor exhibits, food and music. This surrounds the museum building on the Delaware shore line.

At left is a photo and quote from their Facebook page promoting the event.



13th Maritime Model Expo May 18 & 19, 2019

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum,
St Michaels, Maryland, chmm.org

**For more information,
contact Ed Thieler at
edtheiler@yahoo.com**



Northeast Ship Model Conference Report



Torrential rains followed the travelers north, but if that was some kind of omen, it turned out to be a good one. On Friday night, PSMS members met for dinner at the Latitude restaurant.

PSMS MEMBERS JOE JORDAN AND SPENCE DELIN WIN AWARDS



TYPHOON



ELIZA



PIPE'S DREAM



ELIZA

Top left : Power category

Joe Jordan: *Typhoon* - Peoples choice, First Place

Left :

Jorden : *Pipe's Dream* - Peoples choice, Second Place

Above : Sail category

Spence Delin: *Eliza* - Peoples Choice, Third place

Congratulations to Joe and Spence for winning in a very tough competition.

Making Acrylic Display Cases

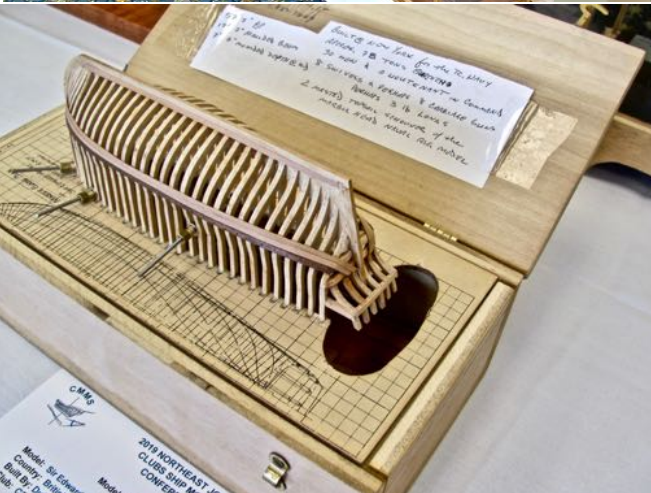


Making Realistic Set Sails



Realistic Wood and Weathering Effects

SNAPSHOTS



BOOKS



TEN HOURS UNTIL DAWN

The True Story of heroism and Tragedy Aboard the *Can Do*
By Micheal J. Tougias

In the midst of the Blizzard of 1978, the tanker *Global Hope* foundered on the shoals in Salem Sound off the Massachusetts coast. The Coast Guard heard the mayday calls and immediately dispatched a patrol boat. Within an hour, the Coast Guard boat was in as much trouble as the tanker, having lost its radar, depth finder, and engine power in horrendous seas. Pilot boat Captain Frank Guirk was monitoring the Coast Guard's efforts by radio, when he heard the patrol boat was in jeopardy.

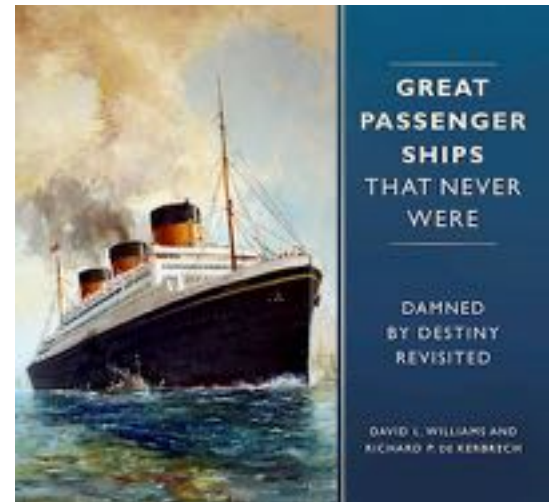
He decided to act. Gathering his crew of four, he readied his forty-nine-foot steel boat, the *Can Do* and entered the maelstrom of the blizzard.

Using dozens of interview and audio tapes that recorded every word exchanged between Quirk and the coast guard, Tougias has written a devastating, true account of bravery and death at sea in *Ten Hours Until Dawn*.

