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Established in 1972 by
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MINUTES OF 9 August 2016 GUILD MEETING

With the resignation of **Guild Master Pete Jaquith** and the absence of **First Mate Jon Sanford** and **Log Keeper Bob McPhail** (Bob was delayed but attended the meeting), **Purser Gary Seaton** opened the meeting on board the Steam Ferry *BERKELEY*. Seventeen (17) guild members were in attendance with several “significant others” joining us in celebration of the guild anniversary. The meeting was much abbreviated in anticipation of the meal put together by **Howard Griffus**. There was a brief discussion regarding the Guild Master vacancy and **Mike Lonnecker** advised that the Guild Bylaws would provide guidance on addressing the vacancy. Following is section 3.5 of the **Amended and Restated Bylaws, San Diego Ship Modelers Guild, January 2016**.

3.5 Vacated Office. In the event that the Master is unable to serve, the First Mate shall succeed the office. Un-expired terms of other officers or committee chairs shall be filled by a majority vote of the membership present.

The topic of vacancies was tabled and the meeting proceeded with a brief update by **Purser Gary Seaton** and **Editor Guy Lawrie** followed by two presentations for Show and Tell. The meeting was adjourned and the wonderful and delicious meal prepared by **Howard Griffus** was enjoyed by all.

Purser’s Report: **Gary Seaton** reported a positive guild balance as of 1 August.

Editor’s and Web Coordinator’s Report: **Editor Guy Lawrie** again noted that the newsletter welcomes submissions and articles from members and thanks went out to **Pete Jaquith** (absentee), **Mike Lonnecker**, and **Chuck Seiler** for their contributions. It was again noted that as we look to include the modeling and interests of other guild members in upcoming newsletters, Guy Lawrie or other Guild Officers may contact you for your input.

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MINUTES continued -

Web Coordinator Guy Lawrie reported a modest increase in activity over the previous month on the website with 553 total visits in July. Google and Yahoo accounted for 40% of the searches with an additional 30% of the searches originating from cafes. Website visits originating from Germany and Beijing accounted for 13% of the site visits with domestic visits primarily from Northern California, Southern California, and Kansas City accounting for another 18% of the visits. This left 69% of our visits originating from other national and international locations. Our guild’s presence is more than just San Diego!

Presentations Report: There was no presentation at the August meeting and there is not a presentation scheduled for future meetings at this time. Your ideas for presentations and demonstrations are welcome!

Maritime Museum Collection Manager Kevin Sheehan, PhD was unable to attend though the upcoming **Festival of Sail** this September 2-4 and a call for volunteers to man the model shop aboard the *Berkeley* was discussed.

New Business: Mike Lonnecker reported that planning for the NRG conference scheduled in San Diego October 6-8 is ongoing and **STRONGLY** urged members to register, especially for any additional program such as the day sail aboard *CALIFORNIAN*. (Ed note: registration is now online at www.thenrg.org From the “Home” page, click “NRG Events” found in the banner at the top of the page, then click on the blue highlighted “our conference page” found in the section “NRG 2016 Annual Conference in San Diego”.) **Mike** reported that model and vender rooms will be open to the public.

Scuttlebutt and the Presentation Program will be suspended this edition.

From the helm Editors note: From the Helm will resume next month as our Guild Master assumes the office.

Guild Master Jon Sanford will open the September meeting and after introductions, move directly to Show and Tell. The general meeting will then follow with the usual reports.

Bring a model to share!

**Next meeting is
13 September 2016
5:30 PM- Social
5:30 Officer's Meeting
6:00 PM Meeting
Bring a Model!
Bring a Tale, Taller the
Better!**

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Show and Tell

(not so much tell in this edition but pictures are worth a thousand words)



Galliot, a 17th century Dutch Merchant Ship by Robert Hewitt

Scale 1:192, 1/16" = 1 foot

Scratch Built

The Ship

I decided to build this ship after purchasing the book, "17th Century Dutch Merchant Ships by Ab Hoving. Galliotics were small coastal traders developed in the early seventeenth century and lasted to the late nineteenth century. Most were between seventy to ninety feet long and reached one hundred and thirty feet in the nineteenth century. A versatile ship, they were flat bottomed with extreme bows and sterns to carry a maximum load. Most carried two masts, but some larger examples were "ship rigged", carrying three masts. In the pen painting "Battle of Scheveningen" July 31st 1653, there is a drawing of Willem van de Velde's own galliot which was used while he sketched the fleet during the battle.

The Model

I chose a bulkhead style of construction for this model. The center keel piece is solid, not slotted. Three pieces of pear wood make up the keel. The center piece, the keel with a slot, and the stem piece with the wood grain perpendicular to the horizon. It is placed upright on its building stand. There are four blocks placed between stations to hold the keel upright. Only one screw was needed to hold the keel in place. There is a stop along the length on each side of the keel piece just above the keel slot. The keel tapers toward the stern, so a tapered wedge is positioned to keep the bulkheads perpendicular to the horizontal. Ed note: Robert reported that he modified the ship to a waterline

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Show and Tell continued -



***Bismark*, German Bismark-class Battleship by Isaac Wills**

Scale 1:24

Kit, Midwest Products Co., Inc.

Isaac reports he is at a stand still with his model of the *Bismark* but has begun scratch work on a modeling of the B-39 Submarine found at the San Diego Maritime Museum. These Soviet-era diesel-electric submarines, classified as “Foxtrot” by Nato, were active during the “cold-war” through the early 1990’s.



Isaac’s B-39 build is small scale indeed!



A bonus from Barry Rishel. Barry visits the Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum in Savannah, Georgia and sends this picture of an unnamed model. The museum includes exhibits of scale model ships, paintings, and stories from the sea. This seems a stop worth making when visiting in this picturesque and historical area!



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Show and Tell continued -

Scenes from a celebration of the Guild's anniversary, meal by HOWARD GRIFFUS, our acclaimed wooden ship modeler and now, chef !

Picture to the right, left to right: Chuck Seiler, Mike Lonnecker, Bill Norris, and Dave Yotter gather together on the upper deck of the *Berkeley*. Below: Jay MacMaster and Doug Yumoto enjoy a moment!



Purser Gary Seaton is wondering what it takes to get this meeting underway!



Former First Mate Lee Greene and his wife make last minute connections before dinner



From the upper deck of the *Berkeley*, we are treated to the *San Salvadore* returning to her berth from a bay cruise. A nice way to celebrate the evening!