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The June Meeting of SMSNJ will be a virtual meeting. The meeting will be;

June 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM (1900).

Next Tech Session

The Tech Session for the June Meeting will be; "Developing a Ship Model Kit" presented by Nick Damuck, the owner of Bluejacket Shipcrafters."

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Saturday workshops coming back soon!. Stay tuned!

Meeting Report: The virtual meeting was called to order by President Bill Brown at 1900 on Tuesday, May 27, 2021. There were twenty one members and six guests. Welcome to you all.

One of the guests have attended three meetings and asked to be members. He is Mike Waller. The motion was made by Eric Marshall and seconded by Mort Stoll. The vote was unanimous. Welcome!

The Treasurer reported of transactions for the month and the balance in the SMSNJ bank account.

We have some great news. We will be back meeting in the Roseland Library in September. Bill notes that we do plan to continue with a virtual presence even when we meet in person. We are working out the logistics to make hat happen.

Michael Waller continues working on "Yankee Hero". No new progress as it is time to work on his full size boat for the sailing season.

Rich Lane has finished the deck furniture on his model of the Hesper. Last time he had just finished his coppering. It has started to develop a very nice patina. It looks a bit like a dirty penny. Rich is going to leave it alone for a bit more and then seal it.

John Bullock has been very busy during the lock down. He has done two Victory's and a Charles Morgan.

Carla Lesh and Mark Peckham went to the Highland Falls Historical Society.to pick up artifacts from the estate of a man who had been a Tour Boat Captain. Mark saw a sternwheeler, Sternwheeler are very rare on the Hudson River. On inspection back at the Museum their resident steam boat expert said that this model was not of a real boat. While it is a handsome model, there were side wheelers on the Hudson. Carla is trying to write a description so that people do not get the misinformation that there were stern wheelers on the Hudson because the museum has one.

Bill closed the meeting with a remembrance of our good friend and SMSNJ member, Ken Schuetz. We will all miss him.

The meeting adjoined at 2050.

Member Dues

Please send in your yearly dues. If you are a new member that joined after November 2020, your initiation fee covers the first year. Thank you all.

**OLD
BUSINESS**



Northeast Joint Clubs

The Northeast Joint Clubs meeting will be Saturday, October 2, 2021 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Port'n'Starbord Convention Center Ocean Beach Park, New London, Connecticut. This year's conference is sponsored by the USS Constitution Ship Craft Guild.

There will be the usual very large model display, vendors, lunch, round table demonstrations, door prizes, and an after lunch speaker. Registration is open now. As is every year, the sooner you get your registration in, the lower the cost. The Jim Roberts Competition will occur. This is a winner take all competition honoring one of our Plank Owners, Jim Roberts.

It also has been decided that the 2022 Northeast Joint Clubs will go back to its traditional Saturday in April. The 2022 Conference will be hosted by the Philadelphia Ship Model Society.

Election of the new President of SMSNJ

Bill Brown will reach the end of his term as President in June. As no nominations were received and in accordance with the SMSNJ Constitution, the Secretary casts a single vote for Bill. Congratulations Bill..

Modelcon 2021

Modelcon 2021 will be on USS New Jersey on August 7, 2021. To register your model(s) for the show, go to;

www.philadelphiahipmodelsociety.com/modelcon/

There will be prizes for the Best In Show Model at the Exhibit.. An Instruction form is being prepared, but you can register your model now

Dues

Dues will be due by the June Meeting. Please send your check, payable to SMSNJ, to;

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**NEW
BUSINESS**



National Lighthouse Museum

We will be doing an exhibit at the museum in November. This is a great show and chance to work on your models. Stay tuned.

**BOOKS
AND PUBS**



There were no Books or Publications this meeting.

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Tech Session

“Researching and Gathering Data for the
Schooner, Alice S. Wentworth “ Tom Lauria

Tom Lauria provided a video on how to make moldings. The video was excellent. An advantage of virtual meetings is that we can have guests that would not be able to be at a meeting. Tonight, Tom Lauria is here to present the research that he did for his model of the Alice S. Wentworth.

