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## Newsletter of the Ship Model Society of New Jersey

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### Upcoming Events & Tech Sessions

The next meeting is;  
September 27, 7:00 PM  
(1900) at Roseland Library,  
Roseland, NJ.

The October Meeting will be  
'Bring a Model' night.

The November Tech Session  
will be a presentation of the  
Mariners Museum.

### Workshops

We are pleased to announce  
that Saturday Workshops are  
Back!

The next Saturday workshop  
is October 15, 2022 at 10 am.  
The workshop will be at Chuck  
Passaro's work shop.

**Meeting Report:** The meeting was opened at 7 PM by our President, Bill Brown. We had nineteen attending. Bill welcomed all of the attendees and those that were able to attend in person.

This meeting was a first for SMSNJ. The meeting was and extended workshop. The members that attended brought in their current project and worked at it during the meeting.

While members who were at the library worked on their projects, those online discussed rope making and how the results are much better than what comes with a kit. There was also a few show and tell among those online.

Next meeting we will be bac to a normal meeting. Again, we ask, that if you are withing driving distance, please come to the library.

The meeting adjained at 2015.

### Dues 2022

**About 10 members have still not paid their dues.**

Yearly dues are \$20. If you joined after November 1, 2021 you are covered for this year. Dues may be paid at the June meeting or mailed to the Treasurer. Make checks to "Ship Model Society of New Jersey".

### Next Tech Session

The Tech Session for the September meeting with be a presentation by Evelyn Ansel of the Herreshoff Museum in Newport Rhode Island. I have been to the museum and you don't want to miss this!.

## OLD BUSINESS



No Old Business at this meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS



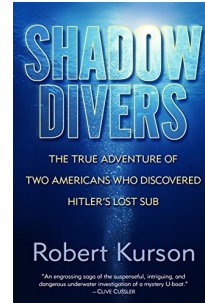
### SMSNJ 40th Anniversary Celebration

But we were founded in 1981. This is year 21, but we lost a year due to Covid. So, on September 24, 2022 we will be celebrating our 40 years at Tom Ruggiero's home. The menu is great and we will have a fun time. Plan to be there.

### Nautical Research Guild Virtual Workshops

Tom Ruggiero is a Director of the NRG. He noted that the NRG has been doing virtual workshops that are free to Members of the NRG. The presentations are generally about one to two hours long. The NRG is reaching out to members of Charter Clubs for those who may have a Technique or Topic to present. If you are interested, contact Tom Ruggiero.

## BOOKS AND PUBS



Steve Fletcher discussed an interesting book that he had read and recommended it to Tom R; Shadow Divers by Robert Kurson. Divers John Chatterton and Richie Kohler in the fall of 1991, were not prepared for what they found 230 feet below the surface, in the frigid Atlantic waters sixty miles off the coast of New Jersey: a World War II German U-boat. No identifying marks were visible on the submarine or the few artifacts brought to the surface. No historian, expert, or government had a clue as to which U-boat the men had found. In fact, the official records all agreed that there simply could not be a sunken U-boat and crew at that location.

Over the next six years, an elite team of divers embarked on a quest to solve the mystery. Some of them would not live to see its end. Author Robert Kurson's account of this quest is at once thrilling and emotionally complex, and it is written with a vivid sense of what divers actually experience when they meet the dangers of the ocean's underworld. (from the description on Amazon)

## THE NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD

"ADVANCING SHIP MODELING THROUGH RESEARCH"

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.



For more information contact us at: [www.thenrg.org](http://www.thenrg.org) or call 585 968 8111



## SMSNJ Workshop—at the Library?

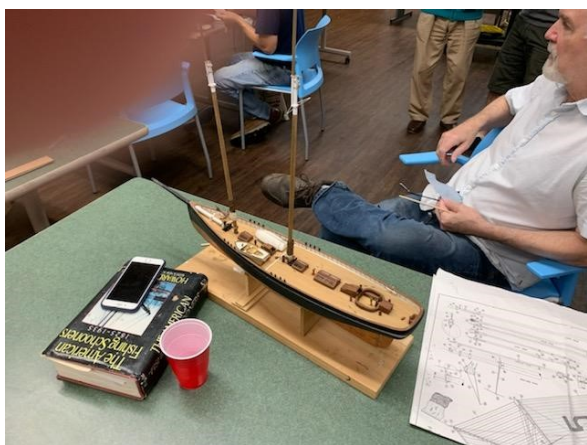
Very strange, but new for the August meeting. At the July meeting we discussed how we might encourage more members and guests to physically come to a meeting. Borrowing what model train clubs do we decided to try something a little different. This meeting was a Workshop where members brought in models to work on. So, here are the members who came and the models that they brought.



