



San Diego¹ Ship Modelers' Guild

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



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

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Guild Master Robert Riddick opened the meeting. There were no guests or new members. Guild member Bob Crawford attended the member after a long term absence. Ron Hollod provided a purser's report. The balance as of 30 September was \$<redacted>. The newsletter editor, Katherine Pogue was not present but it was reported that she did not need assistance with the newsletter at this time. Brian Davies agreed to help, however. For any communication, please contact her at <redacted>

The newsletter needs articles, items of interest, etc. about subjects related to Guild activities. If you would like to submit something please send it to Katherine Pogue.

The Community Build of an 18th Century longboat is ongoing. Two kits are available if anyone is interested in building them. The Community Build provides an opportunity for members to have additional time to work with other Guild members on their models.

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. It was suggested at the September meeting that the Holiday Party will be "off site" and that the dinner meal will be subsidized by the Guild. Please attend the November meeting to discuss your ideas.

The Guild had a public address machine (KARIOKE) in the past and now it cannot be located. If it cannot be found, the membership authorized \$100 for the purchase of a new machine.

Everyone is reminded of the San Diego County Fair. Last time there were only three entries to Design In Wood and there were three award winners with cash prizes. Please consider entering a model in the 2013 competition. Ron Hollod is the Guild representative.

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*Established in 1972
by Bob Wright
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MUSCONGUS BAY LOBSTER SMACK **Brian Davies**

Scale: 1/24. Midwest Kit. Brian has made a little progress since last month. This is a shallow water boat with a 2 person crew. Brian plans to rig it like the Maritime Museum owned Butcher Boy.



USS CONSTELLATION-CV 64 **Bob Crawford**

The ship was active from 1962 until 2004 but the model represents the conventional powered aircraft carrier in the mid 1980s when the modeler spent 24 hours onboard. Twelve of the Maritime Museum staff flew out to "Connie" for a 24 hour 'keel to truck' tour. While there, over 250 landings and takeoff were conducted by nuggets (new pilots) and retreads (older pilots re-qualifying after several years away on other assignments). Bob's best experiences were the arrested landing upon arrival and catapult launch upon departure.

The model is scratch built at 1:350 scale. The hull is plank on bulkhead covered in 1/64 plywood and/or various thicknesses of scrap wood collected over the years. The flight deck and gallery deck are 1/2" birch plywood. The sponsons and other platforms are solid blocks of wood. There are a lot of photo etched catwalks, rails, RADARs, etc., from Gold Metal Models. The decals are also from Gold Metal Models.



USS CONSTITUTION **Bob Riddoch**

USS Constitution hardly needs an introduction. "Old Ironsides" is the oldest commissioned warship afloat. Although George Washington commissioned her 27 March 1794, Constitution was built during

the administration of our second president, John Adams. Her keel was laid in the spring of 1795 at Edmond, Edward, and Joseph Hartt's Naval Yard, located across Boston Harbor not far from Constitution's permanent berth today. Records credit Joshua Humphreys with her basic design, but Josiah Fox and others assisted him. Launched 21 October 1797, Constitution set sail 22 July 1798 under Samuel Nicholson's command.

Constitution was restored in 1833-'34, 1855-'60, 1874-'76, 1906-'07, 1927-'31, and 1973-'76. In 1993, a major restoration based on Navy drawings developed in 1927-'31 prepared the frigate for her 200th anniversary. Workers restored the thick deck strakes and diagonal riders to strengthen the hull and make it seaworthy. They fitted fore, main, and mizzen topsails, jib, flying jib, and spanker sails for the day when Constitution moved again under her own power. Until that historic moment 21 July 1997, Constitution was towed into Boston Harbor each 4th of July for a "turnaround cruise".

On 19 August 2012, USS Constitution departed her berth from Charlestown, Ma. to set sail for the first time since 1997. The underway honored the 200th anniversary of Constitution's decisive victory of HMS Guerriere during the War of 1812, marking the first time a United States frigate defeated a Royal Navy frigate at or nearly equal in size. It's also the battle in which Constitution earned her famous nickname "Old Ironsides".

