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STEERING COMMITTEE TO MEET AT POND:

Guildmaster JIM HAWKINS has called for a general members meeting at the Model Yacht Pond this coming Saturday at 10AM. The meeting's purpose is to solicit nominations for 1996 officers. It's time to give Jim and Doug a break; they've done their share. If you can't attend, try giving them a call & let'em know who you'd like to see nominated, THANX:

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

13 Jan. SDSMG Steering Committee 10AM Pond

17 Jan. SD Maritime Museum Membership Mtg

18 Jan SDSMG Meeting - ELECTIONS

19-21 Jan. I.M.S. Hobby Show - Pasadena

10-11 Febr. Mid-Winter Sail Regatta

15 Febr. SDSMG Meeting

17-18 Febr. President's Day Regatta-Tempe, AZ.

21 Mar. SDSMG Meeting

22-24 Mar. Western Model Conference & Exhibit
Queen Mary - Long Beach

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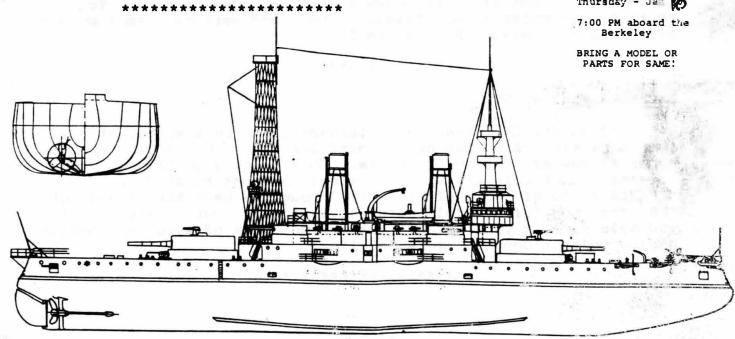
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NEXT SESTING MIGHT:

Thursday - Jan



SAN DIEGO MARITIME MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Wednesday, January 17, 1996 7-9 PM - Ferryboat Berkeley

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION FOR 1995

Guest Speaker: Professor Albert R. Vogeler With a Musical Performance by Johnny Walker

Join us for a presentation by Dr. Albert Vogeler of the Cal State University at Fullerton History Department and Library, a leading authority on turn of the century naval power and curatorial advisor for our upcoming new exhibit. "Images of the Great White Fleet." Dr. Vogeler's lecture and slide show will offer a fascinating and engaging look at the ships and men that first won the United States a prominent place on the world stage.

The evening will start with a performance by chanteyman Johnny Walker, who hails from Yorkshire, England and has grown to be a major influence in music and musicians of the sea.

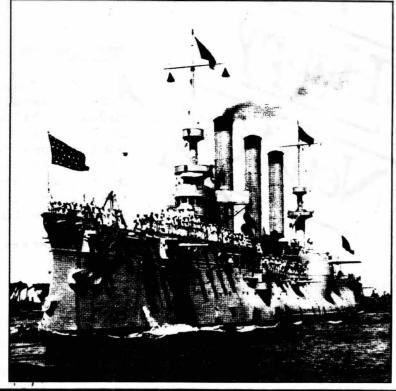
January is also volunteer recognition month. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Maritime Museum. We hope you'll join us in honoring the many volunteers who made 1995 such a success.

The evening is also free to Maritime Museum members and their guests. Join us as we launch 1996 in style. *Bring along a friend*. This is an excellent

way to introduce someone to the special magic of the San Diego Maritime Museum.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE MARITIME MUSEUM AT 234-9153

7 p.m. - Social and Music of Johnny Walker 7:30 - Meeting and Volunteer Recognition 8:00 - "Images of the Great White Fleet" Johnny Walker



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The post card above explains it all. This meeting will be the day before our regular meeting next week. No doubt some of our members will be recognized for their volunteer work in the model shop. (They'll be listed in next month's N/Ltr.) If you've never been to one of these members meeting, come on down. You're bound to recognize an old friend or two, and perhaps make a couple new friends as well. Such a deal!!

DECEMBER MEETING NOTES:

Our annual Christmas party turned-out to be a warmer affair then expected, as it was held aboard Berkeley. We had the whole upper passenger deck to ourselves. Good food, good drinks, good friends...what more can we say, except to thank First Mate DOUG MCFARLAND who did most of the work. Doug has been the "keeper of the grog" now for several years and is looking for a relief. If you have room in your garage to stow two cases of assorted goodies, please contact Doug for more details.

MISSING FROM OUR MODEL SHOP:

Sometime last month our rope walker disappeared from the model shop aboard the Berkeley. This handy device is used on a continious basis by several model shop volunteers. They'd like it back, ASAP.