HMS Winchelsea—Chuck Passaro



America - Bill Brown



Hesper—Rich Lane



Casco Bay Steam Boat - Ken Poplin



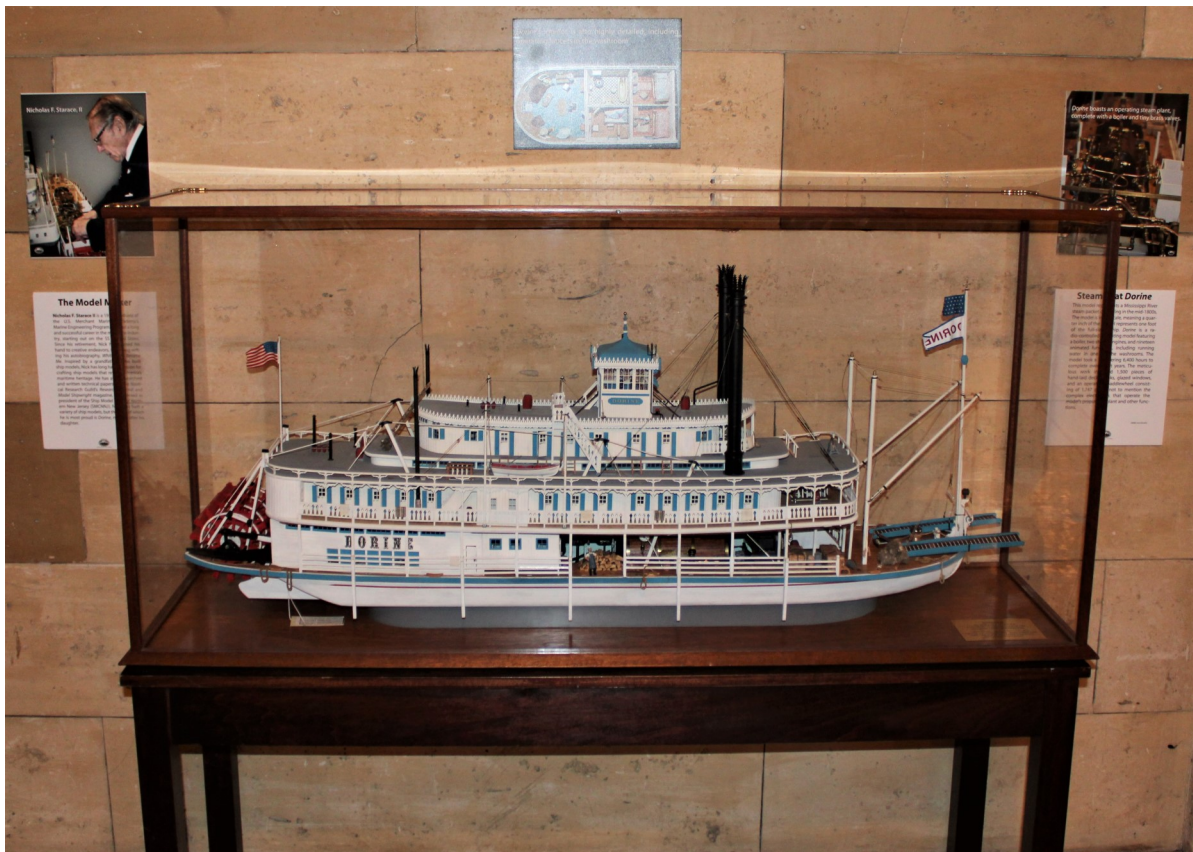
Medway Long Boat  
Larry Friedlander &  
Roy Goroski





## A new home for Dorine

Member Nick Starace has built a model of a sternwheeler that is actually powered by a reciprocating steam engine complete with a boiler as well of piping. The model also has fully detaied cabins including running water in the sink!. Here's the final chapter. The Dorine is now on full display in the foyer of Wiley Hall, the hub of the old Chrysler estate at Kings Point. We had to make a decision about how to display it, either with the superstructure lifted off the hull, or kept fully assembled. Final decision was to leave the model fully assembled. To capture the engine room spaces and cabin internals, 5 photos are mounted on the wall around the model.





## SHOW & TELL



## HMS Thorn, English Swan Class

Scale 1:48

Kevin Kenny

As Kevin is not near by, he is online. Tonight he showed the progress that he is making with treenailing the hull. Thousands of treenails. Kevin has his full build log and many instructional videos on Model Ship World. You need to see these as they are very well done as well as being helpful.





