



Quarterdeck

MAY
2020
OUR 89th
YEAR

THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY.

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NEWS ABOUT THE JUNE MEETING

The Independence Seaport Museum will not be open until July and may not be available then until cleaning and whatever else needs to be done.

MAY “ZOOM” MEETING

The 870th meeting of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society was held on the internet using the application “ZOOM”. Fifteen members and four invited guests participated. The meeting went very well under the direction of our resident techi Joshua Fichmann. The Society is fortunate to have him. PSMS will fail to prosper if we cannot socialize. The prospects of a June meeting at the Seaport Museum are not good at the moment. We will keep the members informed about the next meeting.

Here is a synopsis of the May Zoom meeting as an example of how it looked.. Some of the photos of the models were sent to the QD by their builders and are marked with a photo credit. Others are screen captures and marked as such..

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SHOW and TELL

STEVE BULOVA



ANTEO Italian Tugboat Pre-WWII
A type produced during the period during the Second World War. It was powered by steam engines and used for internet harbor services. It was also in service in the Navy. The manufacturer is Panart and was produced in the 1980's, The scale is 1/30 and is radio controlled. Hatches are removable for access to the interior hull. Mention was made of the rounded hull and that it would need heavy ballast.

Photo by Steve Bulova

TOM RUGGIERO / SHIP MODEL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY



HMS LIVERPOOL - 110 ft long.

1778 British

Scale 1/96

A work in progress that was displayed at 2019 PSMS Modelcon

History: Participated in the first British assault up the Delaware River in the assault on Philadelphia.

Sails made out of silk span coated with a white glue formula.

Will be building the ships boats using the lift method.

Using modified Thunderbird figures.

Photo by Tom Ruggiero

BILL BROWN / SHIP MODEL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

HMS Cheerful 1806 ,Scale 1/48.

Syren kit.

1806 English Revenue Cutter. Ten 12 pound carronades and 2 two 6 pound long guns.

Plank on bulkhead. A semi scratch built Kit. This is not a typical kit where all the parts come in one box. You only have to buy what you want to and scratch build everything else.

Tom said it was an enjoyable build., well engineered and researched.



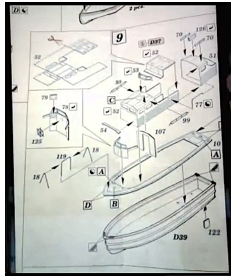
Photo: Bill Brown

DENNIS LEVITT



HMS HOOD
British Battleship Circa WWII
Scale 1/200
51" long

Dennis states that it is the largest model he has ever built and he had to make adjustments in his workshop. It was too awkward to turn around and has to use a turntable. 50% complete. Ships brass etch boats are "murder" to build as the diagram shows. Dennis also showed the acrylic case that has been made and waiting.
Photos: Screen Capture



GENE GERBER- HAMTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY



USS OLYMPIA 1895 Armored Cruiser Scale 1/48
A spectacular model in which, because of its large scale and the of Gene, showed the cabins below deck which were installed as modules. The details and finish are outstanding. The model started out as radio controlled. It weighted 300 lbs. It was then rebuilt as a waterline display model with the installed modules showing the interior through the deck hatches such as the engine room hatch shown below and the ward room along with the captain's cabin interiors complete with figures. The detail is a treat for the eyes.



RYLAND CRAZE / HAMPTON RHOADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY



BATTLESHIP YAMATO World War II
Ryland showed photos of 1/10 scale, 88ft model of the WWII battleship YAMATO taken on a business he took to Japan. Weighing 72,00 tons and outfitted with nine 18.1 inch guns, the battleship Yamato was Japan's only hope of destroying the Allied fleet of the coast of Okinawa. But insufficient air cover and fuel cursed the endeavor as a suicide mission. Struck by 19 American aerial torpedoes, it was sunk, drowning 2,498 of its crew.

TOM GILCHRIST



STANDARD TUGBOAT
14' long. Radio controlled. Plastic and wood kit. The model is 35 years old. Tom started it when he was 6 years go and his youngest son (seated lower left) finished it. A good example of the equipment packed in a small space-servo placed in the bow and electronics packed in the deckhouse. This is a replacement deck. The original deck was painted with paint that crinkled on the plastic deck. He tried to remove it with paint stripper but that melted the styrene plastic. Unique feature is that the deck snaps inlace
A unique features- decks that snap into place using magnets.

Photos: Screen Capture

AL CURATOLO



WWI Torpedo boat as seen in the Quarter Deck.
“Kind of an experiment using techniques to find out what works. Using a balsa wood frame and coating paper with lacquer to stiffen it. Recycled guitar strings for rigging work well. Will take a few more weeks to complete.

ENZO CORATOLO



Mad Max Car. Enzo's van started out as a hot wheels VW bus that he did a "MAD MAX" conversion on. He used scrap aluminum from a pie pan for the armored panel, a piece of old hose clamp for the front windshield, a piece of zip tie for the bumper. To cover the sunroof he used scrap balsa and dyed it with coffee to age it. He mounted the screw tensioner from the hose clamp on the roof to be some kind of futuristic weapon.

ALI CORATOLO



1936 Chevrolet kit
Purchased at last years White Whale sale.
Chassis sanded and cleaned up ready for painting and the frame and motor finished. White Whale lives again

Photos: Screen Capture



When you don't have time to finish the model before the modelers' club meets . .

