

# THE BROADAXE

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The Executive Committee met briefly before the regular meeting. The only item not discussed in the regular meeting minutes below was the need to seek a volunteer to assist in organizing the archives of the club.

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING August 27, 2002

**President Ed Hegstetter** opened the meeting at 7:30 PM with 40 members in attendance.

**Ed** mentioned that **Jim Caulkins** has arranged to have **Mike Wall** attend the November meeting as a speaker. **Mike** is the proprietor of a model/art gallery in Salem Massachusetts.

The November meeting has been held at MicroMark for the past two years, but **Ed** will attempt to schedule the meeting at MicroMark for September. (This was not possible. The September meeting will be held at the Millburn Library.)

**Tom Ruggiero** reported that the annual show at South Street Seaport was very successful. Members who attended have already been asked to come back next year. Photos from the show were on display.



**Don Otis Explaining the Plans**



**Stan Sinowitz and Archie Griffith**

**Barry Rudd** reported on a trip he recently made to Delaware to sail on the **Kalmar Nyckel** for a day. The ship (<http://www.kalnyc.org/>) is a replica of a vessel built in 1638 that was used to transport Scandinavian immigrants to the Delaware Bay area. The ship has a regular sailing schedule from Wilmington, Delaware.

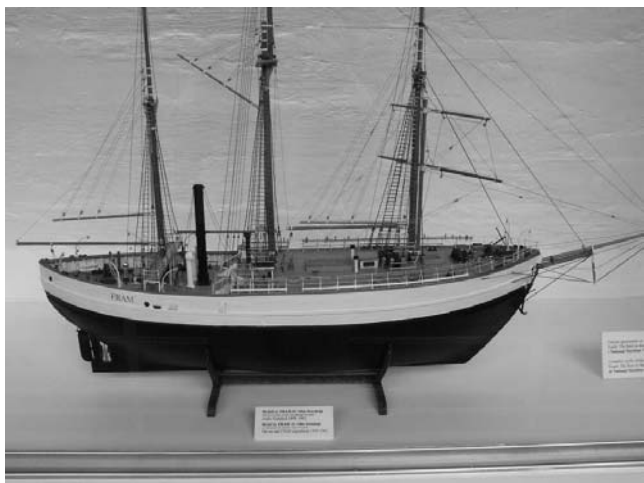


**The Kalmar Nyckel**

**Jan Leung** attended his third meeting as a guest and was unanimously elected to membership. Welcome aboard, **Jan!**

**Dave Watkins** reported that he recently visited Oslo, Norway and while there visited the **Fram** Museum which contains the polar exploration ship within the museum. The **Fram** voyaged to both Polar Regions carrying expeditions headed by Fridtjof Nansen, Otto Sverdrup and Roald Amundsen in the late 19th and early 20th century.

The schooner **Gjøa** is also on display there. Amundsen sailed in this ship to make the first transit of the Northwest Passage in the waters and ice north of Canada.



**Model of Polar Ship Fram**



**The Schooner Gjøa**

**Don Otis** brought a clipping from the *Bergen Record* of August 13, 2002 containing an interesting article about our member, **Richard Balletto**. The article describes his long time interest in naval ships and his work on World War II model battleships on display at the Garfield Public Library on Midland Avenue.

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## SHOW AND TELL

**Jan Leung** brought his model in progress of a US Coast Guard 44 foot motor lifeboat built from a Dumas kit. Jan talked about his efforts to find the prototype vessels since the boat has been phased out by the Coast Guard. One boat is on display in Long Beach Township on Long Beach Island. Others are at the Coast Guard station on Sandy Hook.

**Rich Lane** showed his continuing work on the **L. A. Dunton**. Rich is scratch building this fine model of an American fishing vessel using plans from Mystic Seaport where the vessel is currently on display. (<http://nimbus.mysticseaport.org/voyages/resources-11.html>).

