

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS JANUARY NEWS, 2017



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It's a whole new year and time to get out those projects for the 2017 ship modeling year! Our first meeting of the year is coming up on Saturday, January 21st. We've been getting a lot of steady rain, but don't let that stop you from getting together with your fellow ship modelers and starting the year off right!

Your old parking passes are good through the end of the month, so put them to good use.



**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, January 21
9:30am aboard the Eureka**

Come for Coffee and Pastries!

Here's an incentive to come to our January ship model meeting. Even if you have nothing to show or to talk about, you can still come and enjoy some good company, hot coffee and a tasty pastry, courtesy of the club. We'll be providing the coffee and snacks to help ring in the new year right!

If you are interested in joining the Nautical Research Guild, or if you're already a member and need to renew, this is your last chance to pay dues before the fees go up! Membership, currently at \$48/yr will go to \$50/yr on January 1st. Join or renew now at <http://www.thenrg.org>.

Dues are Due

Our club dues are due this month. Fees haven't changed, and are still at \$24/year. Remember that we don't maintain a separate bank account, so it's best to bring cash to pay our treasurer, Paul Reck.

December Meeting Notes

Our last meeting of 2016 was held on Saturday, December 17, at 9:30 a.m. aboard the *Eureka*. It was a chilly December gathering, so the meeting was held inside our workshop.



Models being worked on in the shop. American galley gunboat on the left, clipper ship Sea Witch on the right.

Announcements and Club Business

Treasurer's Report

Paul reported that new member John Kennaugh was the first to pay dues for the new year, bringing our balance to \$705.03. With a healthy balance, members chimed in with ways to drain the coffers. The balance remains (though we've since decided to splurge a little on the coffee and pastries for the January meeting).

Web Report

Clare Hess reported on activity on our web/blog site, <http://hspms.wordpress.com> and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hydestreetpiermodelshipwrights. Visits to our web/blog continue to be steady at around 40 visitors per month after it peaked at 57 visitors in July.

The majority of our visitors are usually from the U.S., but there was a big show of interest by a visitor from Portugal early in the month.

John Ferguson Leaving

Paul Reck again noted that John Ferguson has relocated to Sydney, Australia. Paul picked up an acrylic case from him that is available to a lucky club member. The case is 30" long x 27" high x 14" wide. Interested members should contact Paul Reck.

Group Activity Ideas

We had a nice discussion about possible group activities. Three ideas that stood out were:

- Visit to the training ship Matthew Turner before she is launched this Spring.
- Visiting the hidden collection of the San Francisco Maritime Museum stored at Fort Mason. Possibly including a visit to the San Francisco Maritime Research Center (J. Porter Shaw Library).
- Visit to the Park's storage warehouse in San Leandro.

Paul Reck will be looking into these.

Show and Tell Segment

We had a decent turnout considering the cold weather, but only a few projects were brought in this time. Sorry about the quality of the photos. It was a bright day out, the shop is small, and the photographer (your's truly) was in the wrong area of the room to take decent photos.

Warren Gammeter – Fishing Net Handle

Not a ship model, but his fishing net handles have been an ongoing project that Warren has been keeping us up-to-date on. Warren made five of these for his two sons-in-law and two grandsons.

Last month, he was describing the issues he was having with cutting the grooves for the netting. So, he pointed out that with all the issues he had trying to get the grooves to look good, it all got covered up anyway when he installed the nets.



Ship modeler Paul McKenzie checking out Warren's handiwork.

Paul McKenzie – Ship in a Bottle

Paul McKenzie brought in a ship-in-a-bottle project that he built many years ago. This is a neat little schooner model flying French and American colors. The model was an early project of his, and a reminder that ship models take many forms.



Paul McKenzie's Ship in a Bottle.

Paul Reck – Anchor Hoy

Our club Commodore continues to work on the schooner yacht *Mayan*, and reports that the model's owner wants a weathered teak deck. Paul has been experimenting with finishes, but is having a hard time getting the look. The model wasn't on-hand at the meeting, but instead, he showed us the progress on his U.S. Navy anchor hoy model.

Paul is finishing the lower hull using copper tape. He scored the tape to represent individual plates after the tape was on the hull.



