



# Quarterdeck

OCTOBER  
2019  
OUR 88th  
YEAR

THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY.

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

Launched January 7, 1931

## PHILADELPHIA MODELCON

On September 28th, the Philadelphia Ship Model Society, joined The Philadelphia Seaport Museum, presenting the first event of its kind on the museum waterfront. PSMS was joined by seven members from the Ship Model Society of New Jersey, the Delaware Valley Scale Modelers and the Washington Ship Model Society.

ISM supplied tables and chairs and exterior sandwich boards for outdoor display. PSMS added table cloths. Blue Jacket ship Models donated prizes for the Peoples Choice awards. Winners were, Ron Spicer for his "work in progress" model of the 1/92 scale Sterling kit, American Scout and Joe Gudonis for his 1/2 " scale scratch built model of a 1929 Coast Guard Patrol Boat. Steve Bulova, after displacing the Duck boats, sailed his RC model outside in the Museum basin. The weather cooperated and it was a pleasant day for all. Our thanks to Joshua Fichmann, Joe Jordan, and Todd Wardwell for all their hard work and making this event a success.



Photos : Ron Spicer

# Minutes of the Meeting

The 863rd meeting of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) was held at the Independence Seaport Museum (ISM) on the third day of October, 2019. President Francine Serratore called the meeting to order at 19:10 and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Visitors:** None

**Presentation:** Fred Signor-Knots

**Refreshment Break**

## Business Meeting

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Bulova - Provided an outline for the year 2020. Need input for other activities.

**Name Tags;** Spence Delin

**Club Outings /Events:**

**Camden Museum-** Todd Wardwell- Can't contact. May be closed for the Winter. .

**Lakehurst Airport:** Mike Zimmerman. Will investigate in the spring

**Northeast Conference-:** Steve Bulova- Has obtained a refund. Next year is our year to host the event.

**Website:** Joshua reports he is organizing photos.

**November-** Tom Mc Elhinney's friend- 3D Printing.

**December-** Holiday Party and White Whale Sale. December 15th..

**New Member Committee:** Mike Weaver-Nothing to report.

**Holiday Brunch:** The brunch will be held again at the Corinthian Yacht Club on December 15th.

## New Business

**Election Committee 2020:** Pat Leif, Mike Zimmerman and Mike Weaver.

**The Steamship Society** will be having a presentation: "Swedish Taste on the High Seas" by Christian Roden - Sunday, October 20 from 2 to 4 PM.

**Presentation Committee:** Rick Rathgeber, Spence Delin, Tom McElhinney and Fred Signor - to begin again.

**Future Presentations:** **November-** Tom McElhinney's friend- 3D printing,

**December-** Holiday Party and White Whale Sale

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** We may have to change Thursday night meetings for the winter months, as the ISM is beginning winter hours ( October through March ). In an emergency meeting of the board, if this action is necessary, the board selected Sunday afternoon after 1 pm to 4pm. Also, it has been discussed previously that weekends have less traffic and light to travel with during the winter.

## Changes to the By-Laws - SECOND NOTICE

No expenditure over \$50 without executive committee members approval.

No expenditure over \$200 without PSMS membership approval.

All flyers to be reprinted must be brought to the executive committee for review and if deemed necessary, the PSMS membership.

There should be competitive bidding on purchases (which can be done by individual members, many of whom have contacts).

Need a motion to change the date of the meetings: if necessary, or just for the winter.



## **KNOTS AND HOW TO TIE THEM, WHAT THEY ARE USED FOR.**

Vice President Fred Signore, who is also a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, presented an instructive program fashioned after the classes he teaches. Well prepared and hands-on, he not only had his own demonstration ropes, but a smaller section of rope for those who wanted to try their hand at the challenges of tying knots as he demonstrated each knot.

Along with demonstrating each knot, Fred sighted its use as applied in particular situations. Knots, Hitches and bends were the order of the night.

