



Meeting Report for November 22, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Chuck at 1030. There were ten members and two guests present. Joe Kanye attended his second meeting. Mason Logie invited the second guest, Joe Hayes. Joe Hayes is a member of Mason's Railroad Club and wants to get more involved with ship modeling. He is currently working on an Ocean Liner kit. Welcome to you both. Treasure Tom present the Club finances.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15.



Next Group Build

The next group build, a double capstan, was selected at the last meeting and will be started in the spring. Chuck has sourced the parts and can make the digital files available to members that want to manufacture their own parts either with a laser cutter or 3d printer. Chuck noted that the

costs of 3D printers has come down quite a bit, and, in fact, two of the members present did have one. Laser cutter prices, while still pricey, have also come down. Joe Cali-Poutre noted that the Middletown Library has a maker space with both types of 3D printers for public use. You need to take a short course on their use first. You may want to check your local libraries or schools to see if they have them.



Library Donation Tom Ruggiero proposed a donation to the Roseland Library. The motion was seconded by Chuck and the membership attending unanimously approved the motion.

No Meeting in December 2025 Due to the proximity to the holidays, there will not be a meeting in December 2025.

Next Meeting and Tech Session

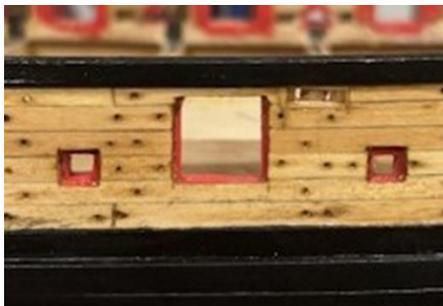
Next Meeting is Saturday, January 24, 2026, at Roseland Free Public Library, 20 Roseland Ave, Roseland, NJ 07068 at 10:30 am. The Tech Session will be; Belaying to a pin or cleat. presented by Captain Robbie.

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“Syren Build Log” presented by Paddy O’Hare Technical Session

Paddy O’Hare is building the Syren. He noted that this was the first model where he used templates and jigs. It is also the first time he used filler blocks at the bow and stern (where the framing would have been cant timbers ed.) to make planking easier. He noted that Chuck’s tutorial on the process as very helpful.

The photo below shows the jigs that he used to space the port stops in the gun and oar ports and a curved jig to achieve the correct bend to the taffrail.



This next photo shows his lining off the hull.



The current model is shown below.

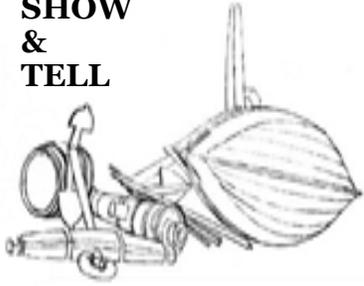


You can view his presentation at;

<https://d.docs.live.net/0b3b80f49960c3f0/Documents/Ship%20Model%20Presentations/US%20Brig%20Syren%201803%20NJ%20Shipclub%20Meeting.pptx>

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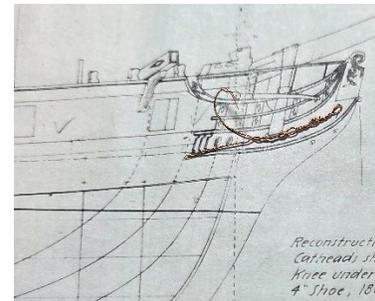
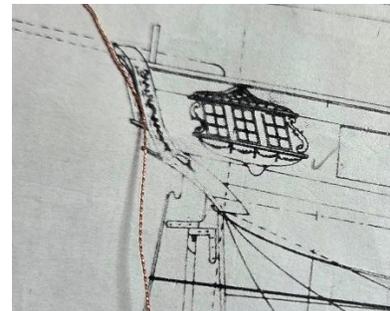
1803, Brig

Scale 1:96, Scratch Build

Tom Ruggiero

Tom has completed all the hull planking. From the wale to the keel the from the wale down to the top of what will be coppered he stained the planking with black leather dye. Above the wale is a band of yellow cedar planking with one black plank above it. The bulwark former pieces were removed and the quick work inboard of the bullworks was added with bass wood. While the plans show a billet head, research indicates that the figurehead is a bust of the Greek mythological Argus. He searched several photos of statues and paintings but he was looking for front and side views of Argus. Using Microsoft Co-pilot and asking for orthographic views of a bust of Argus produced for orthogonal views. Tom sent the views to Chuck who was able to find a program (Meshy) that gave him a 3-D model of the bust suitable for 3-D printing.

Since the stem was cut for a billet head, Tom will be modifying the head to fit the bust. The next steps will be to cut out the ports and produce some fancy work for the trail boards and fashion piece at the stern. He is making these with copper beading with copper beading wire.



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Kevin and his wife Susan come up to New York each Christmas holiday to visit with their daughter and son in law. Since he was in the neighborhood, they came down to Tom's home where we met with Mike Ellison and Bill Brown. We did what modelers do - discuss their workshop and current builds. When then went to lunch. It was great getting together. We hope that you all had a great holiday season.

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