

# HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

## September Meeting Notes, 2015



### Meeting Commencement:

Meeting was held on Saturday, September 19, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. aboard the *Eureka* with 7 members in attendance. Leo Kane kept order and Clare Hess took notes. Special thanks to Mark Rosenbush and Warren Gammeter for providing meeting photos!

### Treasurer's Report:

Paul Reck reported that we currently have \$502.98 in the treasury after expenditures for our annual barbecue and \$77 spent on rigging shears and a pair of new blades for our Proxxon table saw. He also reported that these were bought because we seem to be short of blades for some unknown reason. The new blades are being kept in the Freezer compartment of the old (former) refrigerator.

### Gracie S. Report:

Paul reported the Gracie S. model is now displayed in the Maritime Museum, AKA the Bathhouse Building.

### Web Report:

Our Facebook page has 134 likes and our Blog Site (Web Page) traffic is down a bit after the Summer. To date, we have had 364 visitors to our site.

## Announcements and Club Business

**Annual Picnic** Our annual picnic was held on August 15<sup>th</sup> in lieu of the monthly meeting. It was held at the home of Paul and Nancy Reck and was another smashing success. Though the absence of a few members was felt, we had a very good turnout, good weather, great food, and everyone clearly had a really wonderful time.

**Sightseeing Cruise** Our cruise aboard the Potomac is on, and is set for Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11th. While Jerry was absent from the meeting, email traffic indicated that we had enough commitments from the membership to qualify for a discount rate.

## 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.

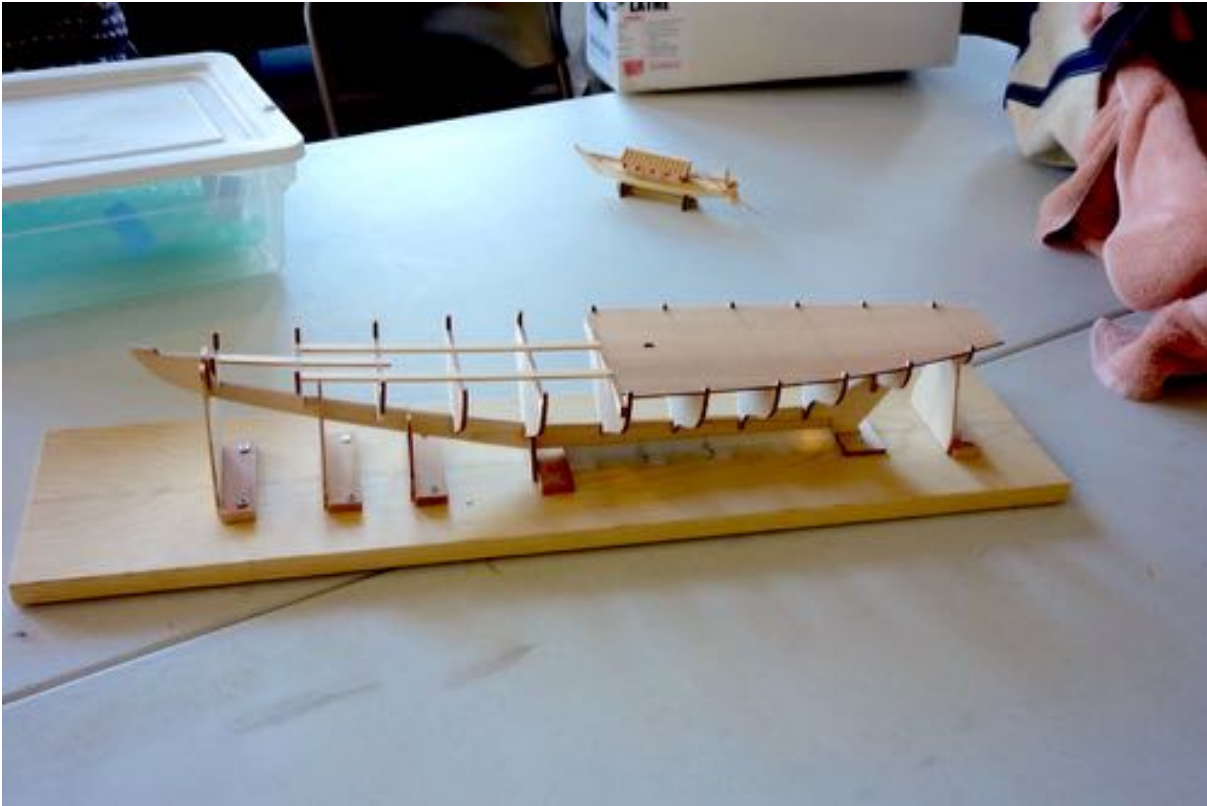
**Dave Wingate** brought us up to date on his Lightning Class sailboat model, which he is scratch building. Dave commented that build plans show the outlines of the framing, but not how they're made. He reported that he had difficulty with the centerboard trunk, which he had to change a bunch of times. It should be noted that this is Dave's first ship/boat model. He chose to scratch build it using plans of the actual boats.