Upper left:  
Harold Lazar and  
Jerry Kates try  
their hand

Left:  
Bobby Zimmerman  
proudly shows her  
success



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### **PSMS OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD 2019**

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Todd Wardwell, President 2018  
Jim Wheeler, President 2017  
Fred Signor, President 2016  
Tom McElhinney, President 2015  
Mike Zimmerman, President 2014  
Mike Weaver, President Emeritus



## 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](mailto:jjvtown@aol.com) Or sign up on the web: [philadelphia\\_ship\\_model\\_society.com](http://philadelphia_ship_model_society.com)

**Please remember, one of the reasons we get free parking is because  
WE KEEP THE LIGHTS ON IN THE SHACK!**



THE 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 October and November 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, ( 7 to 11oz. ) Combs, Heavy Socks, Toothpaste (4 to 6 oz.), Work Gloves, Deodorant Sticks, Mini Sewing Kits, Nail Clippers, Pens and Writing Paper, with Envelopes.



### INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM

Join us as we read Herman Melville's entire novel over a 25-hour period, starting on Saturday, November 9 at 2 p.m. and reading through Sunday, November 10 at 3 p.m.. This collaboration with the Rosenbach will feature a boatload of food and fun activities for all ages. Celebrate the great white whale with us!

Tickets available at the [Seaport Museum web site](http://SeaportMuseum.com)

If you would like to be a reader, please email Edward G. Pettit at [epettit@rosenbach.org](mailto:epettit@rosenbach.org) . Please indicate what times you are available to read and we will do our best to accommodate.

# SHOW and TELL

MIKE ZIMMERMAN

Photos by Ron Spicer



USS TEXAS BB35.

Resin, scale 1/700

Klit manufacturer was Lindberg

Mike displayed two dioramas of the battleship. An interesting comparison of two eras of her commissioned life.

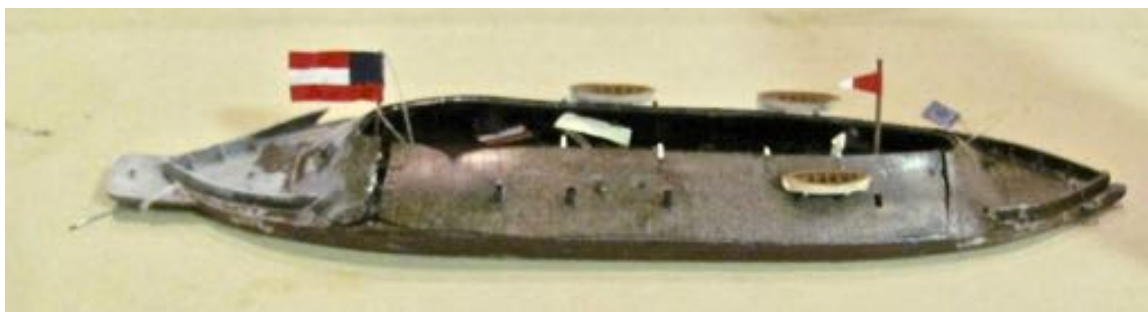
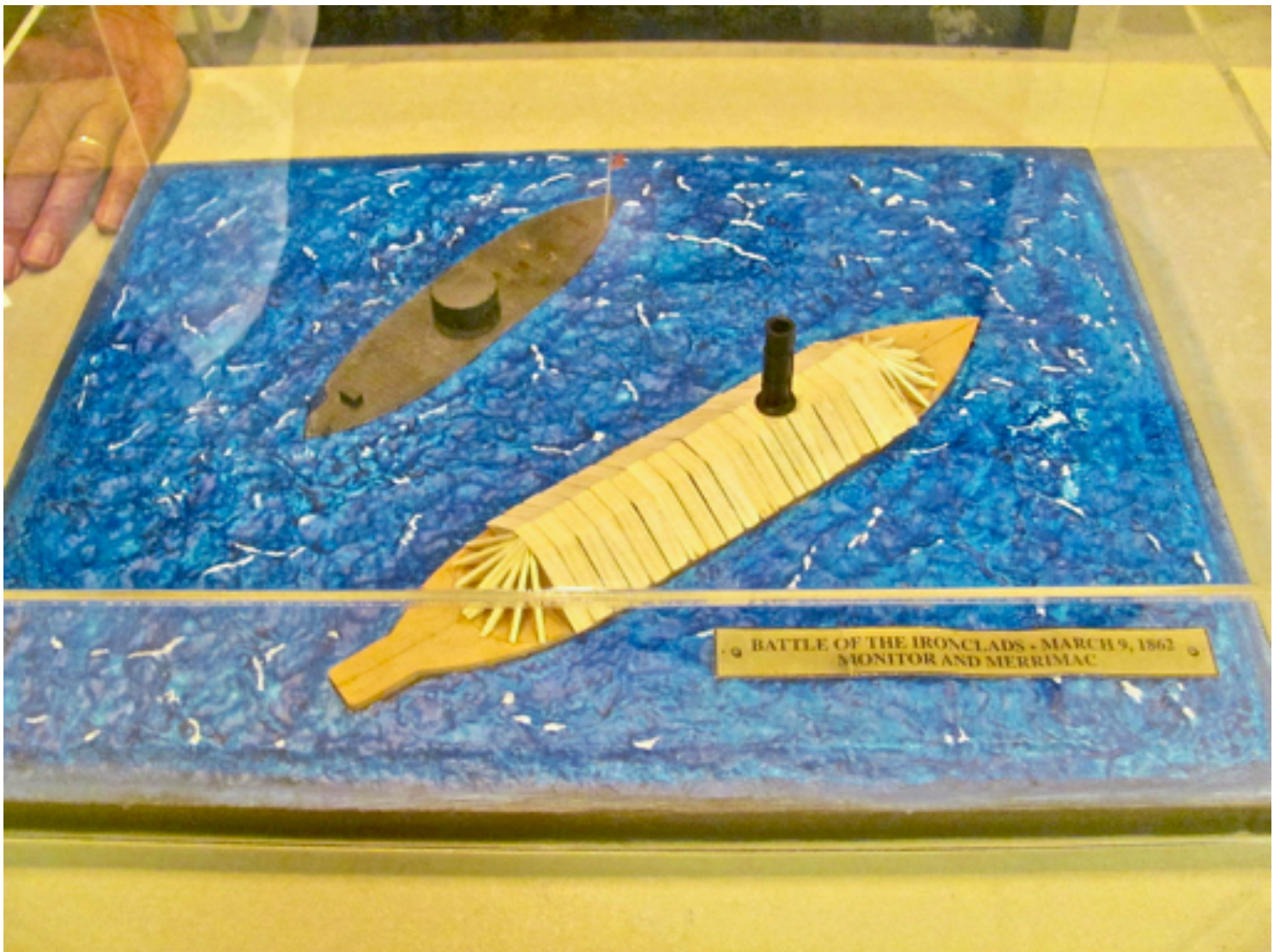
At the top is her original configuration, when she was launched in 1912, with cage masts.

