

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

June Meeting Notes, 2015



Meeting Commencement:

The June meeting attendees mostly showed up early, so we started our meeting a few minutes early to avoid a strange Saturday morning staring contest. A lucky 13 members were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Paul Reck reported our balance \$810.19.

Gracie S. Report:

Gracie S is awaiting her move to her permanent mooring in the Museum Building (Bath House). Paul Reck received a very nice initial letter of acceptance by the Park, which he read at the meeting. An unofficial copy of which has been appended to this newsletter.

Web Report:

Nothing too much to report here. There haven't been a lot of postings, but we continue to get a slow increase in "likes" on Facebook and visitors to our website. Most were from the US, but others included visitors from Japan, Australia and elsewhere.

Announcements and Club Business

Educational Tall Ship A call was sent out from this group looking for donations to help fund the construction of the rudder for the brigantine *Matthew Turner*. The club agreed to donate \$50 to the cause.

Annual Picnic The date for our annual gathering has been set for August 15th in the back yard of Paul Reck's house, our favorite gathering place for food and merriment. Time is 1:00 pm, and an email will be going out to keep track of who's bringing what. Note that this is in place of our regular August meeting.

Sightseeing Cruise Jerry Bellows provided us with some information on taking a group sightseeing cruise aboard the former presidential yacht *Potomac*. Two possible dates were selected for a 2-hour cruise. Leo Kane is sending out an email to club members to select which date works better and to drum up the 20 attendees needed in order for us to get a group rate. The dates chosen are August 8th and September 12th.

Other News It was reported that Freda, the oldest wooden sailing yacht on the west coast, is still not sailing. The boat, which was the subject of the last club build project, is still sitting in the water at the boat yard at the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center in Sausalito. No progress has been made in her restoration.

Show and Tell Segment

There always more to this segment of our meeting than what appears in the notes, as the notes are generally limited to physical things that people bring in. Please keep bringing your project work so we can share about them with everyone.

Tom Shea brought his War of 1812 Great Lakes brig Niagara, which is coming right along. He has now reported that the deck has been planked. The 1/64th scale model be armed with 18 carronades and 2 long guns and should be about 36" long and 24" high when complete.



Tom's brig *Niagara*.

Clare Hess brought in his Colonial Schooner Independence, showing the initial installation the cannons and breech ropes. He showed his solution to the tricky task of adding scroll work to the beak head, which he accomplished by using "Sculpey" brand polymer clay. The cannons breech ropes are made from line from Syren Ship Model Company.



Clare's Colonial Schooner *Independence*

Paul Reck has completed his repairs of his Revolutionary War era Great Lakes cutter, the Lee. Paul commented on some of the information he had to dig up and other features he had to work out himself on this scratch built model of one of vessels of General Arnold's navy.



Paul's Cutter *Lee*.

The model had seen completion at one time, but Paul and Nancy's new cat wanted to sit on the shelf on which the model sat. There wasn't enough room for the both, so the ship had to go, and rather abruptly. Fortunately, the cat's cuteness kept it in good favor!

David Wingate David has completed the hull planking of his first scratch built model, which is also his very first ship model. Or, in this case, boat model – the Lightning Class sailboat, which he is building in 1/16th scale. The model is cut free from its building board and is looking quite seaworthy.

Dave had to redo a few of the frames, but since these didn't affect the shape of the hull, he decided to add them in after the planking was done.



Dave Wingate's Lightning Class sailboat.

Dale Rappleye has continued work on his 1/48th scale model of the Armed Virginia Sloop and has mounted the subdeck. Dale noted that he wasn't satisfied with the way the aft end of the main deck was sitting and is looking at ways to correct it. No photo available of Dale's work this issue.

Marc Rosenbush brought in the plans for his first ship model, the schooner Bluenose. His model is based on a kit from Billing Boats. Marc pointed out some issues he has run into in which the parts do not match the plans provided in the kit.

Dan Canada brought in his completed mini-kit model of the Oseberg Viking Ship that he built for his wife. The model is based on the same mini-kit that we got for younger visitors to work on and which Barbara Hayes is working on for us. Dan has done a nice job painting up the model, the shields and the sail.



Dan Canada's Mini-Oseberg

Si Greenwood brought in his first ship model, a kit of a Baltic Sea ship called the Scotland. The hull is of double plank-on-frame construction. Si managed to complete the hull planking and the deck planking of the 1/64th scale model. He's planning on painting the model, and has been searching for the right shades and brand of acrylic paint. The kit is a product of the Italian ship model company Corel.



Si Greenwood's *Scotland*.

Leo Kane is continuing on frigate Essex and working on his 3/16"=1' plank-on-frame model of the U.S. Frigate Essex of 1799. Leo brought in a sample of the cannons and carriages he's going to be mounting shortly. Leo has done a really beautiful job detailing these.



Cannons for Leo's Frigate Essex.



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Dear Mr. Reck,

I would like to thank you for the donation of the beautiful model of the GRACIE S to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park. On behalf of the National Park Service I wish to acknowledge and accept your gift. We are very appreciative that the Hyde Street Pier Model Shipwrights built such a nice model of an important vessel and are giving it to us. It is a welcome addition to the park's museum collection and will be an important part of an upcoming exhibit. Thank you for building the exhibit case, too.

To complete the transfer of ownership, please sign both copies of the enclosed Deed of Gift and return one in the envelope provided. The other is for your records.

Gifts to the National Park Service are tax deductible as charitable contributions, to the extent permitted by law.

If you have any questions, please contact Kirsten Kvam, Registrar, at 415-561-7050.

Thank you again for your support of San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hendricks
Superintendent

Enclosures

Did I miss anything? Let me know at catopower@mac.com.

**Next meeting is Saturday, July 18th
9:30 am Aboard the Eureka**

Please bring your projects to share and discuss!

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