



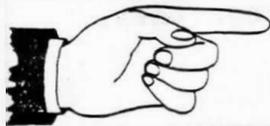
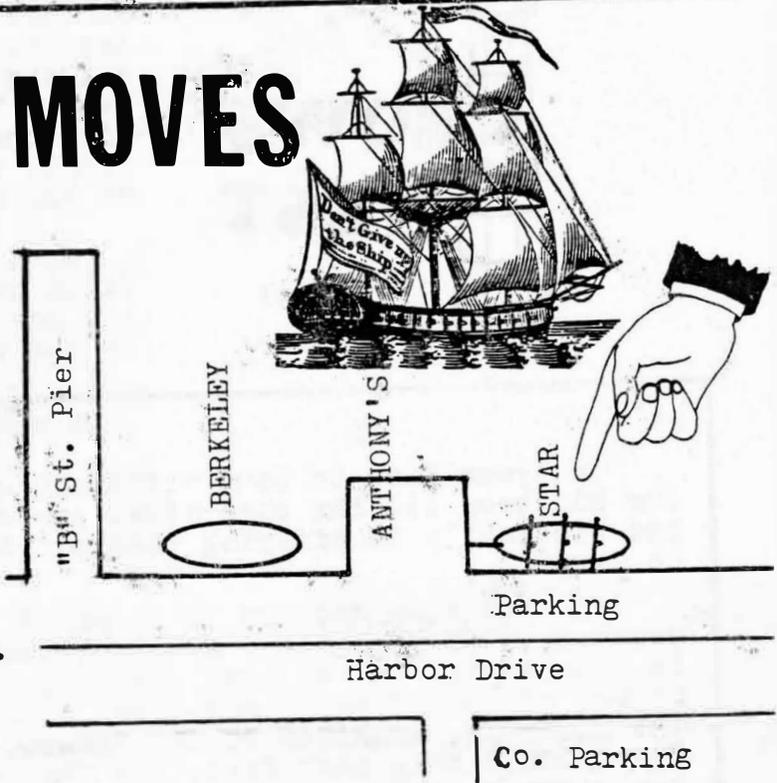
San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

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THE STAR MOVES

And along with it goes our meeting place. OK, its only a couple hundred yards to the North. Approx 100 fathoms. You will see it on the North side of Anthony's. The Berkeley is parked where the STAR used to be. This makes room for the berthing of the PACIFIC PRINCESS and other liners. Parking should not be a problem, the County lot will be just across the street. The MEDEA is temporarily tied up at the San Diego Yacht Club until a safe place is found. The move could have been more drastic. The Museum turned down an offer from the Port Authority to move next to Sea Port Village, opting to stay in the same general location.



THIS NEWS LETTER IS EARLY

We meet on the 18 th (3rd Friday)
(bring a model (boat))

ELECTION TIME

Now is the time for some new blood;
or at least new faces.....

Bill K-F will continue on as logkeeper
and I will stay on as news letter editor.
The hours are long and the pay is short,
but I'm having fun and so is Bill.



SHOW & TELL

by Nilson



"IT HAPPENED AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY
HE INSISTED ON DRINKING CROSBY'S SHIP-
IN-A-BOTTLE"

CHRISTMAS PARTY

35 members participated in our Holiday party on the 'Tween Deck of the STAR of INDIA. Many goodies to choose from and free liquid was enjoyed by all.

A special treat was provided by Doug McFarland with a video showing of our 1983 Regatta, about 30 min. of our boat models sailing around. Doug stated that Roman Yerema, (World Video Productions) will make copies for the Guild members free of charge if we supply the tapes....what a deal. Talk about it at the next meeting.

NAME TAGS....we will take orders for the Guild name tags at our next meeting...maybe get one for our wives? If the engraving price is the same the cost will be \$5.00.

IN MEMORIUM

Our sympathies to Doug McFraland whose mother passed away in mid -November. She had been ill for some time, and while her loss is grieved, we join Doug and his family in offering thanksgiving for the blessings of her life here on earth..

