



# San Diego Ship Modelers Guild

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Established in 1972 by  
Bob Wright and Russ  
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## GUILD HOLDS LONG AWAITED/MUCH HERALDED VOTE ON NEW BY-LAWS. CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS RESULTS

The vote on changes to the Guild by-laws, previously scheduled for the November meeting, was *finally* held. The vote "FOR" passing the changes was unanimous, however the total of votes cast at the meeting plus those cast prior to the meeting was about 10 votes short of the mandatory two-thirds required "YES" vote of ALL members. It also failed to get a two-thirds quorum of all members. This was anticipated.

It is known and discussed by Guild leadership that a large number of members join the Guild to get the newsletter and to stay connected. Regular Guild administration does not concern many of them, so getting two-thirds of ALL members to vote on, let alone agree on, anything is almost impossible. This includes a ballot for world peace and the cure for the common cold. That is why (1) we included a modification to this process so that if a quorum was not reached in the first ballot, only two-thirds of votes cast on the second ballot was required to approve the measure, and (2) this same procedure was announced in the newsletter as process we would use for this election. It was announced, it was published and members were given an opportunity to comment on and/or object prior to the vote. If a member had concerns/objections, they had TWO MONTHS to make those objections known.

With this in mind, once the measure received unanimous consent, but did not meet the two-thirds threshold, a motion was made to invoke the 'revote provision'. One member objected, stating that since it was not in the current by-laws, it was not legal. A heated discussion ensued.

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# MINUTES OF THE 15 DECEMBER 2015 SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELERS GUILD MEETING

Guild Master **Mike Lonnecker** called the meeting to order at four bells of the first dog watch onboard the ferry BERKELEY. There were 16 members and 3 guests present. He welcomed members and guests to the annual holiday party which was held in addition to the regular monthly meeting. There were three guests: **Maryanne Sanford**, **Gary Seaton's** significant other **Diane Davies** and **Joy Wills** (Robert's sister/Isaac's aunt). There was pizza, salad, beverages, and general good cheer; there was also a give away of miscellaneous items from the model shop which were going to be disposed of if not taken by guild members.

**EDITOR'S REPORT.** **Chuck Seiler** gave some insight into the "cartoon edition" of the newsletter back in November. As you may recall, there was no photographer, so Chuck used drawing of the various models and some of the members. This was to underscore the fact that WE NEED A PHOTOGRAPHER. Instead, it was quite popular and many have requested similar 'artwork' in the future. Yeah, not likely! He will not seek reelection in March and so there is a critical requirement for a newsletter editor and photographer. **Guy Lawrie** is considering running for editor (let's encourage him!!!), but we still need a picture-taker or two.

**PURSER'S REPORT.** The purser, **Gary Seaton** gave his report. As of 1 December, the balance is \$<redacted>. Gary also reminded everyone that dues of \$20.00 are now due. If dues are not paid by the March meeting, guild membership will be terminated. ☠

**WEBMASTER'S REPORT.** **Barry Rishel**, webmaster, stated that the web site is up and running and is doing well.

**PRESENTATION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.** **Pete Jaquith**, announced the speaker programs for January and February. **Bob McPhail** will speak on camouflage designs in January, **Bob Costa** will discuss the FAIR AMERICAN in February and Pete will present *Making Cotton Ship Model Sails*.

**OLD BUSINESS.** The amended by laws is still an active issue. The vote on the by-laws amendment was held this month due to the meeting cancellation in November. A voice vote of members present along with results of phone-in, mail-in, email-in voting resulted in 25 "YEA" votes and 0 "NAY" votes, but fell short of the 2/3 of the total membership needed. Since it was over 2/3 of the vote cast, a motion was made to carry out the provisions outlined in previous newsletters: to re-vote and require 2/3 approval of only those votes cast in order to pass the amendment. There was an objection.

