



## COAST GUARD HOSTS PSMS MEMBERS

PSMS Members were treated to a fine illustrated presentation and tour of the U.S. Coast Guard Station just south of the Seaport Museum. Chief Warrant Officer and PSMS member Todd Wardwell presented an in depth illustrated talk. The Coast Guard's responsibilities are vast and are not limited to the familiar rescues at sea, but also include Marine Safety, Ports Waterways, Coastal and Homeland Security and Drug Interdiction, to name a few.

The tour of the base started with the displays on the first floor and then the docks with explanations of Coast Guard Ships presently in port. Todd also described the buoys, their functions, uses and maintenance. His descriptions of the small boats and equipment were informative, interesting and, laced with Todd's special brand of humor.

The weather cooperated and what looked like an evening of rain, became a pleasant evening. The membership turnout was excellent and it was nice to see so many family members. Our thanks to Todd for the talk and tour. A glimpse of the organization that is the Coast Guard.



Seagoing Buoy Tender (WLB)  
225ft. *William Tate*



Small Response Boats in the  
Coast Guard Basin docks.



Harbor tug *Capstan*



The 860th meeting the Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) was held at the Coast Guard Installation located at Washington Avenue and Columbus Blvd, in Philadelphia. Members arrived at 18:00. President Francine Serratore called the meeting to order at 18:30.

## Minutes of the Meeting

18:30 to 19:00. Extensive presentation and tour of the facility by Todd Wardwell (Past President and active Coast Guard member).

Pledge of Allegiance

 **Sick call:** Pat Leif

### New Business

**Treasurers Report:** Provided by Fred Signor. Accepted as read.

**ISM Report:** Joe Jordan reports that John Brady has been replaced by Mike Flynn as President. However, John is still a major part of ISM in Development.

**PSMS-ISM show 9/28** Maritime themed was voted - Yes. Contacts: Todd Wardwell, IPMS Delaware Valley, Joshua Fichmann - New Jersey Club, Francine Serratore- Task Force 50. Todd will also try to get Blue Jacket Models to attend.

**Partnership for Delaware Estuary "Coast Day":** Saturday, September 7th. 10-4 Vote yes.

**Library Presentations** - working on- Society is a go on that.

### Old Business

**New Member Committee:** Four former members have been contacted.

**Name Tags:** See Spence Delin.

#### Club Outings/Events:

**Camden Ship Museum:** Todd Wardwell to mail out dates.

**Lakehurst Naval Station:** Mike Zimmerman. Absent-no report.

**Picnic:** August 10th, 2-6 pm. Please contact Betsy Nutt. See page 11.

**Northeast Conference:** Steve Bulova has information.

**Web Site:** Joshua Fichmann:

#### Future Presentations:

**September:** Shadow Boxes on Queen Mary II- Mike Zimmerman.

**October:** Captain Orvis- SS Normandy

**November:** Tom McElhinney's friend, 3D Printing.

**December:** Holiday Party and White Whale Sale.

Respectfully submitted:

Joshua Fichmann, Secretary

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John Christinzio, Spence Delin, John Esposito, Joe Gudonis, Joe Jordon, Pat Leaf, Jim Macintyre,  
Tom McElhinney, John Oddo, Rick Rathgeber, Francine Serratore, Mike Weaver, Jim Wheeler  
Todd Wardwell, Mike Zimmerman

#### REPRESENTATIVES TO ISM

Joe Jordon, Pat & Ed Leaf, Tom McElhinney

# LUNENBURG and HALIFAX NOVA SCOTIA

Contributed by Mike Weaver

Photos by Ellen Weaver



Ellen and I traveled on the Queen Mary II recently. The ship made a stop in Nova Scotia and we opted for a visit to a small coastal town know as Lunenburg. In the town there was a maritime museum, and lo-and-behold, there was a shack with two local ship model builders present. I introduced myself, the ISM and the PSMS. Have already sent them a copy of the Quarterdeck which impressed them.

Mike Weaver South Shore shack sitters. On the lower left is SSSMG member John Taylor.



I also visited the Halifax Maritime Museum and was glad I did. The museum has a pier with a WW2 anti-submarine Canadian Corvette in addition to a small sailing ship. There are 3 floors of exhibits. Inside a shack building is a 1/96 scale aircraft carrier, probably the *Saratoga* or the *Lexington*. The museum houses a large collection of static models of ocean liners, war ships merchant ships and sailing ships from the 18th through 20th centuries. There are various dioramas. Also notable, is an exhibit detailing the Halifax fire where a munitions ship caught fire and exploded causing historic casualties and damage.