The bottom depicts her after an overhaul in 1925 with modernized masts and WWII camouflage scheme.

Also included in the top diorama is the airplane NC-4. The only one of 4 U.S. Navy aircraft to successfully fly the Atlantic Ocean in 1919. Not in the same scale, but of the same era and .....made from paper. Mike has seen this plane on display at the Pensacola, Florida Naval Museum.

# SHOW and TELL

MIKE WEAVER



## MONITOR AND MERRIMAC DIORAMA

Circa: Civil War

Scale 1/350

Materials were wood and plastic.

Monitor was made of wood. "Caught" in the sun, The Merrimac, which was plastic, melted - pictured above. Mike proceeded to to make a replacement Merrimac. Here you see it as a work in progress. Mike estimates 2 months to finish the diorama.

# SHOW and TELL

ED LEAF



USS MIANTONOMOH (BM-5) Monitor

Circa 1890

Scale 1/16" = 1 ft

Scratch built. 100% complete. Materials: Wood and brass.

Launched in 1876, she was an iron hulled . twin screw, double-turreted monitor. Fought in the Spanish/American war and decommissioned in 1907.



USS WINDSLOW (TB-5) Torpedo Boat

Circa 1890

Scale 1/8" = 1 ft

Scratch built. 100% complete. Materials: wood and brass.

Launched 1897. Winslow fought in the Spanish/American war and was scrapped in 1910

# SHOW and TELL

FRANCINE SERRATORE



## INS LUPO , ITALIAN NAVY FRIGATE

Circa 1980. Key Manufacturer, MTB Hulls, Gibraltar.

Materials: Plastic, wood, stainless steel and brass. 70% complete. Estimated date of completion, 2020. Built by Italy for: Venezuela (6), Peru (6), Iraq, (4) and Italy (4). Best feature of this ship is that it is compact and heavily armed but still has great lines. Disappointed with the plans because they do not show bow and stern views.

