

# HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

## JUNE MEETING NOTES, 2014



### Meeting Commencement:

Our June meeting took place on Saturday, June 21 in the Park's conference room located under the bleachers next to the old Bathhouse building. Our meeting commenced at 9:45am and we had a moderate turnout with 8 members present.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Paul Reck didn't have an exact figure to report to us, but said that the club treasury was somewhere over \$700.

### Announcements and Club Business

**Annual Club Barbecue** This was high on the list of issues to be deal with as it normally takes place in July in lieu of the July meeting. However due to member availability at the usual July meeting date, alternate dates were discussed and the we settled on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at the popular location of Paul Reck's home in Mill Valley.

**Paul Reck's Birthday** As it just so happed, the meeting coincided with Paul's birthday, so he was forced to endure a round of the Happy Birthday song by the members in attendance. Fortunately for all who participated, nobody thought to record it and post it on YouTube.

**A Club Sail on the Alma** Was brought up by Tom Shea who is looking into it. Details are yet to be announced, but we discussed the possibility of opening it up to personal guests.

**The NRG Conference** will be held in St. Louis, Missouri this year. The dates of the conference are October 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. A couple members of the club are planning to attend this year.

**Model Boats on Parade** put on by the San Francisco Model Yacht Club is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Spreckles Lake in Golden Gate Park. This is touted as the largest model boat show on the West Coast and is open to individuals and clubs.

The event is free to spectators. Participation registration is \$20, and extra lunches are available for \$7. Early registration is advised and also requested to make logistics simpler. The registration form is available on the club website at [www.sfmymc.org](http://www.sfmymc.org).

**Hail to the Chief!** Well, it's official. After all the years this club has been in existence, we've officially decided it was time to elect an official leader. After the suggestion was made, motions were quickly put forth to nominate Paul Reck, whether he liked it or not. A vote was made and

the decision was unanimous – Paul is now officially to be addressed “Mr. President” instead of “Worshipful Master”.

## Show and Tell Segment

**Tom Shea** brought in his HMS Victory cross section model. This model is built from a 1/98-scale Corel kit that Tom had bought from our late member John Nash. Tom used after-market storage barrels to fill the ship’s orlop deck.

One of the issues he reportedly ran across was an extreme shortage of belaying points on the model, causing him to get creative to get all the lines secured. For coloring the rigging line, Tom used Mohawk brand powered stain rubbed into the line.

