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

May 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM (1900).

#### Next Tech Session

The Tech Session for the May Meeting will be; "Researching and gathering data for the schooner, Alice S. Wentworth" with Tom Lauria."

#### 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, April 27, 2021. There were twenty members and twelve 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.

Bill noted that the hope is that we get back to the Library in the next few months. He stated that we intend to continue with remote tie in from the Library. We will be looking for at least one microphone and one of two web cams. We ask any member who has expertise in such set ups to contact Bill.

Eric Marshall has finished his volunteer work with the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership. The mission of the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership (LRWP) is to restore, enhance, and conserve, the natural resources of "New Jersey Watershed Management Area 9" (the Lower Raritan Watershed) through science-based stewardship, education and innovation. They will be making 1:1 scale rowing boats across from the train station in New Brunswick. Additional volunteers can attend workshops at this location. See their website for more information. [Lowerraritanwatershed.org](http://Lowerraritanwatershed.org)

Felipe Trucco is completing the second planking of Scottish Maid.

Michael Mott showed us a sink unit and maple counter top for his Bristol Cutter. He has a build log on MSW. You need to see this workmanship.

Mike Waller continues his work on Yankee hero.

Joe Jordan, from PSMS, announced that the Independence Seaport Museum has reopened. PSMS members staff the Ship Model shack and demonstrate modeling to the public, but it will be moved closer to the lobby. The museum is now open 7 days, 10 to 5.

Stewart Winn from PSMS had two vintage photographs of a 1930s Chris Craft of his mother and father in the boat. His father was a salesman for Chris Craft. The pictures clearly show the wheel (see show and tell).

Nicholas Kruse is planking his model of the America. He bought the kit from Bluejacket on a trip to Maine. Bluejacket is working on a kit of the Battleship Oregon.

The meeting adjourned at 2050.

**OLD  
BUSINESS**



**NEW  
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. 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**

The Pennsville Farm Show is, very unfortunately canceled for 2021. It will return on Saturday June 4, 2022. It was cancelled in 2020 due to Covid.

**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**

Modelcon 2021 will be on USS New Jersey on August 7, 2021. To register your model(s) for the show, go to;  
[www.philadelphia ships modelsociety.com/modelcon/](http://www.philadelphia ships modelsociety.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.

**BOOKS  
AND PUBS**



There were no Books or Publications this meeting.

**THE NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD**

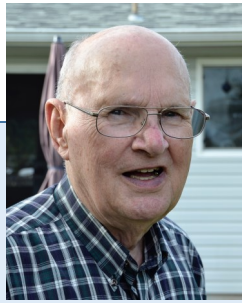
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Annual membership includes our world-renowned quarterly magazine, Nautical Research Journal, which features photographs and articles on ship model building, naval architecture, merchant and naval ship construction, maritime trade, nautical and maritime 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



## Kenny Schuetz

July 17, 1924— May 14, 2021

Our very good friend, and fellow ship modeler passed away May 14, 2021. Kenny was 96. He was born in Newark, NJ to August and Mabel Schuetz and grew up in East Orange, NJ.

Ken arrived in St. Vith Belgium five days before the Battle of the Bulge started. St. Vith and Bastogne were heavily into the fighting and Ken's unit took significant casualties.

After returning to the US after the war, he went to Rutgers University and received a BS in Accounting in 1955, following nine years of night school while working days. Ken was an accountant for Schering-Plough Corporation for thirty-five years, retiring in 1985 as Comptroller for the Animal Health Division.

Ken was a long time member of SMSNJ and served as Treasurer many times. He is an exceptional scratch model builder, won many awards, and was once featured on the coveted front page of 'Ships in Scale' magazine. Ken was instrumental in setting up a month long juried exhibit at Schering-Plough, and was a big part of organizing The Nautical Research Guild Conferences that we hosted as well as being a major player along with Al and Grace Geigel in organizing the Northeast Joint Clubs Meetings when we hosted. He did all of these with his wife Marion who passed several years ago.