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John Smith's Shallop

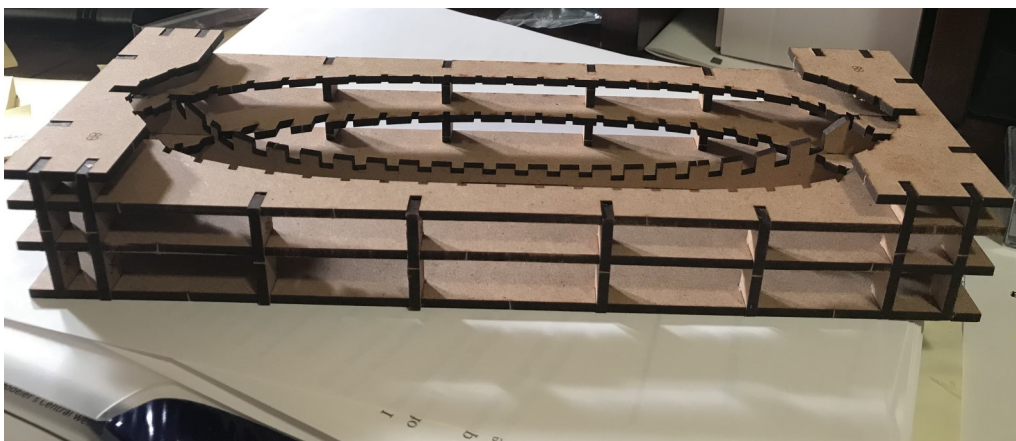
English 17th Century

Kit from Pavel Nikitin, Scale 1:32

Tim Murphy

Tim discussed his current project, John Smith's Shallop. The ship model is cherry and is plank on frame. Olha Batchvarov has done a YouTube video on the first part of this kit (Olha is a professional photographer who has provided videos of the Northeast Joint Clubs. She is also an excellent model builder who has build logs on MSW). He ordered this kit from

Pavel Nikitin's website, which is in Ukraine. Took about a month to get the kit. I received the kit Monday. I did some work on the building frame, also just started on the keel. Included are photographs of the replica at 1:1 scale. Tim said that this kit is very well engineered. Note the building jig.





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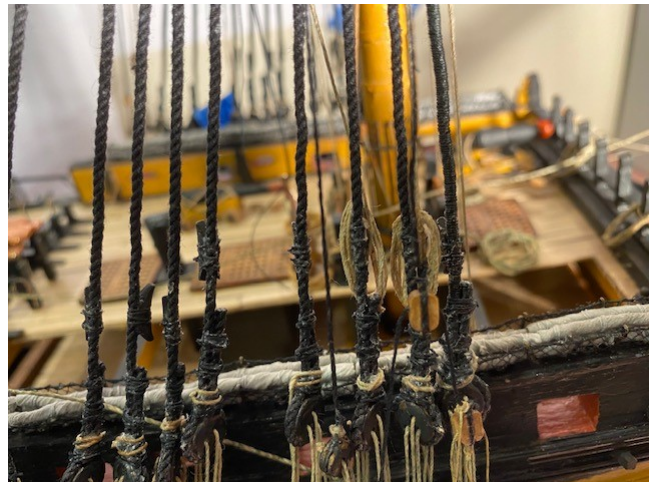
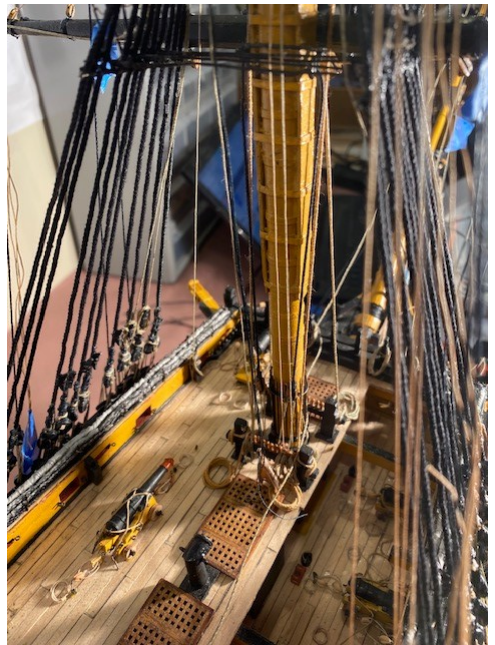
SHOW & TELL



HMS Victory, English 1st Rate,  
Scale 1:72, Modified Caldercraft Kit  
(54 x 21 x 37 inches)

- Mort Stoll

Mort just about completed the jib traveler. The fore mast and foretop mast are stepped with the halyards, lifts, sheets and buntlines mounted.



# The Ship Model Society of New Jersey



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Regular meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:45 PM, at the Roseland Free Public Library, 20 Roseland Avenue, Roseland, New Jersey. Guests are always welcome.

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.

*The Broadaxe* is edited by Tom Ruggiero. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Please submit them to Steve Maggipinto at [trugs@comcast.net](mailto:trugs@comcast.net).

If any member would like an email copy of the roster, please drop a note to Tom Ruggiero at the email address listed below. If there is an error in the roster let Tom know and the roster will be amended. Please make sure that your spam filter is not blocking emails from Tom because if it is, you won't get member bulletins. Please keep your contact information up to date. Your email address is particularly important because that is the main avenue of communication for club announcements. In case of emergencies such as last-minute cancellations due to weather, emails will be sent to the members. Direct All Correspondence to Tom Ruggiero.

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