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

Our sign up on the web:

[philadelphiaashipmodelsociety.com](http://philadelphiaashipmodelsociety.com)

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## A NEW ADDITION TO THE SHACK

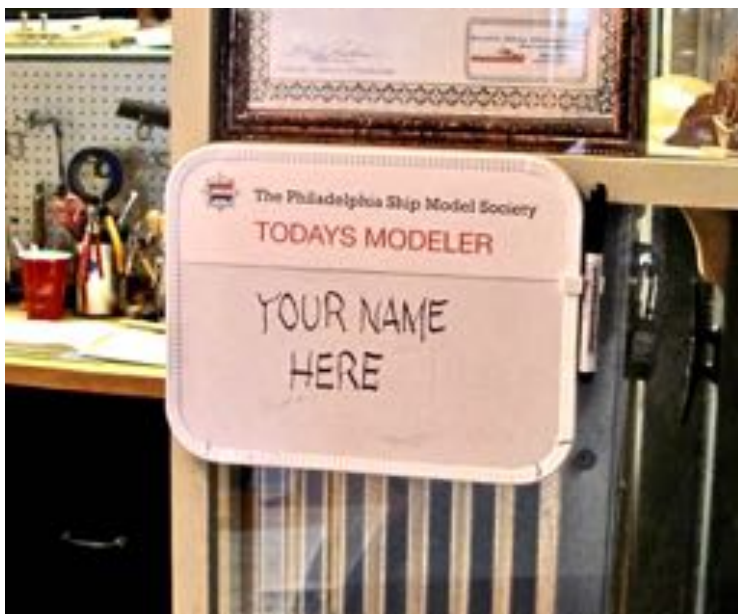
**WE HAVE RECENTLY ADDED AN IDENTITY SIGN TO THE SHACK. VISITORS WILL KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND MAKE IT EASIER TO CONVERSE WITH YOU.**

**IF YOU SIT THE SHACK, PLEASE, SIGN IN....FIRST OR FULL NAME. YOUR CHOICE.**

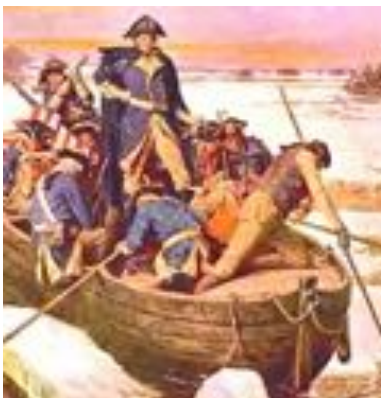
**IT IS A DRY ERASE SIGN, WITH THE PEN ATTACHED TO THE SIDE OF THE SIGN.**

**THE ERASER AND CLEANING FLUID ARE ON THE REAR UPPER SHELF ON THE RIGHT.**

**Many thanks to Jean Jordan for this suggestion.**



## ISM REPORTS IT WILL REPLICATE TWO DURHAM BOATS FOR WASHINGTON'S CROSSING



The Independence Seaport Museum Boat Shop is planning to build replicas of two Durham boats (depending on funding), to be used in the annual re-enactment of the Continental Army crossing of the Delaware River on December 25, 1775-76

The re-enactment is held every year at Washington Crossing State Park on Christmas Eve, using re-enactors such as the 5th Pennsylvania Line and other historical preservation groups.



JOE GUDONIS

photos by Ron Spicer



## COAST GUARD PATROL BOAT CG-222

Circa 1929

Scale 1/2 " = 1ft. Scratch built.

Speed -15knots

Material used- "everything".

CG222 was built in Milford Delaware to help stop the rum runners.

Armament: 1lb. canon.

Radio controlled.

Joe wanted to replicate the ship's radio set. He struggled to find documentation but ultimately failed.

At right is Joe's hand painted Coast Guard ensign. As usual, Joe brought an impressive model that fit the theme of the evening.



# SHOW & TELL

TODD WARDWELL



Todd Gave a review of the Model Shipways **Blockbuster**, a high speed shaper. He showed the completed kit, which when assembled, works well with an electric drill. Shown at left as it comes out of the box, and above after assembly. Todd said it did a good job and saved hand-sanding individual blocks.



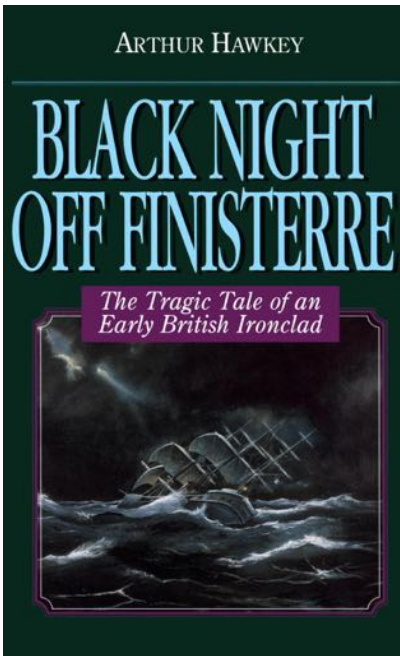
Left: Todd's model of the USRC General Greene, 1797-1802, on display in the lobby of the Coast Guard Headquarters in Philadelphia. Built in 2014 and donated by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Chief Warrant Officer's Association, October 2015. Scale 1/50 Plank on bulkhead construction. Mahogany planked.

