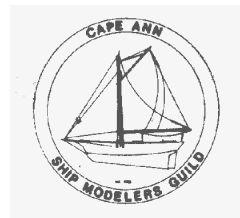


# CAPE ANN SHIP MODELER'S GUILD

GLOUCESTER VETERAN'S CENTER \* 12 EMERSON AVE \* GLOUCESTER \* MA  
JUNE 11, 2008

NEXT MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008 7:00 PM



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Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by ex president Ed.  
Secretary's report: Accepted as in newsletter.  
Treasurer's report: Balance May 14, 2008           \$666.36  
                          Credits: Donation \$5.0  
  Interest       .12                   5.12  
                          Debit: Tony Ashdon, Domain        7.95  
Balance June 11, 2008                           \$663.53

Guests: None

Old business: Fred has been working on updating the By-laws to bring them more in line with our present activities.

New Business: Fred brought in the changes he recommended and after some discussion several were voted on. As they become available I will put them in the N/L.

The Heritage Center will be available for our work meeting on the fourth Friday from 3 PM to 5 PM during June, July and August. So several of us will be there on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to bring some things to work on and also some toy boats for kids to play with. We would like to get plans of the BEAVER to display as there is a replica being built in the H/C shipyard.

I will bring some lists of suppliers and catalogs for guests.

Look on the Heritage web site to find out about the H/C Heritage Day celebration. Lots of talk about to bring to display.

## TIPS and Stuff

Cardboard boxes: Often when working on small detail parts of a model one finds that it is difficult to get low enough to see or handle the items. I have found that by taking a small ( 8" X 8" X 6" ) cardboard box that stuff was shipped in and taping and cementing the ends tight you have a lifted surface to work from. You can glue a piece of thin plywood to the bottom with tabs to clamp to the work table and likewise to the top for a hard surface. Needless to say any other dimensions will work. The result is small and light enough to move around.

From Rich Royer from the Scuttlebutt of the Torigian Center in Peabody in Peabody Mass: "Hanking on sails" is done in many ways. Most often, split rings are made or bought, forced apart, and pushed through the sail then onto the stay and closed. I find that fine gage wire in the appropriate scale can be easily pushed through the sail

and the wrapped around the stay so that the ends pass each other (overlap). Pull them up tight. Then snip the protruding ends as close to the stay as you can get. The result is very realistic, more to scale and very secure.

Also from Rich Royer at the Torigian Center: Making skylights for your models can be difficult. Marcy Consalvo uses common screen material (for repairing screen windows) and places it onto thin plastic, cut from plastic packages / fruit containers etc. He then coats them with clear polyurethane or fingernail polish. When dry, it cuts to size easily and makes a convincing looking grid work which can then be cemented into place as is, or covered with fine wood or brass strips.

When cutting small parts (Handrail Stanchions) off an etched fret I put a small piece of Scotch Tape on the part and cut the fret in a white plastic garbage bag. Keeps the part from flying off.

## Coming Events:

Regrettably the model show at the Danvers Art Association scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> was canceled.

August 2 & 3, 2008: Salem Maritime Festival, Derby Street, Salem, Mass. There will be concert Friday evening. This is usually a good time with music, crafts, reenactments, and food. There are usually a few CASMG members there.

August 23 & 24, 2008: Antique & Classic Boat Festival, Hawthorn Cove Marina, Salem, MA. (Constitution Club)

August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008: Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center Festival at the Heritage Center on Harbor Loop in Gloucester. Model building, crafts, food dealers.

October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Torigian Center, 79 Central St. Peabody, MA. This is quite a show with dozens of fine models to view, all made by members of the Torigian Center craft group.

November 10-16, 2008. NRG Conference, Chattanooga, TN. Call Patti 585-968-8111.

Misc.: Ed Parent brought in a clipping from "AtlanticNews.com" about a wooden submarine that remained on Hampton Beach for ten years. It was built by Thomas Buckley as an invention but never was tested.

Eventually it came apart and was burned. The craft was 30 feet long and 13 feet in diameter. Original information was published in "The Beach Comber" in the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1976 edition.

Our meeting at the H/C went well. About 6 members participated with models to work on and several finished models for display. We had three guests, one a 10 year old boy and Walter spent a lot of time explaining modeling to him. He seemed very interested and we may have a convert. The new facilities at the Heritage Center is very nice, a second and third floor have been added to the room we use with a connecting overpass to the main building so one need not go outside to go from one building to the other (below freezing in the winter).

### SHOW and TELL

Tony showed two models of the *HANNA*, one in 1/4" scale and the other in 3/8" scale. Both looked real fine.

Ed had the *USS SWITZERLAND*. And a book about world War 1 camouflage styles, the number and variety of them is astounding, stripes, patches etc. Naval Camouflage 1914-1945: A complete Visual Reference, by David Williams, US Naval Institute Press, Nov, 2001. Well worth getting if you are interested in that period of warship. Using the book he was able to make drawings of the style on the *USS WARD*. There were no references to the colors used. Contemporary pictures show green and other colors not present in WW II ships. Can anyone help on that?.