The Lightning Class is a Sarkman-Stevens design that was introduced in the 1930s, with some 14,000 boats produced.

**Mark Rosenbush** brought his model of the Canadian fishing schooner Bluenose, which he just recently started. His model is being built at 1:75-scale from a BillingBoats kit. Currently, the framing (bulkheads) and in place and he talked about some of the issues that were a challenge right off the bat. The first issue was with seeing a slight warp in the wood for the keel. Another was that the kit, unlike with many other kits, has no strong-back, making the alignment of the bulkheads somewhat of a challenge.

There was some good discussion about things that could/should be done early in construction, such as adding support pieces between the bulkheads to stiffen them up, using the laser-cut sub-deck pieces to aid in aligning the bulkheads, adding support blocks and drilling holes for mounting screws.



**Warren Gammeter** brought in some of the work he's been doing on carving a figurehead for his clipper ship *Sovereign of the Seas*. His model was started long ago from the old A.J. Fisher kit (which is still available, by the way). He wasn't happy with the figurehead he had for it, and has been working to recreate something more similar to the one shown in an old painting he had a photo of.



Member of the Hyde Street Pier Model Shipwrights deep in thought...

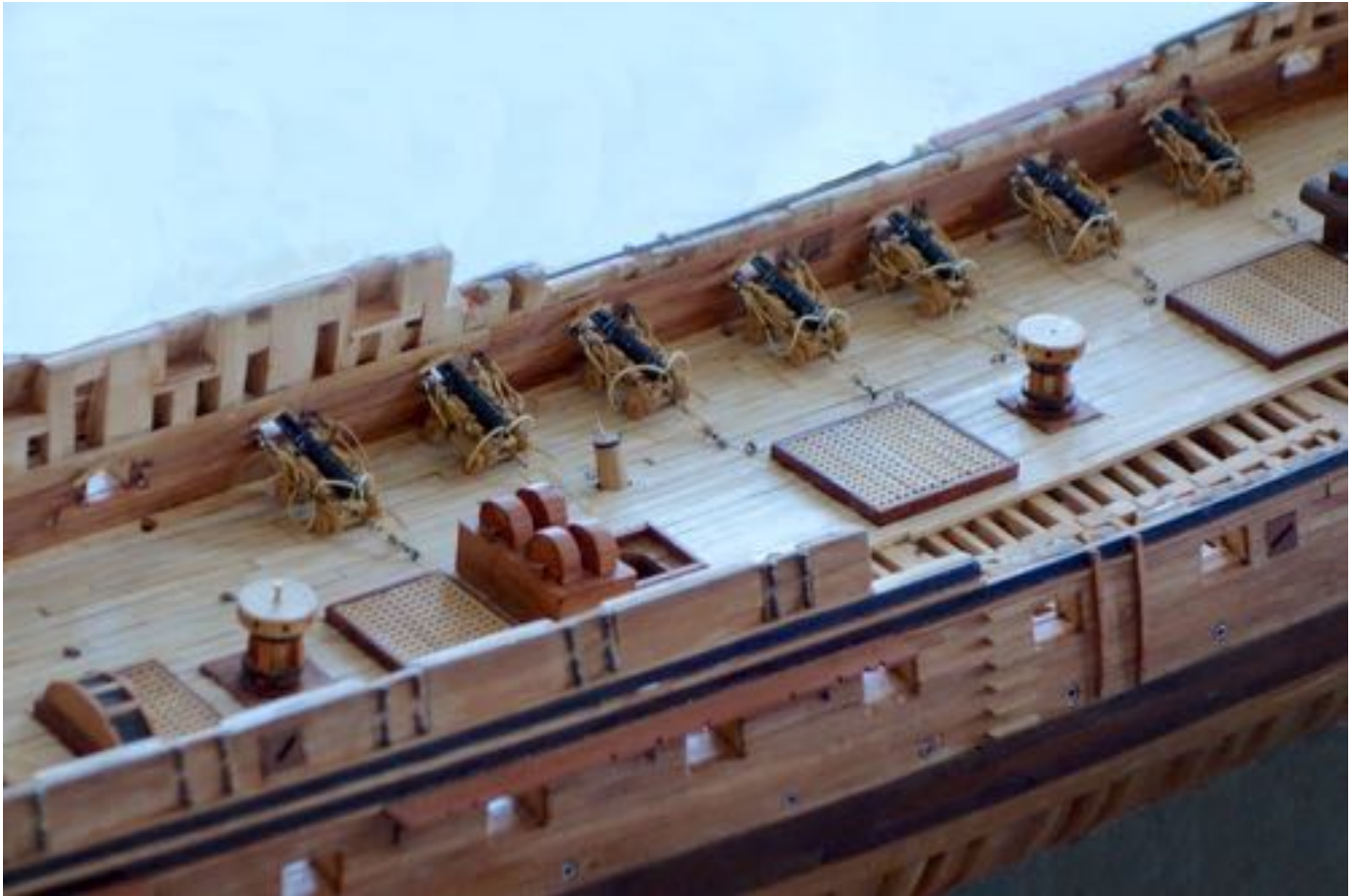
**Paul Reck** showed his 1/32-scale model of the American Great Lakes Cutter *Lee* that he's built from scratch. This model was completed before and is now nearing completion of repairs following a mantle space disagreement between the model and Paul and Nancy's young cat Oliver. The model is done except for the rigging of the ratlines. Paul says the model will be cased before going back on the display shelf.



For those who don't recall, the *Lee* operated during the American War of Independence and was part of Benedict Arnold's fleet. It fought on Lake Champlain at the Battle of Valcour island in October of 1776. While most of the ships of the American fleet were destroyed or captured by the British, the American defense was a strategic victory, as it delayed the British advance on New York for a full year.

