



Quarterdeck

NOVEMBER
2020
OUR 89th

THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY.

www.philadelphiaSHIPmodelsociety.com

Launched January 7, 1931

Minutes of the Meeting

The 878th meeting of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) was held on the internet utilizing the Zoom application arranged by Joshua Fichmann. The meeting was called to order by President Fred Signor at 19:00 and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Bulova - Read and accepted.

Holiday Brunch:

Treasurer Steve Bulova has been in contact with the Corinthian Yacht Club. PSMS had put down a deposit to reserve a Sunday for this December. As expected, the Yacht Club instituted reservation restrictions and price changes. After discussion of those present, this year's Brunch was cancelled. The \$200 deposit will be used to reserve Sunday, December 12, 2021 for our next Holiday Brunch.

USS Olympia Go Fund Me:

PSMS has donated \$100 to the project. Other members of our Society have also donated.

Donation to the Independence Seaport Museum

As in previous years. PSMS will donate \$500 to the Seaport Museum. It was suggested by Mike Weaver that we earmark the money to be used by the museum boat shop, formally known as the Boat Shop on the Water.

(The Boat Shop on the Water, at one time, was on a barge in the Delaware river- hence the name.) This was done.

Name Tags; Spence Delin: contact sdelin@verizon.net

Club Outings /Events:

MODELCON: CANCELLED until summer of 2021.

New date to be announced.

DUES NOTICE CANCELLED

This would normally be the time to send out dues notices. Because our meetings for the foreseeable future will be virtual meetings. A motion was made and passed that the current dues will be extended to June, 2020.

DECEMBER PSMS MEETING

The next PSMS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **DECEMBER 3rd at 7:00PM. Using the ZOOM application. The password will be sent to members.**

BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY:

Has reopened on Saturdays and Sundays with self-guided tours of turrets and the engine room until December 31st. The ship will be closed for January and February 2021.

INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM:

Opened on July 18th. The museum is operating on a weekend-only schedule, from 10AM to 5PM with imposed capacity limits to provide a social distance. Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended as they are being sold in limited amounts on a timed entry system, on a first come, first served basis. Both the Submarine Becuna and "Paddle Penn's Landing" remain closed but the USS Olympia has remained open.

THE DECEMBER ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominees for the year 2021 are published in the October and November Quarterdeck. The election will be held at the December Zoom Meeting.

THE NOMINEES ARE:

President: Jim Wheeler

Vice-President: Mike Weaver

Secretary: Joshua Fichmann

Treasurer: Steve Bulova

QUARTERDECK SUBMISSIONS

Take pictures with your camera or cell phone of a current or past project that you would like to show (maybe you already have). Include a description. Be sure to include the name of your (project, ship), scale, scratch or kit (manufacturer), era (year) and country and anything you would want to say about your project. Just as you would when you fill out the presentation sheet at the meeting or stand up and talk. A word about pictures. Make sure they are well lighted, (possibly take them outside) and in focus and no more than 2 or 3. Put them against plain backgrounds if possible - not on your oriental rug. **But workbench**

IN MEMORIAM



Captain Orvis is shown during his Celestial Navigation presentation at PSMS on November 2, 2017.

Member Francine Serratore displayed her model of a Gearing FRAM Destroyer during Captain Orvi's presentation. He was Captain of the *USS Vesole* (also a Gearing FRAM) during the late 60's and early 70's.

CAPTAIN PETER ORVIS

Captain Peter Orvis passed away on August 13th, at the age of 90, of heart disease. He served in the U.S. Navy for 23 years, 18 at sea, and 15 in command, including a squadron of mine sweepers in Vietnam. He achieved many honors, earning the bronze star and the Navy Expert Rifle Medal. After retirement, he worked in industry, living in Holland for 6 years. Upon his second retirement, Peter spent many happy hours on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Captain Orvis was an Honorary Member of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society. We are going to miss Peter, as friend and for the presentations he gave at the Philadelphia Ship Model Society.

Congratulations, Peter, on a life well lived. BRAVO ZULU!



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SHOW and TELL

SPENCE DELIN



Photos: Spence Delin

WHALING BARK CHARLES W. MORGAN 1841

4ft wide and 3 feet tall. Scratch built. Solid block hull.

Spence started this model when he was 17 years old and finished it when he was 27.

He used 800 copper plates. Each plate was cut from copper sheet, and embossed with a copper nail pattern made from a jig Spence created.