# SHOW and TELL continued

MIKE WEAVER



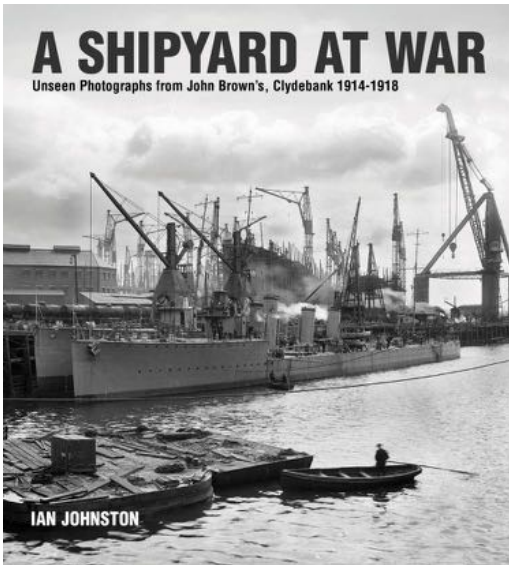
T2 Tanker - WWII  
Scratch built, Wood.  
Working with brass utilizing K&S brass.  
Scale 1/350  
Solid Hull.  
Plastic Submarine - Scratch built the coning tower.  
Pointing out that Germany sank 5600 Allied ships,  
he will pair the Tanker with a 1/350 scale plastic U-  
boat. Mike says he is going to show both models in  
the same display calling it "Opposite Numbers".



## BLACK NIGHT OFF FINISTERRE

The Tragic Tale of an Early British Ironclad. By Arthur Hawkey

HMS *Captain* was the first sea-going turret warship built to provide all-around firepower. This definitive account of the loss of the *Captain* details the decade long controversy in parliament and the press that led to the building of the shipping unprecedented circumstances. The lengthy controversy involved a disagreement between the Captain's designer and inventor of the turntable turret gun for warships and the Admiralty Constructor, who regarded the design of the vessel as potentially dangerous. Each had his supporters, but eventually the Admiralty gave in. Its compromise proved to be fatal in September 1870. Only four months after being commissioned, the *Captain* capsized and immediately sank in a gale off Finisterre, with a death toll greater than at the battle of Trafalgar. Using newly discovered information regarding the loss of the ship-information that appears to have been suppressed the court martial of the eighteen survivors-Arthur Hawkey rewrites history. It is a tale that will fascinate ship buffs and serious historians alike.



## A SHIPYARD AT WAR

Unseen Photographs from John Brown's Clydebank 1914-1918

A companion to the highly successful Clydebank Battlecruisers, this collection stunning shipyard photos, most previously unpublished, further showcases the work of a major shipbuilder during the great war. Although best known for large liners and capital ships, between 1914 and 1920, the Clydebank shipyard of John Brown & sons built a vast range of vessels. This volume features 200 photos, depicting in unprecedented detail, every aspect of the yard's output, from the liner *Aquitania* in 1914 to the cruiser *Enterprise*, completed in 1920.

While ships are the main focus of the book, the photos also chronicle the main impact of the war on working conditions in the yard, most noticeably the introduction of women in large numbers to the workforce. This book is a vivid portrait of a lost industry at the height of its success.



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## DANGERS OF THE SEA Part 2

Here are some picks from European sailing superstitions.

**Feet-** Flat footed people were unlucky aboard ship, and were also avoided by sailors before they boarded.

**Non-sailing days** - It was bad luck to sail on Thursdays (God of Storms, Thor's day) or Fridays ( the day Jesus was executed), the first Monday in April ( the day Cain killed Abel), the second Monday in August (the day Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed), and 31 December( the day on which Judas Iscariot hanged himself).





# Philadelphia ModelCon

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Sponsored by the Philadelphia Ship Model Society

PSMS partnered with the Independence Seaport Museum is hosting its first ever ModelCon in order to bring the hobby close to the public.

We are calling modelers to participate in this event as we are hoping for strong public foot traffic for this event! The mission is to bring people closer to the hobby so works in progress are welcomed to display and discuss with patronage. This will take place in the newly renovated rotunda area on the ground floor of the ISM which has glass walls facing out to the river and boardwalk. If successful, this could become an annual event for us!

Other benefits:

- Tours of Coast Guard Cutter – EAGLE
  - An ex-Nazi ship taken into Coast Guard Service after WWII which will be docked on location for tours during the event weekend.



