

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS APRIL NEWS, 2016



Safety Training this Month – Make Sure to Attend!

One of the new requirements for being a Park Service volunteer is the completion of safety training. Everyone should have already confirmed a training date by now. Our main training date is Saturday, April 30. Those who can't make this date should have already made arrangements to take the training on April 23 instead. Whichever training date you've signed up for, make sure to attend!



**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, April 16
9:30am aboard the Eureka**

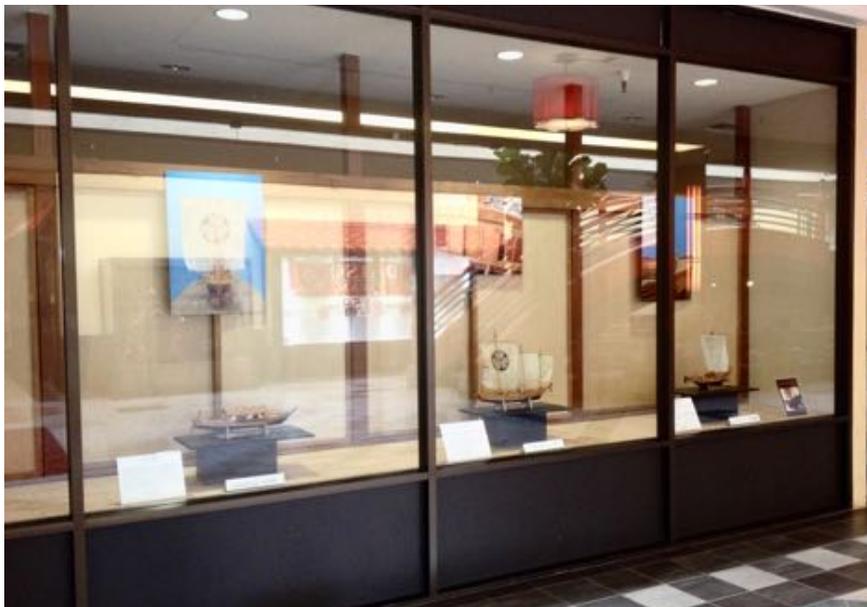
News from the Ages of Sail Shop

Ages of Sail, down in San Leandro, is opening up an expanded retail showroom with ship model kits, RC kits, resin kits, paper kits, from all the major manufacturers, and many that you probably haven't heard of, plus tools, fittings and more. The shop is right next door to their original location at 676 Bockman Rd, San Leandro, CA. They've also scheduled a Grand Opening for Saturday, May 14th, with free refreshments, door prizes and special discounts for the day. All ship modelers are invited to come by and check out the place and to participate.



Japanese Model Boats Display

Clare Hess is setting up the next Japanese Model Boats Display in the window of the Union Bank Community Room inside the Japan Center Mall in May. The display will feature four models of traditional Japanese watercraft with information about the models and the boats they represent. This is the fourth and largest version of this display yet.



Back from Restoration Work

C.A. Thayer is back at Hyde Street Pier and it's good to see her again out the windows of the Eureka. The lumber schooner, built in 1895 has a fresh coat of paint, bowsprit and three new masts made of Douglas Fir. She also has most of her standing rigging set up as well.



March Meeting Notes

The March meeting took place on Saturday the 19th at 9:30am aboard the Eureka. Our meeting moderator was Leo Kane. We had 8 members in attendance, plus guest Alex Spooner. One of the attendees is newly joined member Paul McKenzie, bringing our total number of Pauls in the club to three.

Treasurer's Report

President and Treasurer Paul Reck was absent, so there was no treasurer's report this month.

Announcements and Club Business

Mandatory Safety Training

We went through the attendees at the meeting to find out who was able to make the April 30th safety training session and would be attending the April 23rd alternate session. This information was sent to Terry Dorman.

Every member of the club, as a NPS volunteer is required to attend one of the safety training sessions or they will be removed from the list of active volunteers, which also means they will no longer be able to take part in the club. So, this is critical, not only for safety reasons, but for the club as an organization as well.

Show and Tell Segment

Last month, we had a pretty light showing of ship model projects that was probably due to poor weather. Not much excuse this month with a pretty minimal turnout of models, with a couple exceptions. Please make sure to bring something you're working on and share with the other members. We're all inspired by each others work, but only when we share it.

Warren Gameter showed us the results of some experimenting he's been doing using a 1-1/2" sanding disk chucked into a drill press. He's using this to try making whaleboats for his next ship model project.

Clare Hess brought his paper model of the 1777 Royal Navy cutter HMS Alert, built from a kit from the Polish manufacturer *Shipyards*. The 1/8" scale model is in the rigging stage and is being rigged with 4 sails which were purchased as a set from the same company.





The model's hull and deck details are paper except for the cannon barrels, which were originally sold by Syren Ship Model Company as swivel guns, but they worked perfectly for the ship's 6 pdr guns at this scale. The masts are made from wooden dowels, and the sails are a thin cloth.

Paul McKenzie brought in the deckhouse from a model of a German fireboat he has been working on. The deck house is part of an R/C model that he also showed us the plans for. The kit was made by the manufacturer Robbe and is built to a scale of 1:30.





Paul had all the electronics hooked up in the deckhouse and demonstrated the many operational features of the model, which was a lot of fun to see and was a nice treat for all.

Paul Boot will be heading up north again and will miss the next meeting. And, of course, we'll miss Paul. In the meantime, he gave us the background of his Red Fox sailboat.

Dan Canada is reportedly working on the colonial schooner Sultana, and hopefully we'll see the ship at an upcoming meeting.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

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

Hyde Street Pier Safety Training – Saturday, April 30th
Alternate Training Date – Saturday, April 23rd

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

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Please bring your projects to share and discuss!

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