



Quarterdeck

JUNE
2021
90 years

THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY.

www.philadelphia ship model society.com

Launched January 7, 1931

Minutes of the Meeting

883rd Meeting (Virtually) called to order at approximately 7:00pm - Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Acting chair, Mike Weaver for Jim Wheeler.

 **Sick Call:** None.

Visitors: Tom Ruggiero, Mort Stoll, Bob? from the Ship Model Society of New Jersey.

Presentation;

Fred Signor: Demonstrated a jig he made to assemble the deadeyes in a more efficient manner for the *Vasa* he's building.

Show and Tell:

Ron Spicer: Showed naval sculptures from a set he created for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society set created in 1976 representing the nine wars our country our country was involved since independence. They were 4" tall cast in pewter.

Joshua Fichmann: Gave an update on the Black Pearl, progress on the base.

Tom Ruggiero: presented the rigging of the Midway Longboat.

Mike Weaver Covid Closet model builds. Constitution, Japanese Battleships Fuso and Kongo, German Battleships Graf Spee and Scharnhorst, Destroyer Escort, U 505 Submarine and Fletcher Class destroyer.

Treasurer's Report: No Transactions. Balance the same as last month.

PSMS Name Tags:

Contact Spence Delin: sdelin@verizon.net

Old Business

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE: Scheduled for October 2nd 2021, Port and Starboard Conference Center. New London Connecticut.

New Business

Minutes and Newsletter were accepted.

Museum availability: Discussed.

PSMS ModelCon: Website was added at philadelphia ship model society.com/modelcon to register your model by July 10th. Setup to start at 7:30 am until 9am on August 7th.

Respectfully submitted.
Joshua Fichmann
Secretary

OTHER NEWS

INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM

Hours of operation

Open full time: 10AM to 5PM seven days a week



BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY:

The battleship is open for tours every day from 11 am to 3pm. Add a free guided tour of turret II or an engine room tour on weekends

JULY PSMS ZOOM MEETING

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

TO REGISTER FOR THE PSMS MODELCON.

Go to: www.philadelphia ship model society.com.

Follow the instructions on the registration form.

Register your model.

Submit one form for each model.

Click "Submit"

There is no limit on the number of models per entrant.

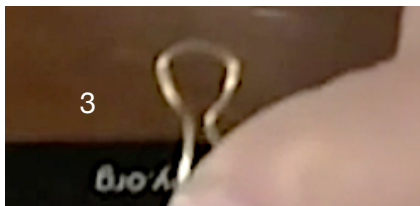
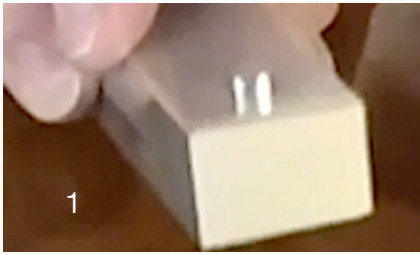
The deadline for registration is July 10th.

PSMS MODELCON

If you are planning to participate.
The deadline for registration is
July 10th.



JUNE PRESENTATION: FRED SIGNOR DEMONSTRATES A JIG FOR MAKING DEADEYES



Fred Signor demonstrated how he wrapped the brass wire around the small deadeyes for his *VASA* model. The model will require 50 or more to be bent and wrapped with rigging rope, which is also presents a problem because of its small scale.

Fred, a machinist, designed a jig using a small block of metal. He then milled a raised plug the size and shape of a deadeye (1) and added 2 pins to guide the wrapping (2). The finished deadeye shape, shown in panel (3) is then wrapped in rigging thread. Thank you Fred for a great spur of the moment presentation. As usual, his engineering skills shine.

Photos: Screen Capture



INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM SUMMER COLLECTION

Home & Lifestyle Online Auction

Nautical and nature inspired art, homewares and leisure items.
Bidding opens June 4 thru June 30

Mike Weaver and Joe Jordan have donated models to the museum's effort to draw patrons into the museum. The former gift shop/student work space on the first floor front has been taken over for this event.

