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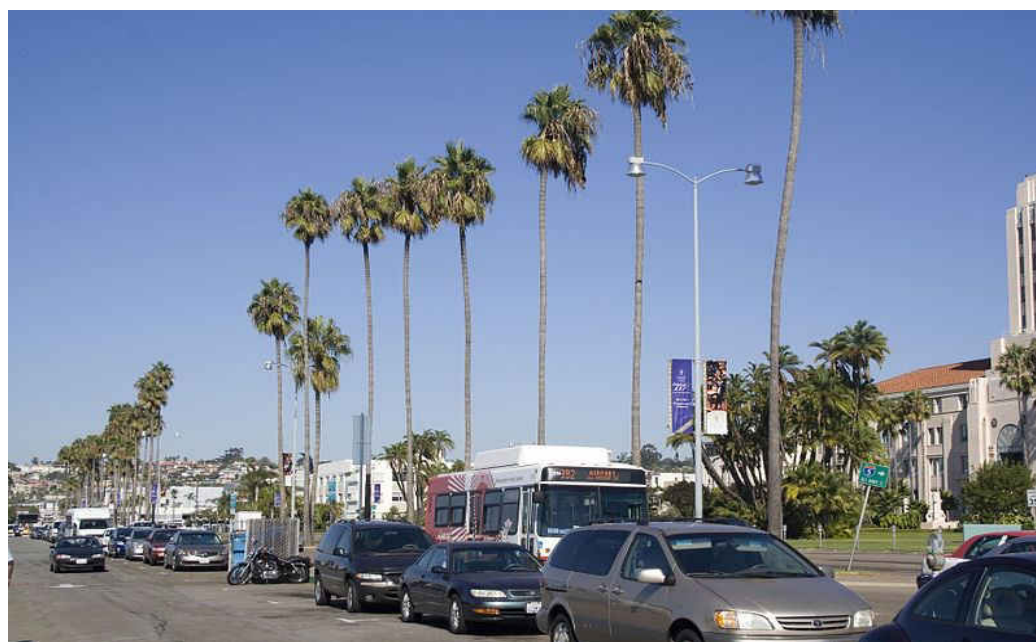
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Summer's Here!



With pandemic restrictions eased, and school classes over, people are flocking to San Diego to enjoy the summer climes and balmy evenings on the waterfront, resulting in a parking shortage on the Embarcadero which impeded convenient access to the Maritime Museum for the Guild meeting this month. This seasonal challenge brings to light the matter of alternative locations for summertime meetings which can help promote attendance and participation.



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From the Quarterdeck by the Guild Master

Greetings Guild and a **Happy 4th of July!** A favorite quote, “Freedom is a possession of inestimable value” from Marcus Tullius Cicero might capture the spirit of the day!

The June Guild Meeting presented an opportunity to recognize **Alex Roel** as the 2021 recipient of the **Commander John C. Mathews Award**. **Alex**’ contributions to the Guild are numerous including his authoring of the Guild’s tremendous website and serving as the Web Master and a past Guild Master. As any volunteering at or visiting the Maritime Museum/Guild’s demonstration booth at the San Diego County Fair’s Design in Wood Exhibition can attest, **Alex**’ flair for artistic graphics is on full display for the fair’s visitors as they view his “Introduction to Planking” model or help themselves to the Guild’s business card! AND, he wins prizes for his ship modeling, AND, he likes to finish our crossword puzzles, too!

The June meeting brought in a hearty group of members including **Gary Seaton** who spends a considerable amount of time these days with family in Tennessee. The meeting also found visitors from as near as the Maritime Museum’s Sail Crew and from as far away as the USNA Model Shop volunteers. In addition to a few spectacular models and the exciting stories told along with them, it was a fun meeting sharing the camaraderie.

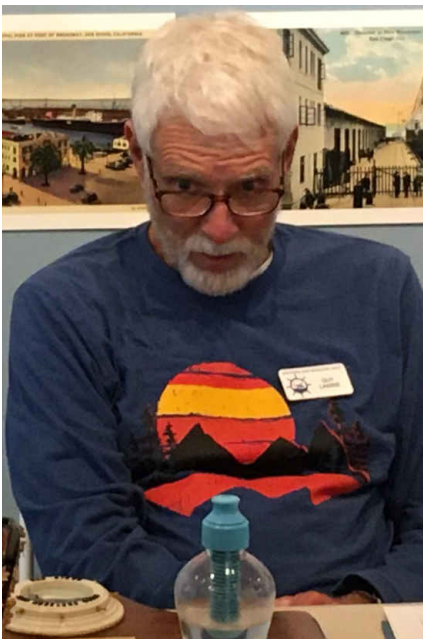
Come to the July 12 monthly meeting and participate! Bring a model! The July meeting presentation will tentatively be about “Deck Planking – a Tutorial”. Bring your expertise to the meeting and chime in! Until then:

Be well in calm seas with a fair wind,

Guy Lawrie

The Meeting of June 14, 2022

In a rare change of venue, the June session was convened on the main deck of the *Berkeley* next to the model shop with Guild Master **Guy Lawrie** presiding, along with officers **Tom Hairston**, and **Jon Sanford**. Attending were members **Art Arroyo**, **Frank Dengler**, **Don Dressel**, **Mike Lonnecker**, **Alex Roel**, **Gary Seaton**, **Chris Sullivan**, **John Walsh**, **Dave Yotter**, and that perky powder monkey **Karl Zingheim**. We were delighted to welcome guests **Mae Myers** from the Naval Academy Museum and **Michael Denigan** from the Maritime Museum's Sail Crew. Guy began the meeting by reiterating his call for a volunteer to assume photography duties for future meetings, and for a dedicated presentations coordinator. Summer tourism was evident that evening as parking near the Maritime Museum was scarce, prompting improvised parking solutions. Alternate summer meeting sites such as a public library room, the USS *Recruit* at Liberty Station, or even virtual sessions were briefly discussed.



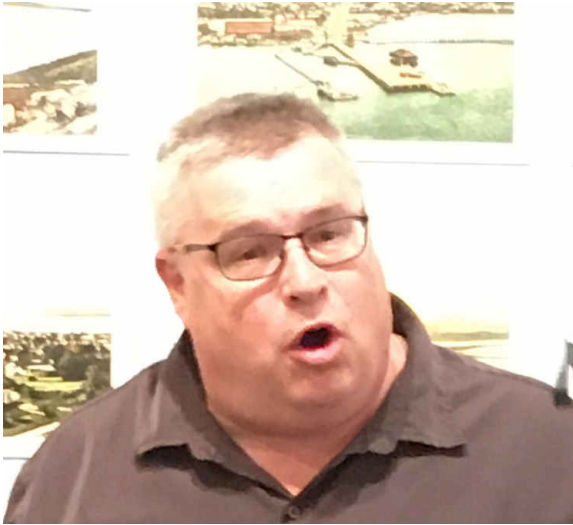
Guildmaster Guy Lawrie confronts the summer parking jam.

Our special guest, Mae Myers from the Naval Academy Museum.



June 14th meeting, continued:

Guy opened discussion on reviving the Community Build program, where several modelers embark on constructing a common kit, comparing notes on the same build along the way to completion. Mike nominated any Model Shipways kit due to their economic cost, wide range of skill levels, and excellent instructions—a real plus for this hobby. It only remains to select a common kit, and to procure them for the eager participants.



Karl Zingheim impersonates a perfect cave opening.

Mike Lonnecker (background), guest Mae Myers, Art Arroyo, and Dave Yotter evaluate Jon Sanford's Pursor report.





Mike reacts to Tom Hairston's gas bill while getting to San Diego from Modesto.



Don Dressel takes a load off his dogs.

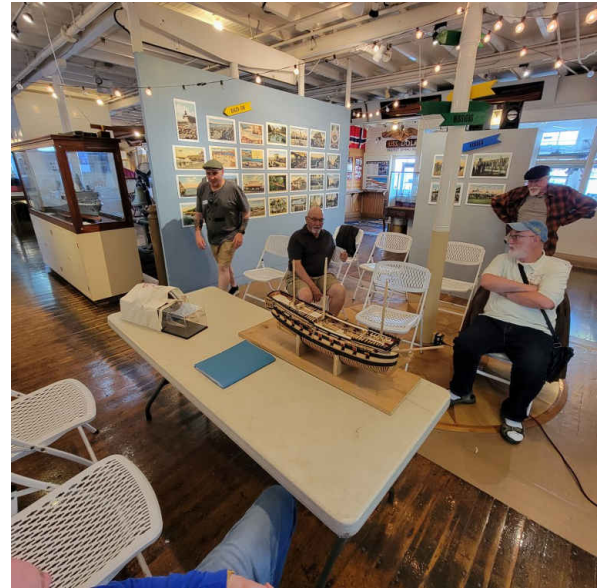


Tom Walsh quotes odds to Guy on which member will win the "Fairest of the Fair" at the model booth in Del Mar.