He talked about how he selects subjects for his models. Some people enjoy doing the research. Tom selects his subjects are those ships that he is drawn to. The Alice S. Wentworth heard the name of the ship at a museum reception. He found a go deal of material for the ship and those who operated her. He talked about her master, Zeb Tilton



The Alice S. Wentworth was original named the Lizzie A. Tolles in 1863, in South Norwalk, Connecticut. Lizzie A. Tolles served mostly from Connecticut to ports along the Hudson river. In 1891 she was purchased by the Stevens Brothers, Arthur and Charles of Welles, Maine. In 1904 the ship went through an extensive rebuild. The Stevens brothers renamed her Alice S. Wentworth (their favorite niece). In 1921 Zeb Tilton of Martha's Vineyard purchases her Alice S. Wentworth and sailed her for the next twenty two years. In 1943, she was purchased by Captain Parker Hull of Maine. She was used in the as windjammer until 1962. She was purchased by Anthony Athanas (Antony's Pier 4 Restaurants) for conversion to a restaurant in 1965 but sank at the dock in Boston next to the restaurant. She was finally broken apart in a winter storm in 1974. The Wentworth was a center board schooner that drew only 5 feet of water with the board up and another 7 feet with the board down. Tom dis-

cussed other characteristics of the ship and it's very tall rig. With such tall masts, she only had two shrouds per side. Tom described the very colorful and interesting life of Zeb Tilton and the Wentworth.

Tom found a plans and measurements for the schooner but there was a good amount of conflicting information. He settled on stretching the plans that he found in Mystic although there were some discrepancies that he needed to sort. Tom then did a review of the features of his model. He noted that nothing is too neat, because it is a work boat.

Thank you Tom for a great presentation.





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.

Trafalgar Squared is a project that is being developed by Adam Preston, a screen writer in the UK. The following was posted by druxey in Model Ship World.

Calling all Trafalgar fans!

This new initiative for a series on Trafalgar will tell the story in an accurate and realistic way (remember *Master and Commander*?) Led by experienced screen-writer Adam Preston in England, he hopes to bring the events and personalities involved to authentic life. However, to get the serious attention of a major producer (think *Netflix*), he needs to demonstrate sufficient public interest. This is where you come in.

Adam does not need money. However, he does need signatures of support. Lots of them. 10,000 would be a good number. Please help support this initiative by taking the King's shilling before the press gang comes for you!

You can find out all about this exciting possibility by going to:

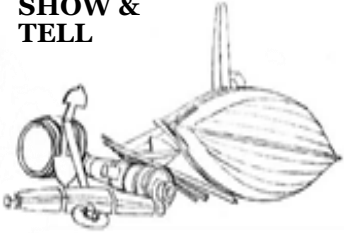
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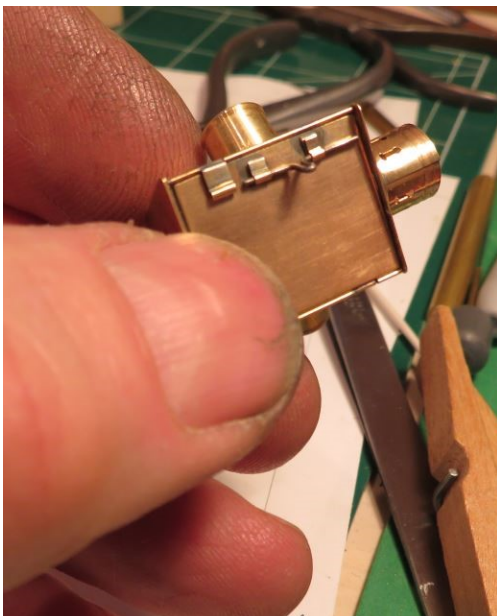
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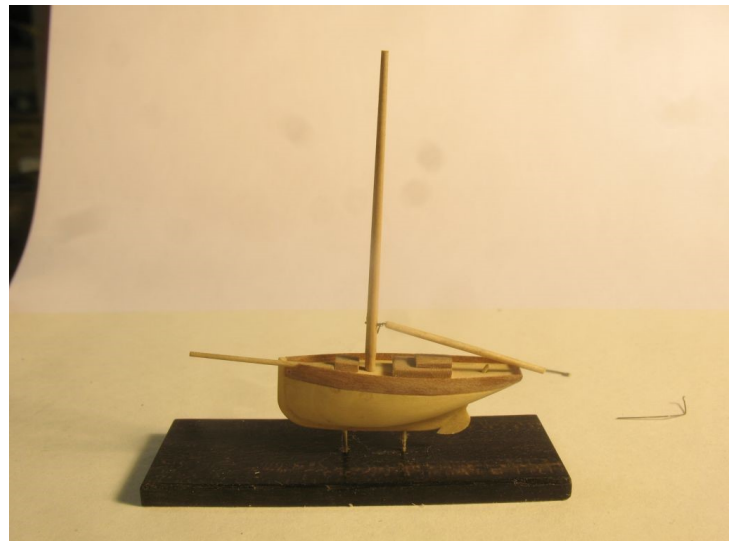
A Lantern!