Ken was a good friend to me and many others at the club; Doc, Bob, Ossie, Nick, Jeff. I will really miss my good friend who was always happy and always fun to be with.

I could always count on Ken's help. He was instrumental in getting us to our new meeting place at Roseland Library. The several times that I have seen or spoken to Ken over this crazy year, we were always hoping to be able to meet at the Library again. It is really sad for all of our members that soon we will be able to meet again and Ken will be in heaven. We will keep a seat for you my friend.

I have included several of the emails that I have received on the next page. Fair winds to you!

Tom Ruggiero

### **Happy Memories and Well Wishes from SMSNJ Members:**

I was so saddened to hear of the loss of Ken. He was from our greatest generation and he will be sorely missed. As many of you may know, Ken fought in WWII and was stationed in St. Vith at the start of what would go down in history as the bloodiest battle for US troops during that war, The Battle of the Bulge. St. Vith and Bastogne bore the brunt of the German attack. Ken told us at one of our meetings that the Christmas of 1944 was the happiest ever for him as the weather finally cleared and the Air Force came in to help drive the Germans back. I can only imagine what he went through those weeks in December. A humble man, who always had a smile on his face, we were all better off knowing him and we were honored to have him as a member of our club. Kenny was an excellent ship modeler and also held prior offices for our club. It goes without saying, he will be deeply missed. My deepest condolences to his family. Bill Brown

Ken was an old and dear friend. I know he missed his wife terribly and now he is in heaven with her. He went out of his way to call me when Justine passed away as many of you did and I'll never forget that. Rest in peace my friend. Doc Fletcher

So sad.. I'll bet he and Dad are happily building models together now. Please send our condolences from Mom and the entire family. Mary Simpson (Daughter of Al and Grace Geigel)

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I was truly sorry to hear of Ken's passing. Ken joined the club shortly after I did and we shared, at the time, the fact that we were virtually the only regular steamship modelers in the group. He had wanted, at the time of his failing eyesight, to build a model of the Bibby liner CHESHIRE ... the ship that delivered him to the beaches of France in 1944. Ken was always willing to help and for many years was our treasurer. He worked on many committees and I believe helped in the NRG set-ups and in writing the Jim Roberts award as well as planning the Joint Clubs meetings; he was always there when we needed him. I know Ken really enjoyed the club and looked forward to meetings to see his fellow modelers. He will be missed! Bob Fivehouse

Kenny was always there as I arrived at a meeting. He always said hello to me, asked me what I was working on, and how I was doing. He did this from the first meeting I attended in Millburn until the last time I saw him when we gave him a little birthday party in Roseland, a little more than a year ago. A great modeler, a really good guy, and a true son of this country. I'll miss him very much. Roy Goroski

When I think of you and Marion, the thing that stands out in my mind is the 3-day trip we made to Cincinnati with you, Marion, Kathy and myself to attend The Tall Ships Festival. (Not sure of the year). I should also mention that Nick Perella and his wife Jan were also with us. As I recall you brought one of your steamboats and won BEST. I launched my steamboat "Dorine", which delighted the crowd with its belching smoke and Dixieland music. Ken we had such a good time that day. Hopefully we will do it again. Ken, for the last 35 years I have known you as a talented ship model maker, but I did not know how deeply rooted it is. Not until I drove you home on several occasions. WOW. What a brilliant collection, a challenge for any docent. I do not know why I was surprised. You are as fastidious with your home as you are with your models, and that's a good thing. Remember that beautiful scene in Private Ryan where he kneels at the headstone of his wartime Captain and says "Tell me I'm a good man, tell me I deserve this." That's you Ken. That's the kind of respect you deserve. From one veteran to another, I salute you Sir. Nick Starace

Very sad news to wake up to. My thoughts go out to his family, the many children and grandchildren he built his models for. He was always so happy at the meetings and full of praise for others' work. He will be missed. Dan Pariser