We were also saddened to learn of the passing of one of our newest members, TONY MYRSETH. I met Tony and his son Edwin at the pond one Saturday in late summer and enjoyed chatting with them. Tony was retired from a career of tuna fishing and liked building R/C models. His models included the BLUENOSE, AMERICAN SCOUT, YAMATO, and a tuna boat. He was working on a USS CROCKET this past fall. His family is donating his sextant to the San Diego Maritime Museum. These fine people will be missed by those who who knew them and those of us who never had the opportunity to know them. May their souls rest in peace.

Rev. Bill Kelly-Fleming
Port Chaplain

IT'S OFFICIAL ! SAN DIEGO MARITIME MINISTRY IS LAUNCHED!

In December, the Rev. Bill Kelly-Fleming was officially sanctioned to be the Chaplain to the Port of San Diego.

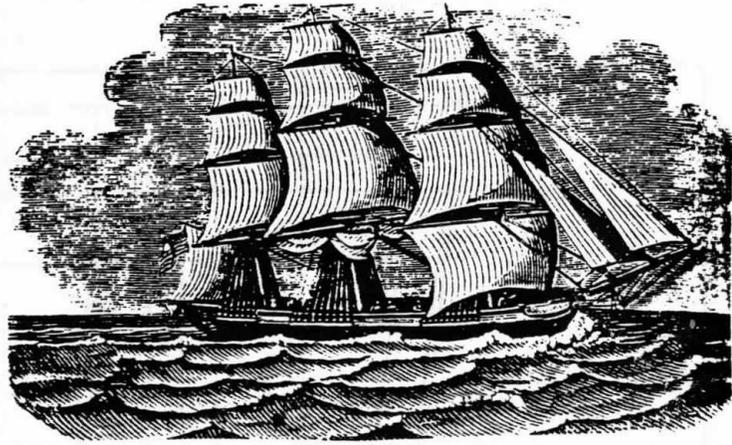
The action was taken by the Ecumenical Conference of San Diego, an association of most of the major churches in our community. As Port Chaplain, Bill will work with crews of visiting ships, maritime workers, and people on boats in the marinas. He will represent the religious community at maritime events, as well as conduct weddings, burials and other pastoral duties on the waterfront.

SAN DIEGO MARITIME MINISTRY, as it is officially known, plans to have two facilities. The primary location will be a Seafarers' Center within walking distance of the Broadway / "B" Street piers. This facility will provide various services to crews and passengers on visiting ships, as well as other waterfront people.

The other facility will be near the Shelter Island marinas, centering around the Seafarer's Chapel. This will be a place of worship and a community center for boaters and live-aboards.

The Ministry is a religious non-profit agency of the Ecumenical Conference which will be funded by contributions from individuals and church organizations.





MARITIME MINISTRY CONT:

The action taken in December means all contributions are TAX deductible if made out to the Ecumenical Conference and designated for the Maritime Ministry.

CALL FOR MODELS --- HOME PORT SAN DIEGO FESTIVAL

San Diego Ship Modelers Guild will be represented at one of the largest celebrations in San Diego's history, HOMEPORST SAN DIEGO FESTIVAL this Saturday, January 12. The festival celebrates the arrival of the PACIFIC PRINCESS, TV's "Love Boat" as she begins operations out of San Diego.

Our Guild has been invited to display a few models in the Maritime Arts and Photography section. Bill Kelly-Fleming and Doug McFarland will be present with their models. Now's your chance to finish the Norski Løve, Douglas. Other cased models are invited, especial period models ships, ocean liners and harbor tugs. If you are interested contact Bill K-F immediately at 222-5052. Models can be sold and commissions arranged, although display space is limited.

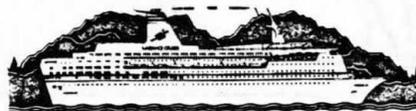


CRUISE SHIPS ARE COMMING.....