Joe contributed four small sailing models and Mike contributed a lightship model and a Revell Olympia model.

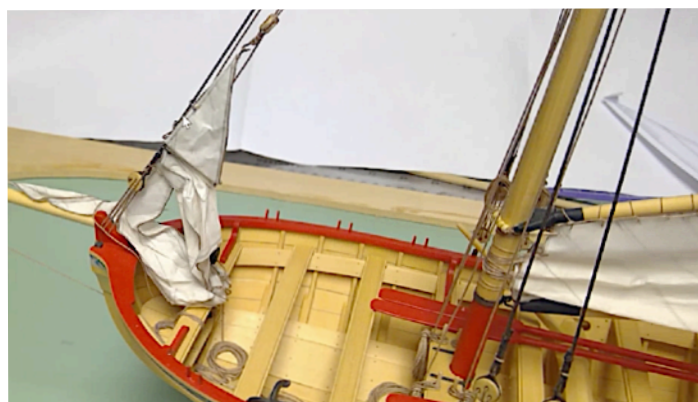
The Summer Collection reflects ISM's maritime roots highlighting a curated selection of work from local and national artists, furniture and boats. Proceeds from the Summer Collection support ISM including our Collection, Historic Ships, education and on-water programs.



SHOW & TELL

TOM RUGGIERO Ship Model Society of New Jersey

Photos: Screen capture



Medway Longboat, Scale 1/2" = 1ft

Tom was asked by his friend Chuck Pissarro to add sails to his finished product. The Medway Longboat model pictured is the beautifully finished result with furled sails.

People have ask me why I didn't put set sails on the longboat. I did put set sails on *Liverpool* for example, and one or two figures give it some character and the viewer can assume the rest of the crew is below deck. But the longboat is four times the size (1/2"=1ft) and also an open boat. If you set sails and make them look like there is a wind but with no crew, it looks kind of silly. So that's why I did furled sails on this boat.

Tom pointed out some details. Notice that the lacing on the gaff is not spiral. This keeps tension on the sail. The foresail is attached with "hanks". They are shaped like the omega sign (Ω). The ends are seized together.

This has been posted on Model Ship World. To see the details, go to the Medway forum for a full explanation of how he did this.

JOE GUDONIS



The kit by Sterling



One of the clocks Joe made

When I joined the *Gazela* crew, I built this kit by Sterling. To be different, I cut the model in half and made two clocks. (one shown on the right). We (the *Gazela*) gave one to the Cutty Sark liquor company. They sponsored our ship one year. Thank you Joe for sending this to the Quarterdeck.

Photos: Joe Gudonis

SHOW & TELL

JOSHUA FICHMANN

Photos: Screen capture



Setting up the *Black Pearl* power supply to light the interior of the model proved too difficult to deal with and so, was abandoned. Instead, Joshua created a cradle in the base using brass wire for contacts in which the ship's keel will fit.



To enhance the base, Joshua is creating skeleton hands, made of metal frame and paper mache to hold the ship, as pictured here.

RON SPICER

Ron showed two figure sculptures from a series of figures he sculptured for the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and produced by Kirk Silver Co. in 1976. These figures represented the nine wars in which the U.S. had been involved up until that time.

The first is a figure of a WWII seaman gesturing a sighting, wearing a "May West" life jacket and the typical large binoculars. The second, a seaman of the US Navy, circa 1812 holding 2 flintlock pistols and wearing a sword. The figures are approximately 4" high and are cast in pewter.



JOE JORDAN



On occasion, Joe gets calls for restoration or cleaning, - universally gift shop quality. How do you respond to pleas to "fix my grandfather's ship model, that he very patiently made (except that he bought it in the Philippines) ?

Here is a picture of a model from a woman who would like to have it restored. She says her grandfather made it. Possible, except for the tag on the bottom. Joe thinks it's gift shop item. Joe always answers inquiries like these and responds with advice. If they still want it "restored", set a price and it will be worthwhile.

