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**Upcoming Events & Tech Sessions**

The next meeting is;  
 September 26, 6:45 PM (1900) in the Roseland Library.  
 September 30, 2023 Parsippany Library Show and Exhibit  
 The October Tech Session will be Bring a Model Night.

**Workshops**

The next Saturday workshop at Chuck Passaro's will be TBD. Details will be emailed.

**Meeting Report:** The meeting was opened at 7 PM by our President, Eric Marshall. We had twenty one members and one guest. The guest was Ralph Egroff who attended for the third time. Ralph applied for membership and was approved unanimously. Welcome Ralph.

On Saturday, September 30, 2023 we will be exhibiting at the Parsippany Library on Halsey Road. Arrival for setup is 9:00 am. Bring models to display as well as a project to work on to demonstrate techniques and answer questions from the public. There will be a presentation running in the background. Tables, chairs, and a limited number of extension cords will be provided.

**If you are planning on attending and displaying, please let Tom Ruggiero know by the Tuesday meeting.**

The meeting ended at 20:15.

**Dues 2023**

**Dues for 2023 were payable by the end of the June Meeting.** If you did not yet pay your dues you can pay at the September meeting (cash or check) or you can send a check payable to the Ship Model Society of New Jersey to Tom Ruggiero. If you joined SMSNJ after November 2022, your initial fee covers the dues for 2023.

**Next Tech Session**

The September tech session is; 'TBD'

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## OLD BUSINESS



### Parsippany Library Exhibit and Demonstration

SMSNJ will be doing an exhibit and demonstration at the Parsippany Library on September 30, 2023, from 9 to 3. We will have a Powerpoint presentation running on a loop. SMSNJ members can bring completed models as well as their current project to demonstrate techniques as well as to answer questions from the public. Tom has spoken with Jean Marie Embler at the Library. They will be providing publicity for the event. We ask for a good showing by SMSNJ members and some assistance in putting this together. Volunteers to help with the exhibit please contact Tom Ruggiero.

## NEW BUSINESS



### SMSNJ Picnic

Last year, we had a picnic/brunch at Tom Ruggiero's house. There was a discussion of having a picnic or some other event this year. Several members have expressed interest. Tom will not be able to host this year so we are looking for a venue. Another possibility is having a lunch at a hall or restaurant. A committee will be established to evaluate options.

## BOOKS AND PUBS



No books or pubs 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

## Victory Finally at Home

Mort has spent quite some time building Victory. He has taken us a a journey throughout the build process. We thank him for that. Now, Victory is cased and has been docked in its new home, his son's office. While it does clear space for his next project, I'm sure it is a bit sad to see it go.



## Fubbs 1682

David Antscherl has just completed his model of Fubbs. It is a reconstruction of the original 1682 Fubbs, not the frequently modeled rebuild of 1724. This will be the subject of a book that David will be writing. The following photos are printed with David's permission.

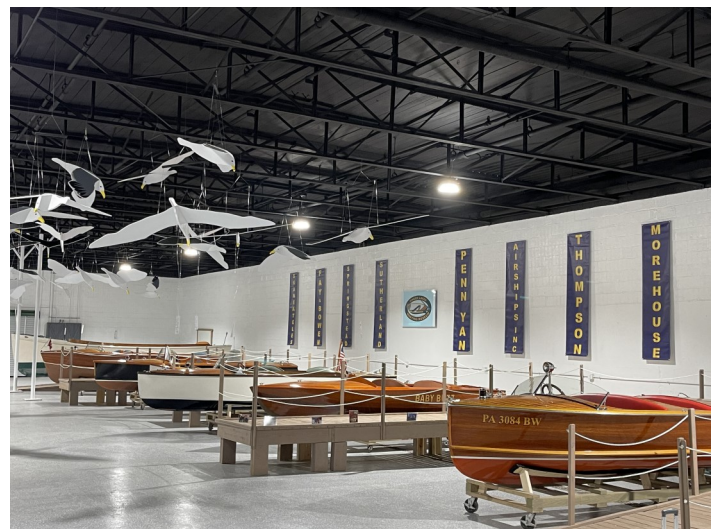


## Technical Session

“Finger Lakes Boating Museum Model Collection’ presented by Nicole Katsur Program Coordinator

