

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

December Meeting Notes, 2013



Meeting Commencement:

Our meeting took place on Saturday, December 21st at 9:47am on board the Eureka. We had an excellent turnout with 12 members in attendance. Our guests this meeting were Dave Wingate, a modeler from Oakland looking to start in on ship modeling, and Walter Hlavecek, president of the South Bay Model Shipwrights club.

Special thanks to Carlos Oliva who brought doughnuts and coffee!

Treasurer's Report:

Paul Reck reported no change in the treasury. So, unless I copied the number from last month's report incorrectly, that means we are ending of the year with a balance of \$401.84 in the club coffers.

Dues for 2014 are \$25 and are being collected now and should be turned in by the end of January. Please pay Paul by cash by the next meeting or mail checks made out to Paul Reck (we don't have our own bank account) to his address: 125 Evergreen Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Announcements and Club Business

Gracie S. Bruno painted the name on the bow and did a beautiful job. The next items needed are the pilot yawls and the binnacle boxes.

Paul Reck said he will be talking to Terry Dorman about the materials for the case, which Terry said he would try to budget for. We discussed the possibility of displaying the model in the museum or possibly the visitor's center, which has a section about the Union Iron Works, which built the Gracie S.

Club Calendar Clare Hess is collecting the photos for the 2014 club calendar and will be creating the layout. To keep things simple, the calendar will be created and ordered using a computer program that will upload the layout and photos directly to be printed. The cost is \$19.95 plus tax and shipping. The shipping cost will be added to the price of the calendar. There is no minimum order for the calendar, but Clare will have to put in the order and any future additional calendar orders.

Update, 1/5/13: The calendar is done and they have been ordered. A total of 20 have been requested by members. There is a possibility, these will arrive by Saturday, January 11. If so, Clare will bring them to the shop that day. An email will be sent out as soon as they arrive, so you'll know whether or not you can pick yours up on the 11th. If you can't make it or if they don't arrive in time, they'll be at the meeting on the 18th.

Show and Tell Segment

Remember – Just reporting on projects brought in to the meeting

Carlos Oliva brought in his R/C Lobster Boat, the *Dolly O*, which he announced will be officially launched on the last week of December. It now sports a crew member that represents his daughter as well as a canine companion that he modified to look like his dog. We all wish the Dolly O and her crew smooth sailing on Spreckles Lake!



Warren Gammeter updated us on his for his A.J. Fisher *Sovereign of the Seas* model. He found the one he bought from A.J. Fisher wouldn't fit the model's stem correctly, so he is now reworking the lower body of the figurehead he carved himself.

Tom Shea has been working on the restoration of a "salesman's model" and he and Paul gave us an update on the disposition of the model. Paul talked to the museum director and got permission for us to display the model in the area outside our workshop. Tom got the owner of the model to put up the money for the construction of the display case for it.



The unnamed "salesman's model" of the Schutlze Shipyard

There was still a possible issue about the model's disposition since the museum wouldn't take responsibility for the model, so it is will not be insured, but it would be within the protective walls of the Eureka and in a case. Tom has since gotten the okay from the model's owner, so all is well.

John Ferguson showed us a beautiful half hull model he made of a canoe. This was done for a store he's been talking with that sells full-sized canoes. He has also been restoring four canoe models that were a mess and needed a lot of work.

Dan Canada brought some photos of models he's finished and been working on including the slaver *Dos Amigos*, the brigantine *Newsboy*, and a Navy tug that he used to work aboard. He also showed us the solid hull of a New York pilot boat *Phantom* model that just started on.

Paul Reck brought in ship modeler Jerry Blair's (who lives in Aptos) ropewalk plans. This is the what our shop's ropewalk is based on. He explained the design a bit and about the parts needed to build it. Anyone interested in building one should talk to Paul.

Clare Hess has been making progress with brass photoetching again and brought in some circular skylights he made using photoetched parts he made. He also brought in a 1:72-scale model of an Edo period Japanese cargo boat that he's doing a kit review of. The boat is called a Higaki-Kaisen and while the kit's instructions are extremely well illustrated, all the text is in Japanese, making it a challenging build.



Leo Kane brought his 3/16" scale *Frigate Essex*, showing us an update on his progress. He's planked the ship's 3 garboard strakes and is working on the upper hull now. Coming soon is the internal framing – lots of beams and knees to go!

Please bring your projects so they can be included in our monthly notes.

Next meeting is Saturday, January 18th.

Happy New Year!