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The September Meeting of SMSNJ will be in person at the Roseland Library The meeting will be;

October 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM (1900).

Remote members can attend virtually.

Next Tech Session

The Tech Session for the October Meeting is

"The Sharpie in North Carolina", by David Bennett, Curator of Maritime History, North Carolina Maritime Museum.

Upcoming Event

National Lighthouse Museum Exhibit and Demo, Saturday, November 13, 2021

Meeting Report: Our first meeting at the Roseland Library since March of 2019 was called to order by President Bill Brown at 1900 on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. There were twenty eight members and four guests. (9 attended virtually). Bill welcomed everyone back to Roseland after our very long time away. He stated that it was great to see everyone in person again. He said that the virtual meetings were great in that we were able to see many who could not come to an in person meeting, but there is no substitute for us being able to meet in person again.

Bill thanked Mason for sharing his experiences during the September 11, 2001 attack that was presented in last month's Broadaxe.

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

As this was Kris Scornavacca's third meeting he is eligible for membership. and he was voted in as a new member. Welcome aboard to everyone.

Tom brought two boxes of plans to the meeting. These plans were for the members for a small donation to the club. They were available at the break and many of the members found subjects for their future projects. Bill also provided three kits that he has given to the club. They will be sold on Ebay with all proceeds going to the club.

Ken Whitehead took some time off from his model of Providence to build one of Chuck's mini-kits of the stove for a British 5th rate. Looking good so far Ken.

Joe Lorenzo is preparing for a long winter of ship modeling by rearranging his workshop and building cabinets and such. He is also attempting to add membership to his local club in New York.

John Jones is starting work on the Charles W Morgan.

Eric Marshal has stopped work on Dapper Tom as there was damage due to the flooding post Ida. He brought in his excellent model of the Pinnacle.

Bill recognized our Vice President, Mason, for the excellent job that he did in securing programs and presentations for our Tech Sessions all through the pandemic. We all thank you Mason.

The meeting adjourned at 2050.

OLD BUSINESS



Northeast Joint Clubs

The 38th Northeast Joint Clubs meeting was held on October 2, 2021. There were over 100 models on display. The winner of the Jim Roberts Competition is Tom Szabo, CMMS for his model of HMS Leopard 1790, a British 4th Rate at Scale 1:85.



Thank you to the USS Constitution Ship Craft Guild for organizing a fabulous event!

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.

National Lighthouse Museum

We will be exhibiting on Saturday, November 13, 2021. The National Lighthouse Museum in Staten Island is a great venue that we have been to several times. The Lighthouse Museum will do all publicity for the exhibit and demonstration. If you haven't participated before, come this time.

NEW BUSINESS



Modelcon 2022

Josh Fichman relates that during Modelcon 2021 this past August the Battleship New Jersey had the second highest number of visitors in 2021. They have committed to having Modelcon 2022 on Saturday, August 6, 2022. It is early, but get going on models to bring to this great show.

Tech Sessions

Mason has done an excellent job getting presentations for our Tech Sessions. We also want to have more "How To" demonstrations. We are asking for volunteers. It doesn't need to be an elaborate presentation, and we can help. If you learned something new, pass it on so that we all can learn.

BOOKS AND PUBS



There were no Books or Publications this meeting.

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Welcome Back!

Photos of our first time back since April 2019



Northeast Joint Clubs 2022



SMSNJ Members (top)

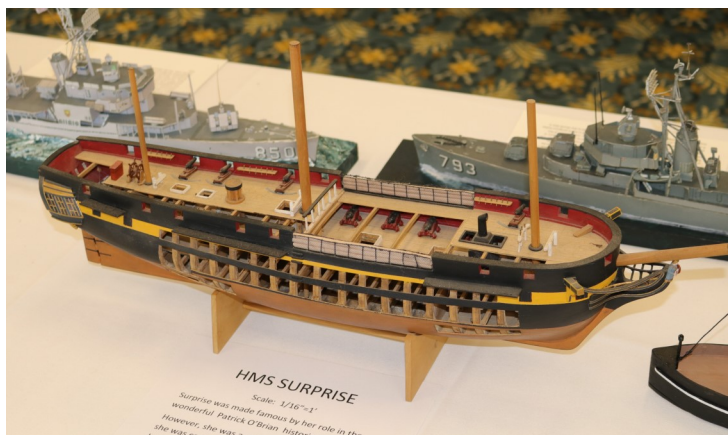
Chuck's Rope Making Demo (Left)

Model Display and Vendor Room (bottom)