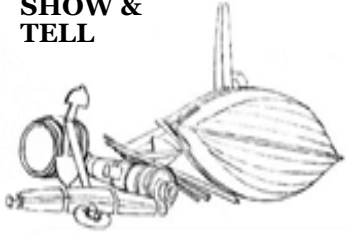
Nicole Katsur presented Finger Lakes Boating Museum that is located on one of the Finger Lakes in Western New York. The Museum takes in boats that were manufactured on the Finger Lakes. A large part of their mission is restoring the boats and putting them back in the lake. The Main Building was built in 1886 and it was originally the Taylor Winery. They now have twenty buildings on fourteen acres. Nicole presented a tour of the museum. There is a large collection of steam boat models. They are currently scanning the bottom of Seneca lake for wrecks. They currently have over 200 boats and 80 on display. All of the boats were donated or loaned to the museum. There are separate rooms for steam boats, canoes, row boats, sail boats, and outboards. The Pat II is a 1924 Mail Boat. She was left in a graveyard for a decade. She was built in Thousand Islands. She may have been a Rum Runner. Over seven years it was completely reconstructed rather than restored due to her severely rotted wood. The boat is now available for tours. Nicole described all of the exhibit rooms and work shops in the museum. For more information, to buy a book on the Pat II reconstruction, plan a visit or make a donation visit; [flbm.org](http://flbm.org)

Thank you Nicole for an informative presentation.



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## SHOW & TELL



## Constellation, US Sloop of War

### Scale 1:96, Kit

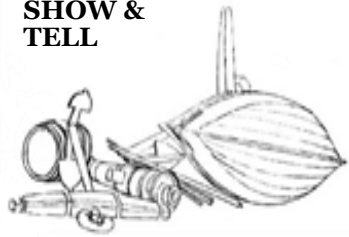
Chris Scornavacca

Chris brought in his model of USS Constellation. The model is plank on bulkhead and has a full suit of sails. The kit is described as a frigate of 1787, but in fact it is the rebuild of Constellation as a Sloop of war circ 1857. The model is as the ship is displayed in Baltimore. Very well done Chris.



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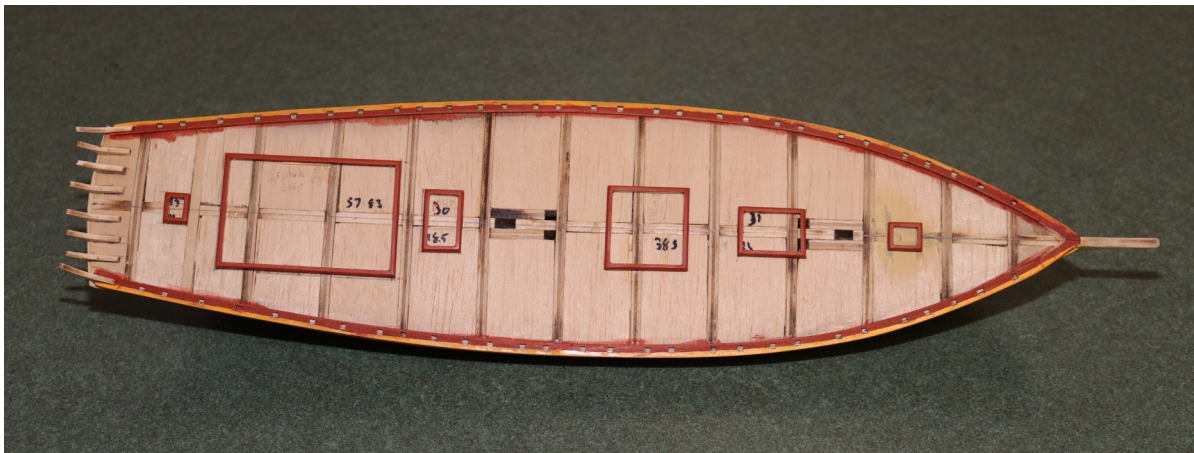
## Pride of Baltimore II, Baltimore Clipper

1988, Scale 1:64

### Model Shipways Kit

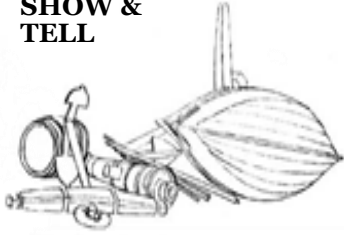
Rich Verost

The model is a plank and frame hull. Pride of Baltimore II is a reconstruction of a ship type that was used extensively as a privateer during the war of 1812. Pride of Baltimore II is a replacement of the original that sank in the early 1980s. Rich has completed the hull planking. The coaming for the hatches and cabins has been cut, assembled and installed. His next step will be the plankshear at the stern and then planking the deck. Very nice looking Rich.



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TELL**



## Cool Tool

### Jewelers hand vise

- Kevin Kenny

Kevin has a video on his Thorn Build Log on MSW. He is making rails and found a tool that is very helpful. The hand vise can be clamped in a bench vise or simply used in one hand with another tool or paint brush in the other. It is available from Amazon for about \$20.



# 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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