**Location:**

Independence Seaport Museum  
211 S Christopher Columbus Blvd  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

RSVP by September 21, 2019

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

Joshua Fichmann – 609-760-4727

Parking is right next to the Museum

Hilton Hotel Attached to the Museum

- Complimentary Onsite Parking and Admission to the museum for people showing models.
- Contests for the best model with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Prizes
- Fellowship with other modelers and the public
- Easy walking access to Old City Philadelphia

Participants should plan on setting up by around 9am for a 10am public opening and plan on staying until around 3pm. Carts will be available to assist with transit into the museum from the parking lot. Any questions, please feel free to reach out to [modelship@yahoo.com](mailto:modelship@yahoo.com) or you can call Joshua at 609-760-4727.

# 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



Short Sleeved Polo

## 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)

Please be sure of your size

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- August 10th **PSMS Picnic at 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
- September 7th. ISM Coast Day
- September 28th **Philadelphia ModelCon**
- October 24th-26th NRG Conference, New Bedford, MA
- October 3rd **PSMS Meeting**  
**Program:** SS Normandy Captain Orvis
- October 24-26th. Nautical Research Guild 2019 Conference
- November 7th **PSMS Meeting**  
**Program:** 3D Printing
- December 5th **PSMS Meeting**  
**Holiday Party/ White Whale Sale**



Delaware Valley Chapter meetings are held at The Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's landing on the Delaware River. Membership is \$15 for one year. Contact Steve Lovless at [slldvesshsa@gmail.com](mailto:slldvesshsa@gmail.com) or 215-495-8889 for more details or if you are interested in joining



## THE SSMA JOURNAL

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**Heinz Ricken**  
514 Cranford Avenue  
Cranford NJ 07016

# PSMS ANNUAL PICNIC

SATURDAY AUGUST 10th  
3 to 6 PM

## Bonnie Ridge Farm

Home of Jim & Betsy Nutt  
475 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, PA

The Nutts will provide:  
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Condiments  
and Paper Products

**YOU** are to bring chair(s) & towel(s) and pick from  
the following:

Potato Chips  
Salad: Waxed Bean, Green Bean, Potato, Veggie,  
Tossed, Macaroni, Beets;  
Fresh Corn (shucked , please)  
Deviled Eggs  
Baked Beans.  
Desserts: Cookies, Fresh Fruit, Cake, Pie  
(Try for things that can take outside temps;  
Soft drinks, lemonade, beer, wine

**SWIMMING AT YOUR OWN RISK!**

**YES, RCs ARE WELCOME!**

RSVP by 1 August:  
(ARE YOU COMING AND WHAT ARE YOU BRINGING)  
Betsy Nutt: 610-220-6938 [betsynutt1@gmail.com](mailto:betsynutt1@gmail.com)



# 2019 CONFERENCE UPDATE

New Bedford, MA

October 24th through October 26th



The NRG is partnering with the New Bedford Whaling Museum located in New Bedford, MA. for the 2019 Conference, <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/>  
The Conference will be held at the Museum. Attendees will have free access to the Museum during the Conference and on Sunday following the Conference.

## \* CONFERENCE MODEL REGISTRATION \*

### CONFERENCE MODEL SHOW MODEL REGISTRATION FORM

The registration form for the 2019 Conference Model Show is now available for downloading from the web site. <https://www.thenrg.org/nrg-2019-conference.php>

Members attending the conference who are planning to bring models for display must preregister their models on a first come basis. We expect a lot of models and there is limited space. Models must be preregistered to be displayed. Please mail or scan and email the registration form - your signature is required.

### **PREREGISTRATION OF MODELS IS REQUIRED**

October 6, 2019 is the cutoff date for registration of models and the final date in order to have a tent card made up with the model's information, as listed on the registration form.

**All models for display must be accompanied by their registration confirmation.**

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## **Hotel Information**

We have a block of rooms the Fairfield Inn and Suites New Bedford. At this date, half the rooms have been reserved-it's looking like it will be a well

# TASK FORCE 50

## Model Boat Club

Presents

# RC MODEL BOAT SHOW

**Sunday, August 18, 2019- 10 AM until?**

Join our club members for a static display and fun float of our ships and RC boat models. There also will be information on building and operating RC boats. We will be at the pond behind **Pavilion "B"** at Cousler Park

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Military / Civilian / Workboats / Submarines / Sailboats  
Pleasure Craft / Tugs / Carriers / Destroyers / Steamers / Electric / Steam / Sail

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You will be able to vote on "The Best of Show model"

**FREE ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC**

*BRING YOUR LAWNCHAIR*

Email: Mike Tool at [micjt@hotmail.com](mailto:micjt@hotmail.com) or  
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## 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.



For more information contact us at: [www.thenrg.org](http://www.thenrg.org) or call 585 968 8111