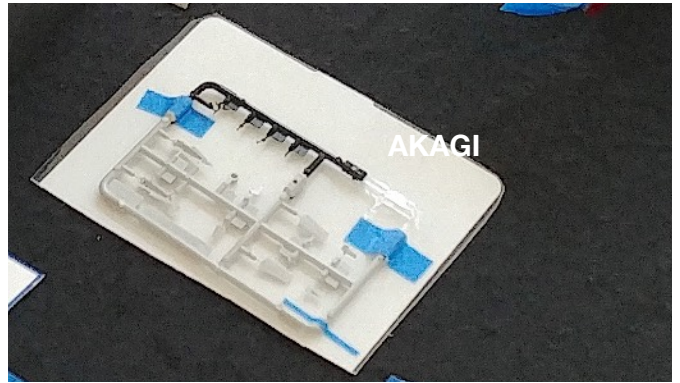
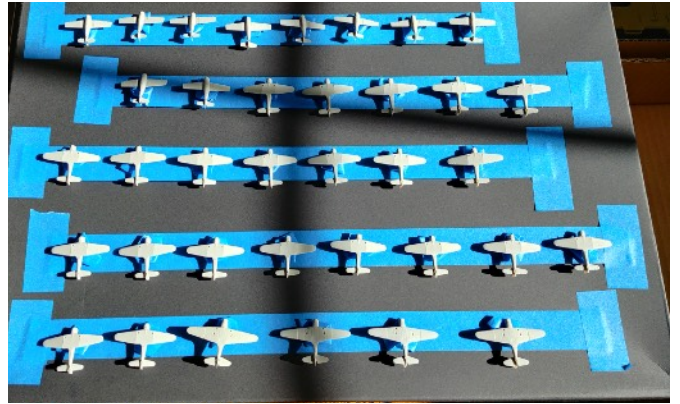
Whale dories are fully framed, not hollowed out, and contain oars, becketts, ropes, harpoons and lances.

This model was awarded 1st place in the NE Conference peoples choice awards.

The stern photo shows the original eagle carving not seen on the ship today.

SHOW and TELL

MIKE WEAVER



Upper left shows the the WWII aircraft carrier kits that Mike bought at the PSMS November White Whale Sale - the USS Enterprise, sister ship of the Hornet, along with the Imperial Japanese Navy Ikagi to the right and below. Both partially assembled when purchased and what Mike says will be "simple build and repair."

The Enterprise(1/350) and the Japanese Akagi (1/450) shown at bottom left, present challenges with the aircraft on the decks. Mike bought ninety 1/350 scale aircraft from Trumpeter (shown packaged above). Bombers, fighters, and torpedo planes. "20 parts per plane at least." The planes are not brass etch but are 3 colors, very fragile, and beautifully detailed.

JOSHUA FICHMANN



Joshua is scratch building the masts and upper works of his model and intends to install as much hardware and rigging on the masts as possible. Here they are shown on the main and mizzen tops before installation on the model. Drilling a hole for mast caps caused many splits but was finally accomplished. Although Joshua has built masts and rigging on plastic models, this his first attempt in wood.

FOR SALE USS PERRY BlueJacket Kit

The brig USS Perry was launched at Norfolk in 1843. She was active in suppressing the slave trade, and was active in both the Mexican and Civil Wars.

The kit is 1/8" = 1'

It has a pre-carved bass-wood. It has laser cut wood parts and includes

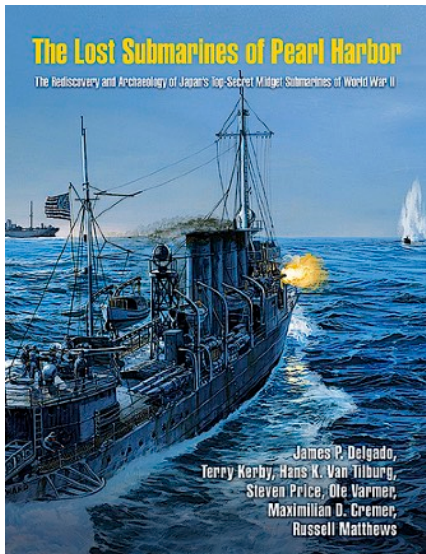
styrene, brass rod and thread. the skill level of this kit is marked as high intermediate.

She was a beautiful ship. The price is negotiable.