Mike puts twenty down with John on the Fair action.

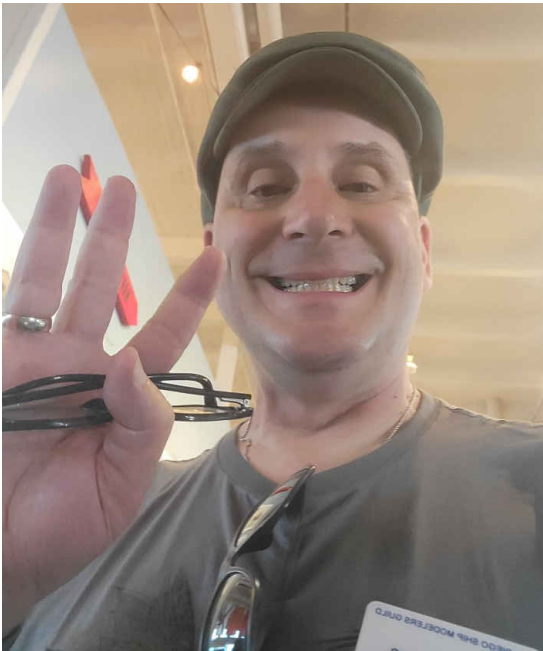
Don's *Roe-Buck* takes pride of place in the meeting, as Art and Dave look on. Chris Sullivan advances to take his seat.



Dave chats with special guest Mae while Art places his bet on “Fairest of the Fair.”

Mike and Alex Roel debate the merits of the honey brand Tom brought with him for some reason.





Chris takes pride in his spectacle collection.

Frank Dengler and Mae observe the arrival of Chris' *Amagi* model.



Mike, Mae, Art, and new member Michael Denigan listen intently to Jon Sanford's County Fair report.



It's Happening at the Fair



Tag team titans Mike Boucher (a Fairgrounds volunteer), Chris Sullivan, Jay McMaster, and Guy Lawrie take pride in a job well done in getting the SDSMG booth ready for the Fair.

Jon and John show how it's done inside the completed Fair booth.



It's Happening at the Fair



Jon points out a detail on model construction to a young fairgoer.

Jon presides over a special class on wooden ship model building by starting with fighter jets???



Jay McMaster and Art Arroyo working their shift at the Guild booth.

The Community Build

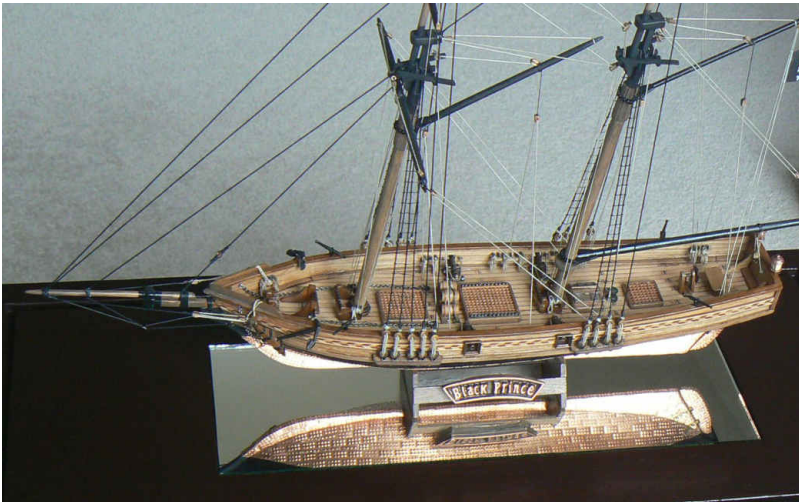
Guy sends us this sampler information from the Model Shipways “Shipwright Learning Series” of kits to commence another community build. Operating in parallel with our monthly sessions, participants in the community build would meet on a schedule of their own to rate progress and compare building tips. If you are interested in participating, please let Guy know.



Yo Ho-Ho, and a Bottle of Glue!