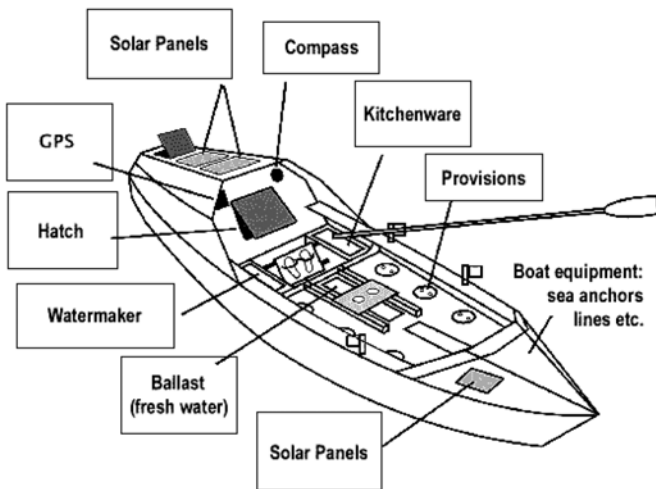
**Art Joselson** showed his updated model of the Dutch vessel **Friesland** built in 1666 (the original, not the model). This work is based on the Mamoli kit but is reduced to 1/4 the kit's size resulting in model length of 8 inches ( a scale of 1:300).

Guest **John Cummings** brought a model steam boat which he plans to restore. The model has been in his family for many years and is currently not operational. The members gave **John** several suggestions about the steam engine and how to proceed with the project.

**Henry Schaefer** exhibited his scratch built model of the US Navy **YG 25**, a garbage collecting boat that operated at Portsmouth, NH. Built in 1" = 5' scale, the model is a fine rendering of this service craft which **Henry** actually served on.

**Henry** announced that owing to a change in his residence to Toms River, he may not be able to attend meetings in the future due to the distance involved. This announcement was met with chagrin by the members since **Henry** is an accomplished and prolific model builder. We will certainly miss his frequent Show and Tell discussions. We hope that he will find a way to meet with us from time to time.

## TECH SESSION

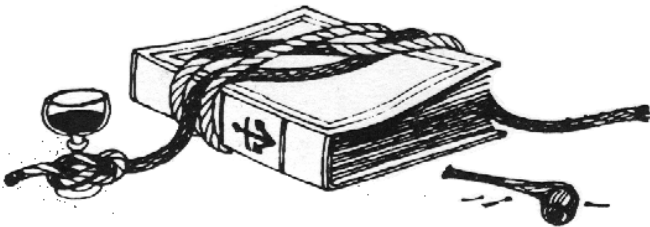


### Ocean Rowing Boat

We were very fortunate to have as our guest speaker **John Ziegler**, who competed in a two man rowing competition across the Atlantic Ocean. Thirty-eight identical boats built from kits provided by the sponsors entered the race. **John** and his partner finished eleventh after fifty-eight days at sea. John gave a fascinating slide show detailing the construction of the boat, the voyage and the happy conclusion. He also showed a beautiful and interesting video taken during the voyage.

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## BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS



**Don Otis** showed three volumes of The Period Ship Handbook by Keith Julier and published by the Naval Institute Press. These handbooks detail the construction of model wooden kits, mostly of European manufacture. A chapter is devoted to each kit. Additional chapters discuss tools, sails and technique. **Don** also showed a book titled The Great Sailing Ships edited by Franco Giorgetti published by Metro Books. This a "coffee table" book which focuses on twentieth century sail training ships and sailing cruise vessels.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM

## Mark Your Calendar

NRG Conference October 17-21

Exhibit from the French National Maritime Museum  
Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA  
Through October 14

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## MODEL KITS FOR SALE

The following ship model kits donated by the estate of Jeff Gottlieb are still for sale. Please contact Nick Starace if you are interested in purchasing any of these kits.

