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GUILD CELEBRATES 32nd BIRTHDAY and Prepares for a Busy, Productive 33rd Year

This month's newsletter is light and light-hearted. Since last meeting was the Guild's birthday party, we are limited in the number of pictures and stories. To be sure, the evening was filled with good food, good fellowship and good times for all. With no major events such as the Fair or model shows to report on, we will focus on the party, on upcoming events and, oh yeah, the event we have ALL been waiting for. Are you ready?

Robert Hewitt Reports on the Party and Upcoming Events

The Guild's thirty-second birthday party went off without a hitch. This year we decided to do pot luck. The Guild paid for the drinks and plates while the members and their wives contributed to a great variety of wonderful dishes. There was honey baked chicken, ham, Swedish meat balls made with buffalo meat, eggplant, spaghetti with a wonderful meat sauce, deviled eggs, baked beans, salads and too many deserts to mention. Having the affair in August had its advantages. The weather was delightful and because of the movies on the Star at this time, there were plenty of tables and chairs on deck. I remember having to lug a twenty foot table from the orlop deck to the upper deck and then taking it down after the party. Many thanks to all who contributed and helped with the set-up and takedown.

Last month **Mr. Bob Crawford** asked for help with a project that he is setting up for a family day on the star. There were three of us who showed up to help Bob. Many thanks to **Ron Zeunges, John McDermott** and **Robert Hewitt**.

The project is making small simple boat kits of the *CALIFORNIAN*. The boats are to be assembled by the kids with adult supervision and then put in small bottles. Most of the work is completed, but we may need some additional help in making toothpick masts, deburring the hulls and gathering the pieces to make a kit. Bob also will need some help on family day Sunday October 3 to help supervise the kids while assembling. Call Bob at the Maritime Museum <redacted> if interested.

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UPCOMING EVENTS-Continued

Meeting Notes. September 8, 2004

We don't normally preview the next meeting, but Robert Hewitt wanted me to give a heads up on some items. In addition to a full report on the party, the following is scheduled:

--A discussion/report on the ship-in-the-bottle program

-- Loudspeaker/ microphone report from **Lyle Starkweather, Don Dressel and Ed Trasoras**

-- On the New business side, we have two magazine subscription notices due, "Ships in Scale" and "Nautical Research Guild". Be prepared to discuss if we want to continue subscribing to these.

-- **Robert Hewitt** or **Bob Crawford** will discuss the "Spain's Legacy in the Pacific" conference scheduled for 23rd to 26th. The Conference is sponsored by the Museum and is free to museum members.

--Orange Con Sunday, October 17 \$7.00 admission \$1.00 to enter a model 10 categories. With 46 types of models 3 of which include ships. They will accept wood ships. Location TBA.

--As usual, there will be a Round table discussion, topic to be determined

--**Bob Graham** will be demonstrating his method of blade sharpening. This method only takes a few seconds. If you have a special blade that needs sharpening, bring it to the meeting.



All hands on deck! Prepare the Captain's Table!
Guild Birthday Potluck Fare. Photo by John Wickman

-- An auction is planned for the September meeting. This month six major items will be auctioned off.

1. The Scientific kit of the **Robert E Lee** steamboat, a 24.5 long wooden model. It is probably worth more as an unassembled kit than a completed model.
2. A small table saw, from Micro- Mark, lists for \$119.00. This one is not complete, as the fence and cross slides are missing.
3. An Amati keel clamp
4. A machinist's scribe height gauge.
5. A Corel kit of the **Flying Fish** An American market schooner of 1860. The scale is 1:50. There are 7 sheets of plans and an instruction booklet.
6. Plans of a US Navy Minesweeper, 3 sheets.