We are still missing the book reported in the Nov. newsletter, i.e. Harold Hahn's "Ships of the American Revolution." This is also a frequently used book. Our check-out rules could not be much simplier, we ask only that you sign-out for it and return it in a reasonable time period, especially if someone else is waiting. ENUF SAID!

A TREAT COMING IN MARCH:

Our March meeting will feature three key members of the Nautical Research Guild as guest speakers. One will be our own BILL (KELLY) FLEMING, who moved to the Boston area several years ago. He has been a member of our guild nearly 20 years. Bill was our Purser for five years, Newsletter Editor for two more years. In 1986 he was elected First Mate, and in 1987, Guildmaster. We look forward to seeing him again.

GENE LARSON and ROB NAPIER from N.R.G. will also be here as the three will be out here to attend the West Coast Ship Model Conference and Exhibit aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach. This starts the next day.

And speaking of the Nautical Research Guild, our Maritime Museum has agreed to host their national conference here in 1999. More, much more, on this later. Curator BOB CRAWFORD will be the "head honcho" for the museum for this event. Let's plan on giving him all the support we can .

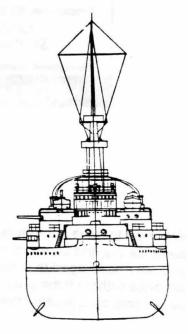
IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN:

Our Purser, ED WHITE, will be happy to take your check at our next meeting. If you miss the meeting, please mail your \$15 check to:

ED WHITE

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By mailing your check early, we guarantee you miss a single issue of our newsletters in 1996.



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"Say NO to Drugs, YES to Model Hobbies!"

James Bartine modern

We hope to have another outstanding show. There will be free passes, good for all three days, for the first 20 exhibitors. If one of your boats has won a first at this show in the past, you are encouraged to bring it, but it will not be eligible for a prize. This is a good rule, because without it the prizes might go to the same boat year after year. Let's face it, we have some outstanding models. Contact Bob Morgan soon, to ensure your free pass.

WHO DOES THE 1996 NEWSLETTERS & WHEN:

Jan. Fred Fraas

Febr. Gordon Jones

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June Gordon Jones

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Oct. Gordon Jones

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Dec. Fred Fraas



Your editors are firm believers in sharing the wealth (or sharing the burden.) The schedule above is listed herein for advance planning. Should you wish to submit an article, tip, hint, gripe, suggestions, idea etc. we would more than welcome your input. If necessary, we'll even do the typing. Send your info to the designated editor for the month you choose to:

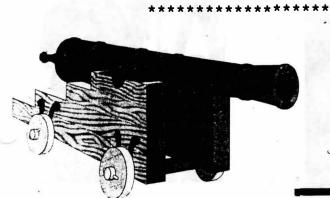
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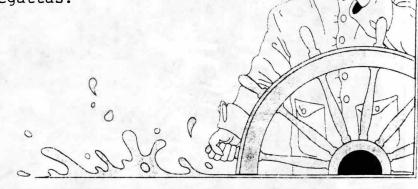
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 $\underline{\text{NOTE}}$: If we switch or swap a month due to vacations, trips etc, your input will be forwarded to the co-editor agreeing to do that month's newsletter.

1996 MODEL YACHT POND CALENDAR:

Thanks to the San Diego Argonauts, the pond sked is listed on pages 8 & 9. See GORDON HOUVENER at the pond for a "billfold size" sked of the Saturday morning dates for which the pond is closed to all open running. (due to sail, power, or our SDSMG regattas.





MODELMAKER'S CORNER:

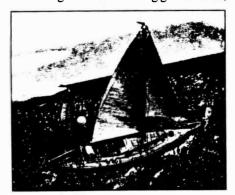
Saving Time in a Bottle

Donald Pearson once asked Alan Villiers, the sailor and author of many fine books on deepwater sailing, what was the best way to keep up the tradition of modelmaking. Alan Villiers' reply was this directive: study the ship well, know every detail—how she worked, how she was constructed, and then make the model to the best of your ability.

Good advice, and a demanding standard for every modelmaker. But to the ship-in-a-bottle modeller working under the limitations of space—masts collapsed, everything must fit through the small mouth of a glass bottle—it is a true challenge.

Don Pearson, who is now working on his model number 210, has developed numerous techniques and tools of his own to create the kind of authenticity Villiers spoke of. Near the work area in his shop in Deephaven, Minnesota. looking much like a jeweller's bench, lie precise rows of hundreds of small tools at the ready, and surrounding shelves carry glass bottles custom made in Colorado and neat stacks of wood drying for future models; hardwoods such as holly and apple for the hull, boxwood and lemon for the spars. Sails are made of various papers ranging from watermarked rag bond to thin rice paper.

