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Guild meeting Report October 10, 2007

GUILD AUCTION – JANUARY MEETING! Bring in items for the auction.

Robert Hewitt opened the meeting and introduced Dave Yotter who is recuperating from his trail bike accident. He had suffered a broken collar bone, scapula, two ribs in front and six in the back. He also suffered a collapsed lung. He thanked the Guild members for the card and said that he was in intensive care for two days and in rehabilitation for six. He says his back hurts a little but he is otherwise OK. Robert then asked if there were any visitors or new members present. Vic Bianchini is a new member and would like to build the BLUEJACKETS model of the LACAWANA Side Wheeler. Albert Powell brought in a model of a Chesapeake Drake Tail which he will talk about during Show and Tell. Bob Friedman (PIER BOOKS/DUPONT COMMUNICATIONS) attended the meeting as a guest. The pursers report was read by Ron Hollod. The current balance was \$<redacted>.

Bob Crawford did not give an editor's report.

Robert Hewitt discussed the Maritime Heritage Conference which was being held at the Maritime Museum (Oct 9 -12). He thanked everyone who volunteered for the various functions. Bob McPhail talked about the used book sale in the museum library.

Bob McPhail also briefly discussed the SAN SALVADOR Project. There was good progress on the models and work is continuing.

The LPD 22 (USS SAN DIEGO) project is still not progressing. The set of plans has not arrived. Work cannot begin until this happens, Tony Bunch will eventually need help with final construction and detailing (date to be determined).

Bill Luther provided an update to the USS Chicago (CG 11) models. Bill is trying to decide what level of detail will be needed for the model (museum quality or something less). He is also trying to settle on the time period the model will represent since there are several factors he needs to consider such as: the time frame that the recipient was assigned to CHICAGO.

There will be an auction for the guild at the January meeting. Please bring in items that you would like to have auctioned. No part of the proceeds of the auctioned items will be remitted to the guild.

SDMSG SHOW AND TELL – November

SSN 21 Seawolf by Don Dressel



The Sea Wolf was commissioned in July 1997 and was lead ship in the “new” attack class following the Los Angeles Class attack boats. She was built by Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics starting in 1989, launched in 1995. Because of significant cost only 3 of the planned 25 were built due to the end of the cold war. Crews assigned to the Seawolf claim she was quieter at 25 knots than the Los Angeles class at pier side. She is currently based at Naval Base Kitsap at Bremerton WA. Her crew is 15 Officers and 101 men.. She is 353’ long, beam 40’ and is able of quiet cruise of 20 knots submerged.. She has 8 tubes and carries 50 torpedoes or

Tomahawk missiles, or 100 mines. This was an old Viking Kit with a resin hull, lots of pitting on the hull. Old decals presented a challenge. *Information from Wikipedia.*

Rattlesnake by Royce Privett

The privateer Rattlesnake was built in 1780 at Plymouth, MA. Despite her moderate size, 89’ length on deck, she was fast and Weatherly. She sailed with a crew of 85 and carried 20 six- pounders. She captured over a million dollars worth of British goods on her first cruise, establishing a formidable reputation. The British made her capture a top priority and she was taken by HMS Assurance, 44, in 1783, sent to England and taken into the royal Navy. She was sold out of service in 1786.



Mississippi River Boat by Charles Peabody

No historical information with the kit

Chesapeake Bay Draketail MARTHA by Albert Powell

The MARTHA was built in Wingate, Maryland in 1934. The design follows the draketail formula and is 43’ long with an 8’ beam. The long narrow shape was easily driven under power, and this gave them a big advantage over the wind driven Skipjacks as well as the powered Skipjacks. The draketail design was supposed to be useful to fend off a following sea.. The boat was used for crabbing and oystering. The kit is from Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. The open motor hatch reveals a Ford flathead V-8 engine converted to boat power.



Ancient Chinese Royal Junk by Bill Grotz



Kit purchased on internet for \$20

USS _____, CAG (?) electric radio controlled model by Tony Bunch.