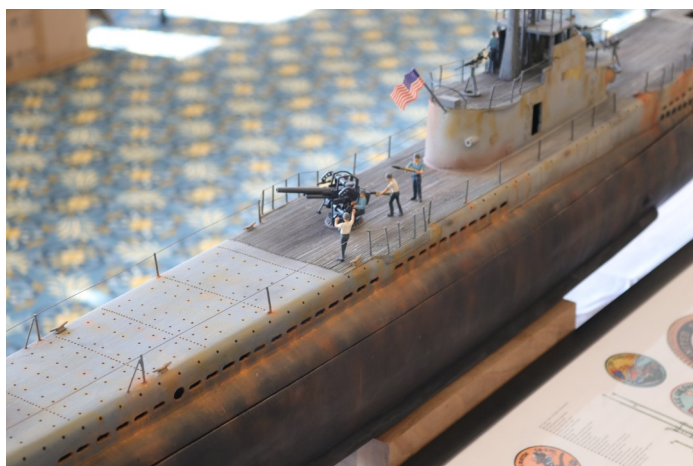
Pat Passaro at the Syren Ship Model Table
(bottom left)



Northeast Joint Clubs 2022; the models



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Northeast Joint Clubs 2022; Jim Roberts Winner



Wasp 1807 has a New Home

Tom Ruggiero built this model of Wasp. Wasp was the first ship built in the Washington DC Navy Yard in 1807. USS Wasp versus HMS Frolic was an action fought in the Atlantic on October 18th 1812, the sloop-of-war USS Wasp, was commanded by Master Commandant Jacob Jones, and the brig-sloop Frolic, was under Commander Thomas Whinyates. After 22 minutes, the Americans captured the British vessel, but 4 hours latter both vessels were captured by a British ship of the line (HMS Poictiers 74-third rate) which happened upon the scene of the battle.

Recently, Bill Brown and Tom were contacted by the Lewes Delaware Historical Society inquiring about the model of the Wasp. Tom has brought the Wasp to Lewes where it will be on permanent display in the oldest house, and still on its original foundation, in Delaware.

The exhibit is "Boy, Man, Hero: Jacob Jones - Lewes' Own" opening at the Ryves Holt House, 218 Second Street, Lewes, DE 19958 -Jacob Jones was born in Smyrna, Delaware but lived in the Ryves Holt House for much of his formative years, with the town of Lewes having a dramatic early impact on raising a future naval hero. This Exhibition will highlight three periods of Jones' life, focusing on his upbringing in Lewes, his rising naval career, and the legacy of his life and service. The exhibit will opening in December 2021.

Wasp is Tom's first scratch built model.



Tom, Bill Brown, and Tom's friend Steve Colli on delivery day, September 30, 2021 (temp location until the exhibit opens)

USCG Cutter Commissioned



The new Cutter in Philadelphia

The July 2021 Broadaxe, page 3, had a story that Todd Wardell had related to us about the upcoming commissioning of the USCG Emlen Tunnell. The Sentinel-class cutter, also known as Fast Response Cutter due to its program name, is part of the United States Coast Guard's Deepwater program. She was commissioned in Friday, October 15, 2021 and **SMSNJ member John Bullock** was there.

Emlen Tunnell served in the United States Coast Guard from 1943 to 1946. He received the Silver Lifesaving Medal for heroism in rescuing a shipmate from flames during a torpedo attack in 1944 and rescuing another shipmate who fell into the sea in 1946. He next played 14 seasons in the National Football League (NFL) as a defensive halfback and safety for the New York Giants (1948–1958) and Green Bay Packers (1959–1961). He was selected as a first team All-Pro six times and played in nine Pro Bowls. He was a member of NFL championship teams in 1956 and 1961. He held NFL career records for interceptions (79), interception return yards (1,282), punt returns (258), and punt return yards (2,209). He is in the ring of fame at MetLife Stadium. The October 18, 2021 edition of the Star Ledger has a front page article by Jerry Izenberg; "Before become a Giant on the field, he was one in Wartime". It the story of how Emel Tunnell got into the NFL and was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

