



THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

Quarterdeck

November
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A king's ship - A corvette in a passing squall over Portsmouth

By John Mitchell



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NOVEMBER
2021
Our 90th

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The 888th meeting of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society was held at the Independence Seaport Museum on October 7th 2021 and called to order by Vice President Mike Weaver at 7:36 P.M. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. There were 16 members in attendance.

Members present: Ron Neilson, Al Curatolo, Enzo Curatolo, Ali Curatolo, Jim MacIntyre, Ron Spicer, Mike Weaver, Steve Bulova, Spence Delin, Joe Jordan, Harold Lazaar, Dr. Rathgeber, Todd Wardwell, Mike Zimmerman, Bobbie Zimmerman, and Joe Burkheimer.



Sick call: Pat Leaf, Jim Wheeler, Fred Signor

NO PROGRAM

WHITE WHALE AUCTION:

Retired Chief Todd Wardwell, the auctioneer did an entertaining and excellent job. Well done Todd.

SHACK DUTY: A reminder: Our club has worked very hard to establish the Shack. We have to share the coverage and the responsibility of promoting ship model building and the club. (Mike Weaver)

If you would like to sit the shack, call or email Joe Jordan, jjvtown@aol.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE APRIL 2022 NORTHEAST CONFERENCE

2022 is the year that PSMS will be the host club. Contact Mike Weaver 215-964-0140 eghannah@gmail.com or Steve Bulova 215-747-7441 bulovastev@msn.com

Guest speaker: Ron Neilson has a candidate he will contact as a speaker. We will pay for travel, board and time. Todd Wardwell has a candidate he will contact who lives only 5 minutes from the Port and Starboard Conference Center.

Fred Signor has volunteered to be a judge at the Conference.

Conference committee is: Steve Bulova, chairman, Pat Leaf, chairman Emeritus, Ron Neilson, Fred Signor, Todd Wardwell, Joshua Fichmann, Mike Weaver.

MODELCON COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Joshua Fichmann, Jim Wheeler, Joe Jordan, Mike Weaver, Ron Neilson, and Todd Wardwell

HOLIDAY BRUNCH: Cost per person will be \$35 and \$20.00 for children.

PARKING: PSMS will subsidize member parking cost at \$10.00 per meeting at ISM until further notice.

BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS:

We thank all who brought refreshments to our members meeting, especially Rick Rathgeber for his excellent apple pies.

SHOW AND TELL

Joe Jordan, Dumas Cris Craft radio controlled runabout. Mike Zimmerman, U.S. Navy WWII LST.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Vice President Mike Weaver

DECEMBER MEETING

The next PSMS meeting at the
Independence Seaport Museum
To be announced

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

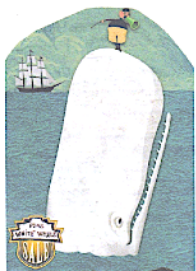
INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM

Hours of operation

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

For PSMS Name Tags

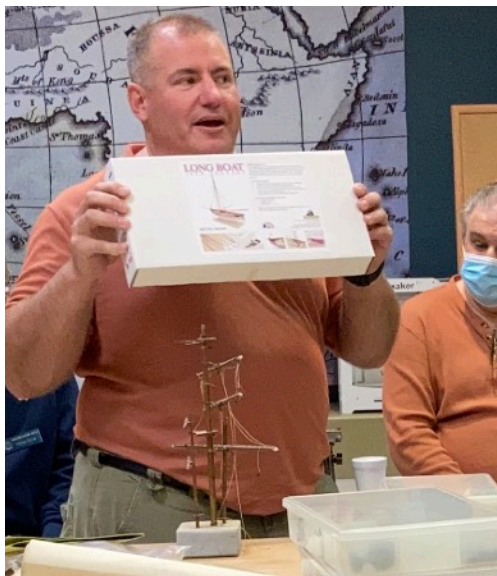
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THE WHITE WHALE SALE!

