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## *Newsletter of the Ship Model Society of New Jersey*

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

March, 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM (1900).

### Call for Photographs

SMSNJ is a NRG has instituted Chartered Chapters and will have a page on the NRG website. We will be putting several pictures on that page. These pictures must be clear, sharp and with an uncluttered background. Please contact Tom Ruggiero if you are interested.

### SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Tech Session for March is, "The Restoration of Albertic"

Future workshops are on hold due to the pandemic.

**Meeting Report:** The virtual meeting was called to order by President Bill Brown at 1900 on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. There were twenty three members and fifteen guests. Welcome to you all.

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

Rich Lane is continuing his work on Pilot Schooner Hester. He has finished coppering one side.

Mason is continuing placing cargo into his B&O bump head barge.

Rich Verost has now started the Model Shipways "Pride of Baltimore II". You will note that Rich just finished Kate Cory. No moss grows on his work bench.

Guest, and Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) member Stewart Winn is building an 18th century Mediterranean merchant vessel. He is building the model to be shown in a use d, in service condition. He fabricating sails using the technique that Tom Ruggiero presented at the last PSMS meeting. He started with the mizzen sail that is gaff rigged.

Guest Mike Waller recently vacationed in Sears Point Maine. He stopped in to see Nick Damuck at Bluejacket to do some shopping. He showed a model of "Red Baron" a Lobster Boat that was his first model. The weathering looks great and Mike explained that his weathering techniques were developed on his train layout that he also showed. He uses india ink, alcohol and chalks. He then seals it with a coat of dull coat.

Guest, Kevin Keeney continues his work on HMS Thorne. Kevin is using David Antscherl and Greg Herbert's Swan Class books for the build and posts YouTube videos of his work.

Guest and NRG Director Kurt Van Dahm announced that the latest edition of the Nautical Research Journal is in the mail and the digital version is currently available to NRG members. Kurt has term limited as the Chair of the NRG Board and the new Chair is Toni Levine.

Greg Harrington is building a Danish Fishing Schooner the "Thirteen Siblings", from plans in a publication that he obtained while he was working in Denmark.

The meeting adjourned at 2105.

**March Tech Session:** The Tech Session will be; "Restoration of the Albertic" by Michael Mott. The Alberic was the largest Steamer on the Montreal to England run. She was owned by the White Star Lines. This promises to be an excellent presentation.

## OLD BUSINESS



### Northeast Joint Clubs

It is official; 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. Tim Murphy of the USS Constitution Shipcraft Guild reports that a flyer with costs and registration will be available in about two months.

### Pennsville Farm Show

Tom has been contacted by Dot Mason and informed that the Pennsville farm show on the banks of the Delaware is scheduled for Saturday June 5. Again this is all pending at this time. SMSNJ has been doing this with PSMS for several years. It was cancelled in 2020 due to Covid.

### Meetings in Person Status

Bill has been in contact with the Roseland Library Director. She is hopeful that we can resume meeting there in June or July 2021. They can't wait to see us again but this will all depend on NJ State guidelines and the state on vaccinations.

### Call for Nominations

Bill Brown will reach the end of his term as President in June. He can run one more time. Anyone wishing to run for President should let it be known to the Secretary by the April meeting.

## Modelcon 2021

Josh Fichman has been working with the management from Battleship New Jersey. They are very eager to host us for Modelcon. As you will recall, originally we were going to be there in August 2020. That was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Josh is pleased to report that there will be an exhibit on USS New Jersey on August 7, 2021. This show is with the Philadelphia Ship Model Society. We all will be setting up in one of three areas on the ship; the Wardroom, the Admirals Quarters, or on the open fantail on the stern in a tent. They will also be giving us complimentary tours, some to areas that are not on the regular tours as well as lunch in the mess hall. The show will be at 10 to 3. We will be able to drive up to the battleship and unload at an elevator. Vendors are welcome. This will be a great day. See the flyer at this Broadaxe.

## NEW BUSINESS



No new Business this month.

## BOOKS AND PUBS



There were no Books or Publications 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.



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



## Tech Session

“The Model Collection at the Hudson River  
Maritime Museum”



Tonight's presentation was given by Mark Peckham. Mark grew up near Albany NY, and now lives on the Hudson River in the historic shipbuilding town of New Baltimore. He has been interested in historic ships and boats since childhood. He retired from a long career in historic preservation where among many roles he had the opportunity to help preserve and document historic ships and shipwrecks. He currently volunteers as a trustee at the Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston, NY. Mark has given up scuba diving but still enjoys boating, sailing, and painting. He restores old ship models and carves new ones outdoors, especially at the beach.