Photo: Screen capture

SHOW & TELL

MIKE WEAVER



Mike showed some models from his Covid Virus Closet. The small plastic kits you have always planned to build but never had the time. Shown in this grouping are the Queen Mary in both business livery and Admiralty livery, the German Graf Spee, a U.S. Fletcher Class destroyer, the Japanese Congo and Fuso, U-505 Wolf Pack Leader, and the German battleship Scharnhorst. All simple builds. These are destined for ModelCon in August, as well as some WWII U.S. naval aircraft in 1/48 scale.

Photo: Mike Weaver

JEAN JORDAN



Photo:
Screen capture

After Joe Jordan wrapped up his talk about ship model repair, someone noticed a nautical picture on a table in the background and asked to see it. Joe obliged and showed us, what turned out to be the reference sheet that comes with the jigsaw puzzle that Jean is working on, showed on the right. Jean is an avid “puzzler” as is my wife Jean. It’s a good way to relax and pass the time.

What do you call a person who does jigsaw puzzles? A Dissectologist, and why is this word used for jigsaw puzzle fans?

Jigsaw puzzles in the 19th century were called dissected maps or dissected puzzles-wooden pictures that were cut into irregular shaped pieces. Some of the earliest puzzles were made from maps. These puzzles were educational as well as recreational. Why jigsaw puzzles? Jigsaw refers to the saw used to cut the wooden puzzles which was a type of fret saw.

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 member volunteers to sit the shack on weekends. The Ship Shack is open on weekends. Saturday from 10 AM to 5 pm. Sunday from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Meet the public, share our hobby and support our Society. There are no special precautions to be dealt with, just wear a mask. The table extension gets us over the 6' problem with the glass doors clamped to the edges.

To volunteer contact:

Joe Jordan jjvtown@aol.com
609 518-9672



HEROINE of DUNKIRK RESTORED

On May 26th in 1940, the Dunkirk evacuation during World War II was completed. The evacuation involved hundreds of thousands of Allied troops being saved from the French seaport after German troops cut off and surrounded them during the Battle of France.

Built in 1923, Medway Queen entered service on the Strood-Chatham-Herne Bay route on southeast England's channel coast and served that route until the beginning of WWII.

Medway Queen was requisitioned for the Royal Navy in 1939 and converted for mine-sweeping. In 1940 HMS Medway Queen joined the 10th Minesweeping Flotilla based in Dover.

The 10th Flotilla played a key part in 'Operation Dynamo' in May-June 1940. Medway Queen and her crew made seven trips across the channel to bring men home. The ships crew estimated that she evacuated 7,000 men while shooting down three German aircraft. She gained four awards for gallantry.

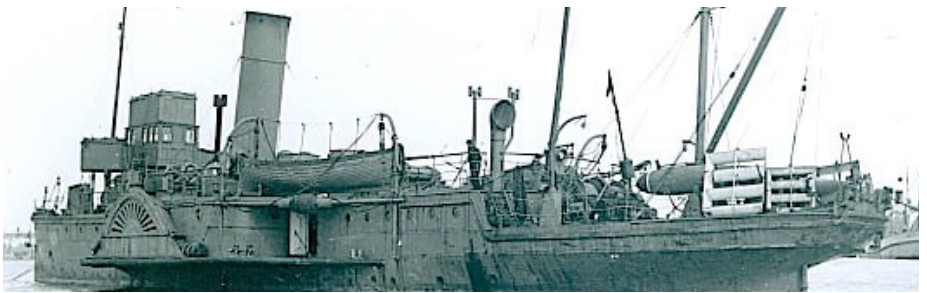
Medway Queen remained an active minesweeper until late 1943 when she became an accommodation ship for a few months. In April 1944 she was recommissioned and attached to the mine sweeping training base at Granton.