## JOE GUDONIS

Joe presented a paint sample from the paint dept. of a local Lowes or Home Depot and explained how any color chosen from their paint chip display can be custom mixed, A discussion ensued about the Federal paint code system that exists for government procurement named Federal Standard 595c that uses numbers. The government started to regulate colors around WWI and today the hues of everything from aircraft carriers to highway signs to Post Office mailboxes, all boil down to just 650 color chips.

He also showed a spray paint can of a very good chrome silver, acquired from Dick Blick art supply in Philadelphia.





# 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

- October 24th-26th NRG Conference, New Bedford, MA
- October 24-26th. Nautical Research Guild 2019 Conference
- November 7th **PSMS Meeting**  
**Program: 3D Printing**
- November 9th-10th ISM Moby Dick Marathon Reading
- November 9th Oxford, MD Boat show
- December 5th **PSMS Meeting**  
**Holiday Party/ White Whale Sale**



## Remember Pearl Harbor

- December 7th ISM Parade of Lights
- January 2nd PSMS Meeting  
Program to be announced
- February 6th PSMS Meeting  
Program to be announced



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

Become a member of SSMA

Annual dues are \$25.00  
All membership applications and renewals should be sent to:

**Heinz Ricken**  
**514 Cranford Avenue**  
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# “Swedish Taste OnThe High Seas”

**The Art Deco Interiors of the Swedish-American Lines' 1928 Ocean Liner MS Kungsholm  
Presented by Maritime Historian CHRISTIAN RODEN**

Sponsored by : The Delaware Valley Chapter of the Steamship Historical Society of America  
The Independence seaport Museum  
The Oliver Evans ( Philadelphia area ) Chapter of the Society for Industrial  
Archaeology

Christian was a Fulbright scholar who spent a year doing research at the French line archives in Le Havre, France focusing on Art Deco interiors of the 1927 Ile De France, is currently on the library staff of the University of Pennsylvania and has presented programs for the Port of New York Chapter of the World Ship Society.

The program will be presented at the Independence Seaport Museum on Sunday,  
October 20 from 2 PM to 4:30 PM.

## **Reception following**

Contact Delaware Valley Chapter SSHA Chairman Steve Loveless for more information and to RSVP ( for head count purposes ) at 215-495-8889 or [slldvcsshsa@GMAIL.COM](mailto:slldvcsshsa@GMAIL.COM).

**RSVP by October 14**

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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

# Oxford Model Boat Show

**Saturday, November 9, 2019**

**Oxford Community Center Auditorium, Oxford, Maryland**

10 AM until 4 PM Set up starts at 8:30 AM. Take down at 4 PM. Doors open to visitors at 10 AM Model boat builders with their models are invited. Set up your models and discuss them with visitors as I do, or you can set up your booth and sell as much as you can. If you have a story to be told this is your opportunity.

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

**Registration forms and updated information now available at:**

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# THE RAMFORM TITAN - THE WIDEST SHIP IN THE WORLD



The *Ranform Titan*, a seismic vessel owned by Norway's Petroleum Geo services (PGS) boasts a stern 70 m wide making it one of the worlds widest boats. "The ship has tremendous power and is therefore okay to maneuver" said Cato Grasdal, the ship's captain. "The most unusual thing is that she is so short compared to the width, which makes her difficult to get onto the pier."

PGS describes the boat as the most advanced seismic vessel ever built. The wide stern is designed to drag up to 24 seismic cables, which can shoot seismic over 12 km square area, powered by the ship's on-board 18 megawatt power station.

The ship has space for a crew of 80, who enjoy a 225m square sports arena, a fitness room, a swimming pool and an auditorium.



## THE COAST GUARD TALL SHIP EAGLE VISITS PENN'S LANDING

On Sept, 23rd at New London, Connecticut, *the Coast Guard tall ship Eagle* embarked and began an Officer Candidate cruise. The last of its summer training programs, *EAGLE* visited Penn's Landing from September 28th to October 1st. This gave the public a chance to tour the ship and interior spaces and learn the purpose of USCGS *Eagle*, which is to train Naval Officers.

