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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

A new year is upon us, and with that new year, are lots of New Year's resolutions. We resolve to lose weight, exercise more, build more models, or perhaps finish that 'dry dock queen' model that's been half finished for the last six years.

Whatever your New Year's resolutions are, one thing is for sure...our society has grown, become more motivated, active, and entertaining. And it will continue to prosper and grow as long as we all resolve to make it a better society.

Building models is only one part of our obligation to the society. Attending our annual exhibit, doing the extra activities we organize and plan, all help our society, and our hobby, grow.

It's time to look back on your role in the society, and resolve yourself to making it better. It does, after all, benefit each and every one of us. Everything we do, no matter how small or trivial, helps the society grow. That's crucial if the art of the ship model is to survive.

I hope each of us has a safe and happy 2005, and may all your resolutions, especially those of the ship model variety, be attained.

Jeff Herne
President

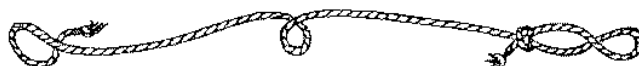
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING December 14, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President **Jeff Hern**. There were 29 members in attendance. We also had 3 visitors; **Lester Murat, Dave Felder and Larry Friedlander**. This was **Larry Friedlander's** third meeting and he was duly elected to membership.

There was no new or old business to discuss as this meeting is almost entirely dedicated to the annual White Whale Auction. Our auctioneer extraordinaire, **Bob Fivehouse** took over for this great event.



"Going Once, Going Twice –Please, Is there anyone who will make a bid?!"

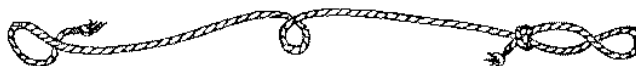


SHOW AND TELL

Lester Murat brought along a work in progress of the *Bismarck* done in paper.



Speaking of *Bismarck*, Ozzie Thalmann showed yet another operating gun turret done in 1/700th scale- how low can you go?

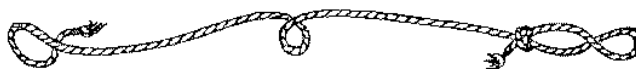


FROM THE EDITOR

At the December meeting, before the auction action began, Jeff Fuglestad briefly mentioned the costs associated with publishing this newsletter and suggested that further discussion be made at the January meeting on possible ways to reduce these costs. The principal costs involved are printing and postage. I generally have 75 copies printed. This allows for a few extra copies that I bring to the meetings. A fair number of members receive both the printed newsletter and the PDF version. A substantial cost savings could be realized if the printed newsletter were sent to only those members having no access to e-mail. The size of the newsletter also impacts the printing costs. I will not go over 5 sheets (10 pages) as this will cause

the postage to be more than \$0.37. However, the newsletter does not need to be that many sheets. Some club's newsletters are only 1 page, legal size. I am open to the member's suggestions. This is **YOUR** newsletter. Tell me how you want it.

Mike Gutsick



“Soundings from D Deck”

Some general ramblings –

Dr. Steve Fletcher provided me with the following drawing by Geoff Hunt, the illustrator for all of Patrick O'Brian's books. In honor of Patrick O'Brian's passing, H.M.S. *Surprise* has her flag at half mast and her yards hoisted cockbilled, her port cannons firing a final salute *****



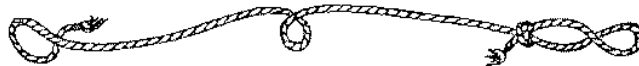
From the Hunley Newsletter:

Fluids could help preserve H.L. Hunley – Charleston – After months of testing, technology using supercritical fluids shows promise for preserving the Confederate submarine *H.L. Hunley*, which sat encased in sand beneath the ocean for almost 140 years. But months more of tests and studies must be done before scientists settle on the best way to remove the corrosive salts from the hand-cranked sub. The 40 foot *Hunley* became the first sub in history to sink an enemy warship when it rammed a spar with a black powder charge into the Union blockade ship *Housatonic* on Feb. 17, 1864. The *Hunley* never returned and was finally re-located off Sullivans Island nine years ago. It was raised in 2000 and brought to a conservation lab at the old Charleston Naval Base where it sits in a tank of chilled water.

In supercritical fluid technology, in this case the fluid is water, fluids take on the characteristics of both a gas and a liquid under intense heat and pressure and have unique dissolving characteristics. While the technology

is used in some commercial applications such as decaffeinating coffee and processing hops for brewing beer, it has never been used to preserve marine artifacts.

(Editor's Note – I've included just a brief portion of one of many interesting articles that are included in the monthly Hunley newsletter. If you would like to read the entire article please visit the website at www.thehunley.com.)



and coming up over the horizon is –



February 22, 2005 – Tech session will be presented by **Jeff Herne** who will discuss photo etching techniques.

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Guests are always welcome.

Contributions to the **BROADAXE** are always welcome, and SMSNNJ members are encouraged to participate. Articles, shop hints and news items may be submitted directly to The Editor as typed manuscript or electronic files, either on discs or by e-mail. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved.

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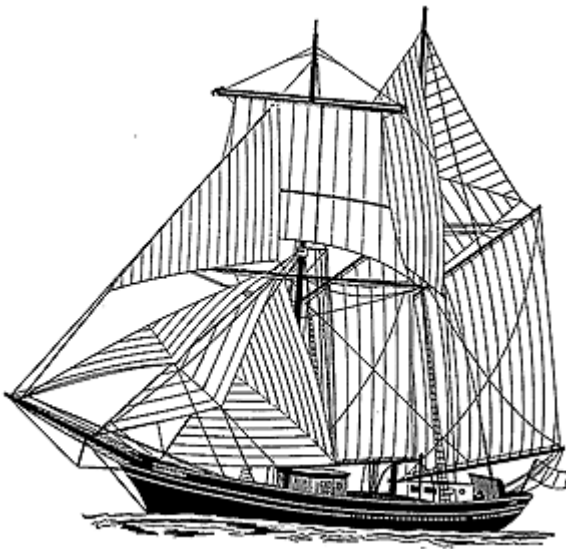
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