

# HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS FEBRUARY NEWS, 2016



## Nice Weather for a Meeting on the Eureka

Last month, we had a decent turnout at our monthly meeting of ship modelers. But, we didn't have much in the way of models at show and tell, possibly due to the less than ideal weather.

This month, the weather has been very nice so far, but forecasts say it's supposed to rain later in the week, so let's keep our fingers crossed. It would be nice to see some more projects at the meeting.



**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, February 20  
9:30am aboard the Eureka**

## Dues are Past Due!

This is a reminder that club dues were due last meeting. Ideally, you should bring \$24 in exact change to be collected by Paul Reck. If you have to bring a check, make sure it's payable to Paul Reck as we don't have our own bank account – and be prepared for Paul to tell you not to give him a check.

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## January Meeting Notes:

The January meeting took place on a rainy Saturday morning, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am aboard the Eureka. Our meeting moder, Leo Kane, was back at the table keeping us on track.

## Treasurer's Report:

Paul Reck reported that we had \$439 in our treasury at the end of the year, and that he was now accepting dues. After a brief flurry of cash flashing around, 10 members had re-upped.

**Web Report:**

Visitors to our blog site were down in December, probably due mostly to lack of new posts on the site with the holidays and all. But, they actually picked up just before Christmas and into January.

Our Facebook page was pretty much unchanged, though we started to see some activity in January following a number of posts there.

**Announcements and Club Business****Park News:**

Paul announced that the part wants a half-hull of the C.A. Thayer yawl in order to aid in constructing a full sized replica. Paul is going to go ahead and make this as it's really too simple a build to part out amongst members, but asked if anyone else wanted to take it on instead.

Paul also said we're still waiting to hear back from Dick Everett about their request for a series of half-hulls for a display that the rangers are putting together.

**Shop Discussions**

Dan Canada mentioned problems finding tools in the shop, so there was a short discussion about that – later on, after the meeting, an effort was made to go through and locate various tools to see where tools are and if we are missing or in need of anything.

Carlos Oliva took the stack of Time-Life Seafarers series of books for his school.

Carlos also announced that he was bringing about 45 students to visit the shop on Friday 1/22 and had asked for volunteers to help out. Unfortunately, due to bad weather, this student outing was later cancelled and will be rescheduled for another time.

**2016 Calendar**

Clare Hess announced that for various reasons, he is shelving the HSPMS calendar. We will look at this again later in the year for a 2017 calendar.

**Other Announcements**

Jerry Bellows announced that the Potomac, FDR's presidential yacht, has now passed Coast Guard inspection. This was the ship we had our group outing on back in November.

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## Show and Tell Segment

It was probably due to the fact that the weather wasn't so great in San Francisco that only one person brought in their model. So, there was a lot more "Tell" than there was "Show". However, a few work-in-progress pieces were shown by members.

**Dan Canada**, who is working on a Sultana and a ship-in-a-bottle kit, brought in an example of work he's been doing on making pipes – the tobacco smoking kind. He showed some beautiful work he did making a pipe from a block of briar.



**Warren Gammeter**, still plugging away at his Sovereign of the Seas clipper ship figurehead showed us his progress, and also gave a plug for the website [offcenterharbor.com](http://offcenterharbor.com) and the book *The Boys in the Boat*.

**Tom Shea** brought the bowsprit he made for his model of the U.S. brig Niagara, which he's building from a Model Shipways kit.

Tom also showed us the progress he made on painting the photo-etch details of his Sea of Marmara boat. He brought the parts in last meeting and there was discussion on how to paint the fine recessed details. He was dubious of how it would work to fill in the paint and lightly sand the surface, but the results looked great on the pieces he brought.





**Clare Hess** brought in his completed model of the traditional Japanese fishing boat. This model is made of Japanese cedar, with some parts made from Japanese cypress. He talked about the construction of the real boats briefly and, responding to a suggestion by Paul Reck that the boat should be displayed with some of the traditional iron nails used in its construction, he showed those as well.



The nails were generously provided by boatbuilder Douglas Brooks, who has been studying Japanese boatbuilding methods in Japan for many years.

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

NRG Conference, San Diego – October 6,7,8

Hyde Street Pier Safety Training – TBA

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

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