**Leo Kane** brought in his framed model of the US Frigate *Essex*. Leo installed some of the guns and the channels and was going to add the upper deck, but realized that this would make it extremely difficult to install the gun ports and lanyards. He is next planning to mount the model on its final base and is planning on using something that resembles a launch ways.





There is no plan to add masts or rigging the gunport lanyards and the cannon breech ropes and tackle.

**Clare Hess** brought in two models of the same kind of boat, a Japanese Yakatabune, which is a kind of pleasure boat once used by nobility, and then by the rising class of commoners in Edo Period Japan. The larger model is 1/24-scale and will feature a small amount of internal detail including a miniature Shamisen, a 3-stringed fretless lute, which was brought in to show.



The smaller model is a mini-kit from the same company that took just about one full day to complete.



### Other Follow-Up News Items

#### **C.A. Thayer Leaves the Pier**

The C.A. Thayer, which has long been mastless at Hyde Street Pier is gone as of Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The ship has been taken to dry dock in Alameda. Is she finally going to receive her masts and rigging? The following photo was posted on Facebook:



## **NRG Conference Coming Up**

Thursday, October 22 is the first day of the Nautical Research Guild conference. This year it's in Mystic, Connecticut. Word has it that it will be in San Diego in 2016. Stay tuned for details.



Did we miss anything? Let me know at [catopower@mac.com](mailto:catopower@mac.com).

**Next meeting is Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 am Aboard the Eureka**

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