FUN AT THE NOV 4TH MEETING!

Photos: Ron Spicer



Auctioneer Todd Wardwell



As always, Todd Wardwell did his best to make this a fun evening and he succeeded.

The table contained everything from radio control parts to pre-carved hulls to a Micro Mark table saw and some things that were hard to identify. And if you are a plastic kits fan, this was your night. There were many bargains. And so, we all look forward to next year and a new crop of cast off or dusted off donations. Thank you all and especially Todd.

All proceeds go to the Society.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR !



Pies. Thanks to Rick Rathgeber



This, of course, refers to flags.



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ISM is located at Penn's Landing, 211 South Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19106.

Guests are always welcome!

PSMS annual dues are \$35.00 for an INDIVIDUAL

PARKING
PSMS WILL
SUBSIDIZE YOUR
PARKING COST
AT \$ 10.00
PER MEETING AT ISM
UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE

SHOW & TELL

MIKE ZIMMERMAN

Photos: Ron Spicer



Lindberg Plastic kit, scale 1/235

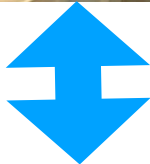
Mike submitted a U.S. Navy LST circa WWII, an ad hoc aircraft carrier for 8 Piper Cubs. These planes were launched off shore during an invasion as soon as airfields had been secured. These aircraft were invaluable to the invading forces and performed various tasks beyond spotting enemy positions. They resupplied troops in rugged terrain, evacuated wounded in remote areas, and in Leyte, in the Philippines, they were used to drop personal into rugged mountain terrain. His model also shows how the navy modified the LST's with a "runway". These aircraft could not return to the ship and had to land on inland prepared landing strips or grass fields. The LST had pontoons on the sides of the hull used for creating floating docks for trucks and tanks and any other wheeled vehicles. Attached to the bow, they became an extension of the ship's ramp to the shore. Mike fabricated the "runway" superstructure, 8 aircraft and the causeway sections to create this beautiful little model.

SHOW & TELL

JOE JORDAN



As we said last month ...A gift boat while sitting at the shack. A model just to play with. A Dumas radio controlled Cris Craft model, 10" long packed with electronics and 2 motors. Looks like a loser...right?



**FROM THIS
to
THIS**

Photos: Ron Spicer



Wrong.

Joe is truly a master builder. With his skill set, he has turned this into a beautiful little model. The hull planking replaced with Mahogany has been sanded and coated with polyurethane. All metal parts have been fabricated and plated by Joe. Interior seats are also fabricated and cloth covered. Now, it looks like the 26ft tri-cockpit Chris Craft it was meant to be.

ATTENTION SHOW AND TELLERS!

On the following page and future issues of the Quarterdeck will be a presentation form. If you plan to make a presentation, please fill it out and bring it with you to the meeting and leave it on the table. Or, if you wish, use one of the forms provided at the meeting. Write as much as you can about your presentation. Include, if applicable, kit maker and size. Help us present your project accurately in the Quarterdeck.

Thank you - The editor

PSMS SHOW N' TELL PRESENTATION FORM

Member: _____ Date: _____
Model presented: _____ Kit manufacturer: _____
Country of manufacturer: _____ Scale: _____ Scratch built: _____
Materials used in kit (wood, plastic, resin, etc): _____
Type of vessel (sailing, pleasure, military, etc): _____
Circa: _____ Ships origin (country): _____ % of completion: _____
Estimated date of completion: _____
Additional comments (ship's history, unique features, etc):

Were you happy with the kit? _____

What were you most pleased with regarding this project?

If you were to build this model again, what would you do differently (if anything)?

Do you have any suggestions regarding building techniques that you would like to share with our membership?

Would you like to ask our membership for advice on how to overcome any problem areas, which you may have encountered?

Is there anything else that you would care to share with us concerning this project?

If you presented something other than a Ship Model describe it below.

IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED USE THE BACK OF THIS FORM. PLEASE SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE SECRETARY AT THE CONCLUSION OF YOUR PRESENTATION FOR QUARTERDECK INPUT PURPOSES.



21 BELLS

COMMEMORATING THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Kevin Smith, assistant curator and curator of ships at the Independence Seaport Museum rings the USS Olympia's bell 21 times in salute to the Unknown Soldier who's casket the ship delivered to Washington D.C. on this date and exact time in 1921.

Tradition dictates this ceremony is be observed when any personage of importance leaves the ship. The bell is rung to signal the presents of important persons. When the ship's captain, a flag officer, or other important person arrives or departs, watch standers make the announcement to the ship and

PARADE OF LIGHTS 2021



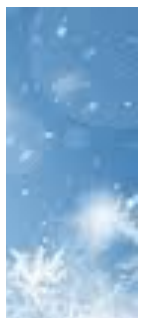
'Tis the season to get festive at the Seaport! *Sea*-librate the holiday season with the Independence Seaport Museum on Saturday, December 4, as Parade of Lights returns to the Delaware River. Make a day of it along the waterfront with crafts, activities, fun and exploration; And of course, there's something for everyone!

The day culminates with a lighted parade of local boats along the river after the sun goes down (roughly 5:15PM).

Members of PSMS are encouraged to participate. There will be table set-ups at the shack. Bring your lighted models to support our display.



— Happy —
Holidays



THE ANNUAL PSMS HOLIDAY BRUNCH

The PSMS Holiday Brunch will be held again at the Corinthian Yatch Club on the Delaware River on Sunday, December 5th, 11:30 to 3:30.



Todd Wardwell Retirement

PSMS member Chief Petty Officer Todd Wardwell (retired) whose retirement has been noted in the September issue has released a copy of his retirement plaque that lists his achievements during a 25 year career from July 1994 to October 2021. As a member of PSMS he has been President, Vice President and given more than one lecture. We look forward to seeing more of Todd and welcome him to civilian life. Of the 18 ribbons on his plaque, three are shown below. The Coast Guard Comendation Medal The Dot 9-11 medal and the The Coast Guard Achievement Medal



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TODD.



A miniature sculpture in Berlin called "Politicians discussing global warming"



NORTHEAST CONFERENCE REPORT

Photo courtesy of Pat Leaf



PSMS members who attended the Northeast Conference pose for their photo. They are: from left to right, Steven Elly Bulova, Mike and Bobby Zimmermann, Pat and Ed Leaf, Fred Signor, and Joe Jordan. Kneeling at front left is Ron Neilson in a blue shirt.

Steve bulova reports that there were about 100 attendees and 90 models displayed. Along with the hot lunch, the speaker was Rob Napier who talked about his life in ship modeling.

The table top demonstrators were; Chuck Passaro from Siren Ship Model Company who demonstrated making scale rope using the Siren Rope Walk, Tony Mallia from the USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild demonstrated digital ship modeling in 3D, from the Shipcraft Guild of New York, Marc La Guardia demonstrated scratch building the ornamental program for Heller’s kit, Le Soleil Royal and from the Connecticut Marine Model Society, John Fisher demonstrated BB gun target models.

PSMS members met at the Latitude restaurant on Friday night before the conference and enjoyed dinner where they met members of other attending clubs.

A reminder to PSMS members. We are the host club next year, April 30th 2022.

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2022 DUES
NOTICE

Bring a check or cash to a meeting. Dues are \$35.00 for an individual membership or \$40.00 for a family membership. Please make the check out to PSMS

