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**Upcoming Events & Tech Sessions**

The next meeting is;  
 July 25, 7:00 PM (1900) in the Roseland Library.  
 August 5, 10AM Modelcon 2023 on USS New Jersey  
 The Tech Session at the August meeting will be a presentation of the Great Lakes model collection at the Buffalo Maritime Museum by Ted Niziaiek  
 September 30, 2023 Parsippa-

**Workshops**

The next Saturday workshop at Chuck Passaro's will be July 22, 2023. Details will be emailed.

**Meeting Report:** The meeting was opened at 7 PM by our President, Bill Brown. We had twenty members and one guest. The guest was Ralph Egroff. Ralph saw our website. Ralph has completed his first model, the English Longboat. Welcome Ralph; you've come to the right place.

Joe Lorenzo is working on his model of HMS Cheerful. He is currently rigging the cannons and notes that even at 1:48, it is quite difficult.

Several who attended the last Northeast Joint Clubs enjoyed the afternoon presentation that was done by Kroum Batchvarov. Tim Murphy tells us that he has several YouTube videos. He has done presentations on Constitution, Victory, and Pinkies. Tim says that they are all very good.

Dennis Powell is working on a Skipjack. He likes working boats and found that skipjacks were not built to any plans but from specifics wanted by a particular owner. He also stated that they typically went through many changes over their life. He has made several jigs and steams wood to bend it. Dennis has a build log on Model Ship World and has posted pictures there.

The meeting ended at 20:30.

**Dues 2023**

Dues for 2023 were payable by the end of the June Meeting. If you did not yet pay your dues you can pay at the July meeting (cash or check) or you can send a check payable to the Ship Model Society of New Jersey to Tom Ruggiero. If you joined SMSNJ after November 2022, your initial fee covers the dues for 2023.

**Next Tech Session**

The July tech session is; 'NRG Half Hull Project Introduction to Planking' presented by Paddy O'Hare.

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## OLD BUSINESS



### Parsippany Library Exhibit and Demonstration

SMSNJ will be doing an exhibit and demonstration at the Parsippany Library on September 30, 2023, from 9 to 3. We will have a Powerpoint presentation running on a loop. SMSNJ members can bring completed models as well as their current project to demonstrate techniques as well as to answer questions from the public. Tom has spoken with Jean Marie Embler at the Library. They will be providing publicity for the event. We ask for a good showing by SMSNJ members and some assistance in putting this together. Volunteers to help with the exhibit please contact Tom Ruggiero.

## NEW BUSINESS



No New Business at this meeting.

## SMSNJ Welcomes our New President

The nominations for new officers were; Eric Marshall for President, Mason Loggie for Vice President, and Tom Ruggiero as Secretary. Since there were no other nominations, the Secretary cast a single vote for the nominees.

At the end of the meeting, President Bill Brown turned over the belaying pin to new president Eric Marshall. Bill thanked all of the members for their support over his two terms and welcomed Eric.



## BOOKS AND PUBS



No books or pubs this meeting.

## 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.

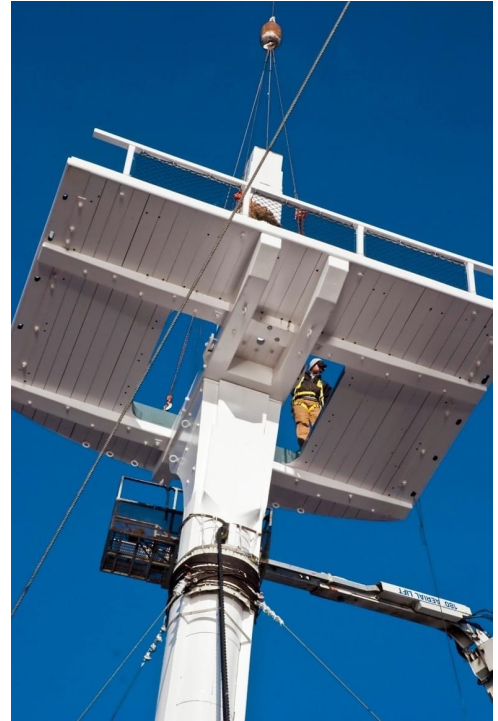
Other benefits include discounts on annual conferences, ship modeling seminars, NRG products and juried model competitions which are offered exclusively to Guild members. We hope you will consider joining our ongoing celebration of model ships and maritime history.



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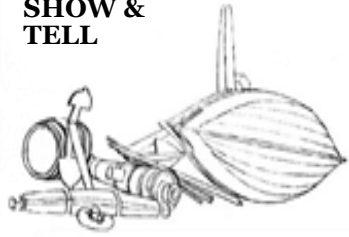
## USS Constitution News

Tim Murphy has been keeping us up to date with the progress of the current overhaul of the main-mast, spars, and rigging. Note that the Constitution was moved on June 9, 2023. Then, the main-mast fighting top was removed. The final two photos are of her on her July 4th turn around cruise. Tim opined that the refurbishment will possibly go into 2024. Thanks for the update Tim.



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## Tentacles of Fate

1955; Scale 1:25, Lindberg Kit

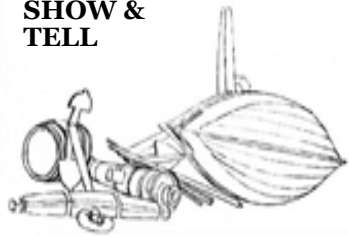
Mason Logie

Mason brought in his model of a pirate diorama from the Lindberg Jolly Rogers series. The figure on the left is handcuffed and the figure on the right is articulated to cut the cuffs with his sword. Mason had a good time detailing the raft.



