



# San Diego<sup>1</sup> Ship Modelers' Guild

The San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild is affiliated with  
and supports the Maritime Museum of San Diego.



## **Guild Meeting Report:** **1 2 O c t o b e r 2 0 1 1**

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Bill Grolz opened the meeting. There were no guests or new members. Ron Hollod provided a purser's report. The balance as of 30 September was \$<redacted>. It was noted that this amount does not contain the \$<redacted> which was the result of the recently held auction. The newsletter editor, Katherine Pogue had nothing to report. For any communication, please contact her at <redacted>

Dr. Sheehan provided a report to the membership. He discussed the San Diego County Fair which will be held in 2012 and the commissioning of the navy ship USS SAN DIEGO (scheduled commissioning date May 19, 2012) The model of SAN SALVADOR is expected to be completed next month. The full size SAN SALVADOR is currently being built at Spanish Landing. Construction is currently being done on the stem. Wood has arrived for the frames. The site is open for visitors and museum membership will allow members to see the site without charge. Non museum members will need to purchase an admission ticket.

The model of SAN SALVADOR made of paper was also discussed. Members who volunteered to build the paper model are requested to have their models completed by the next meeting. Comments and recommendations on the paper model are also requested.

There was a discussion about the meeting dates for the monthly Guild meeting. It was decided that the meetings will be held on Wednesday. However, the November meeting may be moved due to the general membership meeting. It was agreed that if the meeting is moved the day (in the same week) will be changed and not the location.

There was discussion about putting the Guild on "Facebook". Dr. Sheehan agreed to the idea. Robert Riddick agreed to build the page.

In the area of new business, the Holiday (December) meeting will be discussed next month. Door prizes and other ideas will be discussed at that time.

### **OFFICERS**

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#### *Guild Master*

Bill Grolz  
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#### *First Mate*

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#### *Established in 1972*

by Bob Wright  
& Russ Merrill

## USS CONSTITUTION **Bob Riddoch**

Bob is building Model Shipways 1:76 scale *Constitution* as she sits today in Boston Harbor. Bob is currently working on the port and starboard gallery trim.



## HMS FLY **Mike Lonnecker**

The *Fly* is one of 25 6th Rate Swan Class Sloops built between 1776 and 1780. The *Fly* was launched on September 14, 1776 and assigned to the Baltic Fleet. She captured several French Privateers during the French Revolution. She eventually floundered off Newfoundland in 1802 with the loss of all hands. Mike's model is being built using the 4 volumes of books by David Antscherl and Greg Herbut. Mike has completed the keel, dead woods and cant frames.



## NEW BEDFORD WHALEBOAT **Bob Riddoch**

Based on Model Shipways plans at 1:16 scale, Bob is using cherry wood for the planking and holly for the ribs. Instructions are from Erik A.P. Ronnberg Jr.'s "To Build a Whaleboat". Bob hopes to have this done in time for the next Fair.



## FIGUREHEAD **John Sauvajot**

This figurehead is a copy of HMS *Surprise*, located at the San Diego Maritime Museum. The figurehead will be used on the model of HMS *Surprise* being planned and eventually built by Joe Bompenserio. John uses a two part epoxy clay purchased from Michael Roberts called "Apoxie Sculpt" by Aves. The figurehead is beautifully carved and shows great detail. John says that after mixing the two parts the clay can be worked for approximately 45 minutes before it hardens. At that point it can be carved, sanded, and painted.



# STAR SAIL!

This 12th and 13th of November the *Star of India* will be heading out to sea for the first time since 2007! Accompanied by *Surprise* and *Californian*, it will definitely be a sight to see!



## SEAFARING WORDS IN EVERYDAY SPEECH

from Olivia A. Isil's *When a Loose Cannon Flogs a Dead Horse There's the Devil to Pay*

### Jury-Rigged (makeshift)

In nautical parlance, jury denotes a temporary contrivance, such as a jury-mast or jury-rudder used to get a ship underway after she has been disabled. The word jury is derived from the Latin word *jurare* (to swear an oath), but the origin of jury in its nautical application is not known. It has been suggested that the word was coined by cynical sailors and is a shortened version of *injury-rigged*. Anything temporary or improvised is considered to be "jury-rigged." Frequently mispronounced as "jerry-rigged," the term is used ashore to describe something improvised or thrown together hastily.

## CONOVER'S TIPS

b y J o h n C o n o v e r

Are you peeved that your Preac saw won't rip well? Use a much wider blade than you are probably using. Get one with a kerf (thickness) of 40 to 50 thousandths. Thurston has a huge selection of slitter blades and will even custom make your blades for a very low price. Check out their website.



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The next meeting will be  
**Wednesday, 9 November 2011**  
aboard the *Berkeley* at 7:00pm



Shadow of topman Ann Morrison climbing down *Californian's* shrouds.