One member objected to the motion on the grounds that there were no provisions in the current by-laws for a re-vote with these conditions. There was a discussion with inputs by both sides (detailed elsewhere in the newsletter). One bone of contention was that non-meeting goers may not have been adequately informed or had an adequate opportunity to vote. Therefore, it was decided that there WOULD be a revote, but prior to that vote, Guild Officers (**Mike Lonnecker**, **Gary Seaton** and/or **Bob McPhail**) would contact each member by phone to ensure they adequately informed. (Note: As off press time, given the brew-ha-ha of the discussion, your editor still is not quite sure if 2/3 of all members or just votes cast will be required to pass the amendment. Bottom line: **PLEASE VOTE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Dues.** As previously mentioned, dues are due.

**Elections.** Elections of guild officers will be held in March. Nominations of officers will be held in February. Both **Mike Lonnecker** (Guild Master) and **Chuck Seiler** (Editor) have indicated they will to run for another term. **Bob Mc Phail** has been appointed as "Nomination Chairman" to entice folks into running.

**County Fair.** The San Diego County Fair is six months away. The Guild will once again man a booth in the "Design in Wood" pavilion and the Museum will again sponsor cash awards for best models. Models need to be ready for submission soon if a member plans to enter the competition. **Bill Grolz**, **Bill Norris**, and **Robert Hewitt** will be the liaisons for the fair. A sign up sheet for volunteering was circulated at the December meeting and will be available at the January meeting. **Since there are several members who normally volunteer for the Fair but do not have the opportunity to attend meetings/sign up for the Fair it is suggested that the Fair Chairman contact each member to give them an opportunity to sign up for a date they would like.**

The business portion of the meeting ended and the party/ Show and Tell began. Good times were had by all.



Bob McPhail meets with the nomination committee to discuss a strategy.



Guild members and guests enjoy the food and beverage.



Gourmet pizza tops the menu



A penny for your thoughts?

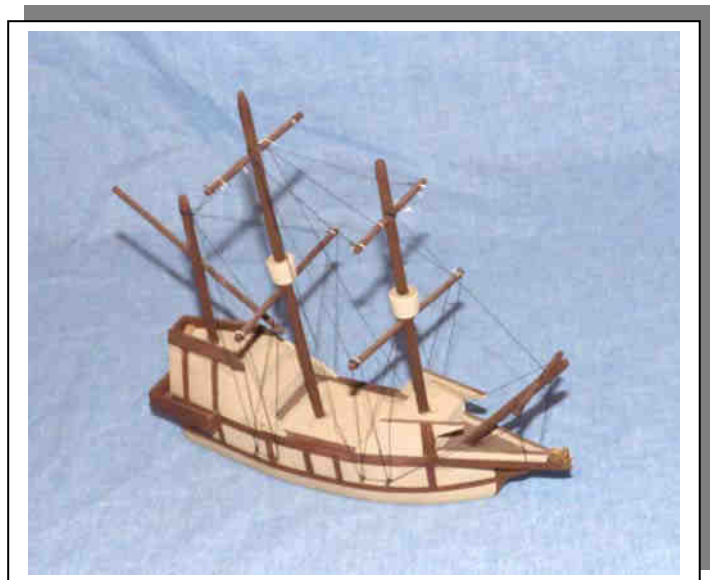
# SHOW AND TELL

18th Century Longboat  
By: Don Dressel  
Model Expo Kit.  
Scale: 1:48 / 1/4"=1'



**Don Dressel's** model of an 18th Century Longboat is finally completed after over a year (or more) of thinking about it and putting it off for another day. It all started at one of the first build group meetings hosted at **Mike Lonnecker's** house. Don believes about 10 of these fine Model Shipways kits designed by **Chuck Passaro** were jointly purchased. With his being finally finished, that makes 9 who completed the model.

The kit model itself was a fun build and most of the material in the kit was used. The rigging line and blocks supplied in the kit were not up to par, so linen line and Warner's fine blocks were substituted. A kit recommended for building – fun to built and very attractive upon completion. Now, if I can just complete the base for the case!



**SAN SALVADOR**  
By: Isaac Wills

This was a fun side project of a wooden ship purchased from The Maritime Museum. **SAN SALVADOR** was Juan Cabrillo's flagship in 1542 when he sailed up the California coast from Mexico and 'discovered' what is now San Diego.

