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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

To all SMSNNJ members:

As most of you are aware **Dave Watkins'** last edition of the **Broadaxe** is this April issue. I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Dave** on behalf of the club for the outstanding job he did while being editor.

We were saddened to learn of **Dave's** wife passing about a year ago. During this trying period for **Dave**, he continued to remain as editor and Webmaster, which signifies what high regard he held our club. It is difficult to put into words what my feelings are for this type of effort, however I think **Dave** knows that the club will always hold him in high regard. One just had to pick up a copy of the **Broadaxe** for its excellence to speak for itself. **Dave** you know we will miss you. Our club thanks you, and our best wishes go with you on your new endeavor.

For the club;
Edward Hegstetter
President SMSNNJ

This brings me to another point. **Al Geigel** has volunteered to be our new Webmaster. At our last meeting, **Jan Leung** volunteered to be our new **Broadaxe** Editor. However **Jan** recently contacted **Dave** and me and informed us that it is highly likely that he will be leaving the area due to a work commitment and will be unable to perform as editor. I would like to thank **Jan** for stepping up and to say I was sorry to hear the news, as **Jan** would have made a good editor.

This is your chance to do something good for the club. If you consider volunteering as editor we will do everything to assist you in this assignment. We

have a great club, and it is my hope we can continue to remain in this status.

The **Broadaxe** is our way of communicating to the ship model clubs throughout the country that we are a great club. We have many excellent builders who have won local and national acclaim for their work. We also have builders like myself who strive to achieve this status. Like many of our club members I step in to help wherever possible, i.e. such as holding office and co-chairing our NRG conferences.

Please if you have any thoughts of helping out the club as the new editor come forward. I know the club will appreciate your efforts as well as I would.

Edward Hegstetter, President

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING March 23, 2004

President Hegstetter called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

One new visitor was present, **Alan Yedlinsky** from Freehold. **Alan** is an accomplished ship modeler and will be a welcome addition to our ranks.

The draft of a new membership roster was circulated to give everyone present the opportunity to check their address/phone/email. The revised roster will be available shortly.

The 22nd Northeast Ship Model Conference will be held on Saturday, April 24 in New London, and registration forms were available as well as being posted on the web site.

Speaking of conferences, **Ed** has received an e mail from **Vince McCullough**, Commodore of the Washington Ship Model Society inquiring as to whether we would be interested in participating in a new mid-Atlantic conference of clubs from New Jersey to Virginia some time later this year. Response was positive and **Ed** will proceed and keep the membership informed

The NRG Conference is being held September 14-19 at Portland, Maine

Our own Model Show and Seminar is in jeopardy. The building at Teterboro Airport will not be available; thus if we wish to hold a show this year an alternate site must be found. Members were asked to check local sites (Elks, K of C, volunteer firehouses etc for cost and availability). If anyone has an idea let **Ed** know.

The Tin Can Sailors will hold a meeting on April 3, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Center, Cranbury, NJ. The hotel is located just off exit 8A of the NJ Turnpike. We will have a table at the meeting. (**Ed Hegstetter** later reported that the SMSNNJ would **not** have a table at this meeting. **Ed** was not able to make contact with the individual responsible for assigning tables.)

Gary Kingzett reported on the recent show held by the NJ chapter of the IPMS on March 13. Mosquito Con, as it is named, had 350-400 models on display including about 30 ships. Messrs. **Herne**, **Thalmann**, **Pariser** and **Schuetz** showed models and **Gary** was a judge. **Ozzie's** model of the **San Mateo**, a 16th century galleon was recognized in the judging.

Ken Schuetz's model of the 1920's oceanographic vessel and steam yacht **Schaarhorn** received two awards:

Gold: First place in the category non-military vessels, larger than 1:400 scale.

Best Ship: A special award covering all categories of ships.

The members extended to **Ken** their heartiest congratulations on this recognition of his superior work.



Ed Hegstetter has received a note from **Nick Starace** about an upcoming exhibit for one day. We have been asked to provide 10-15 models. **Ed** will ask **Nick** to provide further details of when, where etc.