GREAT PASSENGER SHIPS THAT NEVER WERE

By David L Williams, Richard P, de Kerbrech

A completely revised and updated version of *Damed by Destiny* (Teredo Books, 1982), a comprehensive account of the larger passenger ships that, for one reason or another, never entered commercial service. Some never made it off the drawing board or out of the model shop, some met with disaster after launch and some were diverted to war time service but didn't survive, never used for their original purpose. They were all the victims of circumstance, whether due to financial crisis, timing or changing technology. Some of these liners and cruise vessels may have become some of the greatest passenger ships ever achieved, They would have surpassed the most famous, not only in speed and splendor, but in size and appearance, besides setting trends that were subsequently adopted for ships that did enter service. With beautiful pictures and detailed diagrams, this book is a true insight into what might have been.



A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



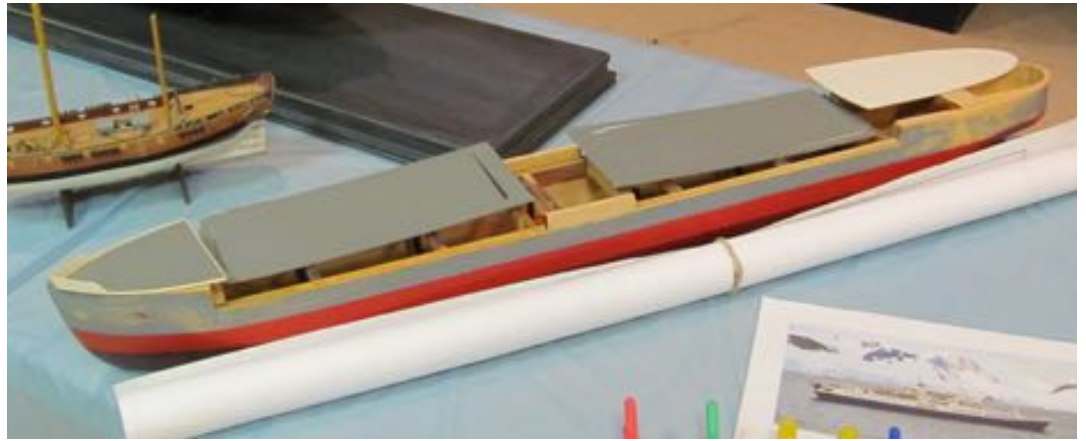
**THE JULY MEETING DATE
HAS BEEN CHANGED
FROM JULY 4TH TO
JULY 11TH**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS



SHOW & TELL

JIM MacINTYRE



PRE-WWII SHELL D CLASS TANKER.

Plans Scale, Scratch built.

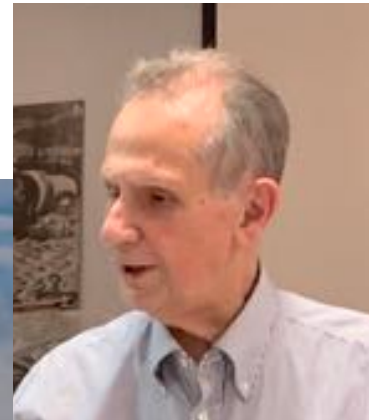
12,000 tons dead weight, approximately 490 ft long on which Jim sailed. While on watch, he described how the ship suddenly started to list to one side due to leakage of one of the tallest tanks. Jim built straight from the plans and at the plans scale. Bread and butter construction lengthwise. All deck housing will be plywood. He plans it to be Radio Controlled

ED LEAF

HMS GRENADO 1750

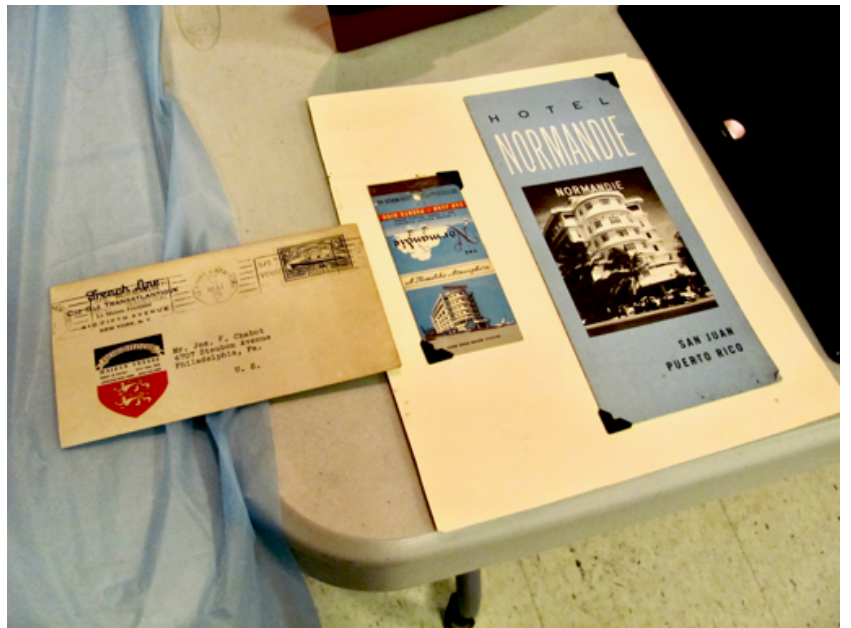
Bomb Ketch, Scratch built. Scale 1/8" to a foot