## Tech Session

### "The Model Collection at the Hudson River Maritime Museum" cont'd

The museum is located on the water in Kingston, New York. They have a campus with an historic tug boat, a museum building with their archives and collections as well as a boat building center. The museum was established in 1979 by a group that had previously tried to save the Dayline Steamer Alexander Hamilton. That did not come to pass but they were determined to create an institution to commemorate and preserve the steam boating and tug boating industry on the Hudson River. The mission has been expanded



to cover all things maritime on the Hudson River and its tributaries.. They have built at the museum the first completely solar powered passenger boat.

The model collection can be divided into five categories. These are; Antique Scale Models, Professional Scale Models, Folk Models, Toys and Pond Models, and Miniatures. Mark also introduced several of the on staff volunteers that maintain and repair the collection.

The museum website is; [www.hrmm.org](http://www.hrmm.org). The museum is beginning to reopen post Covid. Check the website for the most current information. We thank Mark for this excellent presentation and we hope to visit soon.





# *The Broadaxe*

## SHOW & TELL



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

- Mort Stoll

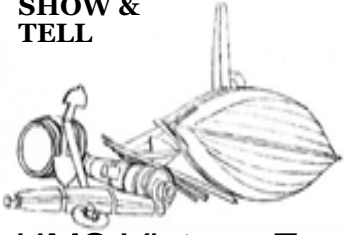
Mort is working on the roundhouses, and quarter-deck barricade, and waist ladders are complete. He has completed the helm that is a mini kit that he obtained from Syren and was assembled by Larry Friedlander. He has also completed the access for the rigging that will pass through the quarterdeck.





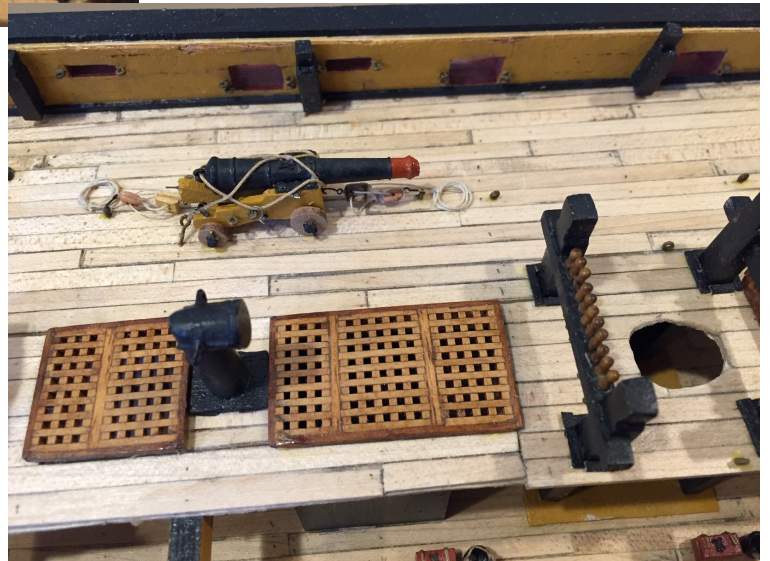
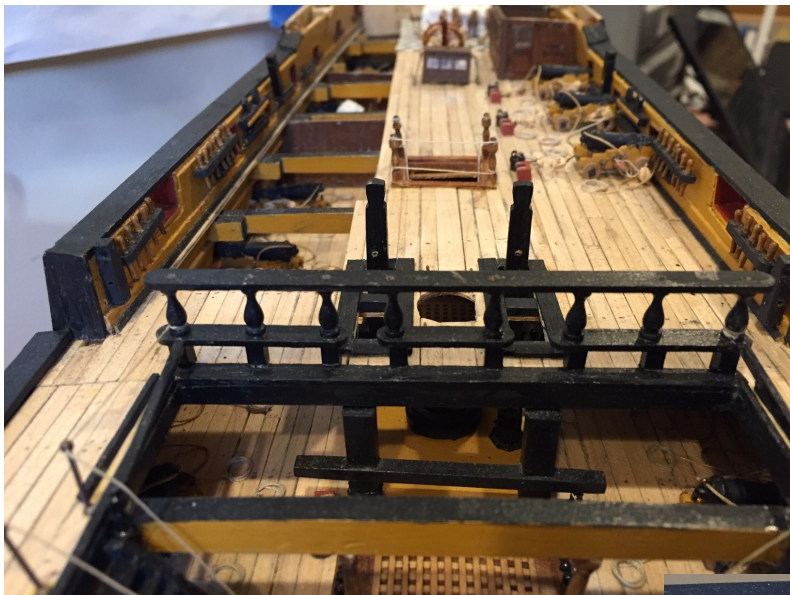
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## HMS Victory, English 1st Rate, Scale 1:72, Modified Caldercraft Kit (cont'd)

Mort noted that the virtual meeting format is about the only way that we would get to see this model as it is simply too big to transport to a meeting. The amount of detail is extensive and complete. Coming along very nicely.