This month marks the beginingof the cruise industry comming to San Diego. Jan-March will see about 25 dockings a month of cruise liners. Events will kick off with a boat parade escorting the PACIFIC PRINCESS into the harbor around 7 A.M. The bow escorts will include CALIFORNIAN and INVADER. Other events in this festival which is part of the year of the ocean celebration will enclude an outrigger canoe race at 9 A.M. and an ancient mariners sailing Society Race at noon along Harbor Island to the bridge and back to "B" Street Pier. A seafood feast and theatrical pagent, bands, open house on a Navy ship, and half price admission to the Maritime Museum will add to the day's entertainment.

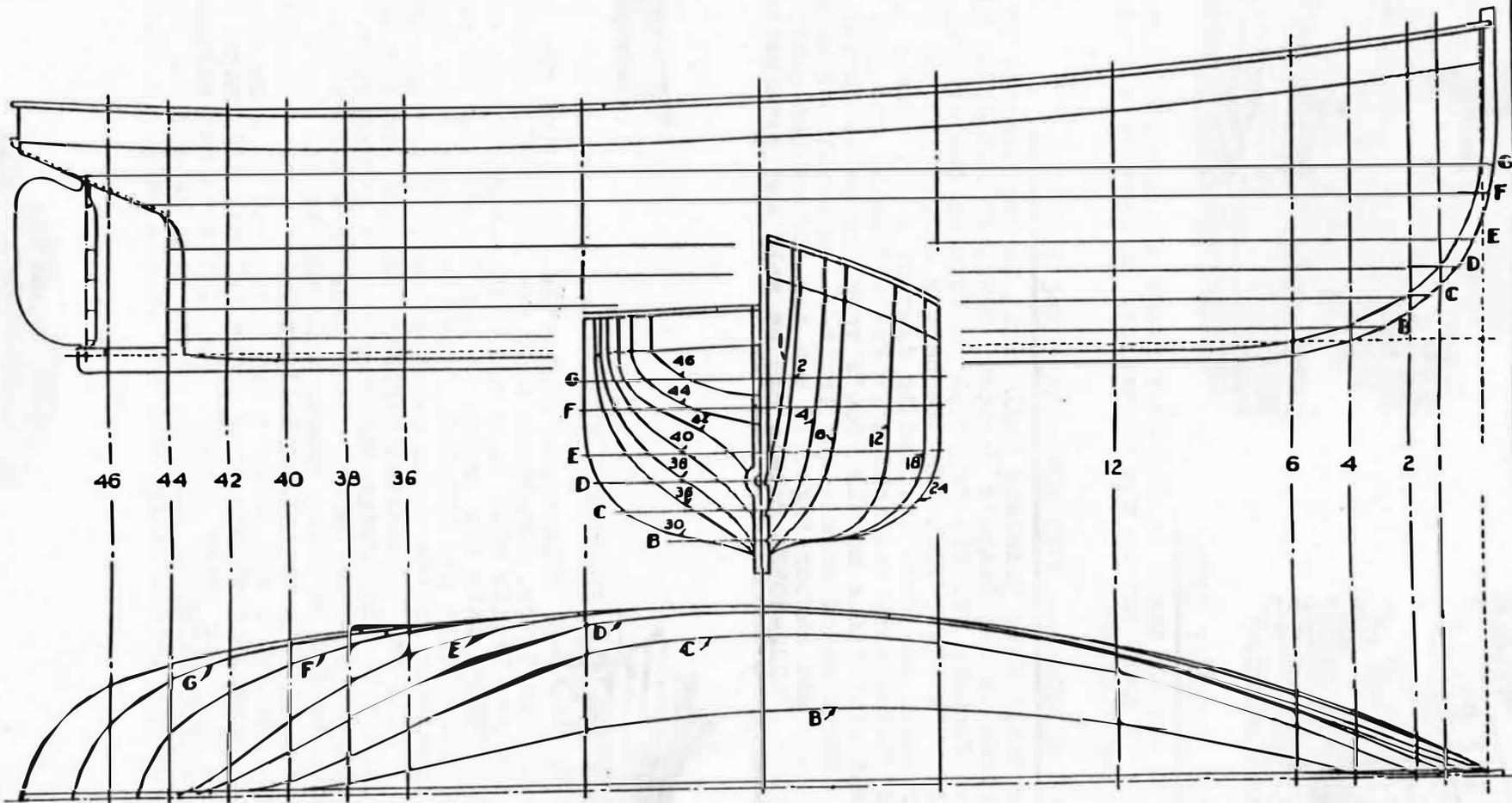
At 5 P.M. a Navy unit from Ballast Point will assemble in 18 th Century costumes (Benson's and Fraas's old uniforms) to fire a nine pounder.