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BOOKS



THE LOST SUBMARINES OF PEARL HARBOR

BY James P. Delgado, Terry Kirby, Stephen Price, Maximilian D. Creamer, Hans Van Tilburg, Ole Varmer, and Russell Mathews

In the pre-dawn darkness of December 7, 1941, five Imperial Japanese Navy submarines surfaced off the coast of Oahu. Secure to the decks of these vessels were secret weapons to be deployed for the first time in modern warfare: two-man midget submarines, intended to enter Pearl Harbor without being detected and torpedo US Navy battleships lying at anchor there.

“One of the last remaining and persistent mysteries of the Pearl Harbor attack is that of the Japanese Midget Submarines. It is a fascinating story of innovation, courage, secrets and failed expectations. And it is not only a story of the morning hours of December 7, but of the years before to develop these weapons and the years after, where they were deployed in the great Pacific War and how they fared as weapons of war.”

James P. Delgado and his coauthors have worked on the story of these incredible craft for decades. They combed the records of the US Navy and the recollections of its veterans as well as Japanese, Australian, and British archives in order to uncover the

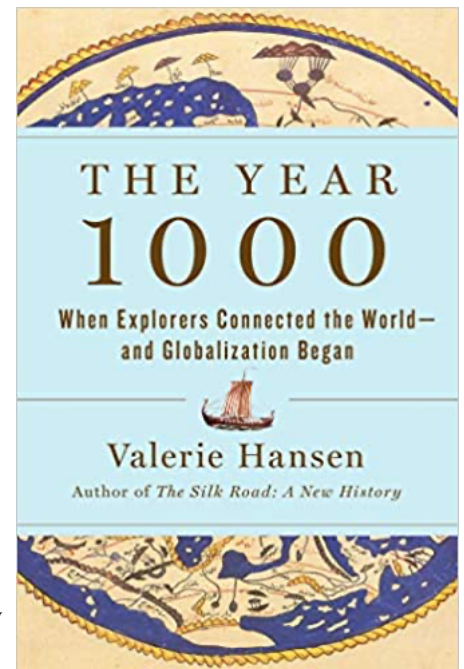
truth. They have logged hours of direct observation and research on the Midget subs in their final resting places, in some cases more than 1,000 feet below the surface of the Pacific. And in the end, they have woven a tapestry of scholarship, historical sleuthing, scientific insight, and good storytelling that will enthrall specialists and history enthusiasts alike

THE YEAR 1000: When Explorers Connected the World and Globalization Began BY Valerie Hansen

A groundbreaking history showing that bold explorations and daring trade missions connected all of the great societies for the first time at the end of the first millennium

People often believe that the years immediately prior to AD 1000 were, with just a few exceptions, lacking any major cultural developments or geopolitical encounters, that the Europeans hadn't yet reached North America, and that the farthest feat of sea travel was the Vikings invasion of Britain. But how, then, to explain the presence of blond haired people in Maya temple murals at Chichen Itza, Mexico? Could it be possible that the Vikings had found their way to the Americas during the height of the Maya Empire?

Valerie Hansen, an award winning historian, argues that the year 1000 was the world's first point of major cultural exchange and exploration. Drawing on nearly 30 years of research, she presents a compelling account of first encounters between disparate societies, which sparked conflict and collaboration eerily reminiscent of our contemporary moment.



“Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.”

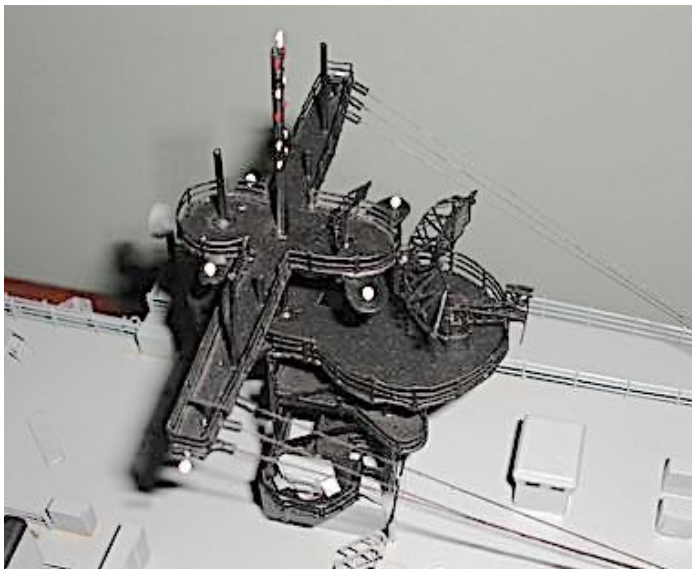
Albert Einstein

THIS MODEL NEEDS A HOME

From Joe Jordan

I have a scale model of an LSD 41 *Whidbey Island* in scale 1/92. It needs a home. I will cheerfully give it to someone who served on her. It is large and heavy. Not going to ship it. It is a builders model made by master model maker Al Seebode in the 1980's. A glass case is included. This model is absolutely first class in workmanship and detail. Will call only. I'm in Lumberton, NJ.