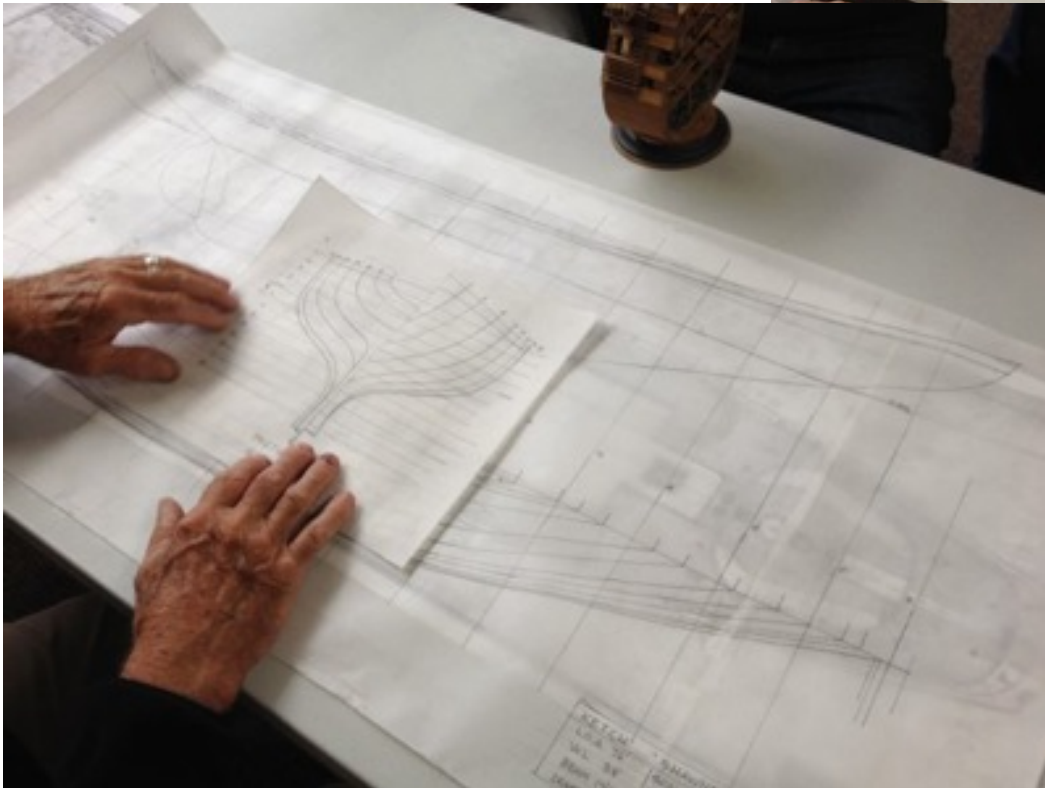
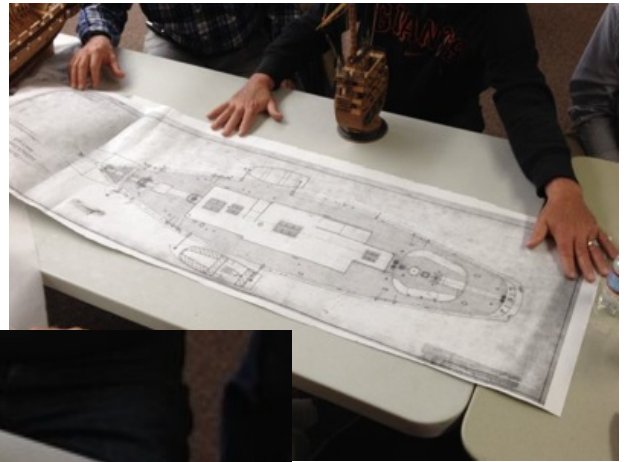
Tom has done a wonderful job on the model and cutaway deck details are really fascinating to look at.



**John Ferguson** didn’t have a Show-and-Tell entry, but did report that his scratch-built model of the new brigantine Matthew Turner is now on display in Sausalito where the full-sized ship is being built.

**Warren Gammeter** shared some photos with us that he took during a sea cruise up to Alaska. Photos were from maritime displays at museums in Anchorage, Kodiak and Sitka in Alaska.

**Paul Reck** showed us a set of plans of the ketch Shawnee that he's building of for the St. Francis yacht club. He had to draw up line plans himself for the model, which will be built at  $\frac{1}{2}$ " scale.



Paul also brought in the pilot yawls he made that will be going on the Gracie S. These small boats were built, at least in part, using drawings and photos from the book *Pilots, Volume I: Pilot Schooners of North America and Great Britain*.

**Clare Hess** brought a model of the Japan's second steamship and first screw-steamer, the Kanrin Maru, built by the Dutch for the Japanese Shogun. The ship had the distinction of being the first Japanese government vessel to visit the United States when it arrived in San Francisco on March 17, 1860. She was to escort the Japanese embassy the U.S., which arrived later aboard the U.S.S. Powhattan.



The 1/75-scale model is from a plank-on-bulkhead kit by Woody Joe of Japan, with modifications based on drawings obtained from the Prince Hendrik Museum in Holland.

**Leo Kane** wrapped up the segment with an update on the beautiful job he's been doing on the U.S.S. Essex, a 36-gun "light frigate" built in 1799, which fought in the Quasi War with France and in the War of 1812, where she did extensive damage to the British Pacific whaling industry, capturing 18 whalers before she was finally taken by the British.



Leo's 3/16" scale plank-on-frame model is based on plans by the late Portia Takakjian.

Leo has been doing a terrific job with the framing and the planking and had now been putting his Sherline milling machine to work cutting slots in the beams and knees of the gun deck.



The end of another merry gathering...



Please bring your projects to share!

**Next meeting is Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**