No information provided



San Salvador Ray Acker Model by Robert Hewitt



Scale 1/240 (1"=20 feet), plans by Ray Acker
After four months the model is finished and is shown in a carved Tupolo wood sea. The sea is carved with wood chisels and painted with ultramarine blue, black, white and permanent green light acrylic paints. The sea is then given six coats of Liquidtex gloss medium varnish. The crew is preparing to raise the sails. Cabrillo is on the quarter deck waving his hat. There is a man on the waist with a sounding line. All of the men are made from twisted copper wire, coated with Gesso and painted with acrylic paints. The model was inspired by a painting by Gordon Miller in 2001 and shown on the cover of the

museums Mains'l Haul, Fall/winter 2006.

San Salvador Melbourne Smith Model by Robert Hewitt

Scale 1/240 (1"=20 feet), plans by Melbourne Smith
The model is made up from sheets of 0.020 pear and ebony for the wales. The deck section is made from sheets of 0.030 boxwood. The lower hull is made from two pieces of holly. At this point only the upper decks are glued. All of the other pieces are held together with 1/16" stainless steel dowels. The quarter shows the relative size of the model. These plans are the ones to be used by our museum to build the twelve inch to the foot replica.



San Salvador Model by David Dana & John Wickman



This is 1/96 scale plank on bulkhead model, shows main deck planking with hatches and water barrels in place.

San Salvador Model by Howie Franklin (NHC on Star)

This is an 1/96 admiralty model of the San Salvador



Bounty by Howie Franklin (NHC on Star)



Ron Hollod and Bob McPhail working the NHC



Don Dressel manning the NRG table at the Nautical Heritage Conference.



Joe Bompensiero in the Model shop during the conference.



Fire Related E-mails

During the fires I became concerned about our many members who may have been in harms way, so I sent out a mass E-mail to those who receive their newsletter electronically. Here are some replies:

I'm OK, May have lost Vandelay though, he lived in Running Springs, on the East Side, which lost 150 homes – Don Dressel

Ok - Chari Wessel

Here in Mass we are ok but had a big fire nearby and were looking for what to grab if the worst happened – Brad Bigalow - CASMG

All is safe here in Dana Point - Dave Ontiveros

Dave Dana is safe- he went to his daughter's in Orange county. I hope none of our members homes were in the fire. Regards, - John McShefferty

Things are ok here in Tierrasanta - Don Bienvenue

So far so good here in scenic Santee. I spoke to Hewitt today. For some reason he lost his email capability (non-fire related). He is living large and quite safe. - Chuck Seiler

Another voice from Tierrasanta, (northeast Mission Trails is backyard), all fine - Alan Good

Linda, Travis (my stepson) and Misha (our yellow lab/retriever mix) are all safe. Travis and Misha were evacuated at 4:00 AM Monday and are staying with friends. Linda and I were just returning from a cruise when we heard. Linda is safely with friends in San Diego and I am at our New England home in Hancock, NH. Linda and Travis have driven by our Rancho Bernardo home and it appears to be safe. They hope to gain access today. We thank the Lord for our good luck in this time of tragedy. - Pete Jaquith

I just want you to know Ginny and I are ok. I hope everyone else came through this ordeal in good shape. - Joseph Walther

Marcie and I evacuated Carlsbad on Monday night after being given a reverse 911 call to "voluntarily" evacuate. We returned this morning to ash and soot but the house is fine and so are we. - Dave Dana

All OK. Evacuated early Monday morning, returned Thursday afternoon - Brian Rowe

Our home is okay, with minor smoke residue outside on walkways and roof. Hope all others are okay. - Richard Strange

All's well with the Sauvajot's. Thanks for asking. – John

For those of you who were in the position of having to evacuate, was there any consideration toward packing up models or tools. Dr. William Brown of Fallbrook, long time contributor of models to the Museum, packed a couple of his favorites into his car prior to departing (over a dozen had to be left behind).



A wonderful photo of USS Constitution and Star of India on San Diego's Broadway pier in 1934. In the background, a Hog Islander, 3 Marblehead cruisers and the USS Langley tied up at NAS North Island.