Jim Caulkins has booked a cruise for the evening of Monday August 2, 2004 onboard the **Meerwald** at Liberty State Park. The total cost is \$800.00, and the members authorized **Jeff Fuglestad** to pay the charter hire from the Treasury subject to reimbursement when collections from the members are effected. The cost will be \$20.00 per person and member's families are invited to attend. **Tom McGowan** will collect money at future meetings. This is a first-come function, Since we can accommodate only 45 passengers, early booking is advised. We will decide later about a picnic prior to the sail.

Treasurer Jeff Fuglestad repeated his call for dues from delinquent members. He plans to send a post card to the tardy members.

Dave Watkins will serve as editor of the **Broadaxe** for just one more month before he moves to North Carolina. **Ed** made a request for a volunteer to fill this important role.



TECH SESSION

Al Geigel made a video taped presentation on his methods for making glassed skylights for his model of the **Charles W. Morgan** using a Preac table saw. The tape was well done and quite informative. His methods are a bit too complex to digest in these minutes but, perhaps **Al** would loan the tape to anyone who desires to study his work.

SHOW AND TELL

Al Geigel showed his work in progress on the whaler **Charles W. Morgan**. **Al** has made steady progress recently adding the hurricane house and boat deck. As an adjunct to his work **Al** recommends the book "The Oxford Companion to Ships and the Sea", edited by Peter Kemp. It "tells you all you ever wanted to know about the sea and never dared ask"



Al Geigel's *Charles W. Morgan*

Henry Barbrack had his work in progress of the British two masted sloop *Halifax* from Mamoli in 1:64 scale. **Henry** is not impressed with the quality of the wood in the kit .



Henry with His *Halifax*

Mike Gutsick brought his nearly completed model of the Destroyer Escort, *USS Marchand* built in 1943 and operated by the Coast Guard in convoy duty during World War II. Mike started out with a kit in 1/8 scale from BAD Shipmodels but was not happy with the kit and wound up scratch building the entire superstructure. He obtained plans and fittings from the Floating Drydock and additional fittings from Bluejacket. This fine model is being made to present to his father who served on the ship during the war.



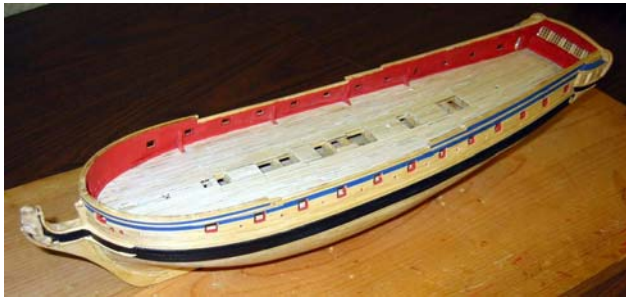
Mike Gutsick's *Marchand*

Len Schwalm showed a model of a 17th century Dutch yacht built from an old Pyro kit. **Len** made many modifications to this small model to better represent a vessel of this time.



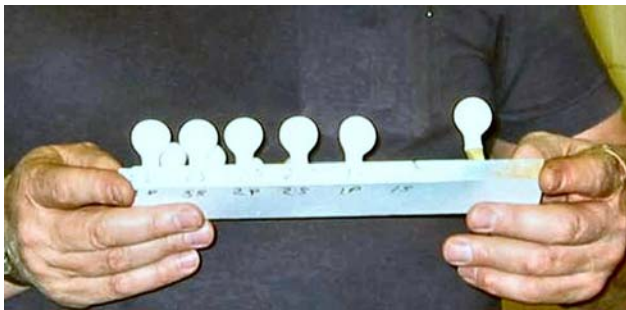
Len's Dutch Yacht from Pyro

Tom Ruggiero brought his work in progress of the 28 gun British frigate *Liverpool*, built in 1757. This vessel served on the North American Station during the Revolution and sank during a storm in Long Island Sound. **Tom** is scratch building the vessel from plans from Model Ship Builder and the National Maritime Museum



Tom's Liverpool

Last month **Garry Kingzett** showed the very rough ventilators he had fabricated by a plating shop for his scratch model of the **USS New Jersey** (1906). Since then **Gary** has filed, ground and polished the ventilators to finished form and has produced excellent examples of what is normally a very difficult item to reproduce.



