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MINUTES OF 13 December 2016 GUILD

MEETING

Happy New Year, Guild!

Best Wishes for a Healthy and Prosperous 2017

Minutes: Guild Master Jon Sanford opened the meeting at the San Diego Maritime Museum on board the Steam Ferry *BERKELEY*. Fourteen (14) guild members and four (4) guests gathered together to share a **Holiday Meal** and **Holiday Giveaway** of booty gathered throughout the year! Special thanks go out to **Jon and Mary Ann Sanford** for coordinating the meal after **Howard Griffus** reported he was not feeling well and did not feel it was appropriate to man the galley.

After Jon welcomed wives and guest, **Newsletter Editor Guy Lawrie** and **Purser Gary Seaton** gave brief reports and the meeting then moved directly into **Show and Tell** before dinner. **Isaac Wills** showed off progress on his Heller kit, *Le Soleil Royal*, and two of his small ships. **Robert Hewitt** brought a rigging puzzle he has been working on, more specifically, the layout of line(s) called brails used to brail a sail; that is, furl or truss a sail by pulling it in towards the mast. The editor is certain **Robert** would appreciate any input on this topic if someone has some insight on it. **James Pitt** brought in his Amati 1:70 kit model of the *Hannah*. James spoke of this as a skill building project and how he looked for input from other guild builders. Found in the **Show and Tell** section are pictures of these offerings along with pictures from the impressive collection of models built by **Royce Privett**. **Bill Grolz** took a moment to tell us about his recent travels to Valparaiso, Chile and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and some of the difficulties getting into maritime museums due to closures and scheduling; travelers be alert! **Bill** also let us know that he would again be taking a lead in working with the San Diego County Fair coordinating our fair booth. Thank you for stepping up again, **Bill**!

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Purser's Report: Purser Gary Seaton reported the guild balance as of 1 December was \$<redacted>. Everyone is reminded that 2017 Dues are due starting from the January 2017 meeting.

Editor's and Web Coordinator's Report: Editor Guy Lawrie once again noted that the newsletter welcomes submissions and articles from members. Web Coordinator Guy Lawrie reported a slight increase of (21) website visits over the previous month with 498 visits in November. **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 December meeting and there is not a presentation scheduled for future meetings at this time. However, Jon Sanford has arranged for a representative of the **Nautical History & Museum in La Jolla** to come to our January meeting! Your ideas for presentations and demonstrations are welcome!

Maritime Museum Collection Manager Kevin Sheehan, PhD was unable to attend but it is noted that the elevator to the upper passenger deck is scheduled to be repaired in the first quarter 2017.

New Business: A possible rendition of an updated logo has been prepared for the guild by Julia Gomez, graphic artist for the Maritime Museum. The picture below the logo depicts the *San Salvador* as it is seen when approaching the *Berkeley* from the North.



**Next meeting is
10 January 2017**

**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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ATTENTION on Deck: It is with much regret to report that **First Mate William (Bill) Norris** is moving to Texas to attend to family matters. **Bill** will be missed and we wish him fair winds and a following sea until we see him again!



Bill's display of his spectacular build of *Sovereign of the Seas* will be missed at the Maritime Museum!



Bill oversees the packing and moving of the *Sovereign of the Seas* as he prepares to leave the Berkeley.



Show and Tell



Bill Grolz and Jay MacMaster inspect the giveaway booty and the crew (L. to R., **Robert Hewitt**, **Don Bienvenue**, **Doug Yumoto**, **James Pitt's guest Steve**, and **James Pitt**) prepare to get the meeting under way.

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Below: Guild Master Jon Sanford has the meeting underway.



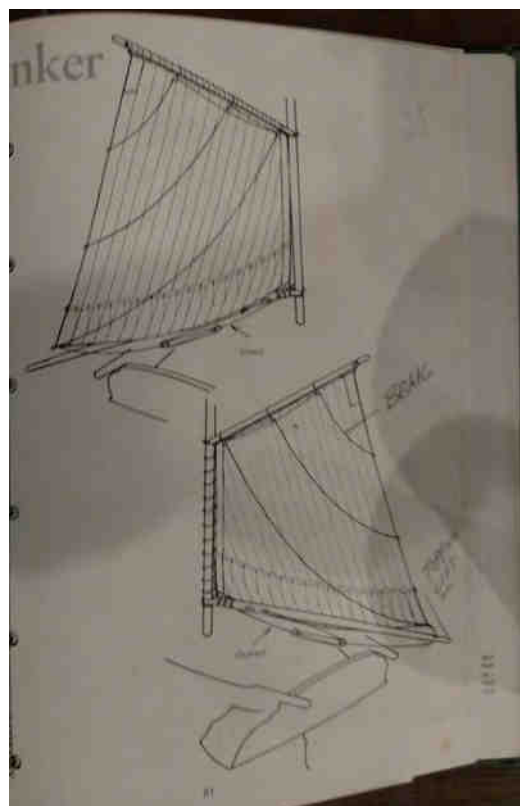
Isaac Wills displays his B-39 Submarine and Civil War era scratch built ships. For a sense of scale, they are inside the white circle on the picture to the right.



Isaac Wills speaks about the challenges building *Le Soleil Royal* as the crew looks on.



Robert Hewitt brought in a rigging puzzle. Robert is showing how the brails are rigged in his book but the working end of the lines is unclear.



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James Pitt talks about building his Amati kit of the *Hannah*. James reports he is working the project to increase his building and rigging skills. The *Hannah* is described by Wikipedia as the first armed American naval vessel of the American Revolution and is claimed to be the founding vessel of the United States Navy. A privately owned fishing schooner, it is reported she was purchased by George Washington and became the first ship commissioned by the Continental Army in 1775 to fight the British navy.

Below are some pictures from the Holiday Meal and Holiday Giveaway



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The following models are built by Royce Privett and shared from his collection.



Charles W. Morgan (1841) New Bedford Whaling Bark



USS Constitution (1812 conversion)



Essex (1759)



US Brig Niagara (1813)



Rattlesnake (1780)



Smuggler (1877)