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Established in 1972 by  
Bob Wright and Russ  
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## MINUTES OF 13 SEPTEMBER 2016 GUILD

### MEETING

**Guild Master Jon Sanford** opened the meeting at the San Diego Maritime Museum on board the Steam Ferry *BERKELEY*. Fifteen (15) guild members were in attendance. There were no new members or guests present. **Jon Sanford** discussed the vacant First Mate post. **William (Bill) Norris** was nominated for the post with no other nominees. **First Mate William (Bill) Norris** was unanimously approved by the present membership. 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.

**Guild Master Jon Sanford** discussed the vacant Presentations Coordinator post. It was noted that a coordinated effort is required to set up future presentations and demonstrations. At this time, future programs are un-planned and will remain so until a Guild Member steps forward. **Jon Sanford** added that the meeting format would be slightly changed and that meetings would begin with **Show and Tell** and conclude with general meeting business.

**Purser's Report:** **Purser Gary Seaton** was absent and in his place **Log Keeper Bob McPhail** reported a positive guild balance as of 1 September.

**Editor's and Web Coordinator's Report:** **Editor Guy Lawrie** once again noted that the newsletter welcomes submissions and articles from members. He mentioned that he would like articles, model pictures, and other items for the newsletter. **Guy Lawrie** or other Guild Officers may be contacting you for your input.

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



<http://sdshipmodelersguild.org/>

**MINUTES continued -**

**Web Coordinator Guy Lawrie** reported a slight decrease of (17) website visits over the previous month with 536 total visits in August. Google accounted for 20% of the searches, 21% of the searches originated from the NRG website, and 38% of the searches originated from café sites such as Starbucks. 18% of the website visits originated from Germany, Netherlands and China. Another 12% of the visits originated from California. This left 70% of our visits originating from other national and international locations. **Our guild's presence is more than just San Diego! Your ship model pictures and documentation help show off our guild!**

**Presentations Report:** There was no presentation at the September 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** reported **Festival of Sail 2016** was very well attended during the first weekend in September. He mentioned the model making activity for children was well received. He also reported that the *SAN SALVADOR* "dock side" exhibit of replica items was visited by over 11,000 folks during the weekend festival. **Dr. Sheehan** reported the *San Salvador* was

preparing to embark on its **Pacific Heritage Tour** and sail to Morro Bay and other points North with public passengers. Ed. Note: Pictures of **Festival of Sail 2016** can be found on the museum website [sdmaritime.org](http://sdmaritime.org) along with details on sailing the **Pacific Heritage Tour** aboard the *San Salvador*. Guild Members could be found attending **Festival of Sail 2016** and pictures of their participation can be found in the **Show and Tell** section.

**New Business: Mike Lonnecker** reported that with the NRG conference scheduled in San Diego on October 6-8, members are STRONGLY urged to register, especially for any additional program such as the day sail aboard *CALIFORNIAN*. Guild members were urged to submit models and it was reported model and vender rooms will be open to the public. **Bill Norris** and **Guy Lawrie** were recruited to help on October 5. **Mike Lonnecker** is requesting help with model setup on October 6, any time on Thursday is helpful. Any guild members willing to help with this special event in San Diego should contact **Mike Lonnecker**.

**Scuttlebutt and the Presentation Program** will be suspended this edition.

**From the helm** Guild Master Jon Sanford introduced three topics for future consideration.

- 1) Update the Guild logo picture from the Medea to the San Salvador with a minor change to wording.
- 2) Investigate identifying Guild members with a polo or T-shirts decorated with a logo.
- 3) Investigate a Guild scholarship related to woodworking and/or model building awarded to a high school student.

**Next meeting is  
11 October 2016**

**5:30 PM - Social  
5:30 - Officer's Meeting  
6:00 PM - Meeting**

**Bring a Model!**

**Bring a Tale, Taller the  
Better!**

**October 2016**

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# Show and Tell

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

***Norden*, a typical Danish coastal fishing vessel  
by Jon Sanford**

**Scale 1:30, 0.4" = 1 foot**

**Billings Boats kit #NR603**

## The Ship

The *Norden* is a typical coastal fishing vessel found on the Western shores of Denmark. This type of boat was built about 1930 in the Danish towns of Klitmoller and Vorupor. Since then, little change has occurred to the design of these fishing vessels other than now they are a few feet longer and an enclosed wheelhouse has been added. The *Norden* is a stable and seaworthy vessel whose top speed is approximately 6 knots. It is still used today for seine fishing and fishing with fish pots. Weather permitting, these types of vessels fish all day and are run or winched ashore during the evening. The next day they are turned about and winched out into the water.