Intended to provide shore bombardment with two 48lb guns on swivel turrets.



SHOW and TELL continued

JOE GUDONIS



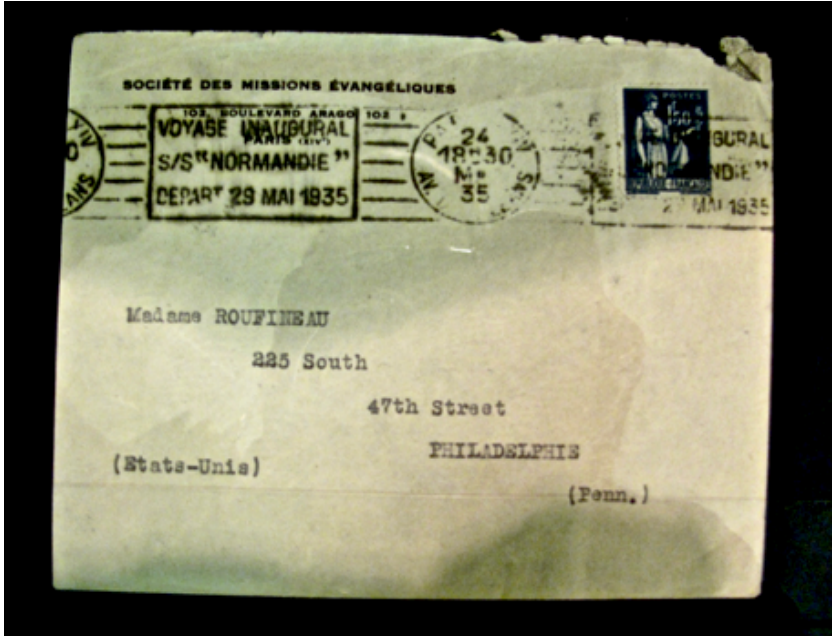
Joe displayed his finished model of the Hospital ship *HIKAWAMARU*, a plastic kit given to him by Mike Weaver. He put it in a glass vase, fashioned a wood top and used painted clay for the ocean. He “painted” the model with magic markers. He had some difficulty with the decals.

Joe also demonstrated real life baggy winkle as it was discussed from Todd Wardwell’s *Blue Nose 2* in last month’s issue of the Quarterdeck.

The 3rd item was a cancelled envelop sent from the inaugural voyage of the *SS Normandie* and a brochure from the Normandie Hotel in San Juan Puerto Rico.

SHOW and TELL continued

STEVE BULOVA



Steve also brought a cancelled envelope from France to Philly from the maiden voyage of the SS Normandie. Interestingly, the letter was addressed and delivered to a house only a couple of blocks from his current home.

MIKE WEAVER



WWII TANKER *NORTHERN STAR*
Scratch built. Shown in civilian colors.
Built from scratch wood in the shack, while sitting the shack.
75% complete

SHOW and TELL continued

FRANCINE SERRATORE



LUPO CLASS FRIGTE
Scale 1/96. Scratch built

Francine continued the discussion of building the mechanics for Radio Control. She discussed propellers and the challenges of finding a speed controller that will accommodate reverse.

JOSHUA FICHMANN



BLACK PEARL
Kit build, scale 1/50
From Pirates of the Caribbean.
Approximately 35% complete.
Cut-a-way hull with interior
detail. Joshua added a lighting
kit that shows off the interior
detail.
He recently found a scale
oriental rug for the captain's
cabin. The finished model will
be complete with masts, sails
and rigging.