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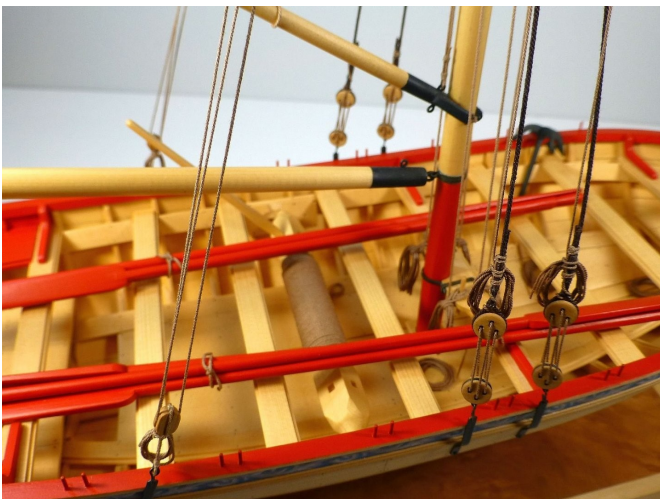
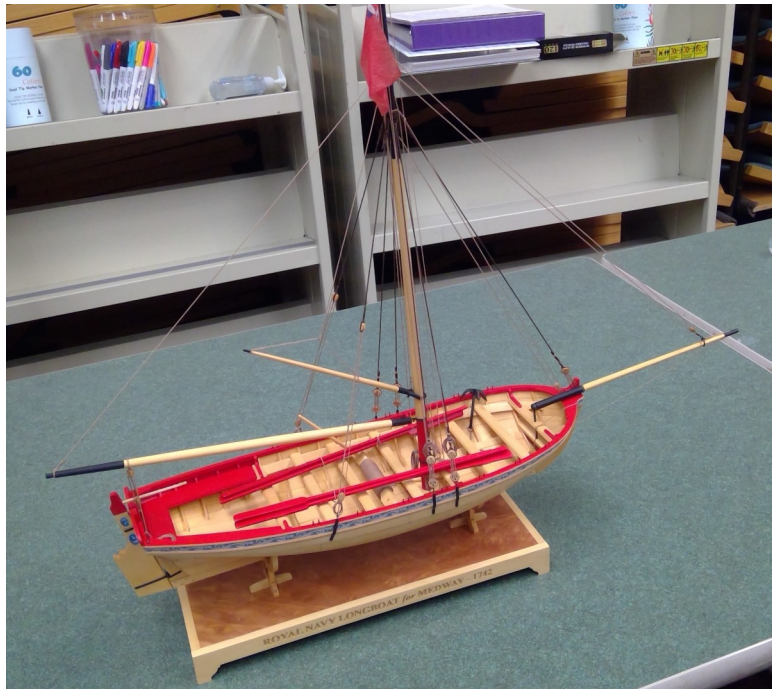
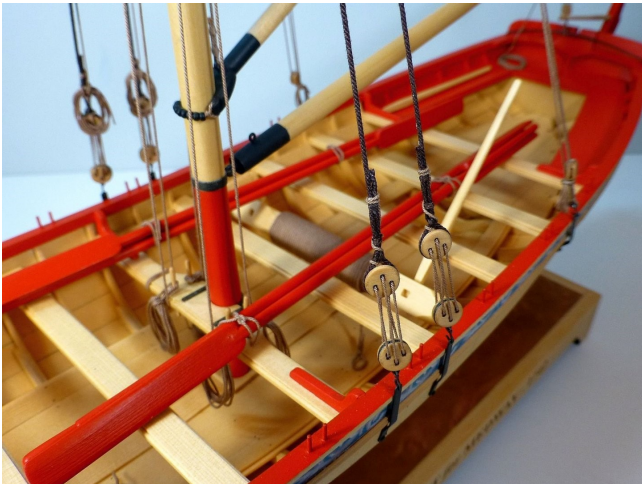
SHOW & TELL



Medway Longboat, English, 1742, 1:24

- Ryland Craze

Ryland has completed his long boat. We have seen this model virtually during the build and on Model Ship World (MSW). On his way up to Joint Clubs, Ryland brought the model in. In person, it looks even better. If you want to see the build in detail, Ryland has posted the a Build Log of the whole process on MSW. The model detail is beautiful.



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HMS Winchelsea,
English 5th Rate,
Scale 1:48, Syren Shipmodel
(40 x 8 x 10 inches)

- Chuck Passaro

Chuck is the proprietor of Syren Ship Model and the designer of this beautiful model. Chuck says that this is the most detailed model that he has designed. He has recently installed the cap rails and has worked on the stove. As with many of Chuck's products, he offers the stove separately as a mini-kit. His model is built, for the most part, white Alaskan Yellow Cedar. The Winchelsea is a group build project on MSW.



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HMS Winchelsea,
English 5th Rate,
Scale 1:48, Syren Shipmodel
(40 x 8 x 10 inches)

- Mike Rogers



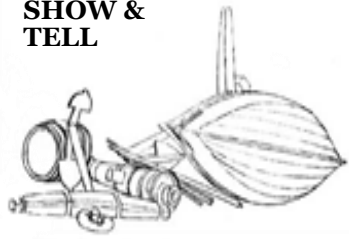
This is not a duplicate page, and you are not seeing double. Mike Rogers is also building Winchelsea. The biggest difference is that Mike is using Castello Boxwood for his model. Mike says that he is about a year behind Chuck as he just can't keep up. (I'm not so sure ed.). He is about three and a half years into this build.