Amen.. Ken was amongst the "bravest of the brave and in a sense, I and my "ilk" (Korean War Veterans) owe those who came before us and showed us the way a great deal. Who? But possibly the Good Lord Himself may know what lessons and knowledge those brave men left behind for their descendants like myself to be used to win and save our own lives on the field of fire. In fact, after Korea when I re-listed and was sent to Germany, I served as a tank commander in the units once led by the late great General George S. Patton, 3rd Armored Division. Thus, I am keenly familiar with the services of my predecessors who fought the Battle of the Bulge. Perhaps I may have even once walked in their very footprints. May his Soul rest in everlasting peace. "THANK YOU KEN!" Carmine Bianco

I'm so sorry to hear this. He was a nice man. I'll miss him. Barry Rudd

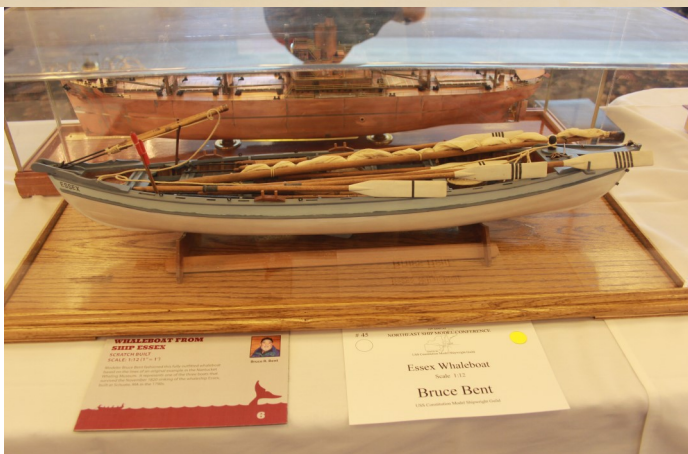
I am so sorry too hear this. Kenny was a real gentleman and an extremely talented ship modeler. I always enjoyed talking with him. In all my life I never met a man who smiled as much as Kenny did. He will be missed by anyone who knew him. Jim Lavelle.



## Tech Session

"The 2014 Northeast Joint Clubs"

Tonight's presentation was given by Ryland Craze. Ryland makes a point of coming to the Northeast Joint Clubs Meeting every year. He is a member but comes up from Virginia with his wife Pam. Ryland makes a point of photographing every Joint Clubs that he has been to. He presented photographs from the 2014 meeting. It was quite a trip down memory lane to see our old projects and the SMSNJ Club photograph especially with Kenny's passing. However, because of logistics, I needed to substitute some from the 2015 meeting (a story at the next meeting). Thank you for doing this on the spur of the moment Ryland.



## A Ship Model Finds a New Home

Several years back, John Marinovich started a model of the barge that his grandparents lived on. We recently had a presentation by Mark Peckham about the models at the Hudson River Maritime Museum. John was impressed by the presentation. So impressed that the model that he built is now of permanent display in the museum in Kingston, New York. Here is a recent photograph of member Carla Lesh with the model in the museum.

Great job John!



## 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.



## SHOW & TELL



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

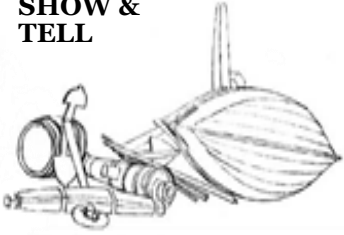
- Mort Stoll

Mort has moved on to the bow. He is just about completed. Head rails, bow gratings, cat heads, marines walk and pillars and the first gun ports and their lids on the middle and lower gun decks which have been cut into/and installed on the hull. He is now working on the poop deck furniture - the skylight, mizzen top sail sheet bits, transom knees, ensign staff and flag lockers. Than I'll install the poop deck and plank it. . Coming along nicely Mort.



