



San Diego¹ Ship Modelers' Guild

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and supports the Maritime Museum of San Diego.



Guild Meeting Report: 14 December 2011

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There is no meeting report, because there was no meeting!
A holiday party and auction was held aboard the Berkeley for
the December meeting, and a good time was had by all.

Reminder: Guild dues are needed some time between now
and 31 March 2012!

Californian on 1 January 2012:



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Established in 1972

*by Bob Wright
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SAN SALVADOR PROGRESS

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San Salvador framing as of 21 Dec 2011. Frames are made of Carolina's Live Oak, held together treenails only. Below blue expoxied keel there will be lead balast weighing 6000 pounds each, about 10 or 60,000 pounds balast. Planking will be 2 1/4" thick. Fir above the water line and a South American mohogany type below the water line. John Wickman



Pictures from the *San Salvador* site taken by John McShefferty.

Left: Bombasiro's model of *San Salvador* as being built.

Bottom left: treenails holding the frames together, no glue, no screws/bolts.

Bottom right: Lead keel balast.



LITTLE KNOWN NAVAL HISTORY

C o u r t e s y o f H o w a r d G r i f f u s

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The USS *Constitution* (Old Ironsides), as a combat vessel, carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (i.e. fresh water distillers).

However, let it be noted that according to her ship's log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum."

Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping."

Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum.



Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On 18 November, she set sail for England. In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home.

The USS *Constitution* arrived in Boston on 20 February 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whisky, and 38,600 gallons of water.

SEAFARING WORDS IN EVERYDAY SPEECH

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

Laid up (temporarily disabled)

By definition, a ship that is laid up is one that is dismantled, disabled, or moored, either for want of employment or because she is unfit for sea duty. Ashore, a person is said to be "laid up" when ill or disabled, and not fit to carry out daily activities.



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The next meeting will be
Wednesday, 11 January 2012
aboard the *Berkeley* at 7:00pm