This week Mike finished the quarter-deck beams. The color of the hull is a bit different than Chuck's as it is in boxwood, and the reds are a bit darker than on Chuck's model. The fore-castle is the next up. He started this model in 1:64 but he stopped because the hull bulkheads warped. He now is, like Chuck, working with 1:48. When asked if he is going to rig it, he said that he would like to, but doesn't have the space. Mike has a build log on MSW. Beautiful work Mike.



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Pride of Baltimore II, Privateer, USA

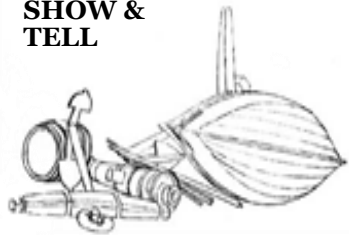
1812, 1:64, Model Shipways Kit

- Rich Verost

Rich is about a year into his first attempt to splice and cut planks. He has one of two belts from the wale down and will proceed to planking from the keel up. He will be planking a deck rather than using the scored decking supplied by the kit. To provide for a solid footing for the deck, he added balsa blocks between the bulkheads. Coming along nicely Rich.



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Miss Seaside, Chris Craft Runabout USA

1930, Scale 1:12

- Bill Brown

Bill took on this project Seaside Heights New Jersey is building an enclosure to enclose their carousel. The town administrator sent Bill a few black and white photographs and asked if he could build it. A member of the



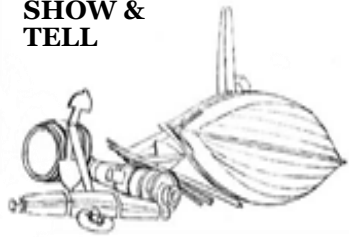
Philadelphia SMS identified it as a

Chris Craft. Chris Craft's plans and other documents are now in the Mariners Museum where Bill was able to purchase plans. The boat is a 1930 Chris Craft Tri Cockpit Runabout used by resort towns on the water to give speedboat rides. The ride had a princely cost of twenty five cents in the 1930s (now about \$125 in other seaside towns). Tom Ruggiero told Bill that this could be done very readily using the lift method to produce a hull. Various parts were made by 3-D printing by Shape ways with drawings made by Bill using Fusion 360. The steering wheel, steering post bracket, exhaust ports etc. were made by other SMSNJ members. The model is just about completed. This model also has a build log on MSW.



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Hesper, Schooner, 1884,
USA, 1:64, Scratch Built

- Rich Lane

Hesper was a Boston pilot schooner built in 1884. Designed by Dennison Lawlor, Hesper was known for her speed. Rich is working with Eric Ronnberg plans and multiple photos of the schooner. The plans are excellent and are extremely detailed.

The deck is just about complete but he still has a bit more deck furniture and fittings to fabricate and install.

Rich just finished up coppering the hull using home made copper plates. To make them Rich gilded copper leaf onto acid free computer paper that was already gridded out. Then to indicate the nails I used a pounce wheel. Then they were cut out. The

thinness of the plates were probably close to scale and were very easy to glue on. The total cost of the coppering was under \$20. with enough left over to copper eight more models. Rich finds that these plates look more in scale than using copper foil tape. Very real looking Rich..



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Constellation, 1857, USA,
Sloop of War, 1:64, Artesana Latina Kit

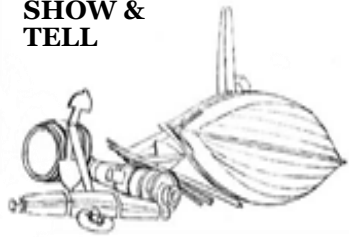
- Chris Scornavacca

New member, Chris, brought in this model of the USS Constellation. It is a double planked model, plank on bulkhead. It outer planking is mahogany. He says that the model went together relatively easily. He keep most of the details in the kit and used copper tape for the hull.



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

- Mort Stoll

Mort completed and mounted all channels and chain plates on the hull. He is now installing the gun port lids - which he made from scratch for what I thought would be more realistic look- the rigols lanyards, eye bolts and scuttles - on the lower gun deck. He plans to glue the scuttles onto a thin piece of styrene on the outside of the port and put a latch on the inside for more realism. On the ports that intercept the wales I glued wood on each port to match the wales between each gun port hinge. The middle gun deck lids are installed and he is now working on the lower gun deck.



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