The deck of Paul Reck's Anchor Hoy

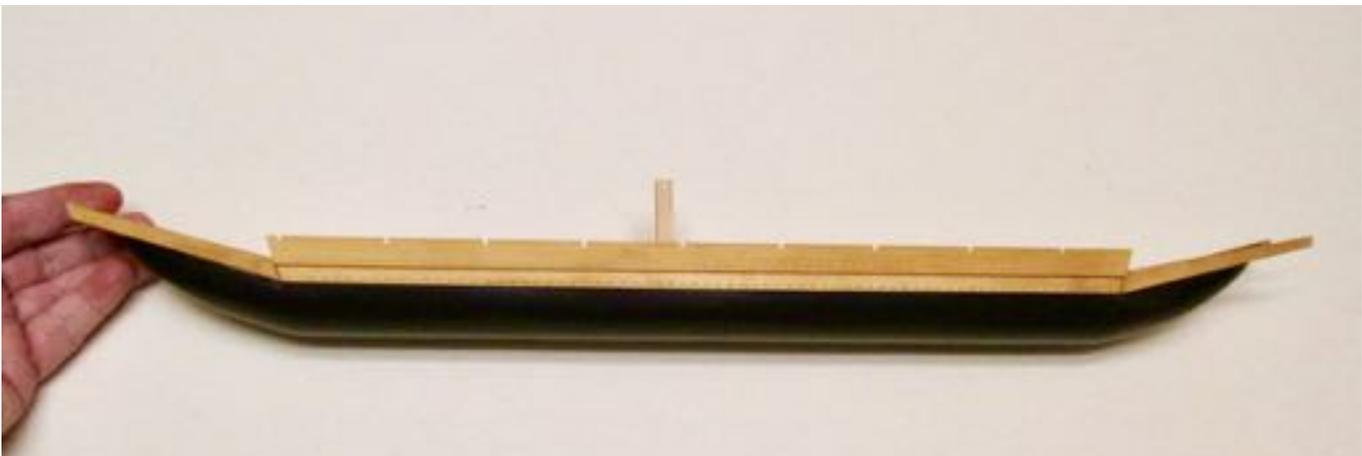


Copper sheathing going onto the Anchor Hoy

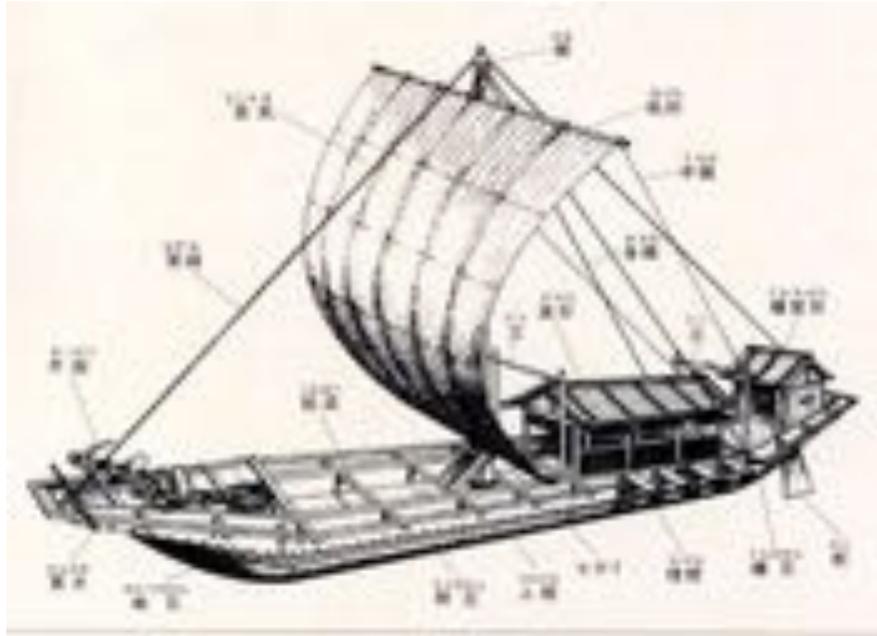
Clare Hess – Kamakura period sea boat

Continuing his study of Japanese traditional watercraft, Clare Hess brought in a model he started a couple weeks ago of a Kamakura period (think 13th century) Japanese sea boat. These boats were built from large hollowed out logs, onto which wide planks were added, giving them more cargo capacity and freeboard.

The model, which is being built at a scale of 1:50, is being constructed “sheet-on bulkhead” with a single 1/32” thick balsa sheet curved around the framework to create the log hull.



The hull of Clare Hess’s Kamakura period sea boat



Drawing of a Kamakura period sea boat

Dan Canada – Pen Stand

Showing off the great diversity of projects being worked on by our ship modelers, Dan Canada brought in his latest project – a beautiful fountain pen stand that he put together as a gift. The stand has individual stalls and a clear acrylic front to keep the pens organized, and a handle on top to make it easily transportable.



So far, the weather reports suggest it may be a rainy day for our meeting again, so drive safely and keep your projects dry, but do come and join us for some hot coffee and pastries and help us start the year off right!

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

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