A hearty ahoy to modeler John Baker who sends his greetings and pics! A *Berkeley* passenger from years back, he likes to sign his models with the Jolly Roger, as seen below:



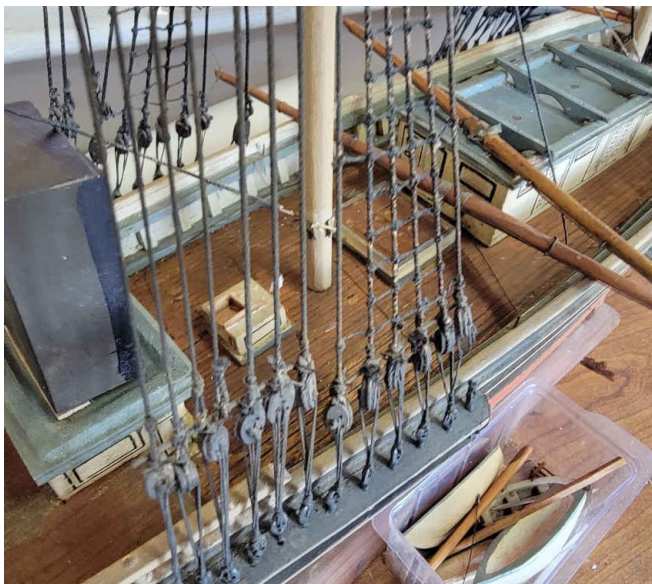
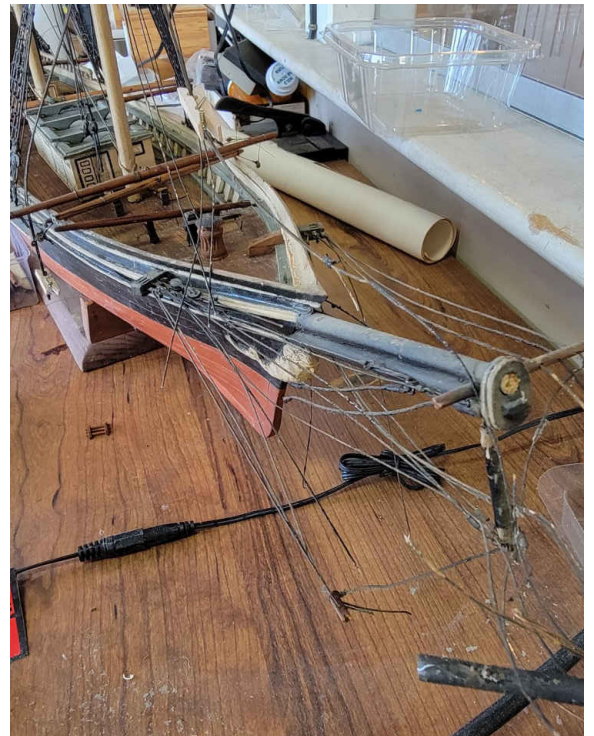
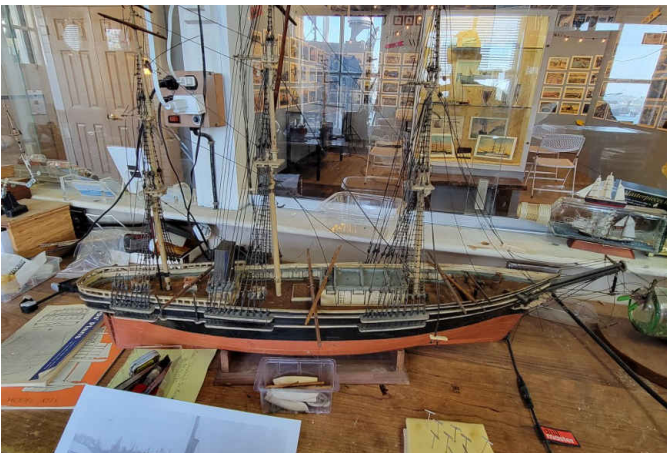
The schooner *Black Prince*, with pirate flag barely visible.

A xebec from the Mediterranean, with the signature Jolly Roger. Here's to seeing John's work in person soon!