Donald's chief inspiration for modelmaking was his seafaring grandfather,



Erick Michael Johnson, a retired sea captain with seven trips around the Hom, two on the bark Parma of the famous P Line. This old salt knew how to keep a young boy's hands busy during the summer months when Donald visited his East Hampton, Connecticut, farm. He started Donald on ship models, carving, fancy ropework and net making while telling him sea stories. Donald made his first ship-in-a-bottle at age eleven.

In later years, Don sailed to Nova Scotia with his grandfather in an old vawl and also raced Internationals and Lightnings on Long Island Sound. All this added to his first-hand knowledge of ships and the sea. As a reflection of this, Donald's current project is a model of the 60-ft Duracell, a gift for Mike Plant, a Deephaven neighbor who is solo sailing the sloop in the Globe Challenge representing the United States.

A further inspiration to Don is the late marine artist Gordon Grant. Donald came to know him as an artist and friend and acknowledges that some of Grant's techniques may be seen in his own work.

Although modelmaking is still a hobby for Don, it might turn into a full time business due to the demand. His current backlog is almost one year and growing! Asked why he chose ship-inbottle modelling rather than regular ship modelling, Donald replied that to him, "it's more of a challenge and more unusual. Most modelling clubs I've been in have had no other ship-in-bottle modellers." On a practical note he adds, "and they take up less space!"

At left, at a scale of .072'= 1". this model of the 46.5-ft ketch Moonbeam is representative of many of Don's commissions. Below, Don's model of the Cutty Sark, displayed at Miniature Marine, his Deephaven store. Constructed at a scale of .029" = 1', it required 231 yards of material and has 267 points that had to be pulled, glued and cut off.

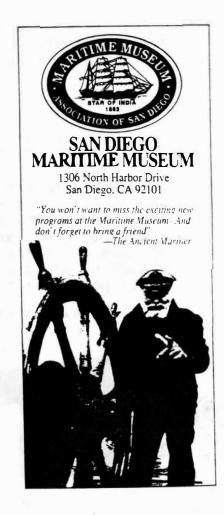


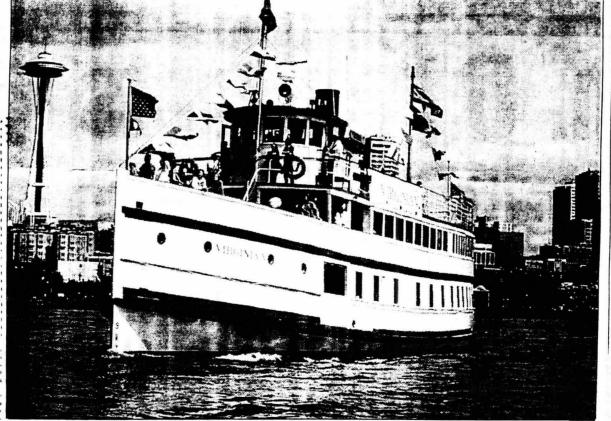
A college student needed a small two-hour course to fill out his schedule. The only one that fit was in Wildlife Zoology. After one week the professor gave the class a test. He passed out a sheet of paper divided into squares. In each square was a carefully drawn picture of some bird legs. No bodies, no feet, just legs. The test asked them to identify the birds from their legs.

The student sat and stared at the test and got more and more angry. Finally he stomped up to the front of the classroom and threw the test on the teacher's desk. "This is the worst test I have ever taken.

The teacher looked up. "Young man, you have just flunked this test. What is your name?"

The student pulled up his pants to show the professor his legs. "You tell me." -- Illustrations Unlimited





The Virginia V cruises through Elliott Bay. The familiar steam whistle of the last of the old Mosquito Fleet will be stilled if money isn't raised to repair serious rot that threatens its license.

Rot may end long career of the steamer Virginia V

By DON CARTER
P-1 REPORTER

When the historic Virginia V chugs by this month, be sure to wave at the glittery Christmaslighted ship.

Wave goodbye, perhaps forever.
The steamship is scheduled to lose its Coast Guard certification to carry paying passengers Feb. 17, and Virginia V Foundation officials say that means end of the line for

the 73-year-old vessel.

Without paying passengers, the foundation won't have money for normal maintenance, and the docked vessel will be easy prey for a wooden ship's worst enemy, rot.

Rot in the skeletal framework above the waterline is the source of the ship's current woes.

The foundation is \$400,000 short of the half-million it needs for repairs.

For the 20 years it's owned the ship, the foundation has been waging kind of a Perils of Pauline battle with rot and a lack of money.

Over the years, the foundation has raised and spent about \$900,000 for repairs to the hull planking, stern and bow.

"We've never been able to do a

major overhaul all at once," said Karen Laverdiere, the foundation's executive director. "All of the work has been piecemeal, because we've never been able to raise the money."

So if \$400,000 is raised to keep the boat operating for another year, it won't mean the end of troubles. The work the boat needs to keep operating for the next 20 to 25 years would cost about \$2 million, Laverdiere said.

