



## USS OLYMPIA LIVING HISTORY VETERANS DAY



**Participants-** Left to right: Ron Spicer, Jim Wheeler, Mike Weaver, Joe Gudonis, Joe Jordon



On Saturday, November 9th, five members of PSMS joined re-enactors representing all eras of Americas' veterans including *Olympia's* crew representing her WWI service and the honored ship that brought home the Unknown Soldier of WWI. Club members showed close to two dozen models.

Our display area was the Officers' Ward Room. Free parking and lunch were provided for us.

Photos by Ron Spicer



" I saw your sons and your husbands, your brothers and your sweethearts. I saw how they worked , played, fought, and lived. I saw some of them die. I saw more courage, more good humor in the face of discomfort, more love in an era of hate and more devotion to duty than could exist under tyranny."

*Comedian Bob Hope, from his book " I Never Left Home", which he did in every U.S.conflict from World II to the Persian Gulf War.*



# November Presentation by guest speaker Matt Dinkel



Matt Dinkle provided a demonstration of 3D printing as machines are becoming more affordable. The printer he brought has the ability to print parts up to 4" in length, width and height at a resolution of .1mm. Bigger projects can be printed in sections and then glued together. Matt brought in some examples of a model submarine. He discussed some of the challenges as it relates to initiating a project in terms of the initial layers adhering to the base without peeling up. He recommends using painters tape rubbed with alcohol to take off the gloss, then coating with aerosol hair spray and printing at a slower speed.

It does take as long as 8 hours, so be prepared to set it and come back later. Overnight or while at work is sometimes ideal. There are various grades of plastic that can be used with the printers including ABS plastic, however this can emit toxic fumes, so good ventilation is key. There are less toxic options out there. The machine works by heating both the plate it works off of and the material to about 200 degrees.

Many designs can be found for free on [thingiverse.com](http://thingiverse.com), where people create cad drawings and provide for public use. There is also a free design program called TinkerCad that can be downloaded. Projects can then be loaded on to a SIM card for transfer to the printer. Some printers allow for an add on scanner for replication of parts. Most bargain printers are relatively the same quality and can be purchased for around \$250 dollars.

## 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

# Minutes of the Meeting

The 864th meeting of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) was held at the Independence Seaport Museum (ISM) on the seventh day of November, 2019. President Francine Serratore called the meeting to order at 19:10 and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Visitors:** None

**Presentation:** Matt Dinkel- 3D Printing

**Refreshment Break**

## Business Meeting

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Bulova made the preliminary budget for 2020. Need input for other activities. Please submit.

**Name Tags;** See Spence Delin. sdelin@verizon .net

**Club Outings /Events:**

**Camden Museum-** Todd wardwell-

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

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

**Website:** Joshua Fichmann

**December-** Election of officers, Holiday Party and White Whale Sale. December 5th..

**New Member Committee:** Mike Weaver- Library Presentation

**Holiday Brunch:** The brunch will be held again at the Corinthian Yatch Club on December 15th. **Reservation due by Nov.29th.**

## New Business

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

Candidates are :

President- Fred Signor

Vice-President- Jim Wheeler

Treasurer- Steve Bulova

Editor- Ron Spicer

Secretary/Webmaster- Joshua Fichmann

President Emeritus- Mike Weaver

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

**Future Presentations December-** Holiday Party and White Whale Sale, Elections

## Changes to the By-Laws

No expenditure over \$50 without for 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).

Motion made to accept the changes, Mike Zimmerman 1st, Tom McIlhenny seconded. Voted acceptance as majority.

**Holiday Brunch:** Who will MC? Price is \$35.00 per member

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Fichmann, Secretary





# 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: [philadelphiahipmodelsociety.com](http://philadelphiahipmodelsociety.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 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.



## THE AGE OF EXPLORATION

Life on the Sailor Camped ships were uncomfortable.

Easily wrecked in storms

Hunger: food became invested with maggots and weavils and they almost starved on long journeys.

Scurvy ( from lack of vitamin C in fruit and vegetables) made gums bleed and joints swell.

They feared sea monsters and were afraid of sailing off the side of the earth

## MIKE WEAVER



Mike has been working on the Lindberg Jolly Roger plastic kit and detailing it to look similar to a prisoner of war ship model. He wants to eventually put it in a case using some old style, wavy glass for extra effect. Scale is 1/92.