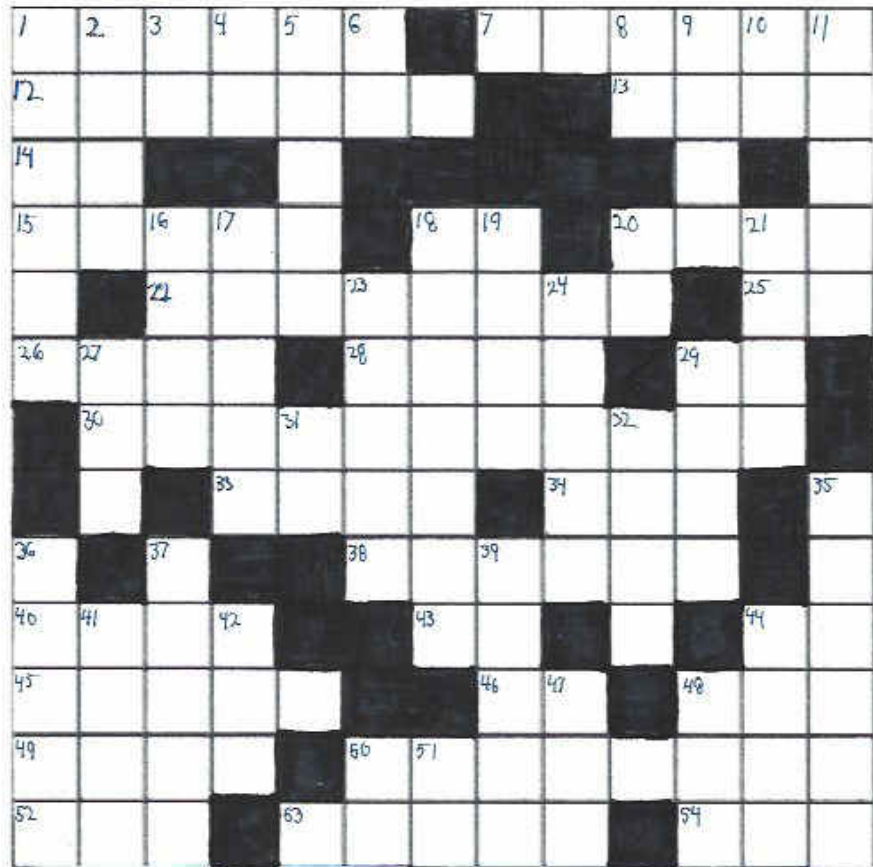


What's Cookin' at Jon's Place?

Our Pursor, Jon Sanford, is the director of the Maritime Museum's model shop, and is a generous ship model restorer. His latest project is a fine clipper ship in need of cleaning and some re-rigging. Jon's work is thorough and highly sought-after by grateful clients who wish to see heirlooms such as this brought back to their original luster.



This Month's SDSMG Crossword



Across

- 1. Longitudinal plank
- 7. German surrealist author
- 12. Paint propellants
- 13. Ship's spine
- 14. Regarding (abbrev)
- 15. Liberalism critic
- 18. Center of gravity (abbrev)
- 20. Ancient woodworking tool
- 22. Expanse of plating extending from either side of the keel
- 25. Repair ship hull designator
- 26. Spoke falsehood
- 28. Alternate form of "Ricki"
- 29. Deduced Reckoning (abbrev)
- 30. Tom's latest masterpiece
- 33. Buffoon
- 34. Bob Hope's best gig
- 38. Jon's job title
- 40. After corner of a sail
- 43. Common pronoun in Tijuana
- 44. Talk radio format

- 45. Popular kit manufacturer
- 46. Cardinal pt.
- 48. Alpha Chi Omega
- 49. Angle on a mast
- 50. Guy Lawrie's predecessor
- 52. Flag bearer (abbrev)
- 53. Artistic gel
- 54. Ben-hur's rowing number

Down

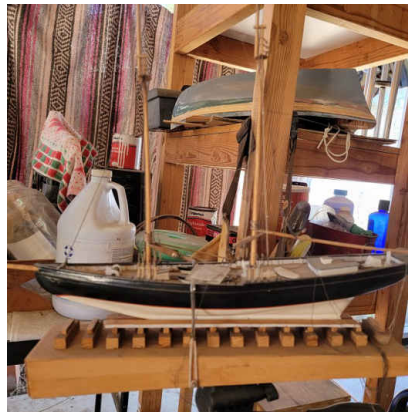
- 1. Ship kit manufacturer of Spain
- 2. Where ship kits come from
- 3. Royal observatory (abbrev)
- 4. Hull designator for submarine tender
- 5. Popular Lebanese dish
- 6. ___ Cajon
- 8. Hull designator for storeship
- 9. Sanitized water for boilers
- 10. hira gana resembling "It"
- 11. Soft hardwood
- 16. German WWI ace
- 17. Type of bridge on power boats
- 18. Our master of ships in a bottle
- 19. Do wager Empress during Boxer Rebellion
- 20. Hull designator for ammunition ship
- 21. Cruiser blasted at Matapan battle
- 23. Style of hiking when sailing a laser
- 24. Can impacted by an allergy
- 27. Earth station in orbit
- 29. French luxury brand
- 31. Square-like katakana character
- 32. Annual Army trainer winner (abbrev)
- 35. Still a popular ship kit manufacturer
- 36. Another ship kit manufacturer
- 37. Pulls suddenly
- 39. Tricks or ploys
- 41. Temporary transfer
- 42. Small in Glasgow
- 44. Rocking Rose
- 47. Outer prefix
- 48. Oxygen inhibitor (abbrev)
- 50. 28th letter in Faroese
- 51. Unix command input