The ship, last survivor of the Mosquito Fleet of steam ships that provided service to Puget Sound's shores the pre-auto era, last year carried about 20,000 paying passengers on 120 cruises.

The charter business provides enough for basic salaries, operating expenses, and routine maintenance, said Connie Nobles, the foundation's operations manager. But charters don't pay enough for extraordinary repairs, such as the critical framework replacement.

Because of uncertainty about the ship's future, the foundation has stopped booking reservations for cruises next year.

"We tell people we'll take their names, but we can't make any guarantees," Nobles said.

The uncertainty, she said, "is

kind of like we're going into the Twilight Zone."

Nobles worries twilight will come sooner for the classy old ship if it is permanently docked, unused, and left with no source of revenue for even minimal maintenance.

Rain seeping through the deck, rather than seawater, is what caused the rot, she said. Rain-damage repair to the deck and superstructure is among the ship's principal future needs.

Despite the looming problems, the ship has a busy holiday schedule.

Sunday, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., the ship will participate in the annual Seafair-sponsored Special People's Holiday Cruise. The cruise, supported by AT&T, annually takes about 2,500 developmentally disabled people on cruises aboard Christmas-lighted ships. The Virginia V has been part of the parade since 1968.

Two of four holiday cruises already are sold out.

Space remains available on Dec. 6 and 27 cruises.

For information about cruises: 624-9119. Contributions may be sent to the foundation at 901 Fairview Ave. N., Suite 110, Seattle 98109.

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1996 Model Yacht Pond Calendar

January

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- 2 12:00pm Schooners
- 6 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 7 Power AM Sail Points PM
- 13 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 14 Power Practice
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February

- 3 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 4 Power AM/ Sail Points PM
- 6 12:00pm Schooners
- 10 Mid Winter Sail Regatta 6:00pm Awards Banquet
- 11 Mid Winter Sail Regatta
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 18 Power Practice
- 24 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 25 Power Points

March

- 2 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 3 Power AM/ Sail Points PM
- 5 12:00pm Schooners
- 9 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 10 Power Practice
- 16 Guild AM/Sail PM
- 17 Power Practice
- 20 Spring begins
- 23 Guild AM/Sail PM
- 24 Power Practice
- 30 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 31 Power Points

April

- 2 12:00pm Schooners
- 6 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 7 Daylight Savings-set ahead 1 hour

April

7 Power Practice

- 13 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 14 Power AM/ Sail Points PM
- 20 Spring Sail Regatta
- 21 Spring Sail Regatta
- 27 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 28 Power Points

May

- 4 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 5 Power AM/ Sail Points PM
- 7 12:00pm Schooners
- 11 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 12 Power Practice

 Mother's Day
- 18 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 19 Power Points
- 24 Dist O/B Set up
- 25 Dist 19 O/B Race
- 26 Dist 19 O/B Race
- 27 SCSTA Scale Hydro Race Memorial Day (Observed)

June

- 1 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 2 Power AM/ Sail Points PM
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- 9 Power Practice
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- 15 SD Ship Modelers Regatta
- 16 SD Ship Modelers Regatta

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- 21 Power Practice
- 27 Guild AM/ Sail PM
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August

- 3 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 4 Power AM/ Sail Points PM
- 6 12:00pm Schooners
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- 11 Power Practice
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- 24 Guild AM/ Sail PM
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September

- 1 Dist 19 Heat Racing
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- 3 12:00pm Schooners
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- 8 Sail Points and Picnic
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- 28 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 29 Power Points

October

- 1 12:00pm Schooners
- 5 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 6 Power AM/ Sail Points PM

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- 12 Fall Sail Regatta
- 13 Fall Sail Regatta
- 19 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 20 Power Practice
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November

- 2 Guild AM/ Sail PM
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- 5 12:00pm Schooners
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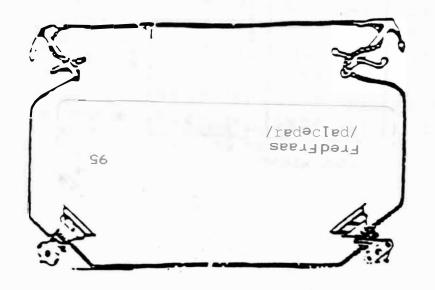
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Regatta Commodore

Schedule of Activities:

Meetings -- Third Thursday of the month. 7:00PM Social, 7:30PM Meeting, held on board the ferryboat

"Berkeley."

R/C Operations -- Saturday mornings at the Model Yacht Pond. (Mission Bay)

Annual Regatta -- Third weekend in June.

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Ed White /redƏcted/
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Fred Fraas /redəcted/
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Membership:

Dues are \$15 annually (\$7.50 after July 1st)

We strongly encourage all to join the San Diego Maritime Museum as an expression of appreciation for the facilities they provide for our benefit.