To contact Joe call 609-518-9672 or jjvtown@aol.com



REMEMBER THE SHACK!

AHOY! Shack sitters. On July 18th ISM opened and so has the Shack. Joe Jordan and Mike Weaver have been filling in on alternating Saturdays and Sundays. Volunteer to sit a day or join them. There are guidelines. Masks, 6' distancing and lots of sanitizing.

There are **no special precautions to be dealt with, just wear a mask. The table extension gets us over the 6' problem with glass doors clamped to the edges. Since the ISM is only open on weekends, leaving the shack open is fine.**



PARKING

PARKING FEES WILL BE REIMBURSED

Members who volunteer to sit the Seaport Museum Shack will have to pay \$20 to park . There will be no parking lot attendants for the remainder of the year. However, **the \$20 cost will be reimbursed by sending an e-mail to the Treasurer Steve Bulova at bulovastevil@msn.com**

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: philadelphia_ship_model_society.com**

KEEP THE LIGHTS ON IN THE SHACK!



THE RHINEBECK PANORAMA

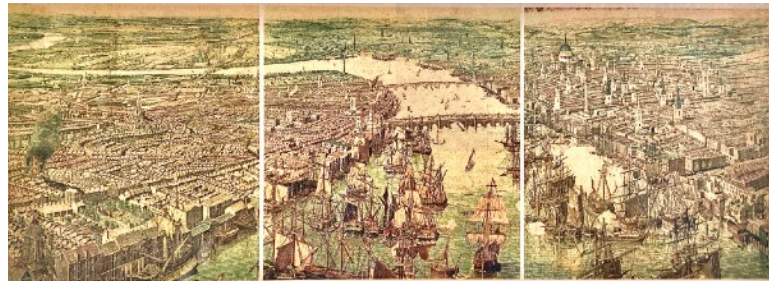
The Rhinebeck panorama is a panoramic view of London dated 1806-7.

In 1940, cleaning out the attic of her late uncle's house in Rhinebeck New York, a Canadian housewife discovered this panorama being used to line a barrel of pistols. It was in a filthy state but spread out on the floor before

her, emerged one of the most stunning watercolor drawings of London ever seen. The panoramic image shows a birds eye view looking west from a position above the middle of the river Thames, approximately at the current location of the Tower Bridge, with the view spanning Southwark to the left and the city of London to the right. Ships are depicted in the Pool of London downstream of London Bridge, with scenes of everyday city life.

