



Quarterdeck

AUGUST
2019
OUR 88th
YEAR

THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY.

www.philadelphia shipmodelsociety.com

Launched January 7, 1931

PSMS SOCIETY PICNIC AT BONNIE RIDGE FARM



Unlike last year, THE WEATHER WAS BEAUTIFUL!!!!

The 860th meeting the Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) was held at Bonnie Ridge Farm, the home of Jim and Betsy Nutt in Blue Bell, PA. Those who attended enjoyed the beautiful scenery, cool temperatures and relaxing atmosphere.

As in the past, burgers and hot dogs and the food brought by the members was excellent. Our hosts, Betsy and Jim cooked and served the food and opened their home to all.

As they do every year, Joe Jordon and Steve Bulova ran their boats in the large swimming pool. The membership turn out was excellent and we hoped we can do it again next year.





SNAPSHOTS



Philadelphia Modelcon

(ROTUNDA GATHERING AT ISM)

Saturday, September 28, 2019

10am to 3pm



For the first time, the Philadelphia Ship model Society in cooperation with The Seaport Museum is planning to display ship models at the Seaport Museum's brand new waterfront space facing the Delaware River, referred to as the rotunda. Outside organizations and other participants are being invited to participate.

Exhibitors will receive a \$10 refund for parking on the street level parking lot. To qualify for this refund, they must obtain a receipt for payment. PSMS will refund.

Vendor parking will be reimbursed by PSMS

Set-up at 9AM.

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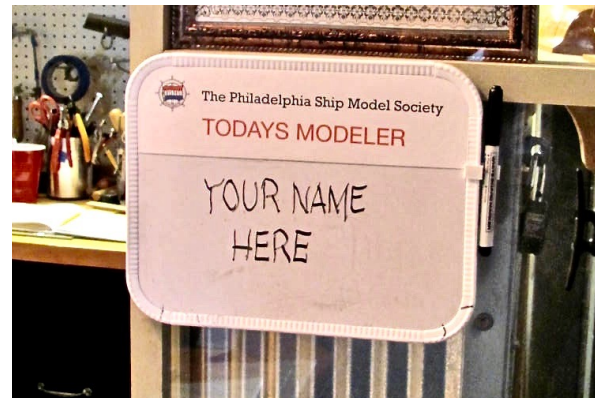
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REPRESENTATIVES TO ISM

Joe Jordon, Pat & Ed Leaf, Tom McElhinney



THE SHIP 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:

philadelphiahipmodelociety.com



NEWLY RESTORED HISTORIC SAILING SHIP CRASHES AND SINKS DAYS AFTER RELAUNCH

A historic sailing ship has crashed just days after taking to water following an extensive renovation project. The 121-foot *Elbe No.5* collided with the 466-foot *Astroprinter* a Cyprus-flagged cargo ship, on the Elbe river near Hamburg, Germany on June 17, 2019.

Elbe No.5 was built in 1883, making it the city's oldest fully wooden ship. It recently underwent significant renovation work according to the Hamburg Maritime Foundation. After decades as a pilot boat used to guide larger ships into Hamburg port, *Elbe No. 5* was sold to American journalist Warwick Tomkins, who used it as a houseboat. In 2002, it was bought by the Hamburg Foundation to be used as a pleasure boat for tourists.



ANNAPOLIS TRAINING CRUISE VISITS PHILADELPHIA

Three yard patrol (YP) craft visited Penn's Landing during their summer cruise up the east coast. During the cruise, the midshipmen spend approximately a month aboard the YPs, visiting Philadelphia, Boston, New York City and Newport, R.I. Along the way, they learn about and practice every aspect of shipboard life - navigation, seamanship, damage control, rules of the road, shipboard life etc.



The YPs are used to teach familiarization with watercraft, basic damage control and underway instruction from damage control to advanced seamanship and navigation for midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland and Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island, and used by the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps for damage control and seamanship familiarization out in the fleet.



JEWISH PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

How a generation of swashbuckling Jews carved out an empire in the New World in their quest for treasure, religious freedom and revenge.

At the end of the 15th century, the Spanish Inquisition forced many Jews to flee the country. The most adventurous among them took to the high seas as freewheeling outlaws. In ships bearing names such as Prophet Samuel, Queen Ester, and Shield of Abraham, they attacked and plundered the Spanish fleet while forming alliances with other European powers to ensure the safety of Jews living in hiding. Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean is the entertaining saga of a hidden chapter in Jewish history and of the cruelty, terror and greed that flourished during the Age of Discovery. Among the many daring figures in the book are the great Jewish Pirate Sinan, Barbarossa's second in command; Rabi Samuel Palache and his brother, Joseph, who went from commanding pirate ships to founding the first openly Jewish community in the New World. Filled with high seas adventure.