Bob is currently working on the final details of the head rails. Each piece had to be individually scratched built including the cheek rails, upper rails, second and third rails as well as the head timbers. From there, grating will be added to support the "Seats of Ease".

The entire ship's head has been a difficult and challenging process.



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STAGE COACH Mike Lonnecker

Mike's wife hand painted the artwork.



USS SHARK Ron Hollod

The schooner USS SHARK was built in 1821 and saw service until 1843 when it sank at the mouth of the Columbia River at Cannon Beach, Oregon.

This model is scratch built in 1" = 1' scale. Ron bought this partial hull at a Guild auction. There are no plans so he is building it from internet articles and pictures. He is using a certain amount of personal interpretation of what this model should look like.



U. S. BRIG NIAGARA Royce Privett

Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry took command of the American naval forces at Lake Erie in the spring of 1813. The famous battle with the British fleet began on September 10, when Perry raised a flag with the words "Don't Give Up The Ship" and sailed into action. After three hours of murderous gunfire, Perry was forced to abandon his flagship the brig LAWRENCE. In a daring move he was rowed a half mile to the NIAGARA, from which he continued the attack. After the battle, Perry returned to the shattered LAWRENCE and penned a quick message

to General Harrison; "We have met the enemy and they are ours." The decisive victory at the Battle of Lake Erie ensured American control of the Great Lakes during the War of 1812.

Model is 3/16"=1" scale Model Shipways kit. Since the model was last displayed at a Guild meeting the following has been completed:

1. Lazaret hatch.
2. Main hatch.
3. Fore hatch.
4. Galley hatch.
5. Forecastle hatch.
6. Captain's quarters skylight.
7. Companion way.
8. Saloon skylight.
9. Capstan.
10. Presently working on bowsprit.



PICKET BOAT by Bob McPhail

This craft was built in order to end the Confederate blockade of Plymouth North Carolina during the Civil War by destroying the ironclad CSS ALBEMARLE. It had a crew of 15, was stem powered and had a spar torpedo. The boat was destroyed along with ALBERMARLE during the attack (27 OCT 1864). The picket boat CO, LT William Cushing, was proclaimed a hero.

This is a 1/2"=1' Model Shipways kit. The picket boat was easy to build. The steam engine was somewhat complicated due to the numerous parts on the crankshaft and clutch device. Nice kit due to large scale and lack of rigging. Also, plenty of 'wooden boat' to construct with brass fittings and pipe. Good instructions and illustrations on full size plan sheets.



LONGBOAT COMMUNITY BUILD

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5 in attendance: Mike Lonnecker, Lee Green, Jon Sanford, Gary Seaton, Manny Burciaga

Models present were in various stages of hull construction. Some great ideas were discussed.

Extra parts - There is an extra stem and keel supplied with the kit. Some guys used them to create an instant rabbet. This is fine. As per Chuck Passero, the extra parts were supplied with breakage in mind.

Mike Lonnecker joined all his planks together and ran them through his thickness sander. He took off a few thousandths, but it is well worth the effort. The planks are much better.

Jigs were discussed. Various designs were shown and it was determined that a jig is essential to build this kit.

Planking techniques were discussed. Although not carved in stone, planks should be tapered and installed alternately port and starboard. Start at the top and add a couple of planks to each side. Then install the garboard strake and work up a couple of planks. Ideally, the last plank installed should be in the middle of your hull.

There are 2 kits still available if you would like to participate. Please give Bob Riddoch a call at (619) 243-9810 if interested.

Our next get together is scheduled for 10 November at 1030 am. Until then, work at your own pace and have fun.

You can also follow us at Model Ship World using the following link:

<http://www.modelshipworld.com/phpBB2/viewforum.php?f=75>



John Nickum's progress.

SURPRISE SAIL

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HMS Surprise will be sailing on the 1st and 2nd of December!





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The next meeting will be
Tuesday, 13 October 2012
aboard the *Berkeley* at 6:00pm.



HMS *Bounty* was lost in Hurricane Sandy on the 29th of October 2012. Fourteen of the sixteen crew were rescued by the US Coast Guard, but unfortunately Claudene Christian and Captain Robin Walbridge were lost. Donations to the crew and their families can be made at <http://www.tallshipbounty.org/online-store/index.php>