In 1946/47 she was refitted and returned to civilian use. In the early 1960s, paddle steamers were struggling to compete with newer type vessels and Medway Queen made her last sailing on 8 September, 1963. Scheduled to be scrapped in Belgium, the Belgium ship breaker upon discovering that the vessel he was expecting to break up was none other than "The Heroine of Dunkirk", declined to continue (it is reported that he felt that no one should dare to destroy such a gallant and important little ship.) The Daily Mail newspaper campaigned to save her. She was sold in 1984 and used as a nightclub, fell into disrepair and eventually sank in the river Medus when the hull sprang a leak.

Rescued by the National Lottery Heritage Memorial Fund, she was restored and on July 27, 2013 was rededicated and towed home to Gillingham.



Prewar Medway Queen



Modified as a minesweeper



The beaches of Dunkirk

General characteristics

Class and type: Paddle Steamer

Tonnage: 316 GRT

Length: 179 ft 9 in (545.79 meters)

Beam: 24 ft 2 in (7.37 meters)
50 ft (15.24 m) over paddle frames

Draft: 7 ft 8 in. (2.34 m)

Installed power: 76 hp (57kW) Scotch type boiler 11 ft. long, fitted with triple furnaces feeding Ailsa built compound diagonal steam engine. Coal fired when built, converted to oil fired Wallsend Engineering in 1938.

Propulsion: Paddles

Speed: 13 knots (24km/h) at 45rpm cruising
15 knots (28 km/h) at 55 rpm maximum speed

Armament: 1 x 1 2pounder gun, 2 x Machine guns (HSS Medway Queen)



The Philadelphia Ship Model Society in partnership with
the Battleship New Jersey Museum is hosting the

3RD ANNUAL 2021 MODELCON

**ONBOARD THE
BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY
7 AUGUST 2021 10AM - 3PM**

Seeking Volunteers!

**COME AND PROMOTE THE HOBBY TO THE GUESTS
OF THE BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY!**

- BRING A MODEL YOU BUILT OR IS IN PROCESS
- ACTIVELY WORK ON A MODEL
- GIVE AN INFORMAL PRESENTATION
- ENGAGE IN GREAT CONVERSATION
- VOLUNTEERS ENJOY A COMPLIMENTARY TOUR

INTERESTED FOR MORE DETAILS?

[EMAIL: MODELSHIP@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MODELSHIP@YAHOO.COM)



Philadelphia Ship Model Society Participant's Instructions –

Please Register Your Model at www.philadelphiaShipModelSociety.com/modelcon or email modelship@yahoo.com if you haven't already so we can plan spacing and print out placards.

Date:	August 7, 2021	
Time:	Setup	7:30am – 10:30 am
	Display	11:00am – 5:00pm
	Breakdown	5:30pm – until complete
Location:	Battleship New Jersey 30 Clinton St Camden, NJ 08103 https://www.battleshipnewjersey.org/	
Model Onboarding:	At the end of Clinton St. by the Battleship There will be an elevator Large and/or Numerous models/dioramas will be able to drive up the slip to the ship. Assistance will be provided as needed to board the models	
Free Parking:	Along Clinton St	
Display Locations:	Officer's Wardroom (Air Conditioned)	
	Quarter Deck (Fantail) (Tented)	
	All the display areas are on the main deck, accessible by wheelchair Elevators available Bathrooms available onboard the ship.	
Food:	Outside food is permitted Free lunch voucher in ship's mess (Ballpark style food)	
Vendors:	Topic appropriate vendors permitted Battleship open to sponsorship arrangements (Details by request)	
Volunteers:	Access to self-tour the ship You can bring up to 3 guests	
Questions/Need Help:	Call: Jim Wheeler	215-901-3527
	Joshua Fichmann	609-760-4727

THE NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD

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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.

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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 shots are welcome.** Send them to the editor:

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Men's sizes small thru 4 XL.

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FOR ORDERS:

Contact Pat Leaf at pjlebl@comcast.net

Please be sure of your size



**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**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July 31st

IPMS MosquitoCon Wayne, N.J.

August 7th

Modelcon

August

Society Picnic Date to be announced

October 2nd

NE conference, New London, CT

Registration and fees on hold.