Last Month's SDSMG Crossword

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A Visit to Howard's Haven

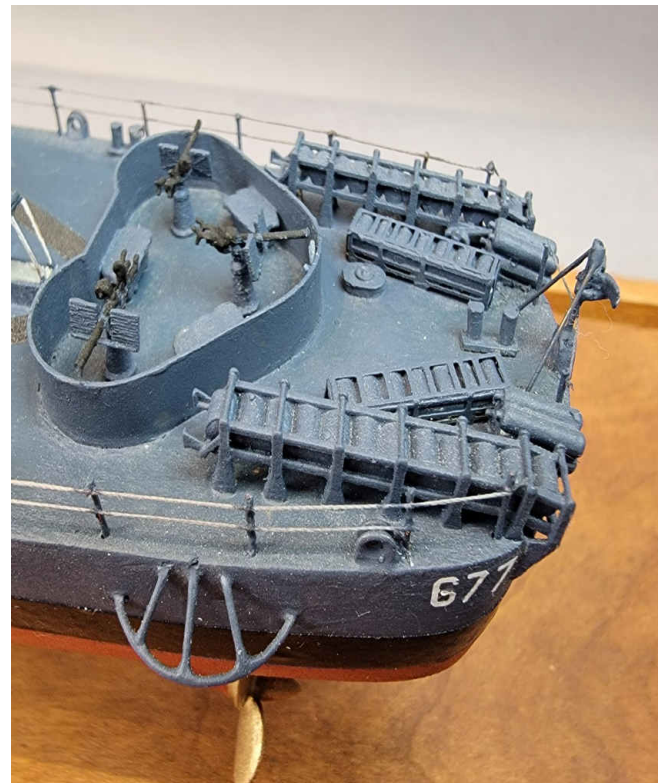
Our intrepid Guildmaster Guy paid a visit to Howard Griffus and his extraordinary boat yard collection of models. Howard is the master of the quite large (by modeling standards) and the very small. His ongoing projects include oversize cogs and clippers, and even a Coast Guard craft for a ship in a bottle caper using a plastic kit as a reference!