At the answering salute from North Island, all ships in San Diego bay will turn on their dress lights. Now if that's not enough for you, at 7P.M. as the PACIFIC PRINCESS DEPARTS, there will be another boat parade of lights with fireworks being shot off from a barge in the bay.



LINES FOR LAST MONTH'S TUG.

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SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELER'S GUILD
Annual Scale Regatta and Picnic
Mission Bay Park Model Yacht Basin

JUNE 22, 23. The 23rd will be open running for Guild members as well as our out of town friends

R.C. Operating Models - Competition Rules

Registration Fee: \$3.00 (per model)
Registration Time: 8:00 to 9:30 AM
Starting Time: 10:00 AM

1. Sail, electric or steam-powered only.
2. Model should be a scale version of an actual ship or boat.
3. Models must be radio-controlled and may be operated only by the builder. No substitute skippers please.
4. Judging will be performed by a three judge panel.
5. Models will be judged from a distance of 5 feet. (stand-off scale)
6. The decisions of the judges will be final.
7. Judging criteria -- 100 points maximum.
 - a. Accuracy to scale 30 points
 - b. Scale operation in the water 30 points
 - c. Finish and overall appearance 30 points
 - d. Misc. - extra functions, etc. 10 points

Scale operation course rules

1. Judging will be based on a 30 point scale.
2. Within the course, there will be a "measured mile". The judges will use their judgment for scale speeds.
3. No points will be awarded if a contestant fails to complete the course, but a second chance will be given.
4. A 2 point penalty will be assessed for each buoy hit or not rounded, and also for hitting another boat.

Non-Operating or Static Competition Rules

Registration Fee: \$2.00
Registration Time: 1:00 to 2:00 PM
Judging: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

1. Model must be displayed by the builder.
2. Judging will be performed by a three judge panel.
3. The decisions of the judges will be final.
4. Judging criteria for static models:
 - a. Accuracy to scale 50 points
 - b. Finish and overall appearance 50 points

Awards

1. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded as follows:

Spectator's Favorite
Modeler's Favorite
Junior Modeler (under 21)
Best of Show

R/C Operation

Submarine
Steam
Sail
Tug/Salvage
Electric - Military
Electric - Civilian

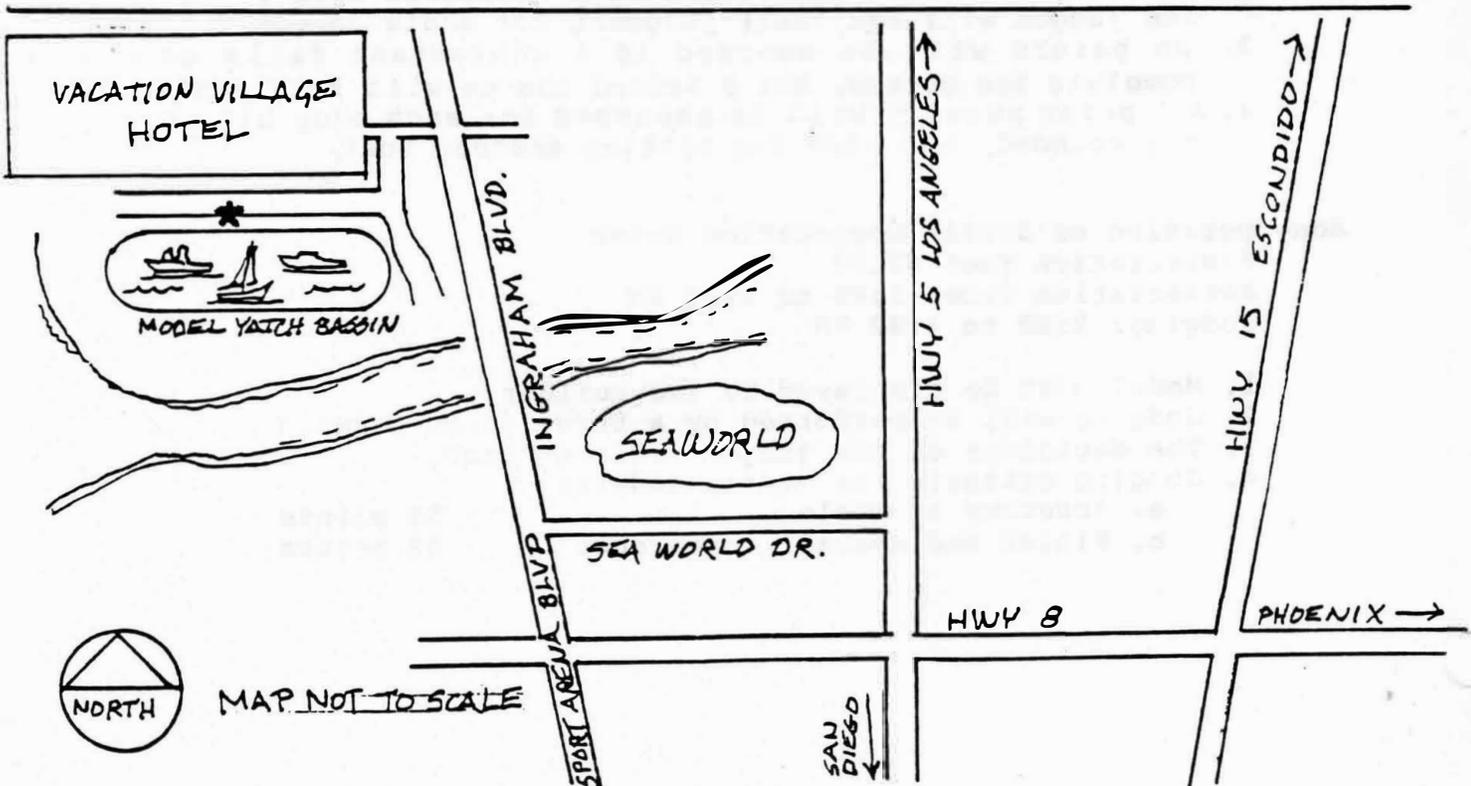
Static:

"Powered" Military
"Powered" Civilian
Sail

2. R/C Operating models can be entered in either the operating or the static contests, but not both.
3. Minimum of 3 contestants per category required or category will be combined with with another appropriate category.

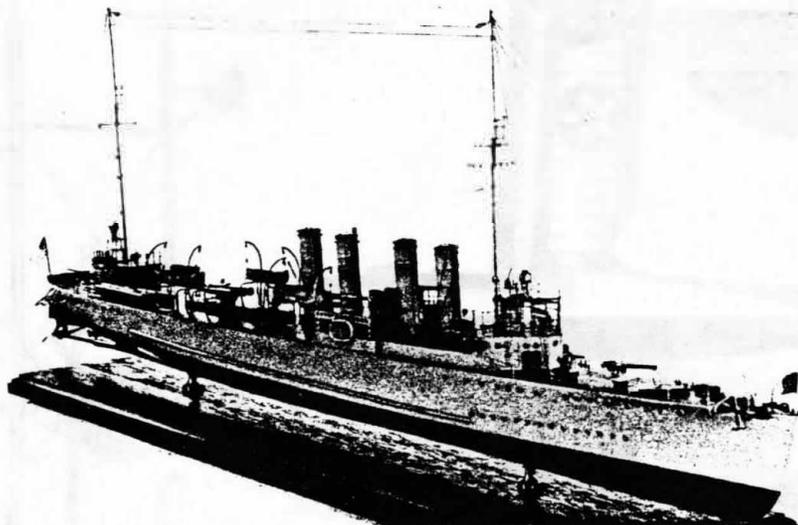
General

1. Soft drinks will not be sold by the club, so plan to bring your own or buy from the roach coach.
2. The club will provide the barbeque bricks, grills etc.
3. We plan to have a "potluck" dinner starting at 6:00 pm. Everyone should bring their own meat, table service, and a salad, side dish or dessert to share.



