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## PALACE COUP ROCKS RIDDOCH ADMINISTRATION

In an unprecedented shift of power, two beloved members of the Riddoch administration are out. Purser **Ron Hollod** is stepping down, claiming 'health problems' while Editor **Katherine Pogue** says she is suddenly going on a long sea voyage. Mysteriously, neither is available for comment. The angry mob was heard to shout "The Coffee Person is the next to go if you are not careful." Current First Mate, **Chuck Seiler**, is taking over the Newsletter and **Gary Seaton** is taking over the treasury.

Some find it strange that the communications arm of the Guild and the financial arm should both be taken over in such quick succession by two people whose last names both begin with "SE".

It was noted that both Guild TV and Guild Radio were off the air, except for patriotic music, for several hours before the announcement was made.

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



# MINUTES OF 11 SEPTEMBER 2013 MEETING

Contributed by Bob McPhail

**G**uildmaster **Robert Riddoch** opened the meeting at 1805 (6:05PM); a little late due to low number of attendees. Apparently not everybody had acclimated to the new winter time. More showed up as the night went on. There were no guests or new member to introduce.

**Editor's Report.** **Chuck Seiler**, the new acting newsletter editor gave his report. He is still in transition and will probably need about two more months to get organized. The newsletter will still be in the same format and the emphasis will be on content rather than "fluff" (**Did I really say "Fluff"?**). Content examples include: announcements, buy/sell ads, advertisements, and vendor information. Chuck requested that newsletter inputs get to him at least two weeks prior to the next Guild meeting in order to allow him to get his ducks in one sock. Send inputs to: <redacted>

**Purser's Report.** Outgoing Purser **Ron Hollod** was not present. There were two volunteers to take over as interim Purser pending March elections. **Gary Seaton** was selected to be Ron's replacement. Ron and Gary will do a turnover prior to next month's meeting. Gary indicated that he will have financial report at that time.

**Museum Report.** The model of USS SAN DIEGO is now on display in the museum. **Dr. Sheehan** would like to add models of a V-22 OSPREY and amphibious vehicles to the model. The museum has about 30 to 40 plastic model cases that they would like to dispose of. They will be available at the October meeting.

## Old Business

The membership list was updated and distributed to those who wanted a list.

The annual party was held during the AUGUST meeting. Everyone had a good time. It was also reported that the Festival of Sail was also very successful.

The Community Build project was discussed. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month. The current project is an 18<sup>th</sup> century longboat but members can bring any project they have to this meeting. The main objective of the "get together" is to exchange ideas and/or recommendations about modeling, painting, woodworking, etc. as members work on their projects.

## New Business

In the area of new business, members were reminded that the meeting area needs to be cleaned up at the end of each meeting. There will also be a cleanup project of the model shop library.

The Website construction project is underway! Costs for getting a domain name and site construction is being investigated. It is estimated that the cost of the site will be around \$60 per year. This expense was voted on and approved by the members present.

There will be a working party on 6 Oct to transfer model cases from storage. If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Robert Riddoch**.

There is also a need to find a replacement for **Ron Hollod** as the County Fair Rep. Again, please contact Robert if interested.

A request has been made to commission someone to build TUNA BOATS. **Robert Riddoch** has details if anyone is interested.

There was discussion about individuals working in the model shop. There has been some concern about working in the model shop. There is a plan to redo policy and procedures for working in the shop as well as a plan to develop a weekend schedule for volunteering.

# SHOW AND TELL



NIAGARA, 1813, scale 1:64, by **Royce Privett** Since last seen Hammock Nettings have been installed. This presented a problem, which Royce solved by using fish bowl netting, then starched such that it was stiff enough to glue in place between netting ribs. The model is coming along well.

## 4D Vision Dolphin Anatomy Model by **Chari Wessel**.

While part of “Californian” crew participating in the “Toshiba Tall Ship Festival” she saw this model in Ocean Institute Gift Shop. It reminded her of the “Visible” series she had built while she was young. The Visible Horse had taught her many of the anatomy terms and fed her ambition to become a Veterinarian. The kit came pre painted and required only rudimentary assembly. When assembled it has a nice look to it, which she likes.



## HMS SURPRISE LONGBOAT, scale 1:96 by **Jay MacMaster**

← Jay is building a bashed kit of the HMS Surprise, of which I hope we will see more. Hidden in the picture are a mast & boom lashed to the far side of the hull.