## *The Broadaxe*

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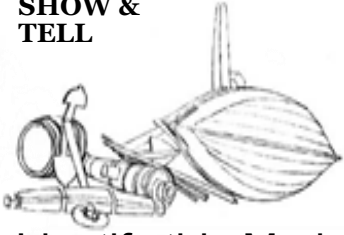
### Providence, Colonial Schooner, 1776, 1:48 Scale - Ken Whitehead

Since last month, Ken has found information on how the sweeps were stored on the Providence. He has fabricated and installed them. Moving along nicely.





## **SHOW & TELL**



## **Identify this Model—Mystery Solved**

- Joe Lorenzo

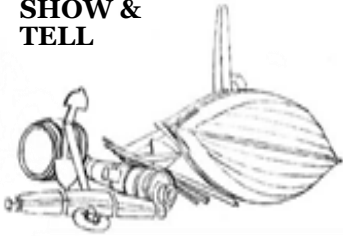
Last meeting, Joe Lorenzo was looking for the identification this model that he had acquired. Ryland was able to assist in getting the information from Hampton Roads member Dave Chelmow. Dave sent the following to Ryland; who passed it on the Joe "Definitely Sharpie Fishing Schooner from shape including stern, flat bottom, centerboard.

Looks like it was built off the attached plans from page 289 of Howard Chapelle's National Watercraft Collection. Can't be sure without taking measurements off the boat, but length, stem, deck layout all the same. Definitely close enough to confirm type if not actual boat. It was a Florida Fishing Schooner built at W Palm Beach in 1889 for the mackerel trade.

Thank you Dave, and Ryland

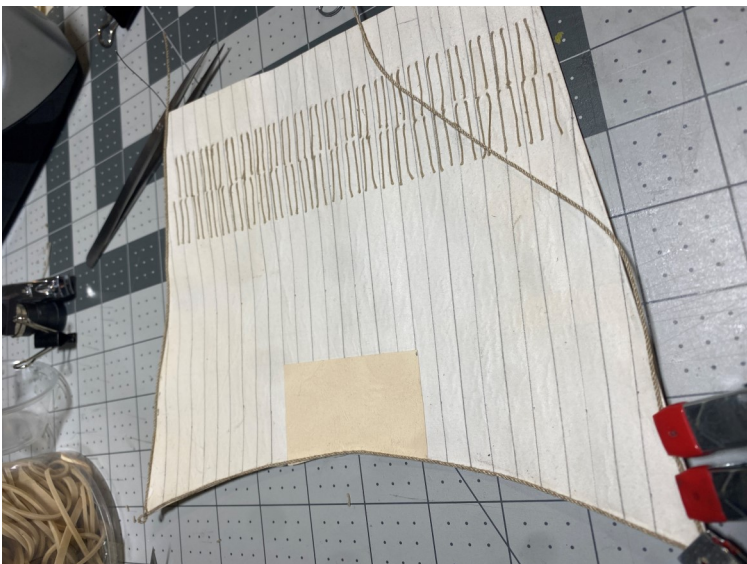


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## Royal Caroline Sails

- Josh Fishman

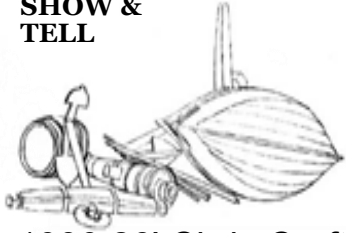


Josh has several projects all going at the same time. This month, he spent some time fabricating sails based on a round Table presentation that was done by Ron Neilson. This method uses printed bond paper between two layers of silk span. The scale is 1:50 so the thicker sail is somewhat justified. He has used acrylics to weather the sail and is currently installing reefing points. The reef points are sewn back and forth, and then the loops are cut using a try pie to make sure that the length is correct. Looking good Josh.