It was suggested that if you are interested in any of these items and cannot make the meeting, phone or e-mail Dick Strange prior to the meeting with your highest bid. He may be reached at <redacted> and <redacted>

Member's night and conference

Wednesday September 22, 6:30- 9.00 p.m. Ships of the Spanish Empire will be presented by Carla Rahn Philips aboard the Berkeley. The conference is from Thursday September 23rd until Saturday the 25th. Go to www.sdmaritime.org, click on discover, then 2004 conference. Free to museum members. Also if you click on the BERKELEY, the dance floor is our meeting room and is shown in panorama.



Guild members sit around after dinner telling sea stories.
Photo by John Wickman

Editor's Report

By Chuck Seiler

Last month's experiment with **emailed newsletter** was relatively successful. My computer didn't blow up and with a few exceptions, nobody reported problems receiving the files. I will work with those who had problems to try and resolve that issue.

Feedback was good. Most people who commented said they enjoyed the quality of pictures on-line. Some people already indicated they would forgo the mail newsletter in favour of the email version. Both versions will go out again in September.

If you are receiving the email copy, please let me know if you want to be dropped from the snail mail list. Be assured, we will maintain the address list in case the email version is no available. If you are NOT receiving an email copy but wish to, email me at [REDACTED]

PUR\$ERS\$ REPORT

By Ron Hollod

Here's the purser report for Aug. 2004

Balance 7/13/04	/redacted/
Income(new member)	/redacted/
Disbursements:	
stamps/news letter	/redacted/
Balance 8/1704	/redacted/

THRU THE LUBBERS HOLE

By Robert Hewitt



Working in the model shop on the **BERKELEY** has its advantages. Last week I was at the shop and I came to the point where I needed to decide where to install the ship's boats on my model of the **GLASGOW**. There wasn't a thing about the boats on the plans of the ship from the Maritime Museum in the UK. The Anatomy of the Ship series on the **BLANDFORD** which I am using for the rigging plan shows only two boats. The drawings are of a 27 foot pinnace and a 17 foot yawl. There is no indication of how and where they were stored

The **VICTORY** has the boats stored at the waist, supported by beams level with the gangways. Since there are no gangways on **GLASGOW**, I did not have a clear idea of how to store the boats. The waist of the ship was too small to store a 27 foot boat. I thought of making straight davits on the quarter-deck as in the **VICTORY**.

Mr. **Ray Ashley**, Director of our Maritime Museum came by and I discussed my dilemma. Ray

told me that frigates of this period (1757) had a way of storing the boats on spare spars over the waist. He also thought that davits were not installed until much later. Ray said he would try to find some information for me.

I decided to start making the pinnace, and if I could not find any information I would show the boat being towed by the ship. Ray started me in the right direction.

That weekend at a street fair, there was a used book store open and they had a nautical section. On the shelf, was just the book I needed. "The Boats of Men of War" by Commander WE. May has information on the establishment of boats from 1600 up to the early steam era. On page 48 there is a picture of a model of the **LOWESTOFFE** of 1761. There is a large horse frame just in front of the main mast. The spare masts and yards are lashed to it. The other ends are placed on the forecastle deck. There is a single longboat lashed to the poles.

A list of the types of boats and their lengths in 1769 is also provided. A frigate of 24 guns was to carry a 21 foot longboat, a 28 foot pinnace and a 22 foot yawl. There is also a notation in the section on boat hoisting that davits were introduced in the 1790's.

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TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

by Rupert Morgan



Arrrr! So, thar ye be, sittin' all a-lonesome on the poop deck. Comely lasses (or lads) don't notice ye, mates smite ye with thar belayin' pins ... not even a parrot to call ye "Bob." What's a pirate to do? Well, thar, me Bucko, the day we have all been waiting for has arrived. What has been hull down on the horizon for so long is now a quarter mile off the starboard bow; it's International Talk Like a Pirate Day-19 September.