Jon talks about building his *Norden*



## The Model

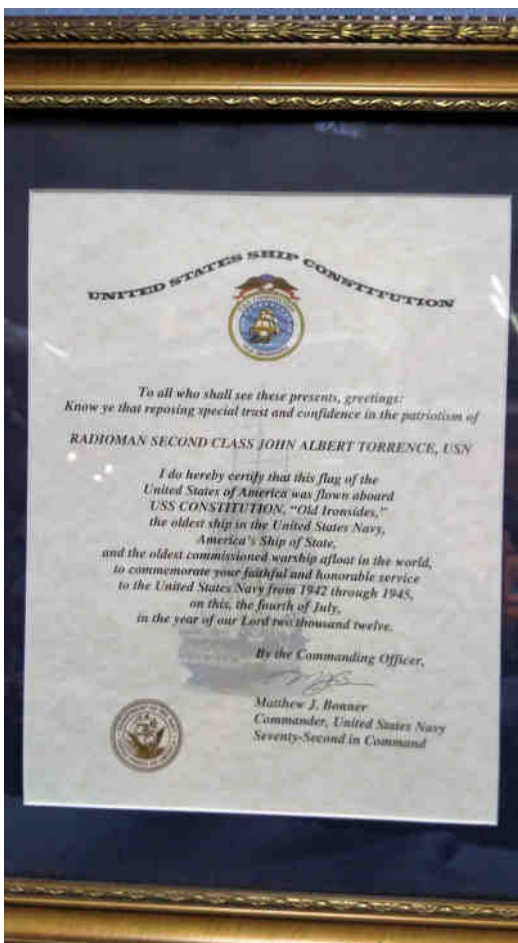
Jon tells us this is his San Diego County Fair model which he has worked on for the last three fairs. He estimates he invested approximately 150 hours on the plank on half frame model. When both halves were completed they were joined together to complete the hull. Jon reports that the materials, fittings, and directions were very good. The model is constructed with bass, walnut, and mahogany with some wooden parts laser cut. Jon recommends this as a good experienced beginner's project.

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## Show and Tell continued -



A blurred picture of **Ed Torrence** shows him holding an object that had us stumped as he began his sea story. He began his tale by telling the members of a time in the 1920's when his grandfather and father gathered pennies to save a deteriorating *USS Constitution*. By 1924 the condition of the frigate was such that if she was not rebuilt, the Navy's only two choices would be to break up the ship or let *Constitution* sink at the dock. Following government allocation of monies and not in small part aided by the *Pennies for Old Ironside* campaign, the restored frigate sailed to ports around the nation in celebration. During that voyage in 1933, **Ed Torrence's** father visited the *Constitution* on his 10th birthday in Long Beach harbor beginning a family fascination with *Constitution*. Advance to 2012 and Boston Harbor where the *Constitution* is berthed. Ed enters a drawing to sail aboard the *Constitution* on a turnaround cruise in Boston Harbor and against long odds, wins! On July 4, 2012 the voyage commences and *Constitution's* new ship-board bell is unveiled. The inscription on the bell commemorates the bicentennial of the War of 1812, a war in which *Constitution* won three major victories. It's also the fourth bell in the ship's 214-year history. At 12:20 p.m., *Constitution* passed amphibious assault ship *USS Wasp (LHD 1)* and rendered honors with a 19-gun salute, which culminated with a flyover demonstration by the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron Blue Angels. The object held by **Ed Torrence** is a 40 mm saluting shell that was housed in the container below. Not finished yet, former **Naval Officer**



**Ed Torrence** personally raised

the colors on *Constitution's* mizzen mast. He was presented the flag and plaque at far left honoring the service of his father, **Radioman Second Class John Albert Torrence, USN** who served from 1942 through 1945. A wonderful story that demonstrates how often we are connected to the models we build!