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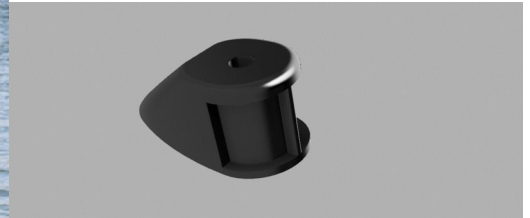


### 1930 26' Chris Craft Tri-Cockpit - Bill Brown

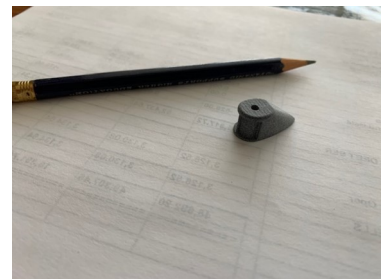
The Chris Craft that Bill is working on is for a new museum in Seaside Heights New Jersey. He needs several intricate parts for this completely scratch built model. He is using a 3 D Cad Program called Fusion 360 .to produce the part drawings and then he is getting the parts 3D printed. This method is also called additive machining and has been really taking off. One of these parts has been fabricated by Todd Wardwell who has access to two 3D printers. In another case, he has sent the art work to Shape ways. While this method is versatile, not all of these parts are doable using the method. In the case of the wheel, the parts were made using laser cutting. Here are photos of the navigation light that was 3D printed.



**Navigation Light on the prototype (circled)**



**Drawn Part**



**3D Printed Part**



**Instrument Panel on the Prototype**

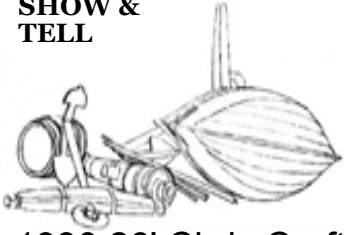


**3D Printed panel**



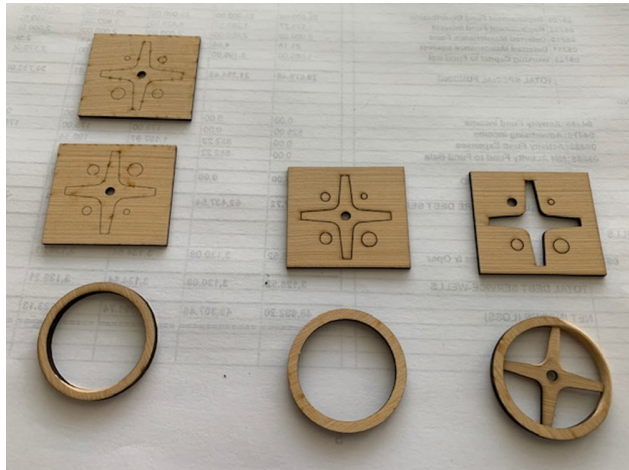
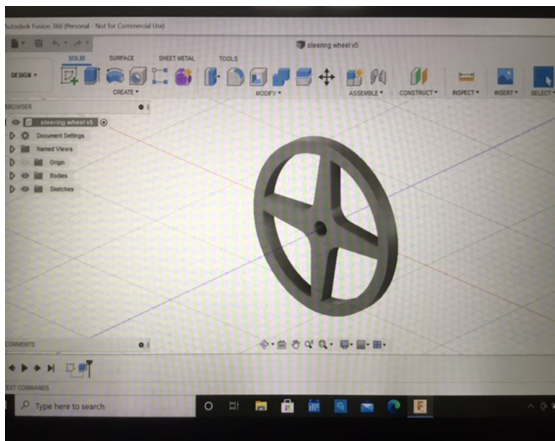
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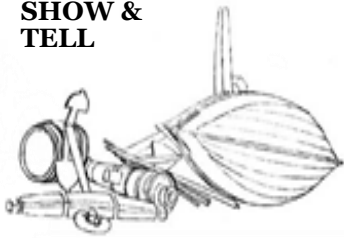
### 1930 26' Chris Craft Tri-Cockpit - Bill Brown

Here are the wheel as drawn with Corel Draw to allow for the laser kerf, the laser cut parts of the wheel, and the model as she is today. Coming along very well, Bill.