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Hesper,

Fishing Schooner

Scale 1:96, Scratch Built

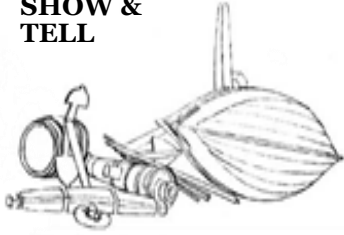
Rich Lane

Rich continues work on Hesper from the Romberg plans. He is now into rigging and is making use of blocks from Syren. The blocks are assembled from three laser cut pieces that are indexed so that they register exactly. He is very pleased with how they look. Rich decided that he will be bending the sails before he does the shrouds to simplify the process. The model is completely scratch built.



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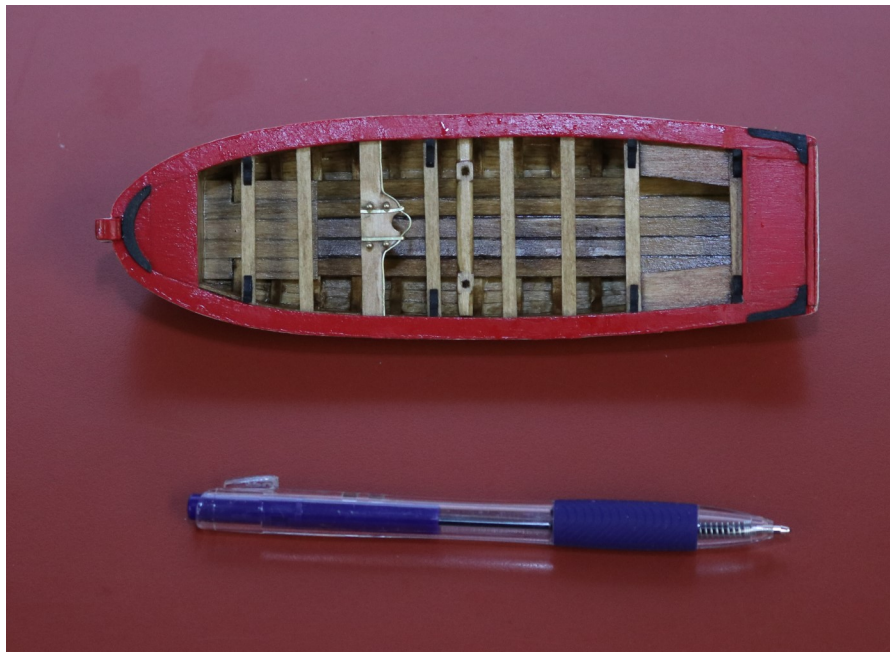
## Longboat

1752, Scale 1:48

## Model Shipways Kit

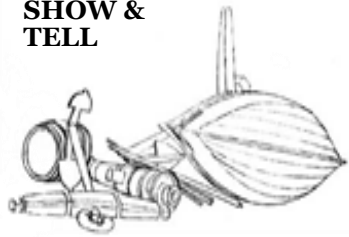
Ralph Engroff

Ralph attended his first meeting, and brought his first model. The model kit by Model Shipways was designed by Chuck Passaro. Ralph said that one issue that he had was that he didn't know if the keel was to be doubled as two keels were provided. Tom mentioned that Chuck sometimes provides spares and the keel is single. He also noted that the longboat is not intended to be a beginner's kit. Nevertheless, Ralph did a very good job with his model. We hope to see him at future meetings and become a member.



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## Longboat

1752, Scale 1:48

## Model Shipways Kit

Ryland Craze

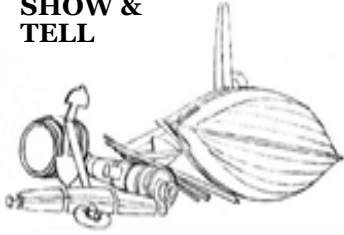
Ryland is also working on a Model Shipways Longboat. He notes that he has been using Chuck's plans for the Medway Longboat as both boats are rigged the same way.

He was able to download the stern and bulwark friezes from the Syren website. He printed them in the correct size on an ink jet printer. He then over-sprayed them with clear matte finish. After gluing them to his model, he used blue artist pencil to color the edges so that no white appears. The result is great.



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HMS Thorn, English Swan Class,  
Scale 1:48, Scratch

- Kevin Kenny

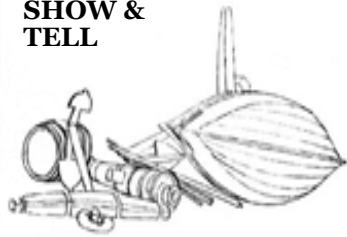
Kevin showed several examples of moldings that he has been making using hacksaw blades. He has a complete description on his methods in the Thorn build log on MSW.





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## Nautical Research Guild Introduction to Planking Project , Scale 1:48

- Paddy O'Hare

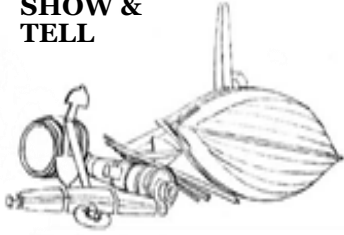
Patrick O'Hare is working on the NRG Half Hull instructional model. He has planked up to the wale. Below are a few photos of the build. The hull is a 18th century merchant vessel. Tom notes, that the hull is actually the Sultana. Looking very good.

In his spare time, Paddy is also working on a Model Shipways Longboat.



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## HMS Victory Crew

Scale 1:72,

- Mort Stoll

Mort has been searching for figures to populate his recently completed Victory. He found several from a prior build that would suffice. Mort credits Larry Friedlander with providing guidance for painting his figures. Here are the results.



# The Ship Model Society of New Jersey



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Contributions to *The Broadaxe* are always welcome, and SMSNJ 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 email. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved.

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