## SHOW AND TELL-Continued



SIR EDWARD HAWKE, Scale 1/32"= 1 foot,  
Scratch built by **Robert Hewitt**

The ship is complete except for a few braces and bowlines for the square sails. The model is fitted to the carved tupelo sea, but not glued in place. The carved sea was primed with Floquil railroad primer. I made a huge mistake by then using acrylic paint over the oil. The oil primer bled through the blue acrylic paint. If you look at the lower right side of the picture the dark spots are visible. A few suggestions were made at the meeting, such as sealing and painting over that. The build up of paint would destroy the sharp features of the carved sea, so I decided to remove all of the paint down to bare wood. I used sanding caps that fit over a rubber mandrel

similar to the ones made by Dremmel except that the end is shaped like a bullet. This allowed me to remove the paint and retain the waves in the wood. I removed the paint in less than three hours and using just five of the sanding caps. The sanding caps were purchased from Precision Scale Model Engineering in Milford Mass. Tel 508-478-3148. The caps with the mandrel are # 28-987 and refill caps only are #28-989. Both sets include five each of 80 and 150 grit



USS SAN DIEGO is finally on display. After about five years, the USS SAN DIEGO (LPD-22) model, built by Guild members, finally found a permanent display location onboard BERKELEY. The model was completed in time for the May 2012 commissioning of the ship, but it was not until September 2013 that the huge model case was completed. The primary modeler was **Howard Griffus**, but was a result of many modelers. A more complete narrative will be forthcoming in a future newsletter.

# Longboat Community Build

by Bob Riddoch

The September Community Build meeting was held Saturday 14 September, in Bob's Garage/Workshop. Only three hearty souls were able to make their way through the warm summer morning air to attend, although one more ALMOST made it. In attendance were **Bob Riddoch, Gary Seaton and Jon Sanford.**

John brought with him an unknown schooner which he picked up in a thrift store. We all agreed that this ship started life as a kit and was done well. We were unable to give her a name but Jon is going to restore her. If you know what she is, please get a hold of Jon.



Gary is working on his Corel Ranger and is working on the first layer of planking. He's doing a great job.



Bob is still working on his Longboat. He has completed the thwarts, seats and storage locker. He is ready to start working on the rudder.



Since we had time to kill, we started working on a list of topics that we would like to see as part of our Half Day Seminar program starting in November. You can see the basic list in this month's Guild Masters Corner.

Our next Get Together will be on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am at **Mike Lonneker's** house.



Guildmaster Riddoch's Mancave-Site of September Community Build

## Guild Master's Corner

Greetings all.

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. We have quite a few things on the horizon which I would like to share with you.

During our October meeting we will have **used model exhibit cases** available to Guild Members for a "reasonable donation". I had a chance to view the cases and the majority of them are in great shape. We will be pulling them out of the barge the Sunday before our meeting and they will be offered to anyone in attendance during the meeting.

We are working on a list of half-day seminars which will be offered to Guild members. The Seminars are part of the "Community Build" and will be held on the second Saturday of each month beginning in November. Here is a preliminary list of what is planned:

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| -Building Boards                       | -Framing your model | -Basic Planking       |
| -Getting the most from your power tool | -Deck Furniture     | -Small Boats          |
| -Masting                               | - Rigging Basics    | -Treenails (trunnels) |
| -Guns/Cannons                          | - Silver Soldering  | -Painting             |
| -Sails                                 |                     |                       |

We are looking for Subject Matter Experts to develop the training plans and to actually teach the seminar. If there is a topic that is not on the list that you would like to see developed, I certainly welcome your input.

During last month's meeting we took a great leap in getting our website off the ground. A vote was taken and passed to purchase a Domain Name and to purchase a host for the first year. One of our members has stepped up and taken on the project. I look forward to our own website to come online soon.

Finally, I would like to welcome our "Interim Purser" Mr. Gary Seaton. Gary will hold the purse strings until our Elections in April.

Our next Guild meeting will be on 9 October at 1800.

**See you there and don't forget to bring something for Show and Tell.**

Bob Riddoch

## MAKING PERFECT ROPE COILS

by Dave Dana (from a previous newsletter)

I've often admired those precise coils of rope we sometimes see on model ship decks, so round, so flat, so evenly turned - so perfect that no full sized ordinary seaman could possibly have done them. When I realized that the lines on the tackles for setting the cannons on my *Roter Lowe* galleon had to be long enough to let the gun recoil, I had to make coils - or let the lines flap dangerously about the deck. The rigging thread wouldn't sit still long enough to make a second turn. If I did get several turns, they weren't even, or overlapped, or promptly fell apart. There wasn't enough room on the model deck for fingers; tweezers really don't coil rope. Moving a gluey coil from bench to deck destroyed any semblance of a shipshape neatness.