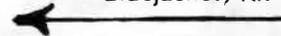
The March issue of Scale Ship Modeler has the story of our 1984 Regatta. Loren Peary did a great job with story and pictures. "Hey Loren, thoes two cartoonists on your staff are outstanding." If you can't find a copy it's because I bought up all the other copies. You know how it is when you go National.....enough.

Some info on one of my favorite Navy ships, The FLUSH DECK DESTROYER.



273 ships were built from 1917/1920. 1,020 to 1,190 tons. 314'x 31'x 9'10" 5,000 mi. range @ 14 knots. Top speed 32/35 knots. USS Ward (139) built at Mare Island in 17 days.

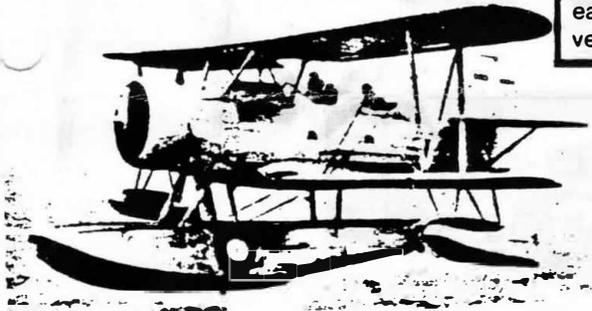
Bluejacket, Kit



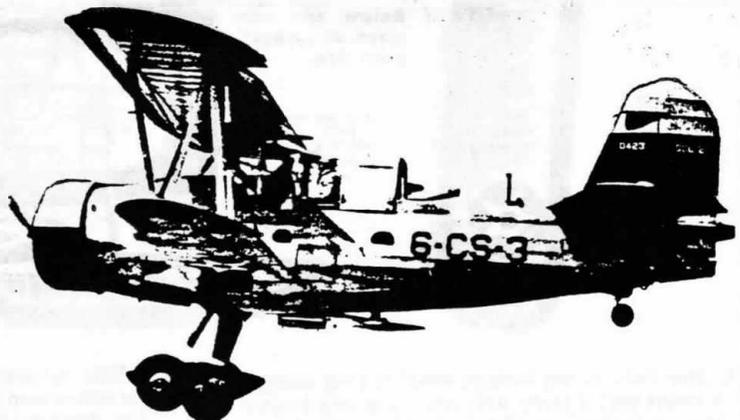
This is the famous "Four-piper" flush deck destroyer that saw service in both World Wars. 273 were built and, seemingly, no two were precisely the same. Armament was usually four 4-inch/50 guns, one or two 3-inch AA guns, twelve torpedo tubes, and mines or depth charges. It was a four-piper that first sunk an enemy vessel in WWII (USS Ward).

The prototype X03C-1 in flight showing the original open cockpits and amphibious gear. (Photo: Curtiss)

It was a four-piper that was the first DD lost in action (USS Reuben James). And it was one of 50 four-pipers traded to Britain that rammed and blew up the dock gates in the dramatic raid on St. Nazaire (HMS Cambeltown). Model is of the early open bridge type, but modifications are easily made to match any specific vessel.



An SOC-2 from the Heavy Cruiser U.S.S. Minneapolis landing at a shore station while operating away from the ship; a sturdy, graceful airplane.