USS Constitution Sailors to Sail with Star of India

Some lucky sailors currently serving in the U.S. Navy aboard USS Constitution have been invited to sail aboard the Star of India this year. They will join the crew to exchange seaman's knowledge with our own volunteers. Also aboard this trip, will be the last surviving member of the USS Constitution's 1934 crew, who brought her around for her last trip outside Boston, HMS Surprise gate volunteer Bob Evans. Navy news is also sending out a press crew to interview Bob

Star of India Celebrates 144 Years of History

Birthday Party, Free Admission and Annual Sail Mark Famous Ship's Anniversary

Embarcadero—The *Star of India*, San Diego's foremost waterfront icon, marks her 144th anniversary in November. The Maritime Museum of San Diego will celebrate with several special events. On Saturday, November 10 and Sunday, November 11, the *Star of India* will be getting underway for her annual sail. *HMS Surprise*, a replica of an 18th century Royal Navy frigate, will also be getting underway. She will be sailing for the first time since the museum acquired the ship in 2004. The schooners *Californian* and *Lynx* will offer an extraordinary sailing experience for their passengers as they sail alongside the two square riggers. On Saturday, November 17, the museum will throw a birthday party for the *Star of India*. Admission to the historic ship will be free on that day.

Passengers on board *Californian* and *Lynx* will have an unparalleled vantage point to witness the awesome sight of the *Star of India* and *HMS Surprise* sailing together. Tickets to sail on board *Californian* and *Lynx* on November 10 and 11 are \$125 per person and include delicious breakfast and lunch buffets. The schooners will leave the Maritime Museum of San Diego at 9:00 a.m. each day and return at approximately 5:00 p.m. Tickets are available on the museum's website at

www.sdmaritime.org or by calling 619-234-9153 ext. 101. Proceeds help underwrite the cost of sailing the *Star of India*.

Star of India's birthday celebration will take place on Saturday, November 17, noon – 3:00 p.m. In recognition of the historic ship's special place in our community, the Maritime Museum of San Diego is inviting everyone to visit the *Star of India* free on that day. (Admission will still be required to tour the other ships in the museum's collection.) The party on board the *Star of India* will feature live music and lots of family fun. Everyone will be invited to join in and sing happy birthday and share a piece of birthday cake at 1:00 p.m.

Star of India and *HMS Surprise* will depart their berths at the Maritime Museum of San Diego each day at 9:00 a.m., returning at approximately 5:00 p.m. The best spots to watch this unique San Diego tradition from the shore are at Point Loma, Shelter Island, Harbor Island and the Embarcadero. Boat owners are invited to join the flotilla of private watercraft that traditionally accompany the *Star of India* as she makes her way back into the harbor. The *Star of India's* passenger list is composed of museum donors, invited guests, news media, volunteers and staff.

The Maritime Museum of San Diego enjoys a worldwide reputation for excellence in restoring, maintaining and operating historic vessels. The museum has one of the world's finest collections of historic ships, including the world's oldest active ship the *Star of India*. The museum is located on the Embarcadero in downtown San Diego at 1492 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101. The telephone number for general inquiries is 619-234-9153. Additional information can be found on the museum's website at www.sdmaritime.org.

Models Needed

As occasionally happens, the Maritime Museum of San Diego is about to remodel an exhibit and the next one is the entire T'ween Decks of the *Star of India*. One of the focal points of the exhibit will be, as the visitor descends the stairway from the main deck, they will be greeted by a history of the ship patterned after the three part Heritage tours, sponsored by the Museum and led by Dr. Ray Ashley, our Executive Director (part 3, the Mediterranean is planned for 2008). Each major step to man's movements about the globe will be exemplified by the following models (if we can locate them):

VIKING	Nydam, Hjortspring boats
COG	Bremmen
NINA + OTHER	Caravel
VASA	
MARY ROSE	
VICTORY	
	Katrina (dutch model) okay
BATAVIA	In Museum collections
GREAT BRITIAN	kit?
CUTTY SARK	

If you have or know of anyone who might have any of the above, we would like to communicate our interest in a long term loan / purchase and display aboard the *Star*. Please submit any nominee's or suggestions to:

We are looking to open the exhibit during Festival of sail 2008 in August. Installation will take place June and July.



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**Next Meeting will be Wednesday November 14, 2007
aboard the Berkeley at 7:00 pm**