1. **LYNX** by Panart, LOA 35", Scale 1:62, \$100
2. **HARVEY** by Artesinia Latina, LOA 37", Scale 1:50, \$85
3. **RATTLESNAKE** by Mamoli, LOA 28", Scale 1:64, \$140
4. **PRINCE DE NEUFCHATEL** by Constructo, LOA 40", Scale 1:58, \$125
5. **BLUE SHADOW** by Mamoli, LOA 28", Scale 1:64, \$70
6. **NIAGRA** by Model Shipways, LOA 43", Scale 1:64, \$130

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where an Internet version of the *BROADAXE* can be found.

Regular meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 P.M., at the Millburn Free Public Library, 200 Glen Avenue, Millburn, New Jersey. Guests are always welcome.

Contributions to the *BROADAXE* are always welcome, and SMSNNJ members are encouraged to participate. Articles, shop hints and news items may be submitted directly to The Editor as typed manuscript, electronic files, or on 3.5" floppy discs. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved.

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**FROM THE EDITOR**



Starting with our last meeting on August 27 we had a completely new set of officers. I think we owe **Ed, Barry, Jeff** and **Tom** our thanks for taking on the major responsibility of seeing to it that the **SMSNNJ** continues and prospers. We also owe our thanks to the outgoing officers, **Nick Starace, Bob Brehm, Don Otis** and **Al Geigel** for their hard work. **Nick** and **Al** deserve special praise for the long service in their offices.

Serving in a volunteer capacity in an organization can sometimes feel like a thankless job. I urge each of you to take moment at a future meeting to let these folks know how much you appreciate their efforts and their willingness to serve.

The best way to show your appreciation to our new officers is put up your hand when **Ed** asks for a volunteer to take on a job. The officers can't (and shouldn't have to) do it alone. As in most things in life what you get out of the **SMSNNJ** depends a lot upon what you put into it.

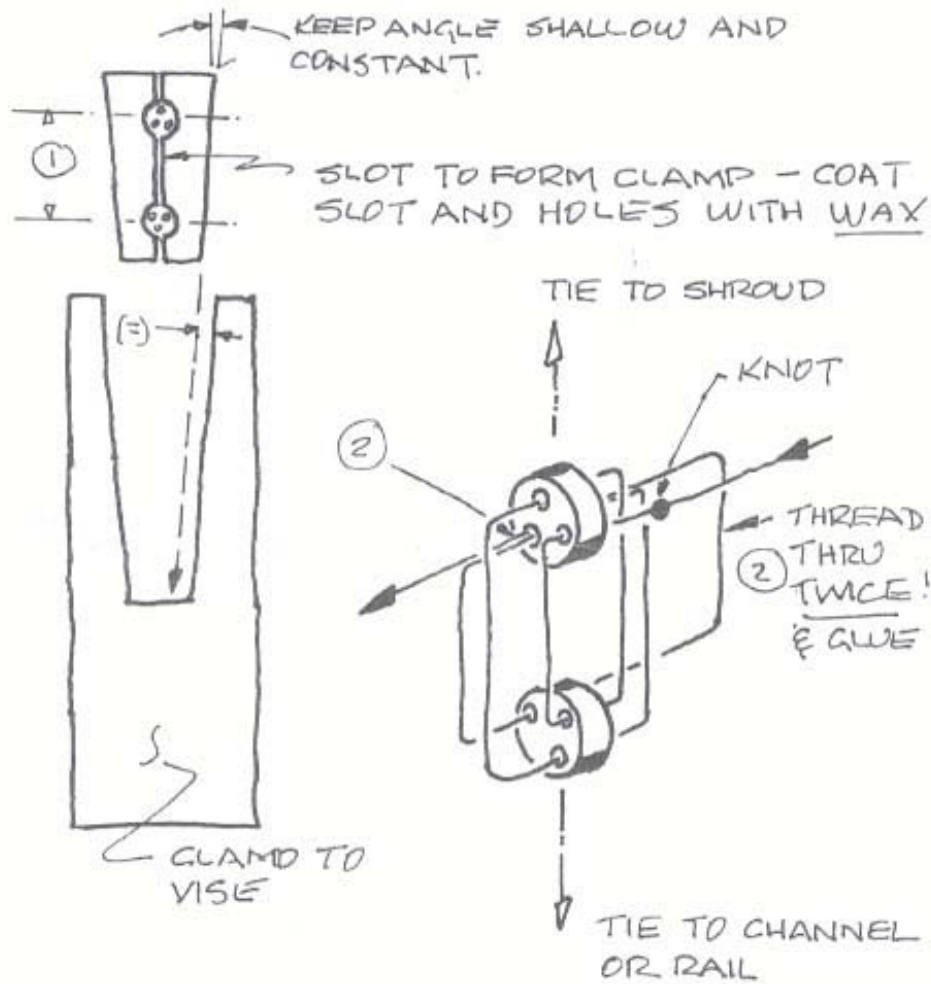
Speaking of volunteers, the August, 2002 issue of the Cape Ann Ship Modeler's Guild newsletter reprinted the *Broadaxe* article describing **Dennis English's** Tech Session on filling, patching, priming and masking. Congratulations to **Dennis** for having his work prized in this way!