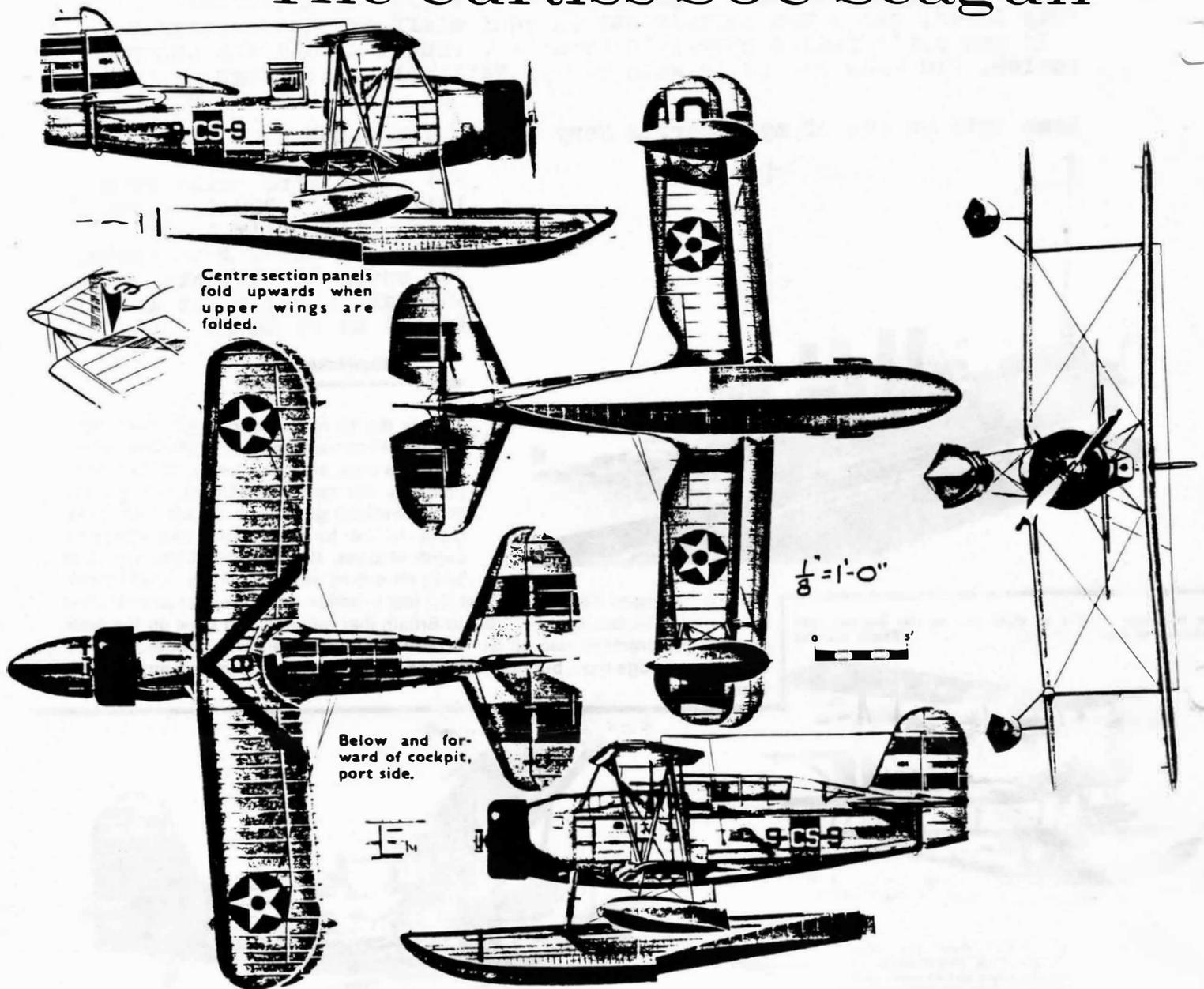


The story on the next page will explain all about this aircraft. Pre-WW II, these were very colorful as were all US Navy aircraft. The color on the fin and rudder indicated what ship the aircraft was assigned to. Refer to other publications for this info as it would take a book to master it. (I have this information if you are going to build one for a specific ship.)

Any one out there who has an accurate drawing of a catapult, please send me a copy for future printing....this is not the last of ship board spotter aircraft.

The plan on the next page is pre-war with Yellow/Orange top wing with red formation chevrons. The rest of the plane was either silver or gray. War time saw the colors in the typical blue or blue gray with light colored undersides. Pay attention to the national insignia (star) on wings and fuselage as to number, color and location as this did change,

The Curtiss SOC Seagull



Centre section panels fold upwards when upper wings are folded.