# *The Broadaxe*

## SHOW & TELL



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

Since last month, Ken has fabricated and installed the ladder from the quarterdeck, a binna-  
cle, and the preventer chains at the rudder. Very cleanly done.





## SHOW & TELL



### 21ft English Pinnace, Pinnace, English, 1:48 Scale

- Eric Marshall

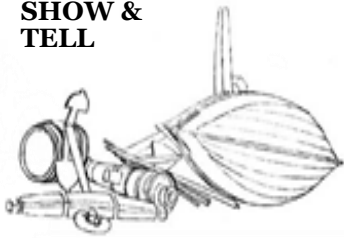
Eric has completed the model. A very good looking model with several upgrades and changes to the kit. Eric will now be proceeding to his next project, Baltimore Clipper Privateer, Dapper Tom.





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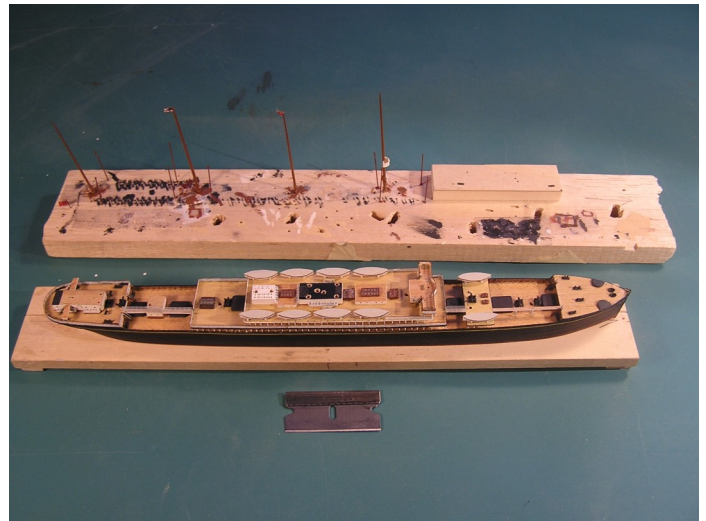
## Gothic, White Star Liner, 1893; Scale 1:600

- Bob Fivehouse

*The White Star Liner GOTHIC was built in 1893 for the New Zealand service of the company in conjunction with the Shaw, Saville and Albion line. The GOTHIC was 490.7' bp and 7755 gross tons. She was the first twin screw ship to trade with New Zealand and the fastest ship in the service. The model is to the scale of 1:600 (1"=50'). The plans came from her builders, Harland & Wolff, in Belfast, Northern Ireland. As it turns out, the plans show the ship as re-built for service in the Red Star line from Antwerp to New York. I needed to do a lot of photo research to*



*ting tired of making railings, I am using the ones from Tom's Modelworks. I made the flags from glassine-printed sheets by copying the flags from the internet. I have already carved and painted the water and built*



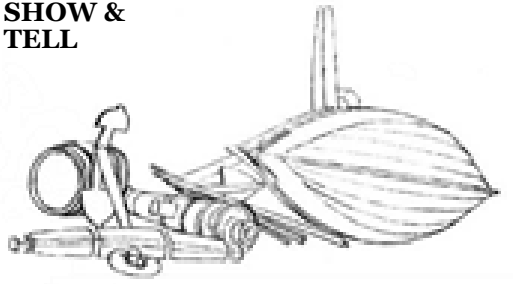
*find out how she originally looked when built.*

*The hull is carved from basswood and the decks are holly. The masts are turned from shish kabob skewers and the cargo booms are brass. The deckhouses are bass with paper overlays. The lifeboats are carved from balsa and coated with 2 or 3 layers of diluted wood filler. Since I am get-*