- Michael Mott

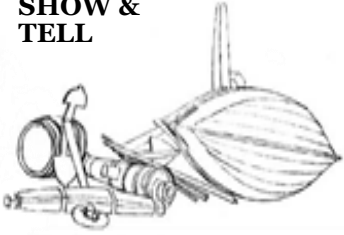
Last meeting, Bill Brown was showing us a lantern that he designed and had 3D Printed. The navigation light is for his Chris Craft Model. Michael showed us a lantern that he has made for his model. It is brass and the door can be opened. It is the same that is on his model of the Skipjack.



Inside his 1:8 model, Michael installed a smaller version inside the cabin of the larger model. Fantastic work Michael.



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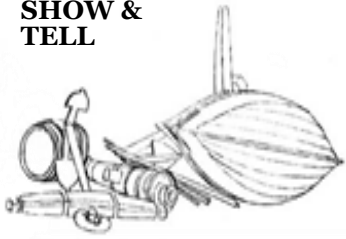
**HMS Victory, English 1st Rate, Scale 1:72, Modified Caldercraft Kit
(54 x 21 x 37 inches)**

- Mort Stoll

Mort has completed planking the Poop Deck and completed the skylight. He is now working on the flag locker. He will be inserting rolled up signal flags into the locker.



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HMS Janus Artifacts

- Kevin Kenny

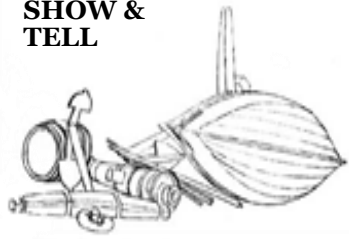
Kevin has located the actual artefacts from the HMS Janus renames the HMS Dromedary, A Roebuck class vessel. She sank in 1800 and is located in 12-20 ft water. All her cannons are still in good condition but the wreck has been scavenged over the years.

He has been trying to get back some of the artefacts. Pictured is the horse shoe keel clamp some bronze pin, a bronze ring and a strange piece of bronze that has so far not been identified. Kevin plans to scratch build a model of the HMS Ulysses, a sister ship, that brought my his to Trinidad in 1797 as part of the British invading fleet/force that overthrew the Spanish. He already has Harold Hahn's plans and notes about the build from one of his books. He plans to start this project when the HMS Thorn is complete. Anyone know what that bronze rack is?.



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Providence, Colonial Schooner, 1776, 1:48 Scale - Ken Whitehead

Ken did some extensive research for building this model. In his Build Log in MSW several people started a more intense discussion that has now been moved to an entirely different Log. The bottom line is that original plans for Providence haven't been found, so Ken will continue with his model. He is currently making a lot of rope as Syren no longer sells it. It is still looking very good Ken.



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Lobster Boat - Mike Ellison

Mike has had a one month pause for his day job. He has been able to pick up a bit more painting of his Lobster Boat. He says that he is getting better with his air brush. Looking good Mike.



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.

The Broadaxe is edited by Tom Ruggiero. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Please submit them to Steve Maggipinto at 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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