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**Show and Tell continued -**

Isaac Wills reports he finished his unscaled scratch model 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.



Finished scratch model of the B-39!



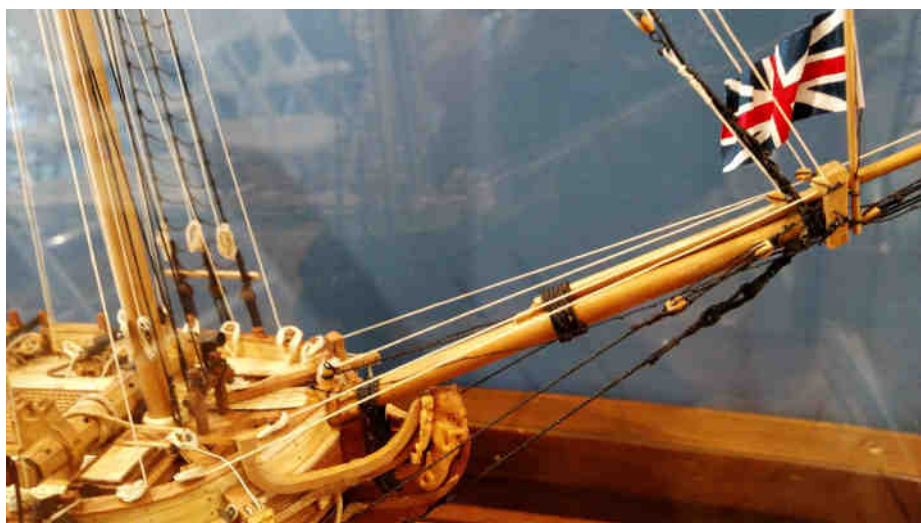
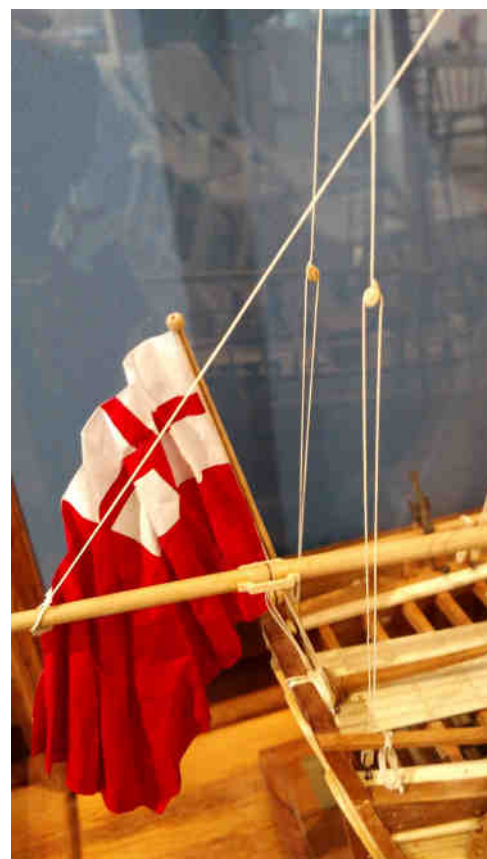
Project beginnings



Bob Kyle displays his mounted half hull model of the 40 foot sloop *Nymph*. Scratch built, note the poplar and walnut construction with the cherry waterline. Recall from our August meeting the center board sloop *Nymph* and later built keel sloop *Papoose* were designed by Edward Burgess and built in the 1880’s. These East coast sloops were to become fore runners of modern yacht racing.