SHOW and TELL-Continued

Pilot Boat PHANTOM

By: Isaac Wills

Scale: 1: 80 Circa: 1860

Model Expo Kit.

PHANTOM represents a pilot boat used in and around New York City in the 1860s.



This is Isaac's first wooden ship model. It has been a challenge and requires skills/techniques not found with plastic models. He is continuing to work on it with the assistance of John (?) in the model shop.



USS CONSTITUTION

By: Isaac Wills

Revell Kit

Scale: 1: 196

Launched in 1797, USS CONSTITUTION is still a commissioned vessel in the U.S.Navy. CONSTITUTION achieved fame in numerous battles of the War of 1812. Known as "Old Ironsides".



This model was given to Isaac by Guy Lawrie. Isaac built it rather quickly. He found it 'very touchy' due to the plastic being quite brittle.

SHOW and TELL-Continued

Canadian Pacific Tug SS HOSMER  
By: John B. Sauvajot  
Scratch Built. Scale: 1:96  
Circa: Early 1900s

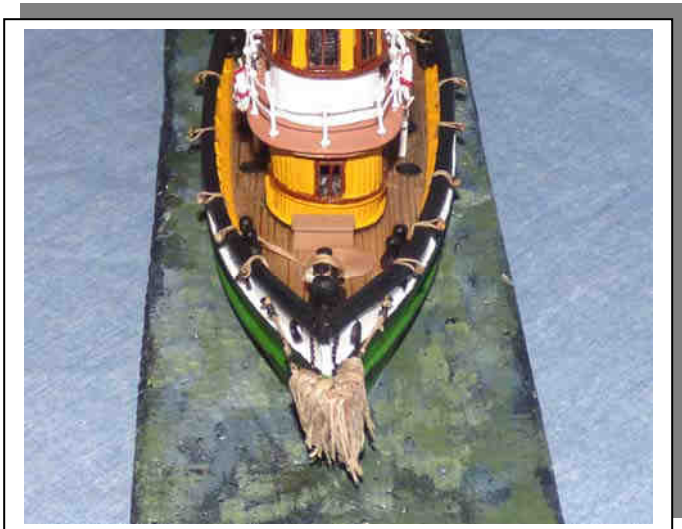
John's interest in vessels operated in the last century in western coastal Canada led him to build a tow boat that operated on Lake Kootenay during the first part of the 20th century.

The real SS HOSMER was built in 1909 at the Canadian Pacific Railway shipyard on Lake Kootenay to push or tow railroad barges across the lake. Some carry as many as 15 loaded rail cars. CPR would eventually complete the rail link, but not before 1928.



SS HOSMER does not have a colorful history except for a fire in 1925 which destroyed the vessel's cabins, which were quickly rebuilt. Instead, she is remembered as a steady, dependable vessel doing its part during the hectic Klondike gold rush and bridging the gap between the British Columbia towns of Nelson and Proctor. She customarily towed two barges, each loaded with 15 railroad cars. She was retired in 1934 and was sold for \$761.

The model was built entirely from scratch using materials John had on hand left over from other builds, using several books for reference. The hull, cabins and wheelhouse are made of solid wood; boxwood over a core of pine. Many of the fittings were made from epoxy clay. Brass tube was used for the funnel. It was an enjoyable build and John has ideas to make other boats of this scale. It is not too small to prevent a reasonable amount of detail, but small enough for easy display/



SS HOSMER bow details



SS HOSMER stern details

SHOW and TELL-Continued

1938 27 Foot Triple Cockpit Barrel Back  
By: Bill Grolz  
Plank on Frame.  
Scale: 1:24