The Finished Ventilators

Finally, first time visitor **Alan Yedlinsky** brought his work in progress of the British warship **Lyme** built in 1740. Although a first time visitor, **Alan** is no first time modeler, as his scratch built model in 1/4 inch scale is exceedingly well done. He is working from plans from Abe Taubman and Benczur.



Alan Yedlinsky's Lyme



FROM THE EDITOR

This is a reminder that the Philadelphia Ship Model Society is sponsoring the 22nd Northeast Ship Model Conference at the Port N Starboard Banquet Hall and Conference Center in New London, CT on **Saturday, April 24, 2004**. We have just heard from the Philadelphia club that SMSNNJ member **Bill Liebold**, who was scheduled to give the feature address at the conference, will be unable to do so because of pressing business demands. His replacement will be Dr. Michael Zimmerman a retired world-famous anthropological forensic pathologist who was invited to examine the skeletal remains when the **Wasa** was raised. Dr. Zimmerman will speak on his work on the **Wasa**.

Information, registration form and directions were attached to last month's **Broadaxe**, and are also available in the Archives section on the SMSNNJ web site.

As noted below, the Nautical Research Guild Conference will be held in Portland, ME on September 14 –19, 2004. **Al Geigel** has provided me with a copy of the detailed information about the conference and a registration form. I am sending these along with the Acrobat version of this month's **Broadaxe** for e-mailing to members who receive the newsletter that way. Others who are interested in the conference can contact **Al** or me.

As mentioned in the minutes of the March meeting, and in **Ed Hegstetter's** very kind tribute, this is the last edition of the **Broadaxe** that I will be editing and producing.

I took over this job after the sad and unexpected passing of the former editor, **Jim Roberts**. It was a daunting task to follow **Jim** considering his encyclopedic knowledge of things nautical and his elegant writing style. After some stumbles and frustrations with my publishing tools, I came to enjoy the monthly task. I particularly appreciated

the unqualified support that I received from the SMSNNJ officers and members. I especially want to recognize **Tom Ruggiero** for the photographs that have added so much to quality and enjoyment of the newsletter. Thanks are also due to our former **Secretary, Don Otis** and our current **Secretary Tom McGowan** for their timely contribution of the minutes every month. And last, thanks to each of you who took the time give me an encouraging word or offer an idea. Your thoughtfulness made the job a lot easier. I hope that you will do the same for my successor.

The fellowship that I enjoyed and the modeling skills and information that I gained while a member of the SMSNNJ have more than paid for the effort that I put in as the **Broadaxe** editor.

Mark Your Calendar

**Northeast Regional Conference
Port and Starboard Conference Center
New London, CT. April 24, 2004**

**IPMS/NENY Region 1 Scale Modeler's
Convention, Schoharie, NY April 30-May 1**
www.aloder.freeyellow.com

**Western Ship Model Conference
Long Beach, CA. April 29 – May 2, 2004**

**SMSNNJ Picnic and Cruise on the *Meerwald*.
Liberty State Park , Monday, August 2, 2004**

**Nautical Research Guild Conference
Portland, ME. September 14 –19, 2004**

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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 or electronic files, either on discs or by e-mail. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved.

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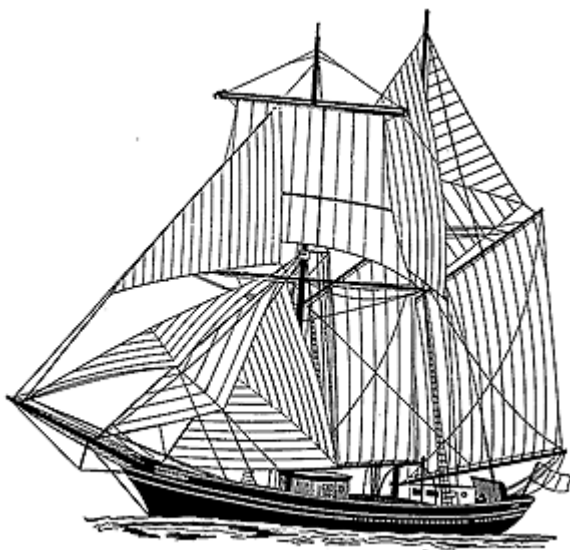
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NEXT MEETING:

**April 27, 2004
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Tech Session:

To Be Announced