Walter showed his miniature Sovereign again, an incredible job.

Brad came by with a number of papers of sources for model kits, tools and detail parts. He also had 12" plastic model of a Coast Guard 44' rescue boat. It came from a house auction and needed some cleaning and repairs. He built a simple case for it and it was passed on to a friend for a gift for a daughter's companion. I believe a case really dresses up a model from a curiosity to an art object.



TONY'S USS HANNAH 1/4" SCALE



TONY'S USS HANNAH, 3/8" SCALE



WALTER'S SOVERIGN OF THE SEA, CAN'T IMAGINE THE SCALE



PAT'S ANNISQUAM FISH BOAT, 1" - 1'



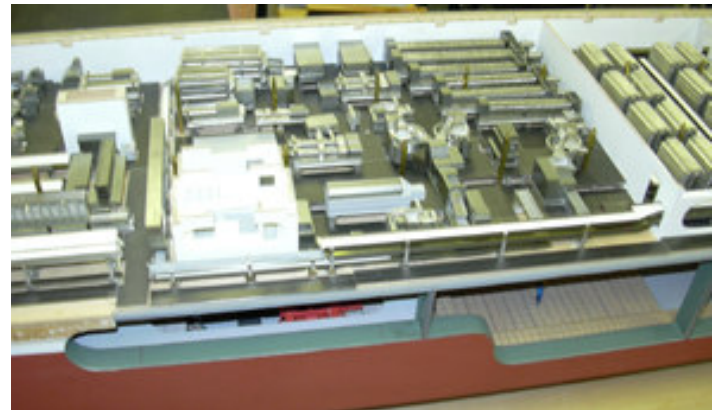
ED'S USS SWITZERLAND, 1/240 SCALE



BELOW DECKS OF THE ALASKA OCEAN



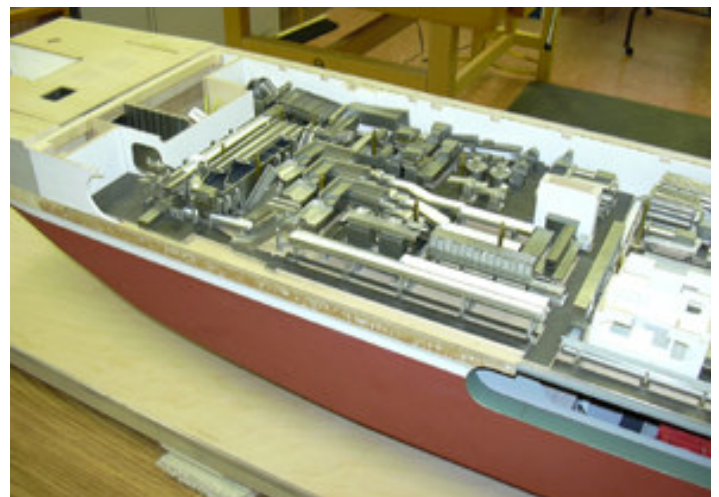
ERIK RONNBERG'S ALASKA OCEAN, STARBOARD SIDE WITH  
UPPER WORKS IN PLACE TEMPORARLLY



ALASKA OCEAN UPPER DECK MACHINERY ROOM



ALASKA OCEAN PORT SIDE WITH UPPER WORKS IN PLACE  
TEMPORARLLY  
THE MACHINERY HAS BEEN CAST USING MR RONNBERG'S  
MOLDS. IN PRODUCTION ARE 70 MORE WORKERS ALL  
DRESSED IN THE STYLE AND COLORS OF THEIR JOB.



REAR UPPER DECK MACHINERY ROOM

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WALTER'S SOVERIGN



ANOTHER PICTURE OF USS SWITZERLAND



UPPER DECK OF MR. RONNBERG'S ARTIC OCEAN



TONY'S HANNAH BUILT WITH HIS OWN LUMBER FROM HIS

Web sites for modelers

Here are a few websites from Tim Carr from the Tampa Bay Ship Model Society>

<http://www.dlumberyard.com>

<http://chez.com/rimbr/sommaire.htm>

<http://www.warriorgroup.org/Download.htm>

<http://www.tco.com/pierbooks/>

<http://www.shipbuildersreport.com/>

<http://www.amarsenal.be/>

<Http://www.loyalhannadockyard.com/>

<http://www.bonhrichard.com/>

<http://www.arsenal-modelist.com/>

<http://www.swanpracticum.com/>

[http://www.home.comcast.net/~remillar/\(USS Constitution stuff\)](http://www.home.comcast.net/~remillar/(USS Constitution stuff))

<http://www.usconstitutionmuseum.org/>

<http://www.usconstitution.navy.mil/>

I do not know what is on these sites though some are obvious.