CLIP AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT

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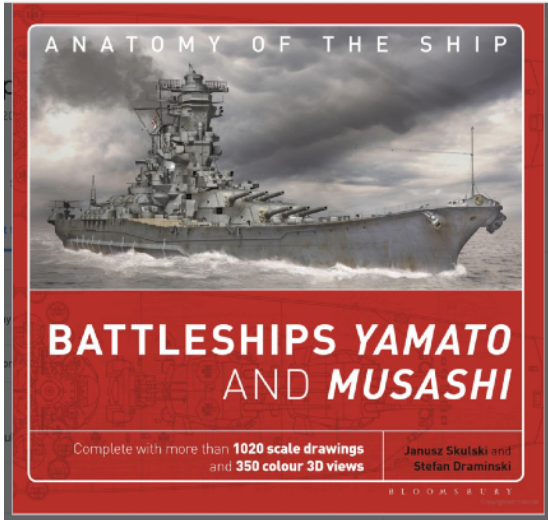
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AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

☐ I have already paid my dues for 2022

Steve Bulova
Treasurer, PSMS
4631 Larchwood Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19143

If you have already paid your dues for 2022, complete the coupon, check the box and return to treasurer



BATTLESHIPS YAMATO AND MUSASHI

Complete with more than 1020 scale drawings and 350 color 3D views

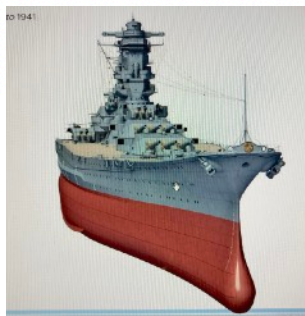
By Janusz and Stefan Draminski

Published by Bloomsbury

Equipped with the largest guns and heaviest armour and with the greatest displacement of any ship ever built, the Yamato proved to be a formidable opponent to the US Pacific Fleet in the Second World War. The book contains a full description of the design and construction of the battleship including wartime modifications, and a career history followed by a substantial pictorial section with rare onboard views of Yamato and her sister ship Musashi, a comprehensive portfolio of more than 1,020 perspective line artworks, 350 colour 3D views, and 30 photographs. The wreck of Musashi has been recently discovered to great excitement in Japan, renewing interest in these iconic warships.

Janusz Skulski's anatomies of three renowned ships of the 20th century Japanese navy are among the most comprehensive of the Anatomy series with hundreds of meticulously researched drawings of the ships. Since their first publication he has continued to research the ships and has now produce a more definitive anatomy than was possible then. He has teamed up with 3D artist Stefan Draminski who produces superb realistic renditions of the ships that bring a whole new level of detail to the portraits of the ships. This new editions is a genuine 'Super Anatomy' containing the most detailed renditions of these ships ever seen.

Source: Publisher



Lindblad Expeditions' Second Polar Ship Christened



(Photo: Ralph Lee Hopkins / Lindblad Expeditions)

Lindblad Expeditions announced the launch of its second new polar vessel, National Geographic Resolution, on her inaugural voyage to Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falklands. Under Antarctica's clear blue skies and parked on fast ice in the Weddell Sea's Duse Bay, guests walked onto the ice to cheer on Captain Heidi Norling as she christened the 126-guest National Geographic Resolution.

"I wish this ship calm winds, fair seas, and great adventures. May everyone who sails with her be blessed," marked Captain Norling as she tossed the bottle. Following some remarks from Captain Martin Graser, guests, staff, and crew celebrated with a champagne toast in the time-honored tradition - with Adélie and gentoo penguins watching close by.

The vessel is Lindblad Expeditions' second polar new build in the company's history—and their second vessel to launch in 2021. Both are in Antarctica for the season.

"Seeing both of our new ships together in Ushuaia was very touching," said Sven Lindblad, Founder and Co-Chair of the Board, who just completed the inaugural Antarctica voyage of National Geographic Endurance. "They are extraordinary ships. We had very high expectations when we were building them — and their performance has far exceeded them."

Named to honor the first ship to cross the Antarctic Circle in 1773—navigated by the legendary Captain James Cook—National Geographic Resolution is fully stabilized and features the patented Ulstein X-Bow technology for a smoother, more comfortable ride in all kinds of conditions, and will enable guests to go where few have or can deeper into the polar regions.