December

ISM Parade of Lights. Date to be announced

December

Holiday Brunch Date to be announced

The 2021 Nautical Research Guild Conference has been CANCELLED



THE SSMA JOURNAL

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Annual dues are \$25.00

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should be sent to:

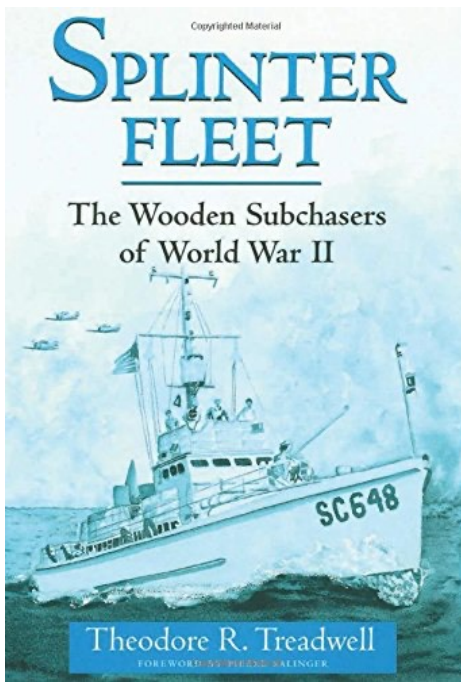
Heinz Ricken

514 Cranford Avenue



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 sldvesshsa@gmail.com or 215-495-8889 for more details or if you are interested in joining

Attention: All in person meetings by the Philadelphia Ship Model Society have been put on hold until the Philadelphia Seaport Museum reopens. Our current meetings are held on line.



SPLINTER FLEET

The Wooden Subchasers of World War II

By Theodore R. Treadwell

Hastily built at the onset of World War II to stop German U-boats from taking their toll on allied shipping, the 110 ft subchasers were the smallest commissioned warships in the US Navy, yet they saw as much action as ships ten times their size. In every theater of war these “expendable” work-horses of the fleet escorted countless convoys of slow moving ships through submarine infested waters, conducted endless mind-numbing anti-submarine patrols, and were used in hundreds of amphibious operations. Some subchasers worked as gunboats to search for and destroy enemy barges. Others rescued downed airmen and retrieved drowning soldiers under heavy enemy fire. During the occupation of Norway, three American built subchasers and their crews came to be known as “The Shetlands Bus” for their clandestine work as ferries- the only link between Norway and the free world.

This book, written by the commander of one of the subchasers, defines their place in Naval history and gives readers a taste of life aboard the wooden warships. It describes the cramped quarters and unforgiving seas as well as the tenacious courage and close bonds formed by the men as they sought out the enemy and confronted nature. Long overshadowed by the larger, faster warships and more glamorous PT boats of World War II, Subchasers, until now, have been mostly forgotten. This work restores the plucky little ships to their hard-earned as significant members of the fleet.



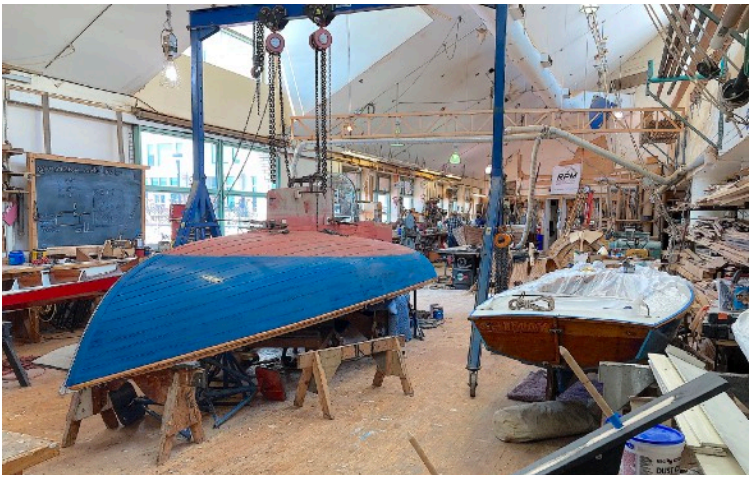
The Nautical Research Guild

2021 Photographic Ship Model Competition

The Board is proud to announce that the 2021 Photographic Ship Model Competition is accepting entries. The last NRG photo competition was in 2015 so you have had six years to build your masterpiece.