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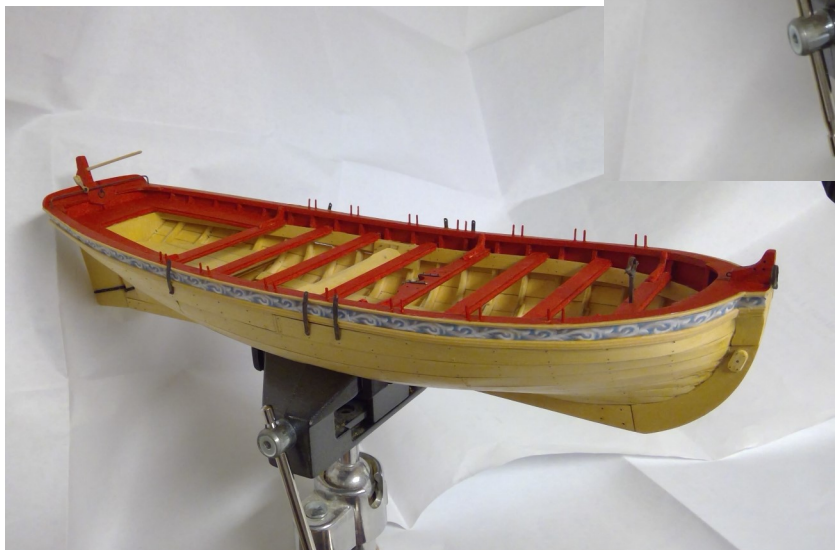
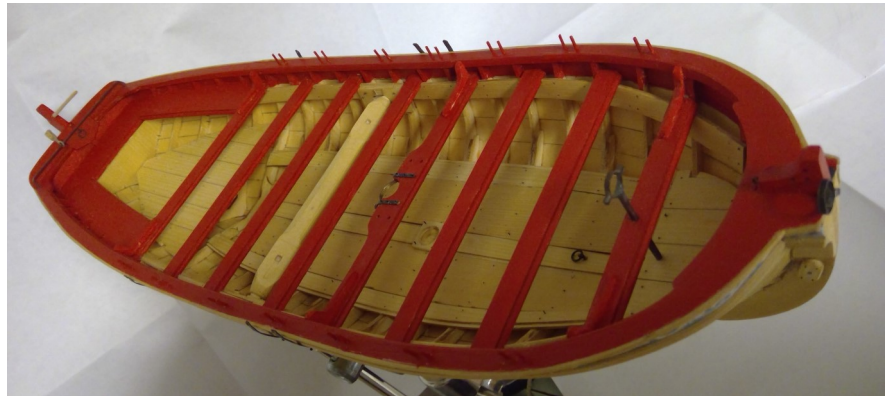
## SHOW & TELL



### Medway Longboat, English, 1742, 1:24

- Tom Ruggiero

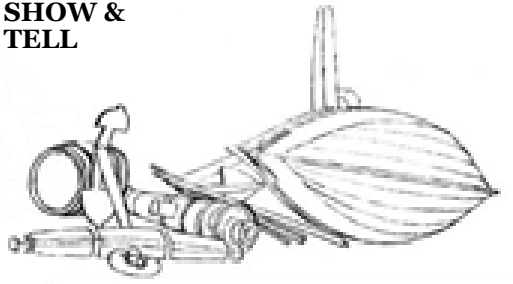
Tom is finished with his long boat except for the windlass bars, grapple, oars, and a method to display it. Tom has included all of the fixtures that would be needed to rig the boat such as the chains for the shrouds and the block and horse for the boom sheet. He explained that he isn't rigging the boat as there is no space left to display it with the mast and bowsprit shipped. Now on to the next project which will be repairing and cleaning some of his older models.





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## SHOW & TELL



### Lobster Boat, US, Bluejacket Kit 5/8" - 1'

- Mike Ellison

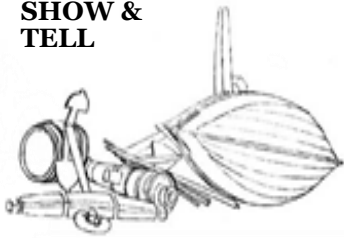
Mike is building this kit as a gift for his in-laws. It is a little larger scale than what he has done before. He is enjoying the kit but the interior of the cabin is not detailed in the kit. Mike is scratch building the interior of the cabin. The photos show his progress. After detailing of the cabin is complete, he will be installing the deck and painting the boat. Shaping up nicely.





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### Yankee Hero - BlueJacket Shipcrafters - 3/8"=1' - 1889 Quoddy Boat

- Mike Waller

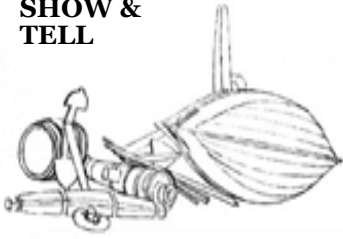
*In addition to showing us Red Baron (see ther meeting report) Mike showed us the model that he is currently working on. Yankee Herop is a Maine fishing boat. The photographs are from his build log on Model Shipworld (MSW).*





## *The Broadaxe*

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### Medway Longboat, English, 1742, 1:24

- Ryland Craze

Ryland is continuing with the rigging of his long boat. He notes that the thwarts are not glued in yet so that he has more space to belay and coil the rigging line. The bowsprit is next. Very clean work, Ryland.



# PSMS ModelCon



The Philadelphia Ship Model Society in partnership with  
the Battleship New Jersey Museum is hosting the

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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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