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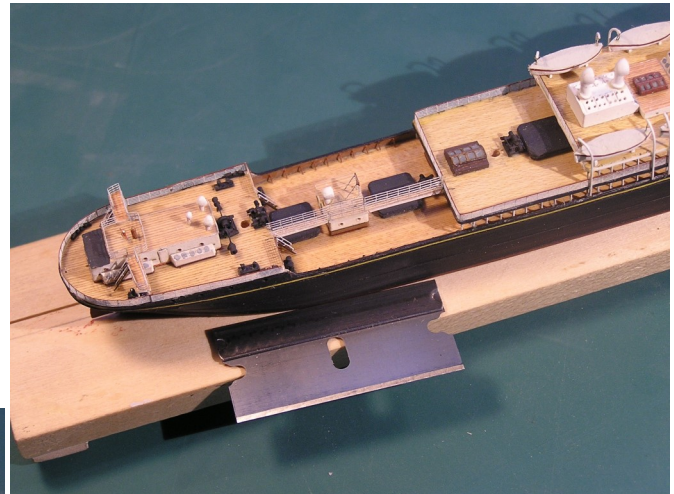
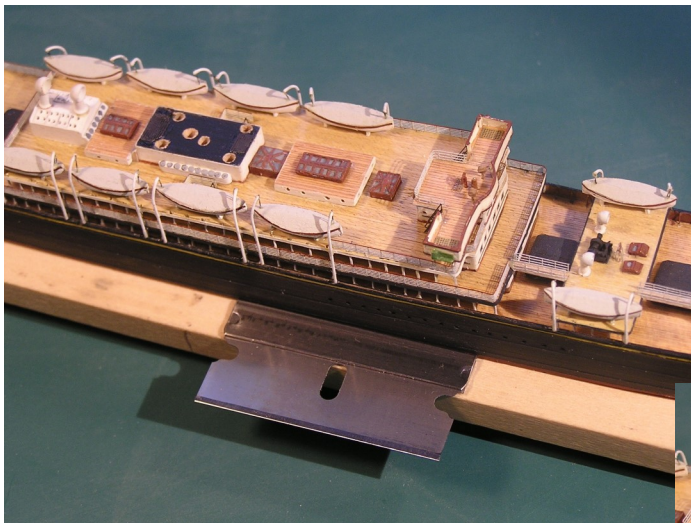
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### Gothic, White Star Liner, 1893; Scale 1:600

- Bob Fivehouse

Since last meeting, Bob has installed have the railing and small fittings on the model. The supports the cargo booms and the bridge fittings were hard but he thinks that he got them right! He has to



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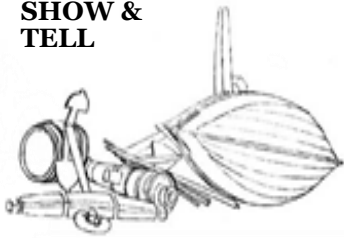
make the awning supports for the open bridge. Next will be the funnel and its vents and stays; then the masts. The model is to the scale of 1:600 (1"=50'). The model is just under 10".