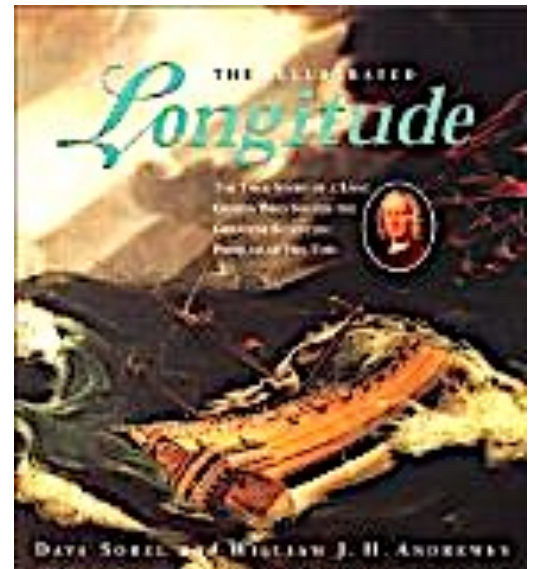
LONGITUDE

The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem Of His Time.

By Olivia Crosio and Dava Sobel

Anyone alive in the eighteenth century would have known that "the longitude problem" was the thorniest scientific dilemma of the day and had been for centuries. Lacking their ability to measure their longitude, sailors through the great ages of exploration had been literally lost at sea as soon as they lost sight of land. Thousands of lives and the increasing fortunes of nations, hung on a resolution. The scientific solution, from Galileo to Sir Issac Newton had mapped the hemispheres in pursuit of celestial answer.

One man, John Harrison, dared to imagine a mechanical solution. A clock that would keep precise time at sea, something no clock had been able to do on land. Longitude is the dramatic story of an epic scientific quest and Harrison's forty year obsession with building his perfect time piece, known today as the chronometer. Full of heroism and chicanery, it is also a fascinating brief history of astronomy, navigation, and clockmaking, and opens a new window on our world.



DANGERS OF THE SEA -Nautical superstitions

Whistling or singing into the wind was forbidden as it would whistle up a storm.

It was bad luck for seafaring men's wives to call out to them or wave goodbye once they stepped out the door to leave on a voyage.

Like flatfooted people, red heads were believed to bring bad luck to a ship. If you met one before boarding, the only way too mitigate the bad luck was to speak to them before they could speak to you.



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 pilebl@comcast.net

Please be sure of your size

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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 Delaware river festival (Formerly Coast Day) See page 8.

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

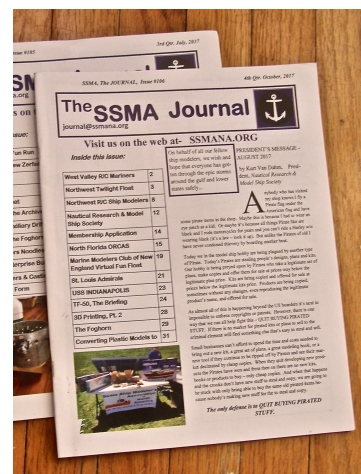
December 5th

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 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:

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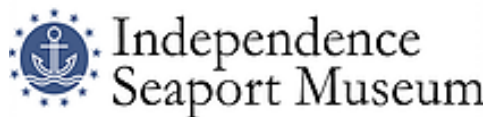
Formerly called COAST DAY



This coast - to - coast festival is the joining two events focused on education and appreciation of the mighty Delaware River - these were historically known as Pennsylvania Coast Day in Philadelphia, PA and Camden's River Day in Camden, NJ, ISM is offering FREE admission to the building for the event during the day!
(NOTE: admission to historic ships Cruiser *Olympia* and Submarine BECUNA is \$8 per person.)



As we have done in past years, PSMS will participate. The crowds are usually large and enthusiastic with many families and young children. The Museum will supply tables and tents and chairs. Members are encouraged to participate. Bring out your models and talk to the people.





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 attended event.

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

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

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 or
Dennis Ziegler at denmar13@comcast.net for additional info.

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 or call 585 968 8111

