

CAPE ANN SHIP MODELER'S GUILD
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NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009, 7:00
GLOUCESTER VETERANS CENTER
12 EMERSON AVE, GLOUCESTER, MA
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Meeting opened at 7:00 by President Fred

Secretary's report: Accepted as written in Newsletter.
Treasurer's report: Balance: Dec 10, 2008 _____ \$582.57
Credits: interest, dues _____ 20.27
Debits: brad/money for vets _____ 200.00
Balance: Feb 11, 2009 _____ \$402.84

I apologize there was no N/L last month so I will try to combine both January and February Newsletters.

Guest: None.

Old business: We continued to discuss a club project of building a model of the Boston Tea Party Brig "BEAVER". There are no plans of the original but it is felt that a similar ship can be used. S in S magazine has a practicum of the Colonial brig "Lexington" which may be good enough. The CD was purchased and is being viewed by the members for applicability. The plan is to have the modeling effort be split among the members. Then be worked on at the Heritage Center during the summer. Tony did a lot of research and could not find any definitive plans.

Doug has plans for "Kate Cory" which is a whaler that is also a brig that could be reconfigured as a Tea Party ship.

We were invited to Woods Hole to man a table for the spring model show but the date is the weekend before the New London Conference and would require attendance for the entire weekend. Several members plan to visit the affair as the location and activities make for a fun time.

New Business: Walter is setting up a date to visit Mike Walls "American Marine Model Gallery" in Gloucester, MA. The date is not firm yet due to other obligations. The gallery is just across the street at number 20 Pleasant Street.

Misc. Brad has completed and sent in both the Massachusetts Corporation Form and the Federal Tax Form 990.

Mr. Mike Wall and Mr. Erik Ronnberg are expected to be present at the Schooner Festival at the Heritage Center.

A gentleman in Gloucester has a huge, (5' X 5') model of the Colonial Schooner "HANNAH" he would like to sell. It is in good condition but needs cleaning. For further information contact B. Bigelow at the above address.

The Wenham Museum in Wenham, MA is requesting models for a maritime display. No date yet. Ed and Tony have had displays there in the past.

There are several photos of Mr. Ronnbergs "Alaska Ocean" which is just about finished. She is due to go into a special exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute later in the year. The model is incredible with thousands of fish showing in the processing section and in the net. Several crewmembers are shown at work and relaxing below decks.

Tony indicated that our/his website charge is due to be substantially increased. He offered to piggyback our information on his family Website, as they would be complimentary. The membership agreed and a motion was voted to do so.

Coming Events: Constitution Club show

April 2009 North East Conference, Port N Starboard conference Center, New London Conn. A hundred fine models, lunch, prizes, tabletop demonstrations and an interesting speaker.

Saturday-Sunday April 18-19, 2009 Woods Hole Model Boat Show, Woods Hole Mass.

Friday, June 12, 2009 – Sunday, July 5, 2009, San Diego County Fair. Hours: 11:00 – 6:00 PM.

Sunday, November 8, 1-8 Indoor Boat Show / Swap meet, United Church of Christ, Medfield

Salem Maritime Festival Sat-Sun August 1-2, 2009 8-12. This is a fun time with many displays, music, food and demonstrations.

TIPS

Vinegar is good for cleaning metal parts for painting **BUT**

Don't put STYRENE in vinegar – it makes it soft.

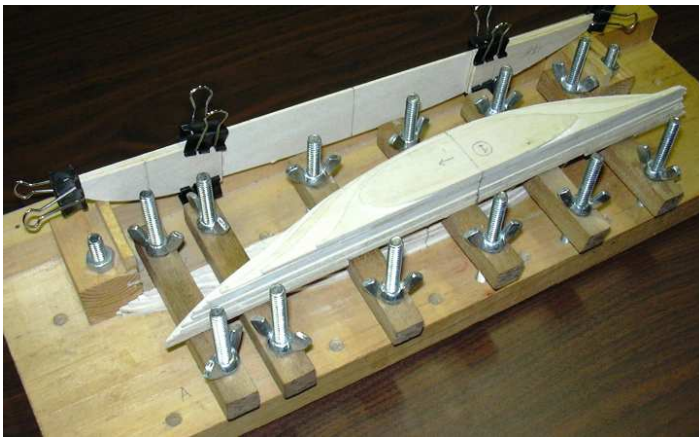
Show and Tell

This month and last month we had a good selection of models.

Pat Cummings has finished her "MELONSEED" sailboat. It has been quite a challenge to get a paper thin hull to represent fiberglass and required several false starts. But is finally done and very nice. She and Ernie are building twin models. Looking forward to yours Ernie.