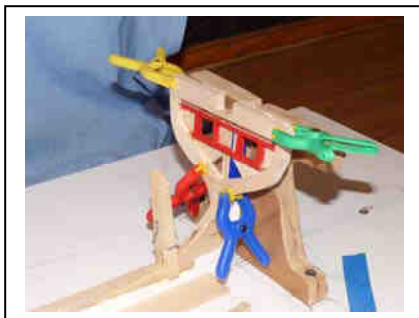
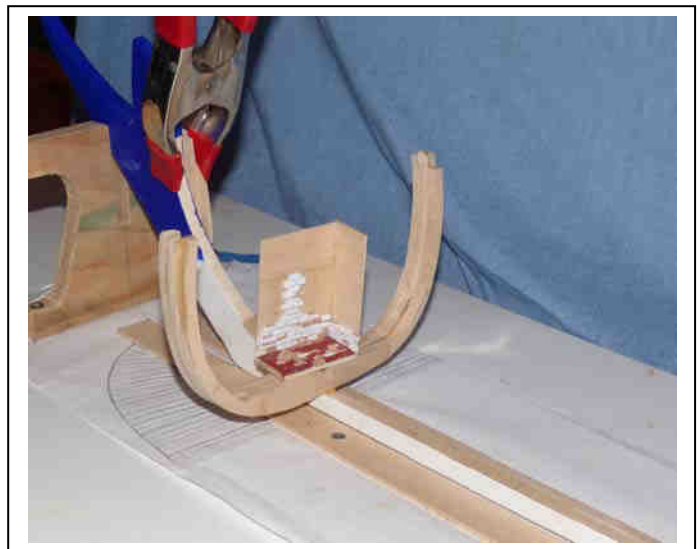
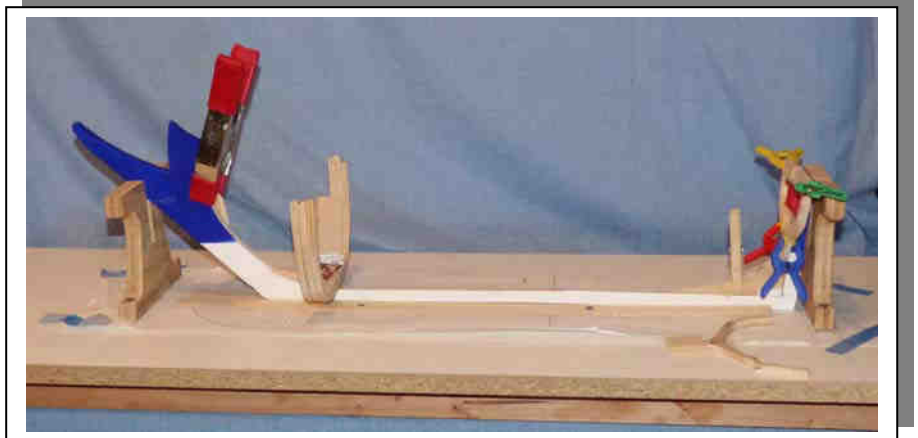


Made with balsa wood and mahogany. Balsa is difficult to work with.

Yacht MARY  
By: Brian Davies  
Scratch. Plank on frame  
Scale: 3/8" = 1'

Brian is building this plank on frame model from Mamoli plans, with slight modification, from basswood. The kitchen fireplace/ hearth is made from polystyrene.

MARY was the first recorded English yacht. It was given to King Charles II upon his ascent to the throne by the Dutch. It was built in Holland by the Dutch Indian Shipyard. MARY was wrecked in 1675, striking rocks crossing between Ireland and England; the notorious Skerries



The objector indicated that since there was no provision to only permit a 2/3 YES vote of votes cast to approve a by law amendment, it was not legal. Mike Lonnecker and Chuck Seiler both tried to make the point that (1) many provisions of the by laws had not been closely followed in the past, including when the objector was Guildmaster, (2) requiring 2/3 approval from ALL members was unrealistic. The change in the by laws was an attempt to remedy that. (3) The process for the vote and re-vote was well thought out. It was designed to ensure everybody who was interested in the changes had a chance to review them, had a chance to discuss them and had a chance to object to them, if necessary. (4) Leadership had made great efforts to ensure everything was documented and membership knew what was going on through the newsletter and through discussions at the meeting. (5) Leadership provided a sufficient number and range of voting methods available so that there was no reason somebody could not place their vote in time, and the snailmail newsletter was transmitted at a day ahead of normal schedule to give non-email members a chance to respond. The objector felt this was insufficient.