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**Show and Tell continued -**

Don Dressel displays his model, *Halifax*, built "Admiralty style" and originally constructed to display in Japan. The hull was constructed using various woods including cherry and holly and the carvings are done in boxwood. All cannon including the swivel guns are brass. Once back from Japan, I wanted to mast and rig the model. The masting and rigging details are based on the plans by Harold Hahn. A comment was made on the fact that there were no belaying points indicated on the plans and since there was only a starboard profile of the ship fully rigged, port and starboard lines were in some cases difficult to determine. Spars were turned on my lathe (Sherline) out of Lemon wood (Degame) and all rigging line was linen, obtained from my "stash" of rigging line, since I did not have the time to make the rigging line myself (the model had to be completed in time for the NRG Conference). The case was put together by myself using case parts salvaged from Lloyd Warner. The plexiglass was obtained from [PLEXIDISPLAYS](http://www.PlexiDisplays.com) of La Habra, which will also make custom display cases if desired. Excellent price for the plexiglass. [www.PlexiDisplays.com](http://www.PlexiDisplays.com). The September issue of the SMA Newsletter included additional detail on Don's building of the *Halifax*.

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**Show and Tell continued—** A few pictures from the San Diego sponsored *Festival of Sail 2016*



**Bill Grolz on patrol with camera ready aboard the *Berkeley* passenger deck**



**Jon Sanford speaks to youngsters from the *Berkeley* model shop**



**Robert Hewitt stands in front of his contribution to the *Steering Small* exhibit aboard the *Berkeley*.  
“Miniatures” indeed!**



**It got crowded in front of the model shop!**



**A bonus from 2016 Fleet Week San Diego! *USS San Diego (LPD-22)***

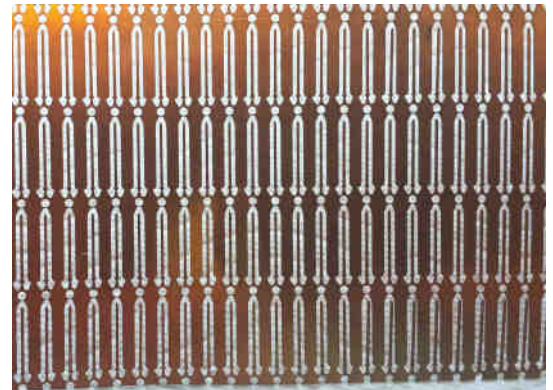
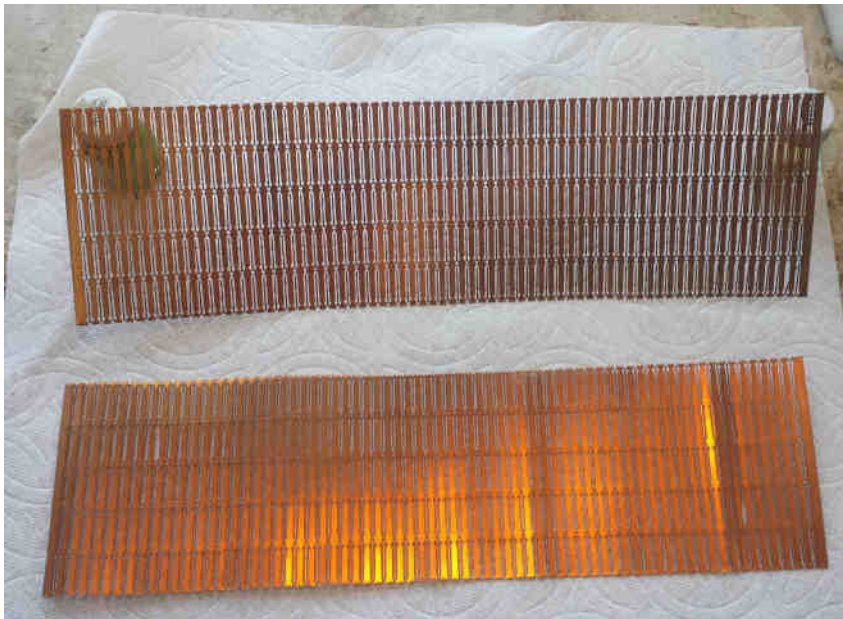
**Guild Model found on *Berkeley* - builders: Howard Griffus (lead), Jon Sanford, Robert Hewitt, Robert Riddoch, Chuck Seiler**

**The real deal seen from the *Berkeley* passenger deck!**



**Robert L. Pranka** was a model shipbuilder who lived in Lakeside, California. He recently passed on and his family contacted the Maritime Museum and Ship Modelers Guild with a desire to donate modeling materials and books to like minded folks. **Guildmaster Jon Sanford** and **Editor Guy Lawrie** met with family and collected books, publications, and a selection of ship modeling materials. The following books will be auctioned at the San Diego Ship Modelers Guild's October meeting and all reasonable bids will be considered. The San Diego Ship Modelers Guild will also entertain bids from external guilds and associations. Ship modeling materials donated by **Mr. Pranka's** family will be handled in a similar manner at future guild meetings.