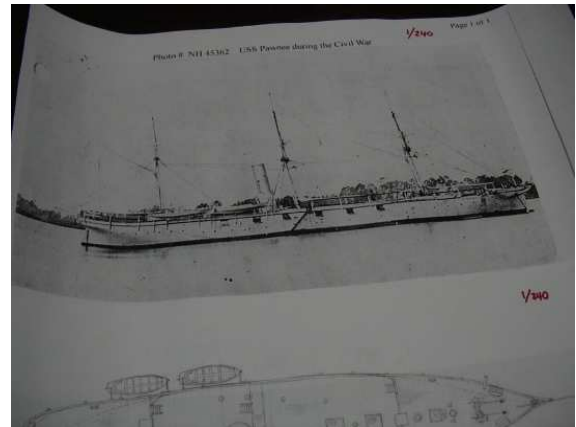
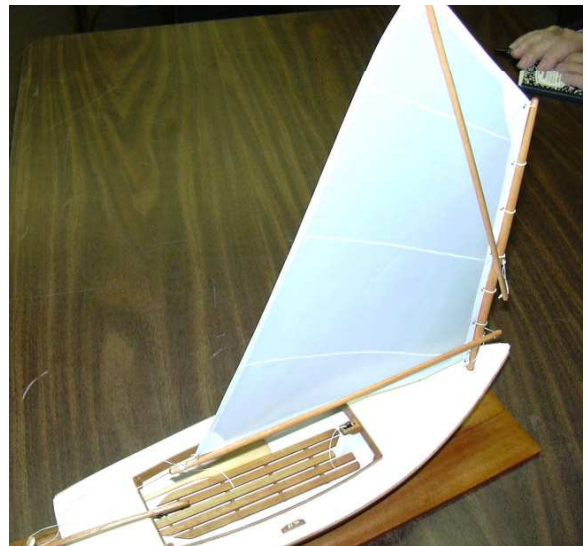
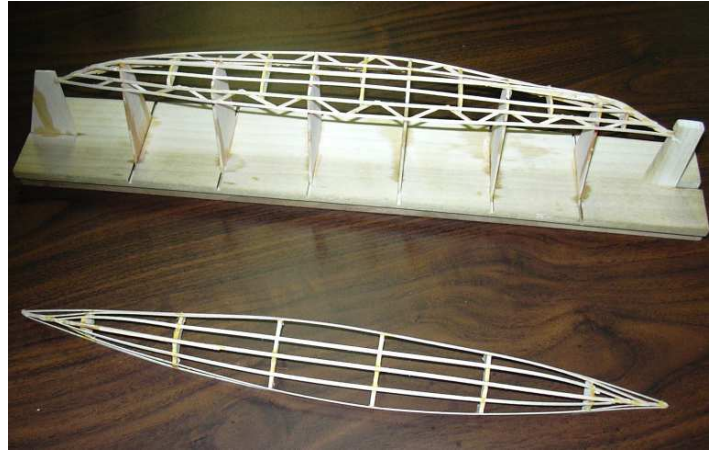


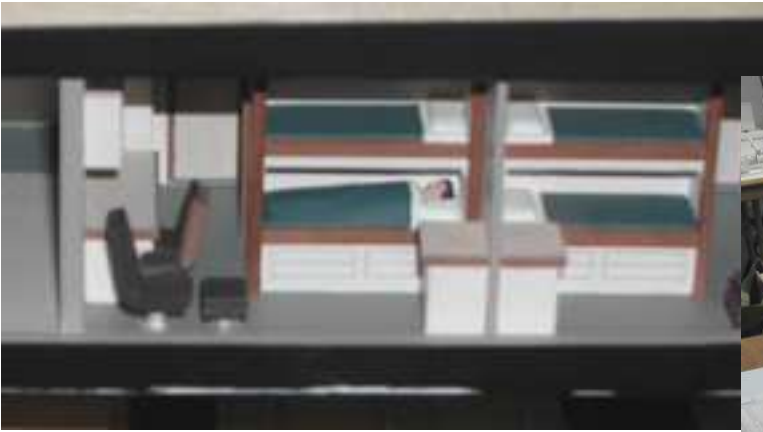
Ed Parent has started another Civil War ship model. This time it is "USS PAWNEE"



Fred Swart brought in a toy kit of the USS "CONSTITUTION". One of the kind sold at tourist shops near water attractions. I don't have a picture of.

Walter had another kayak model but at a different size to show the internal framework of the kayak. Very interesting, what will the models be covered with?





Some recent photos of Mr. Erik Ronnberg's factory ship.
ALASKA OCEAN

Mr. Ronnberg's model is in the final stages and should be delivered to the Smithsonian Institute before Easter. The model is absolutely superb with well detailed fittings all produced by him. There is even a below decks dormitory room shown with several crew members relaxing. The net is filled with several thousand fish.

MARAD's Last Liberty Ship Reaches Greece

Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 10:35 AM

Flying the Greek flag, the Hellas Liberty, formerly known as the Arthur M. Huddell, has safely reached the port of Piraeus in Greece after leaving Norfolk, Virginia, on December 6, 2008. Until July 2008, the World War II-era Huddell was the last Liberty ship in the Maritime Administration's National Defense Reserve Fleet., and was moored in the James River Reserve Fleet site at Fort Eustis. The ship was cleaned at a Norfolk shipyard before being towed to Greece.

American shipyards built 2,751 Liberty ships during World War II, in the largest shipbuilding effort in history. Liberty ships crewed by merchant mariners carried troops and military cargo all over the world. The building and sailing of the Liberty ships, and their successors, the Victory ships, were overseen by the U.S. Maritime Commission and the War Shipping Agency, both predecessor agencies of today's Maritime Administration. After World War II, Greek shipowners purchased many Liberty ships to build up their fleet. The Greek merchant fleet is now the largest in the world. The Hellas Liberty will be refurbished and used as a museum.

Maritime Administrator Sean T. Connaughton said, "We are extremely pleased that the vessel arrived safely in Greece. Once refurbished and opened to the public, the vessel will be a reminder to future generations of the close relationship between Greece and the United States."

Two other Liberty ships formerly in the Maritime Administration's National Defense Reserve Fleet, the John W. Brown and the Jeremiah O'Brien, are currently operating as museum ships. While other redesigned and repurposed Liberty ships remain in service, none remain

in service in the form they had in World War II. Nonetheless, their use was once so common that the term "Liberty-size cargo," meaning 10,000 tons, may still be heard in the shipping business.

Maritime Reporter December 08 By Jim Nolan