SHOW and TELL continued

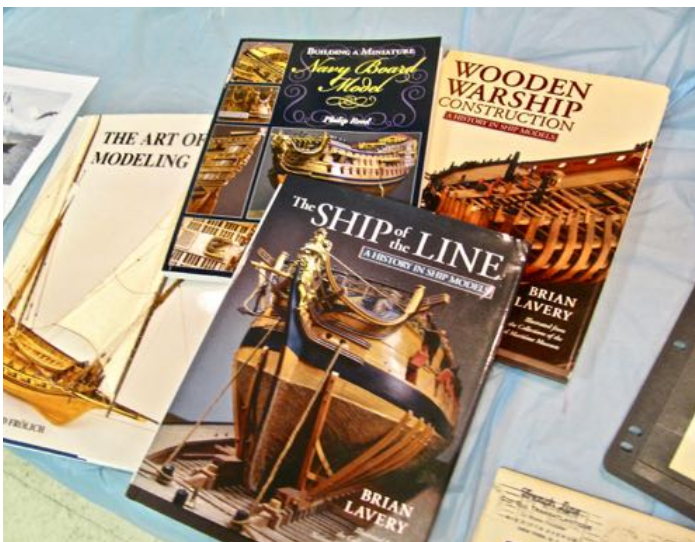
DENIS LEVITT



SS NORMANDIE, French built ocean going Cruise ship, 1935.
Store bought Illuminated cruise ship.
While being converted to a troop transport in N.Y. Harbor, it caught fire.
The fire melted the drains so that water being pumped into the ship had no where to go, causing it to capsize. The ship was scrapped from there. In France, there are enormous cement ex-German U-Boat bunkers which are cost preventative to tear down, so parts have been turned into a museum which houses furniture from the Normandie.



TOM McELHINNEY



Tom showed 4 books. Gifts from his family.

The Ship of the Line. A history in Ship Models.

Wooden Warship Construction.

Both books by Author Brian Lavery contain full color photos using Greenwich National Maritime Museum models.

Building a Miniature Navy Board Model by Phillip Reed.

A step by step construction of a miniature 1/192 scale model of he HMS Royal George of 1715 with the aid of nearly 400 photographs.



SHOW and TELL continued

MIKE ZIMMERMAN



SS CALEDONIAN STAR, Circa 2001.

Norwegian fishing ship converted into a cruise ship.

Scale 1/350. Scratch built using wood and paper. Built from photos, no plans. 10% complete.

Michael's intent is to diorama the ship depicting an event from when Mike and his wife Bobbie were on the ship in the southern ocean when it was hit by a 110ft rogue wave that buried the ship and caused a 45 degree list.

The ship became disabled and sent an SOS. The Argentinian navy responded and rescued the passengers. We look forward to seeing its progress.

For Sale or Want Ads

Members who have any models, tools, supplies or modeling related items they wish to sell or acquire, this is the place to do it. All members receive this news letter and may need what you may no longer want.

Model making items only.

Send your copy and or photos* to the editor:

rspicer33@aol.com

*All photos to be 72 pixels

TF 50 RC MODEL BOAT SHOW & FUN FLOAT

Sunday August 18, 2019 - 10AM until ??

Manchester Township's Cousler Park is the venue for this event.
1060 Church Road, York PA 17404. Photo from 2018 Regatta



FREE ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC • BRING A LAWN CHAIR
PACK A LUNCH. – BOTTLED WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE.
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MEMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IF NEEDED
ELECTRIC OR STEAM ONLY. NO GAS

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The Park features walking paths, regular rest rooms, (no "Porta Potties"),
playgrounds for children or grand kids, tennis courts, and ample parking close
to the pond. The club reserved pavilion "B" for our exclusive use. It has
electrical outlets and is close to a charcoal grill stand.

Vehicles can be driven close to the pond for **LOAD AND UNLOAD ONLY**.

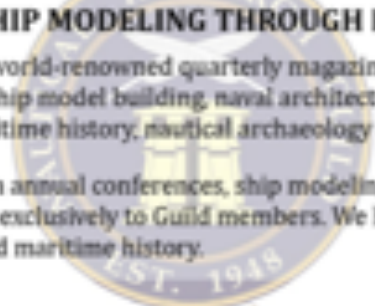
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