After some frustrating efforts, I hit upon this method:

Put scotch tape - double stick or folded sticky side up - on the bench top. Using a round tool with a flat, or close to flat end, stick the end of the line to the tape. I used the end of an Xacto knife; a new wood pencil eraser should work, too. Then press the tool on the stuck end to hold it down. Wind the line around and around itself just under the tool. Rock the tool carefully as you wind, so that its pressure sticks the line to the tape as you go around. Peek as curiosity strikes you, to see how it's going. Back up to fix any blemish, tap down the line to stick it, and continue. Do as many turns as you want, leave a loose end. A nice round coil should then be stuck to the tape. If there are imperfections - most frequently a bit off round - remember a sailor shanghaied out of a bar, or well satisfied with his ration of grog, is not likely to do a better job. While the line is still stuck to the tape, slather the coil with diluted Elmer's white glue. When the glue dries, lift the coil off the tape. Carefully! Sliding narrow tweezers slowly between the coil and tape worked for me. Glue the coil on the deck, and secure the loose end at the block. Admire.



## DANGER WILL ROBINSON!!!



### Why We Should Be Wary While Shipmodeling

by Chuck Seiler

Remember the old *Lost in Space* TV show where the robot would warn little Will whenever danger came out of nowhere? I sure would like to have something to warn ME of unexpected danger. Our hobby has unexpected dangers aplenty. Most people use appropriate safety gear when working with power tools;

saws, drills, etc. ..fewer than should, however. Some of the adhesives and finishes we use are quite toxic and must be used in a well ventilated area. Similarly, spray painting and machine sanding could cause respiratory hazards. Even the woods we use can be toxic, particularly the exotic ones. Ingestion or inhalation of these wood products could cause illness or worse. Use care when building that masterpiece. Think safety!!

# EDITOR'S PAGE

I'm baaaaaaaaaak!

I missed the August meeting. Imagine my surprise when I read the September newsletter and found I had volunteered to be the new editor. Goooooooooollly! That will teach me to miss a meeting.

First, I want to say that future newsletters will only feature an "Editor's Nook" or some such small area. I have much to impart and, apparently a lot of space to fill.

I also want to ensure you all that no harm has befallen out beloved former Editor and Purser. Equally untrue is the rumor that they were last seen, together, headed for Mexico with the Guild Treasury.

**Ron Hollod** will be moving to Pine Grove Ca to live with his daughter's family. He agreed to do this job in 2004 on a temporary basis. As you can see there is nothing so permanent s a temporary position.

**Katherine Pogue** told us a little bout her plans in the last newsletter. Like Ron, she only planned on doing this a sort time. <yeah right> <Nobooooody knows.....>

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to both Ron and Katherine for the great job they did. I can particularly commiserate with Katherine. The newsletter can be a pain month after month. She did an admirable job of bringing colour and panache to the newsletter. I hope to get some good stories from Katherine from her sailing adventures for the newsletter. I'm hoping Ron will just send money. I forgot to mention it in the minutes, but both were designated "Members for Life" by unanimous acclamation.

So, where d we go from here? I want to realize Katherine's wish to expand the newsletter and add more features. Now that I have the bludgeon of the bully pulpit (or at least the written version of it) I can start including things we had pushed before.

--You will start seeing a section on announcements. All I need are announcements to put in it.



## BOOK AND ARTICLE REVIEW

The Book and Article review will be a vehicle to cover nautical/model/cool stuff related literature. I expect inputs from YOU. With a well read crew such as yourselves, I trust this will not be a problem. ....although I may end up using this icon for Editor Nook.



## Vendor in the Spotlight

This column will be used as a vehicle to inform people about vendors and resources you discovered or routinely use. This Could include brick and mortar stores on online.

As usual, I will be looking for/fishing for/strong arming for articles and tips/hints features. This is your newsletter. It will only be as good as you make it. I just add the colour and pancakes.

And that's the name of that tune.



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Next meeting is Wednesday October 9th 2013 on the Berkeley.  
5:30 PM- social. 6:00PM Meeting

*Bring a model*



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