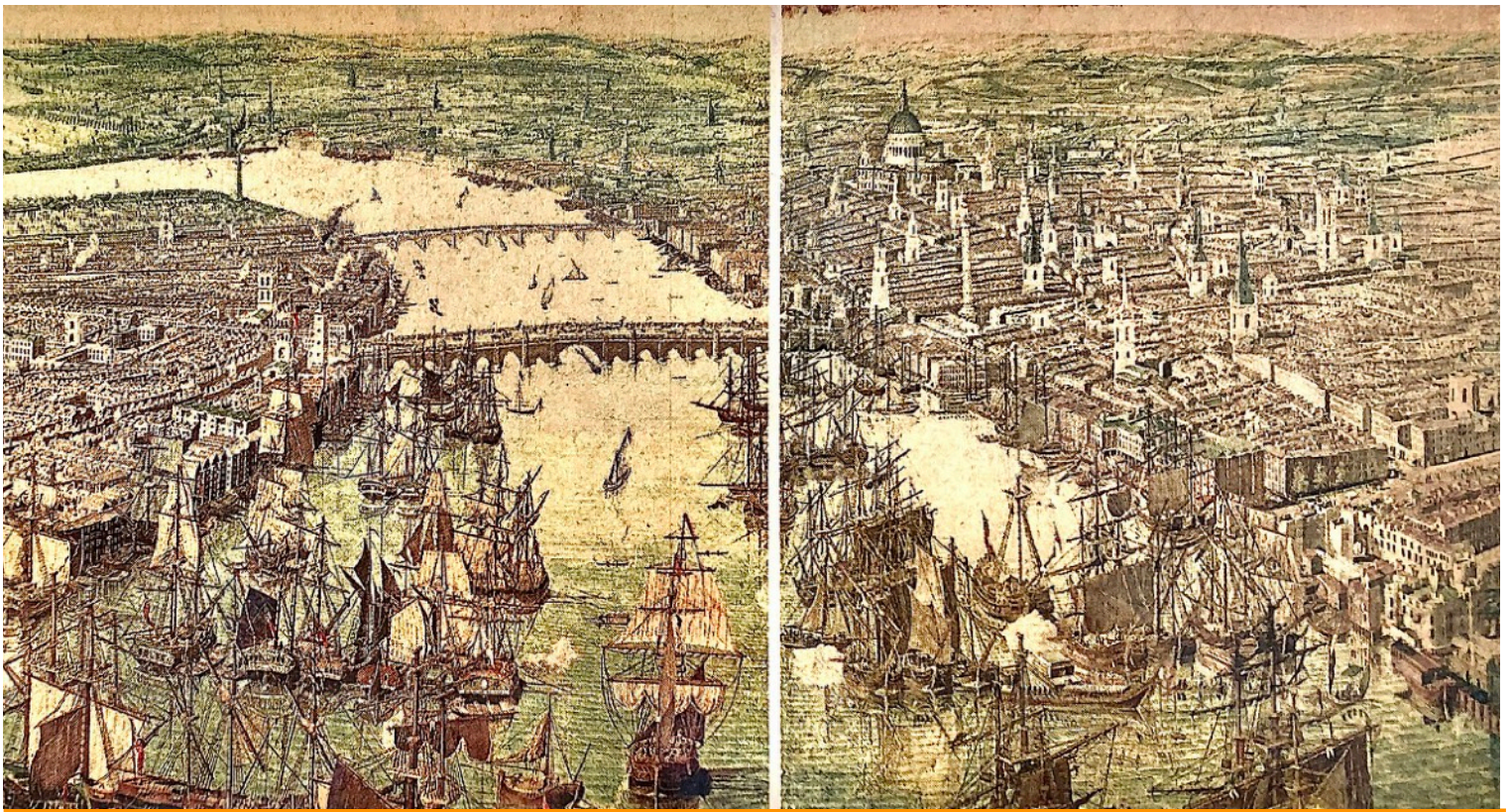
The work comprises four separate watercolor and pencil panels made by three different artists: one for the ships, a second for the city scenes, and a third for church spires in the distance. The combined image measures 28 in. X 103 in. It may have been a study for a larger uncompleted panoramic painting and may have been exhibited in London in 1809.

Probably brought to the U.S. in 1839 by Robert Havell, Jr., whose father published a similar "Aeronautical View of London in 1831. The original watercolor was sold at Sotheby's on June 8, 1998 for £199,500 to the Museum of London



Enlarged central panels.

Image submitted by Mike Weaver



*Happy
Thanksgiving!*



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\$14.50

FOR ORDERS:

Contact Pat Leaf at pjlebl@comcast.net

Please be sure of your size

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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



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

November 5th

PSMS Zoom Meeting

December 5th

PSMS Zoom Meeting

White Whale

CANCELED

December 7th

Parade of Lights on the river

December 15th

PSMS Holiday Brunch

CANCELED

January 7th

PSMS Zoom Meeting

February 4th

PSMS Zoom Meeting

DURING THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES, PSMS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD BY ZOOM APPLICATION. ZOOM MEETING START TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY EMAIL.



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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

LAUNCHING THE THE USS CONSTITUTION

From an article by Everett W. Walter

On September 20, 1797, elaborate preparations, were made for the launch of the Frigate Constitution at the Boston Navy yard.

John Adams; President of the United States; the Governor; Lieutenant Governor and many other dignitaries were on hand. The actual launching was set for 11:15 on Sept. 20th. At that hour, the first spur shores were removed. More and more remaining shores were removed, but the Frigate did not move. Consternation reigned. Tackles and screws were applied. The ship slowly moved 27 ft. and stopped on the ways, and in spite of all effort, failed to move forward.