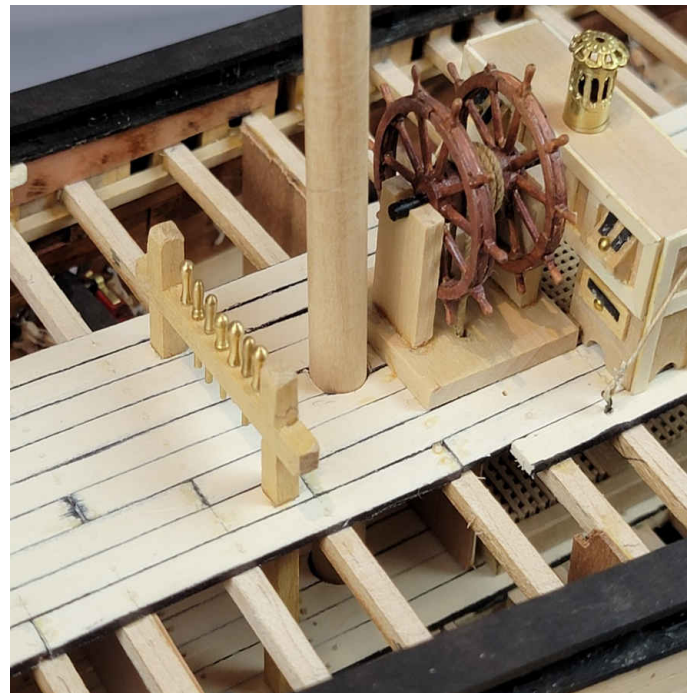
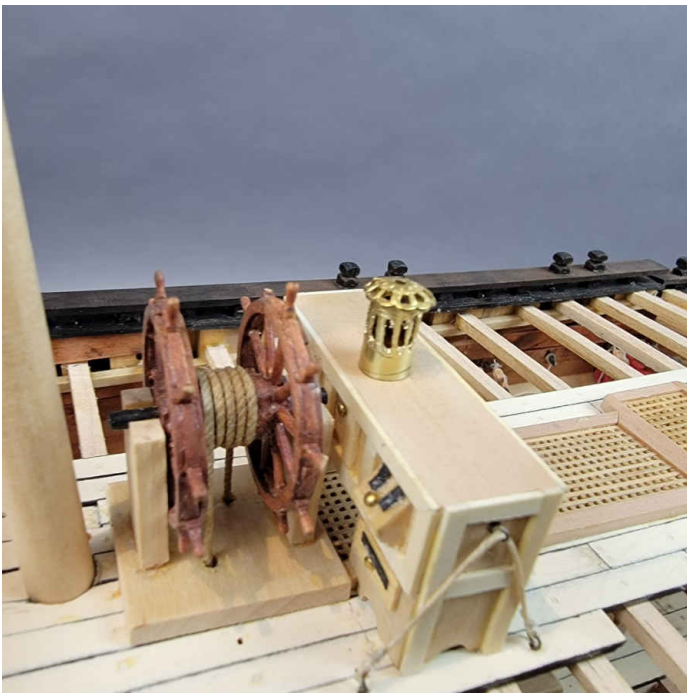
June's Monthly Models



Frank Dengler brought in his scratchbuilt destroyer USS *McDermott* in 1:192 scale, his second depiction of this *Fletcher*-class fleet destroyer, finished in the Measure 21 scheme. The real ship was a veteran of the Battle of Surigao Strait in October 1944, torpedoing three Japanese destroyers. As with his other models, Frank has adorned his presentation with complete information on a customized plaque.

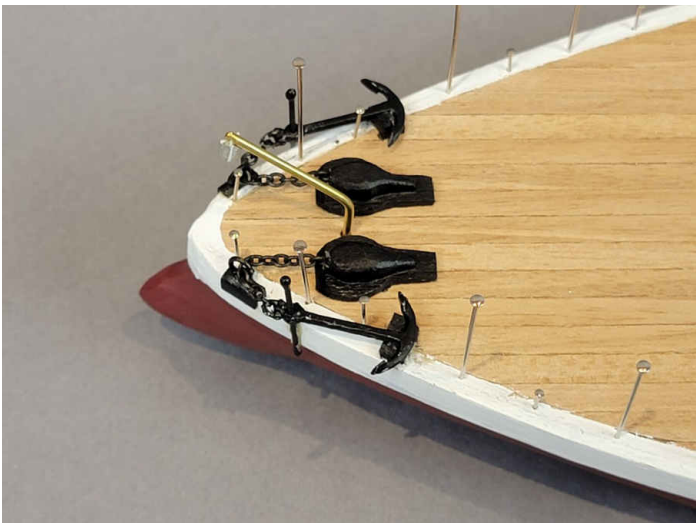


Don Dressel showed his ongoing work on the British frigate *Roe-Buck*, updating his progress on the channels, deadeyes, chains, gangways, ladders, and an exquisite binnacle cabinet. The gun arrangement was completed with a pair of bow chasers and he has included four crew figures below deck. Don used lemonwood for the spars, but he may not rig the model after the wood work is completed.





Fresh off last month's *Rocks & Shoals* feature, Tom Hairston's new project, the monitor USS *Monterey*, now features a fresh wooden weather deck, as well as details on the ground tackle, and the foundation of a new super-structure amidships.



Chris Sullivan brought in another of his 1:700 marvels, the Fujimi kit of the Japanese battlecruiser *Amagi*, in her intended form before her abortive conversion into an aircraft carrier. Earthquake damage prompted her scrapping, to be replaced by the battleship *Kaga*, also meant for the scrap yard, into a carrier. Chris relied on references from the *Kagero* book series, and enjoyed the build, although the photo etch in the kit was very delicate.



Powder monkey Karl Zingheim rummaged in his shipyard for his scratchbuilt USS *Iowa* of Spanish-American War fame, and a kitbashed 1:32 motor whaleboat for a Battle of Midway diorama in progress.