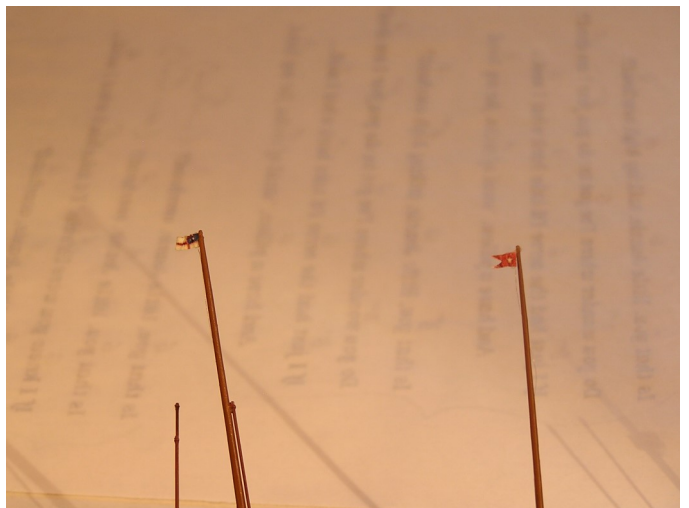
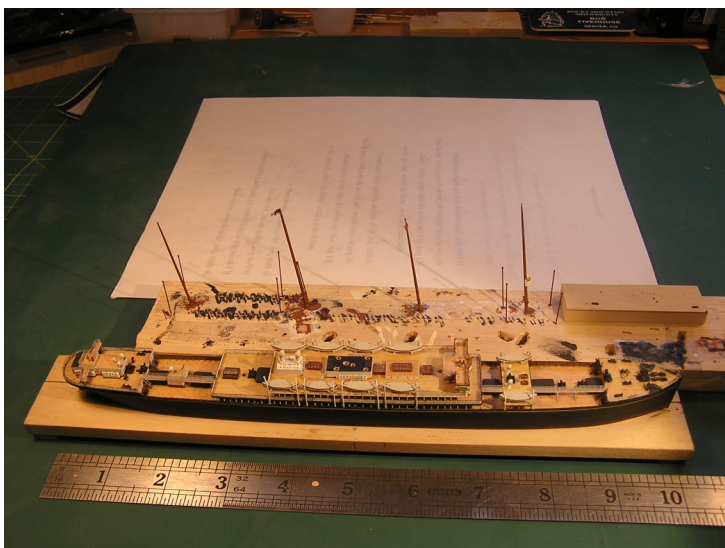
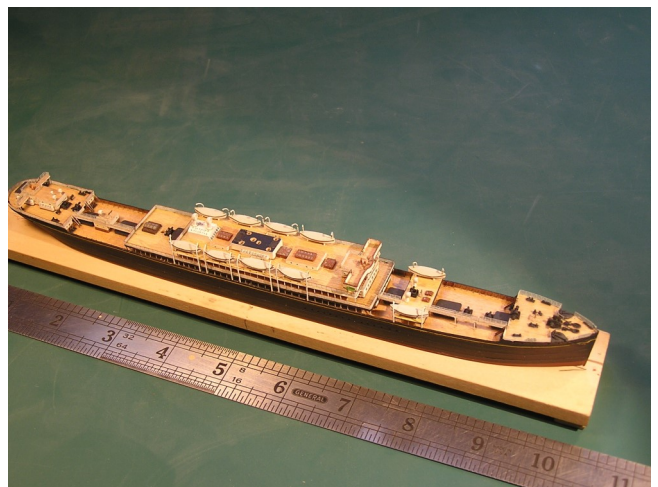
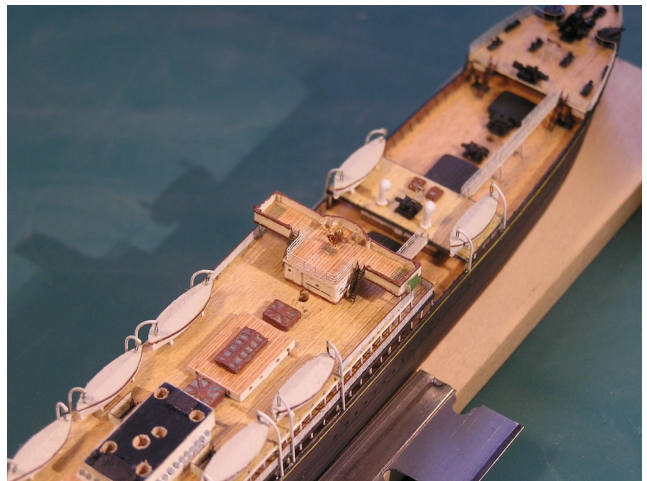
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### Gothic, White Star Liner, 1893; Scale 1:600 (cont'd)

Bob is now installing the shrouds and beginning the rigging.





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