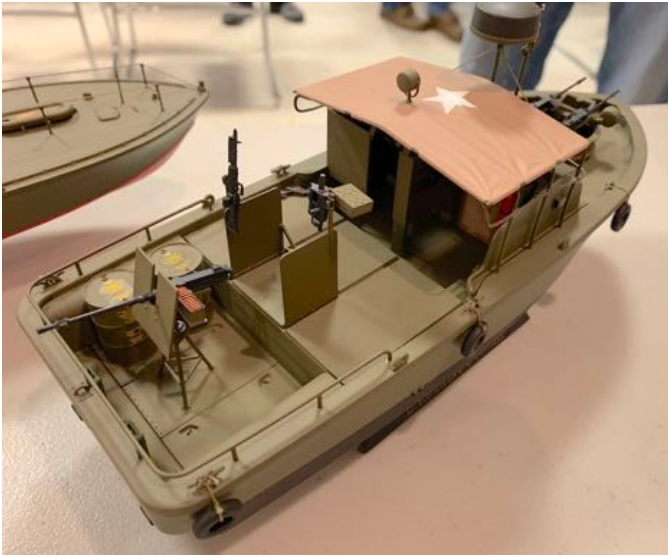
## JOE GUDONIS



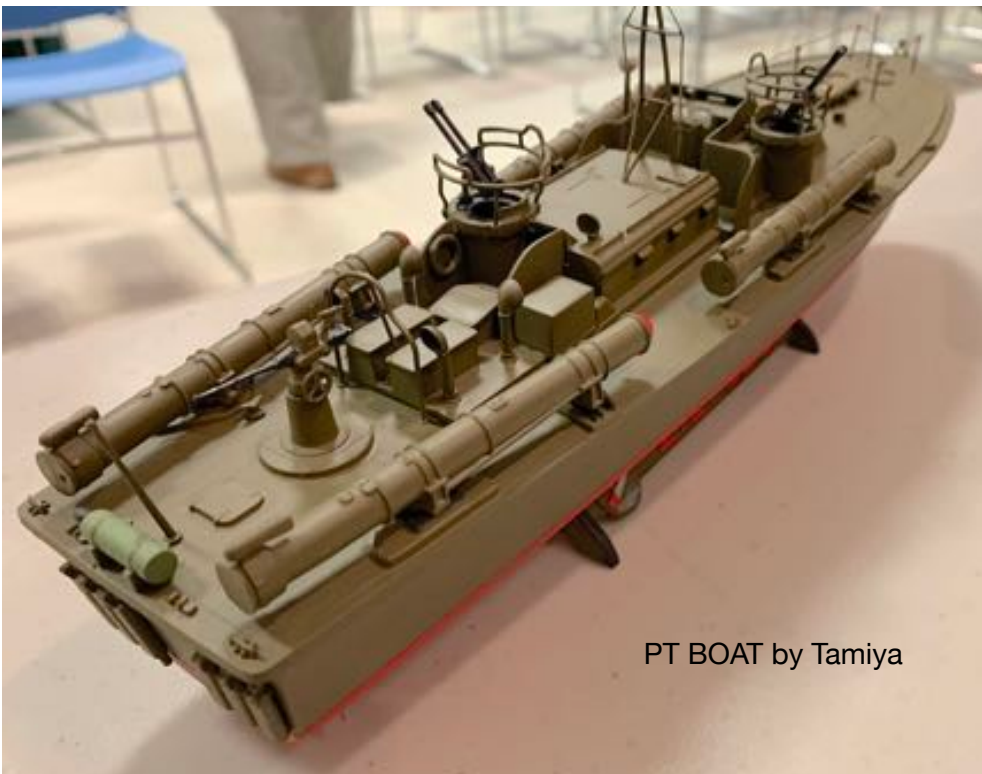
Joe brought in a section cut from the mast of the Gazella and he was taken with the ring pattern and unique qualities in the wood. This provided some details of the tree from which it was cut. Joe wrote to *Wooden Boat Magazine* which resulted in an article in December, 2019 issue which heavily quotes Joe's comments.

# SHOW and TELL

TOM GILCHRIST



PBR by Tamiya



PT BOAT by Tamiya



Tamia Corsair

Tom brought in 3 models that he's been working on. A Tamiya Corsair that he is using to improve his airbrushing and decaling skills. An Elco 80 by Revel and a PBR by Tamiya. He found the PBR to be a much more detailed kit than the PT boat but found them both enjoyable. He built the PT boat in about 6 hours and painted it using a rattle can.

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SPENCE DELIN



Spence Brought in the US Navy Steam Launch he's been scratch building. Scale 1/2" to a foot. Circa 1900. These boats would have been used on large warships or cruisers. He's finished the planking, made a prop and has been working on detailing the interior. As it relates to these steam launches, the interiors were covered, so there wasn't a need to present the ribbed frames of the boat. The cockpit in real life would have had alternating ash and cherry but he's building with Boxwood and Cherry. Considers it 50% complete, Trying to determine how he's going to construct the boiler section of the boat.

FRANCINE SERRATORE



Francine presented the INS Lupo for an update, stating that all the mechanics are in place for RC, and that she's finalizing the cosmetic details,



# 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

- December 5th **PSMS Meeting**  
**Holiday Party/ White Whale Sale/ Election of year 2020 Officers**
- December 7th ISM Parade of Lights
- December 15th **PSMS Holiday Brunch at the Corinthian Yacht Club**
- January 2nd PSMS Meeting  
Program to be announced
- February 6th PSMS Meeting  
Program to be announced

## Remember Pearl Harbor



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**  
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*To the PSMS Membership*

*From the Officers and Board of the*

*Philadelphia Ship Model Society*

Happy



Thanksgiving