It was agreed that we would have a revote. It was agreed that Guild officers would contact members who did not normally attend meetings to inform them of what was going on (because, Lord knows, we haven't talked about it enough already in the newsletter) and entreat them to vote one way or another.

The revote will be held at the January 2016 meeting. If you are unable to attend the January meeting, methods of casting your vote are outlined on page 9. Please have your ballot to Bob McPhail by the evening of Monday, January 11th to ensure it is counted. What happens after that? Not a clue. Stay tuned

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### **San Diego Ship Modelers Guild Presentation Program**

The SDSMG Presentation Program has been established with the objective of providing interesting meeting content while passing on many of our ship modeling experiences to current and future guild members. To date we have had an interesting and varied series of presentations, and we thank all presenters for this valuable addition to our meeting agendas. With no November meeting and our Christmas Party in December, our presentation program has been rescheduled as noted below:

The program schedule for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2016 includes:

- January `16 – *Iron Navy Camouflage Systems* by **Bob McPhail**
- February `16 – *Modeling the Fair American* by **Bob Costa**
- March `16 – *Making Cotton Ship Model Sails* by **Pete Jaquith**

We are pleased with the response to the Guild's Presentation Program. We are currently planning presentations for April `16 and beyond. If you have a subject of interest to fellow guild members, please contact me at the e-mail address noted below. Please include your presentation title, a short description, and computer and audio visual support requirements.

Pete Jaquith  
Program Chairman  
<redacted>



# Bylaw Update

We have been talking about updating the bylaws for quite some time. **Mike Lonnecker** brought the issue up many months ago. The old bylaws have been published, changes/inputs have been solicited, the provided inputs have been disseminated for review and comment. Now it is time to vote.

The polls open as soon as you receive this and close at some point during the January meeting when the vote is taken. **PLEASE VOTE.**

## Methods of Voting.

- (1) Voice vote at the January meeting.
- (2) Email to Logkeeper Bob McPhail. Either complete the WORD version of the ballot enclosed OR just email Bob your choice.
- (3) Mail completed ballot to Bob McPhail.
- (4) Call Bob McPhail and register your choice. In the event of a close election, phoned ballots will be verified.

Email: <redacted>
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Address: Bob McPhail <redacted>
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## BALLOT

Guildmember. Do you favor the changes to the San Diego Ship Modelers Guild bylaws as outlined on pages 7 thru 10 of the November 2015 newsletter?

YES. Pass the changes.

NO. Do not pass the changes.

NO. Do not pass. While I generally like the changes, I specifically have a problem with the following item(s)

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date



# FROM THE HELM

As stated many times in this column, one of the items on my agenda as Guild Master was the updating of the Guild's Bylaws. In the past we have repeatedly ignored the requirements of the present Bylaws in many ways, including how we run our elections because they no longer match the will and participation of the membership. Thus the need to update them to reflect a method that does not dilute their power but at the same time provides for a workable set of rules the Guild can operate under.

Last month we voted on a revision package but failed to have enough member participation to pass or defeat the resolution. This month we will vote again using a motion from the floor that the revised Bylaws be accepted with 2/3 approval of the votes collected. If you are unable to attend the next meeting to vote, please vote in absentia by contacting **Bob McPhail**. A ballot and Bob's contact info are in this newsletter for your convenience.

Nominations for officers will be open at the January meeting and again at the February meeting with elections in March. **Bob McPhail**, our nominating committee head, will be contacting members to solicit nominations. Now is the time to step up and take part in managing our club by being an officer.

Please vote and see you at the next meeting.

Mike

*Mike Lonnecker*

Guild Master

In order to ensure all members are aware of the upcoming re-vote on the by-laws and to answer and questions/issues, **Mike Lonnecker, Gary Seaton or Bob McPhail** will be contacting each member by phone.



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Next meeting is  
**TUESDAY**  
12 JANUARY 2016  
5:30 PM- Social  
5:45 Officer's Meeting  
6:00PM Meeting  
*Bring a Model*

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