As editor of the *Broadaxe*, I am always on the lookout for useful and interesting information to include in each issue where space allows. I invite all of our readers to submit opinions, useful ideas, notices of meetings of interest and other information appropriate to the *Broadaxe*.

In the absence of reader contributions, I have found a source of excellent technical tips on the Ship Modeler's Association website at <http://www.ship-modelers-assn.org/>. Monica Chaban, the SMA's webmaster has graciously given us permission to use the material in the *Broadaxe*.

## DEADEYE ALIGNMENT TOOL

(A YARD STICK PART WORKS GREAT!)



- SIZE TO INDIVIDUAL DEADEYE LOCATION
  - GLUE EACH DEADEYE ASSEMBLY AFTER THREADING WITH ZAP
- BY: ED AVERKIEFF 8-17-00

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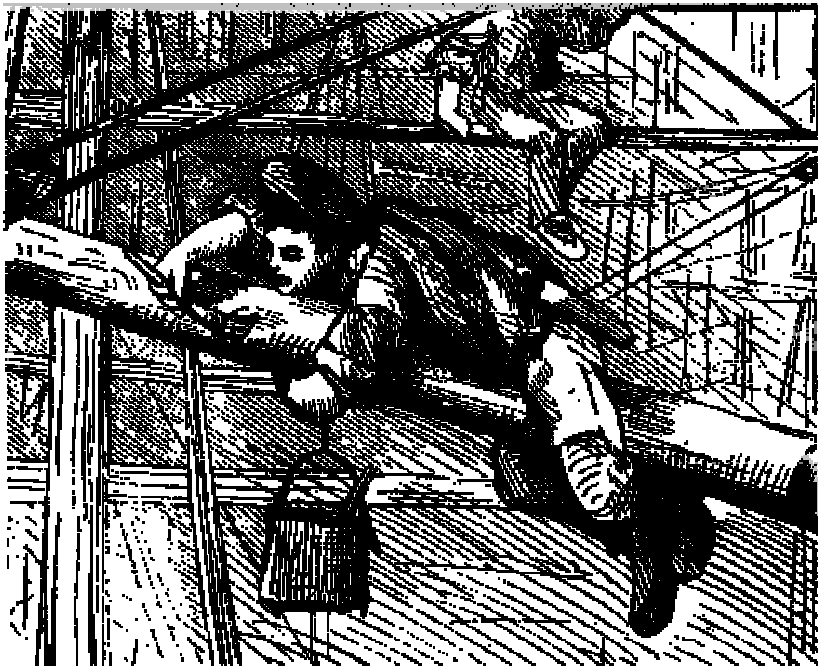
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**NEXT MEETING:**

September 24, 2002  
7:30 PM

MILLBURN  
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Tech Session:

Frank Hanavan

Painting Models with  
Acrylic Paint