All the photos will be submitted on-line...no more downloading files to a DVD or driving to the post office. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three models in the categories of Apprentice, Journeyman and Master builder. There will also be a Best of Show medal awarded. In addition, achievement ribbons will be awarded on a point basis. Every model entered will receive a written review of their model from our judges.

The Competition is open to Regular NRG Members in good standing. To see all the details and enter your model, go to <https://thenrg.org/contests>. We look forward to seeing your model photographs soon.



THE ISM BOAT SHOP

Now that the Seaport Museum is open, the museum is scheduling its regular hours. This is the “other attraction” at the museum that can respond when you ask a question. Still called “The Workshop on the Water” even though it is no longer on the water, it is one of the most popular spots to visit. Visitors can see them repair, build and restore boats.

38TH ANNUAL NORTHEAST SHIP MODEL CONFERENCE



Hosted by the
USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild

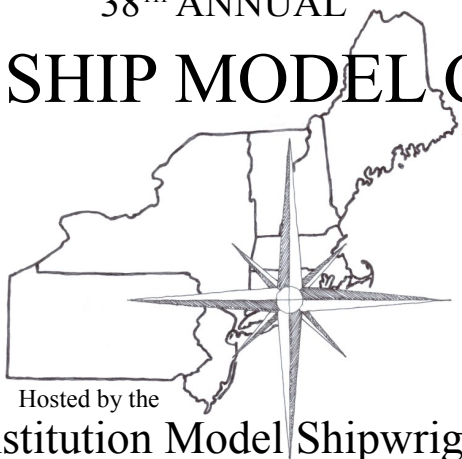
Saturday, October 2, 2021 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Port'n'Starbord Convention Center

Ocean Beach Park, New London, Connecticut

- Up to 100 detailed models on display from award winning craftsmen and artists
- The opportunity to display & enter your own model(s) in competition judged by fellow conference attendees
- Vendors offering maritime & modeling books, kits, tools & supplies
- Demonstrations of modeling techniques & procedures
- Featured guest speaker is author & USSCMSG member, Rob Napier who will be speaking about aspects of his life in ship modeling
- Continental breakfast & buffet lunch
- Renew old friendships and make new ones

38TH ANNUAL
NORTHEAST SHIP MODEL CONFERENCE



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REGISTRATION

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

of Guests: _____ Guest Name (s): _____

Model Name: _____ Scale: _____

Sail (☐) Power (☐) Other (☐) Display Area Required (inches) _____ x _____

Peoples' Choice Competition (☐) Jim Roberts Award Competition (☐)

Use the rear of this form if you are displaying additional models.

Conference attendees who wish to display models must pre-register. We need to know how many models will be exhibited and their display area requirements in order to allocate enough space when setting up the room.

Conference Registration Fees

(All fees are per person)

\$42.⁵⁰ If received by 8/1/21

\$47.⁵⁰ If received by 9/1/21

\$49.⁰⁰ After 9/1/21 or on day of conference

Return completed form to:

USSCMSG c/o Ross Hunter, Purser

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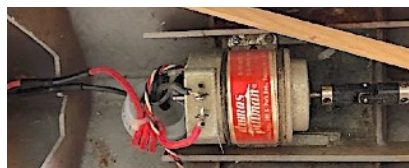
**10% OF THE SALE PRICE WILL BE DONATED TO
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I have a large scale small freighter that I am selling for Tom Smith (twin brother of deceased Dennis). Length: 36". Beam: 8.5". Has speed control, s futaba servos, futaba receiver, motor and looks ready to go (with a little repair work). Asking price \$175, but can be negotiable.



Also, a large scale tug for sale for \$125. It has 1 servo and a Dumas Pitman motor. Length: 24" Beam: 7.5 inches. It was running at one time.



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