It was found, that the slopes of the ways had not been steep enough. The next day, after due preparation, the ship was raised 2" by means of wedges, her bilge ways were then taken outing apparent defects removed. A second attempt was made on the 22nd. Upon removal of her supports, she moved freely 31 ft. and stopped. It was found the ways were settled abaft about 1 5/8".

Finally came the high tides in October, and on the 21st came the 3rd attempt to launch the Frigate. Great crowds again assembled, the shores were struck away, and Commodore James Sever, broke a bottle of rare Madeira wine over her bow. Needless to say, the grand ship went down the ways on the third attempt.

It might be well to here tell a story, the truth of which has not, as yet, been substantiated, but interesting never the less. It seems, as the story goes, that in the first two attempts to launch the Frigate, bottles of water were used to christen the ship. Superstitious sailors, at the time, claimed that this was the reason the ship stuck in the ways. Needless to say, the ship did go down the ways on the third attempt, when the wine was used.



One week after the launch of the Constitution, the article below appeared in the Boston Chronicle.

"on Saturday, last, the citizens again assembled at the Navy Yard to view the launch of the Frigate Constitution amid a crowd of spectators, she moved with a most graceful dignity into the embraces of the surrounding waters. The radical amendments in her ways gave her an easy decent and this child of the ocean was fairly delivered in her cradle to the protection of Neptune to be succored at the breast of "fair Bellona". * With gentle emotions and a modest decency, she soon disencumbered herself from her swaddling clothes and seemed to smile with a pleasing complacency on the brilliant assembly who attended the ceremonies of her nativity".

The clipping shown to the right is obviously not about ships or anything maritime, however, it echos the style of the article above but written in the early 1900s, and we thought the readers might enjoy a second helping.

* Bellona was an ancient Roman Goddess of war.

Get me rewrite. No, get me two. Readers should be thankful that sportswriting style has improved considerably since the early 1900s.

Consider this badly bruised prose unearthed by historian Douglas Wallop and reprinted in *Baseball Anecdotes*. It comes from a baseball writer who had the good sense to remain anonymous:

"With the third inning faded into the dim and forgotten past, the fourth spasm in the afternoon's matinee of Dementia Baseballitis hopped into the glare of the calcium glim. It was the Giants' turn to paddle the pellet. Murderous Michael Donlin taking his turn beside the glad gum. Mike biffed the bulb on the proboscis and sent it gleefully gliding to the distant shrubbery.

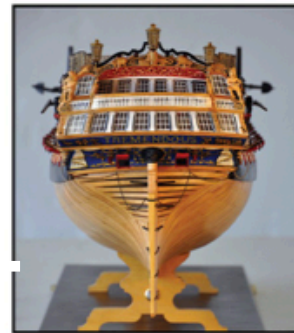
"Breshnahan managed to get next to the seamy side of a floater and the Toledo kid sent the denizens of Coogans Bluff into Seventh Heaven of Gleefulness by starting the pulsating pill on a line for the extreme backward. The Carnegie Dutchman extended a monster paw, the near-two-bagger was cleverly captured by a dainty dab of his lunch hook ... "

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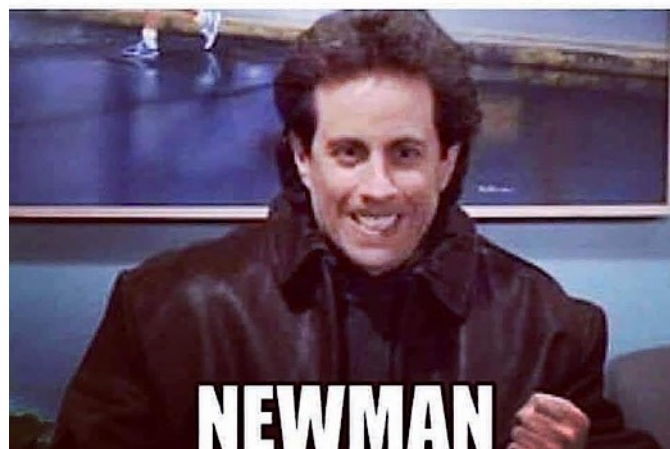
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When you finally figure out who is responsible for 2020.



PIRATES OF THE MODEL SHIP WORLD



Support legitimate kit makers.

Here is a list of companies that rip off and duplicate kits from reputable manufacturers.

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Shi Cheng
woodenkit (Russian Mfg)
YengFan

ZHL
RealTS
Snail Model
XinFeng
Crown
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