**Mystery Objects:** A few copper sheets were included in **Mr. Pranka's** ship materials. Any thoughts on what these etched pieces of copper are?



## List of Donated Books, by R. Pranka, October, 2016

Accounts and Stories of Old San Pedro, incl.	John M. Houston
American Ship Models and How to Build Them	V.R. Grimwood
Art of Ship Modeling	A. Richard Mansir
Back to Titanic, Cline-Fex	Don Shay
Backyard Foundry	Terry Aspin
Baltimore Clipper	Howard I. Chapelle

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## List of Donated Books, by R. Pranka, October, 2016

### Part II

Boat Building, A Complete Handbook of Wood- en Boat Construction	Howard I. Chapelle
Building Classic Small Craft Vol. 1	John Gardner
Building the Model of Flying Cloud	James Tate
China Tea Clippers	George F. Campbell
Clenched Lap or Clinker	Eric McKee
Construction and Fitting of the English Man-of- War, 1650-1850	Peter Goodwin
Down Easters, The Story of the Horners	Basil Lubbock
Draw Boats and Harbors	Peter Caldwell
Fast Sailing Ships, Their Design & Construction, 1775-1875	David R. MacGregor
Foundry Work for the Amateur	Terry Aspin
Gato-Class Submarine in Action	Robert C. Stern
Great Age of Sail	Lausanne/Bathe
Greyhounds of the Sea	Carl C. Cutter
History of American Sailing Ships	Howard I. Chapelle
Log of the "Cutty Sark"	Basil Lubbock
Lore of Ships	A.B. Nordbok
Marine Painting of Carl G. Evers	Ian Balla Tine
Marlinspike Sailor	Hervy Garrett Smith
Masting and Rigging of English Ships	James Lees
Men, Ships and the Sea	Capt. Alan Villers
Model Boat Propellers	Model and Allied Publications
Model Builder's Assistant	Charles G. Davis
Modeler's Guide to Naval Architecture	A. Richard Mansir
Modeling the Brig-of-War "Irene"	E.W. Petrejus
National Watercraft Collection, 2nd Edition	Howard I. Chapelle

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### Part III

Nautical Museum Directory, 5th Edition	Quadrant Press, Inc.
Navy Board Ship Models, 1650-1750	John Franklin
Pacific Square-Riggers	Jim Gibbs
Pacific Tugboats, Parade of Tugs, Ships & Men	Gordon Newell/Joe Williamson
Plank on Frame Models, Vol. 1	Howard A. Underhill
Plank on Frame Models, Vol. 2	Howard A. Underhill
Queens of the Western Ocean	Carl C. Cutter
Scale Model Sailing Ships	John Bowen
Schooners	Basil Greenhill
Search for Speed Under Sail, 1700-1855	Howard I. Chapelle
Ship	Bjon Landstrom
Ship Benj. F. Packard	W.S. Quincy
Ship Models Illustrated, with a Working Guide to Modeling	F. Ward Harman
Shipbuilding in Minature	Donald McNary
Ships in Color	Christopher Pick
Ships of the American Revolution and their Models	Harold M. Hahn
Speedy, The Construction of a Model Naval Cutter, 1828	Bill Shoulder
Star of India, A Log of an Iron Ship	Jerry MacMullen
Twilight of Sailing Ships	Robert Carse
U.S. Subs in Action	Robert C. Stern
U-Boats in Action	Robert C. Stern
Warship Pictorial #27, Kriesmarine Type VII U-Boats	Steve Wiper
Warship Pictorial, Gato Type Fleet Submarine	Steve Wiper
West Coast Windjammers in Story and Pictures	Jim Gibbs
World of Model Ships and Boats	Guy R. Williams