Why is this day different from all others? Why do we need an **International Talk Like a Pirate Day**? Make no mistake. We do. But it's a little hard to articulate why, especially when you've made the mistake of referring to your wife as a scurvy bilge rat and tried to order her back into the galley. Talking like a pirate is fun. It's really that simple. It gives your conversation a swagger, an elán, denied to landlocked lubbers. The best explanation came from a guy at a Cleveland radio station who interviewed us on the 2002 Talk Like a Pirate Day. He told us we were going to be buried by people asking for interviews because it was a "whimsical alternative" to all the serious things that were making the news so depressing. In other words, silliness is the holiday's best selling point.

Before we go any further, there's something we need to be clear about. Pirates were and are bad people. Really reprehensible. Even the most casual exploration of the history of pirates (and believe us, casual is an accurate description of our research) leaves you hip deep in blood and barbarity. We recognize this, all right? We aren't for one minute suggesting that real, honest-to-God pirates were in any way, shape or form worth emulating.

So what is it exactly that we're celebrating here, if not pirates? What, you're wondering, is the point? We're going to be painfully honest here, perhaps fatally so.

The point is, there is no point.

And that's what's fun about Talk Like a Pirate Day specifically, and talking like a pirate in general. We're talking about the mere image of swaggering pirateness. And while this is a guys' guide, the comely wench will have fun talking like a pirate, too. It's powerful, yet harmless. Perhaps, dare we suggest it, the ultimate aphrodisiac. Try it!

When Sept. 19 rolls around and suddenly tens of thousands of people are saying "arrrr" and "*Weigh anchor or I'll give you a taste of the cap'n's daughter,*" it staggers us. They are talking like pirates -- not because two yahoos from the Northwestern United States told them to, but simply because it's fun.

Pirate lingo is rich and complicated, sort of like a good stew. You can get a good start on the process at <http://www.talklikeapirate.com>. It includes links to other sites where you can expand your knowledge of pirate lingo. Once you have it down, you can schedule yourself a party. Don't know anyone? Go down to the Museum, swagger up and down Harbor Drive, sneering at the tourists and talking like a pirate.



Editor's Note: It has come to our attention that most of the above article was plundered from the Talk Like a Pirate website <http://www.talklikeapirate.com>.

While Mr. Morgan is not available for comment (we understand he is on his way back to England) you ARE encouraged to visit the website and (dare I say?) Talk Like a Pirate!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Kit News

by Chuck Seiler

K. C. Edwards reports Model Shipways is reintroducing some old favourites. Already on the shelf is the New York Pilot Boat PHANTOM. Due out soon are the schooner KATY OF NORFOLK, schooner SULTANA, the whaler KATE CORY and the tugboat TAURUS. All are solid hull and can be overplanked or built as is. K. C. says PHANTOM and KATY OF NORFOLK are his pick for best starter kits



The birthday party draws to a close.

Photo by John Wickman

WANTED: Coffee Maker REPLACEMENT PURSER

Robert Hewitt reports he wishes to step down as the Guild *Coffee Maker*. While no hard deadline for stepping down was mentioned, he wishes to do this as soon as possible. He is willing to spend however much time is required getting the new *Coffee Maker* up to speed. **Come on folks, this is the third attempt at this. Next month we will be drinking warm water!!!**

Round Table Topic Deck Planking

Newport Nautical Museum Model Exposition

The Newport Nautical Museum will be hosting a model exhibition featuring ship models or other nautically themed models. The exhibition will be open 10AM to 5 PM Tuesdays through Sundays from October 9, 2004 until February 13, 2005.



As you can see, good times were had by all.

Photo by John Wickman



Sunset. A perfect end to a perfect day

Photo by John Wickman

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles, photos, tips and hints are appreciated. Please have newsletter inputs to me by **01 October 2004**. If you cannot get it to me *mb* line, call me to arrange transfer of info, I'll see you in the funny papers.

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Guildmaster **Hewitt** presides over San Diego Ship Modelers Guild Birthday Party

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**Next meeting is Wednesday September 8th on the
BERKELEY 6:30 pm Social, 7:00 PM Meeting**

Bring a model!