"There is over 1,000 years of combined team expertise that go into a moment like this, and what an amazing team it is. We are so proud of everyone that worked tirelessly to create this extraordinary ship," said Dolf Berle, CEO, Lindblad Expeditions.

Following her season in Antarctica, National Geographic Resolution will make her debut in Europe this spring. She will navigate from Portugal to France and Scotland to Norway in style. After a summer in the Arctic, National Geographic Resolution will return to Antarctica via Japan and the East China Sea, and the remote Pacific Islands.



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Thank you.

(Mike Weaver)

PARKING COSTS WILL BE REIMBURSED !



Give a day to the ISM Shack experience.

Sat. 10 AM to 5 PM or Sunday 12 noon to 4 PM

Contact: Joe Jordan jjvtown@aol.com 609 518-9672

NOTICE : At the present time, Shack sitters will have to pay to park. Parking costs will be reimbursed thru the Treasurer Steve Bulova. Call 215-747-7441 or email bulovastavel@msn.com



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\$14.50

FOR ORDERS:

Contact Pat Leaf at pjlebl@comcast.net

Please be sure of your size

FORTH COMING EVENTS

December 4th

ISM Parade of Lights.

December 5th

Holiday Brunch Corinthian Yatch Club

December 7th

Pearl Harbor Day

April 30, 2022

Northeast Conference

PSMS hosts

June, 2022

Pennsville Farm and Craft Show

Date to be announced

July 4th

Independence Day

June,

Pennsville Farm and Craft Show

Date to be announced



Remember Pearl Harbor



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\$40.00 for a **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**: Includes **MEMBER** as well as family with children **FREE**



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



PIRATES OF THE MODEL SHIP WORLD

Model Ship World, the forum of the National Research Guild has published this list, shown below, of known kit manufacturers that steal and duplicate kits from reputable manufacturers. This is called "PIRATING". These companies are known to have pirated either plans or designs from another source in order to profit from the original author's work...stolen really.



Chuck Passaro, of Syren Ship Model Company and Administrator NRG's Model Ship world has written, " Many of you may be aware that there are some kit manufacturers that have been banned from Model Ship World. These are mostly Chinese companies that rip off and duplicate other kits from reputable manufacturers. We don't want to support such thievery. I have been personally ripped off by ZHL. They stole my Confederacy plans and actually include them in their kit. It's an awful kit to boot!"

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

JD Model
LHQB
Huasong
Shi Cheng
woodenkit (Russian Mfg)
YengFan

ZHL
RealTS
Snail Model
XinFeng
Crown
Unicorn Model.

YQ (YaungQihg)
Master
CN
CF
ship hai
4H Model

Moxing
Microcosm
WN
SC
DUJIAOSHOU

These include all of those kits everyone rationalizes in their head are not stolen but actually are.....like the ZHL Royal Caroline and Inderlandman kits. As well as many others. The plans and building patterns for every aspect of those two projects were stolen from the same master builder in Russia. He made the mistake of posting them on line for all to see just like so many do on model Ship World in their build logs and drafting forums (ie Triton). And they were almost immediately stolen.



As many of you know Syren Ship Model Company takes the issue of pirating ship model kits, books and plans very seriously. There are many who embrace the purchase pirated materials for many reasons and are unfazed by the effect it has on our hobby and the honest mom and pop businesses that serve it.



I have just found out that the ships of scale model forum has now invited the very owners of these Chinese companies who have pirated from many companies you guys know very well.... they have pirated from Caldercraft, A.Latina, Ancre, Amati, Constructo, Panart and even me (Syren). The owners and administrators of the Ships of Scale forum are trying anything in their power to increase their tiny and pitiful content. So they are using the forum platform to promote everything Chinese and everything pirated. This is having a huge negative impact on the legitimate hobby.

PLEASE BOYCOTT the Ships of Scale forum and spread the word to all you know who might not be aware that they are a platform and public relations promoter of those that steal from the honest working ship model companies.

BOYCOTT the Ship of Scale forum and their facebook page. Please share this post with as many good folks as you can.



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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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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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