Below and forward of cockpit, port side.

$\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'-0''$

The Curtiss SOC is one biplane which is long overdue for the credit that it justly deserves. It is very interesting how publicity, or the lack of it, determines history. If you ask "What airplane is most indicative of United States naval aviation in the 1930's?" the majority of people will answer "The Grumman biplane fighter—of course". None, or certainly very few, will ever say "The Curtiss SOC". This is due almost entirely to the lack of published information about this aircraft compared to the extensive coverage of the Grumman fighters in magazines and books over the years.

The truth is, however, that the SOC is the one most representative type in both numbers used and extent of service. In June 1940, for example, there were 178 F2F and F3F Grumman fighters in use by the U.S. Navy. The PBY "Catalina", (see *Profile* No. 183) second most numerous of the fleet aircraft in use, totalled 196 for the same period. By contrast there were 279 SOC's in operation—serving aboard every battleship and cruiser in the Fleet, aboard every aircraft carrier, as well as aboard a destroyer, a seaplane tender, two gunboats and a Coast Guard Air Station.

This remarkable Scout-Observation type also had the distinction of outlasting its intended replacement. The Ranger-powered Curtiss SO3C-1 proved inferior in use aboard cruisers and was in turn replaced in 1944 by the by-then obsolete SOC's which continued their service until they were finally replaced by the Curtiss SC-1 monoplanes. In addition, a number of them survived World War II, thus creating an enviable record of ten years of military service.

A contemporary to the Royal Navy's Fairey Seafox and Supermarine Walrus, the SOC "Seagull" began life in June 1933 as the XO3C-1 open-cockpit single-float amphibious biplane entered in competition against the Douglas X02D-1 and Vought X05U-1. All three flew in 1934 and by March 1935 Curtiss had won the competition with an order for 135 airplanes. The original category of battleship observation had been broadened to scout observation and thus the XO3C-1 was redesignated XSOC-1 on 23rd March, 1935. Within eight months 18 SOC-1's had been delivered with the first operational aircraft assigned to the cruiser *U.S.S. Marblehead* on 12th November, 1935.



SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELER'S GUILD
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\$10.00 Yearly
MUSEUM MEMBER
and out of County
\$20.00 Non-Museum
member

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ - RESIDENCE _____ - BUSINESS

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP NEW MEMBERSHIP

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE SAN DIEGO MARITIME MUSEUM ASSOCIATION? YES NO

BASIC MODELING INTEREST:

KIT SCRATCH

FIBERGLASS/PLASTIC SOLID PLANK/FRAME

STATIC RADIO CONTROL

SAIL POWER

PLEASURE MILITARY COMMERCIAL

LIST MODELS YOU HAVE WORKED ON. (PUT A STAR BY THOSE CURRENTLY WORKING ON.)

<u>VESSEL NAME</u>	<u>VESSEL TYPE</u>	<u>NAME OF KIT, SCALE, ETC.</u>
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WHAT OTHER VESSELS DO YOU HAVE MATERIAL ON (PLANS, KITS STILL IN THE BOX, BOOKS, ETC.)? _____

WHAT TOPICS WOULD YOU LIKE PRESENTED AT MEETINGS? _____

San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild
Bill Kelly-Fleming--Logkeeper
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FRED V. FRAAS

/redacted/

SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELERS' GUILD
OFFICERS FOR 1985

MASTER	ROY T. NILSON	/
MATE and PURSER	FRED FRAAS	redacted/
LOG KEEPER	BILL KELLY-FLEMING	

MEETINGS: 3 rd Friday of each month, 8:00 PM
aboard the bark STAR OF INDIA on
the Orlop Deck.

MEMBERSHIP: Dues for members of the San Diego
Maritime Museum and anyone living
outside of San Diego County \$ 10.00
Non-Museum Members \$ 20.00 After
July the dues are $\frac{1}{2}$ for the rest
of the year.