

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS FEBRUARY NEWS, 2017



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If you're familiar with our website, you're probably familiar with the fact that it has a rather long name. Rather, it HAD a rather long name. In order to improve access to our site by forgetful membership, we've simplified things. Hyde Street Pier Model Shipwrights can now be found at HSPMS.ORG. It's the same site as before, we just upgraded our account, which allowed the shortened name.



As a bonus, the site is now ad free, and we have a lot more storage space for uploaded photos. So, visit maritime museums, take photos, write interesting articles with photos, and most importantly, build those models and take lots of photos!

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, February 18
9:30am aboard the Eureka**

Club Outings

Our first club outing of the year has been set up and will take place on Thursday, March 2nd. Paul Reck has arranged for us to visit the SF Maritime National Park's off-site storage

warehouse in San Leandro. This is a rare opportunity for members to see what is not accessible to the general public. Paul already emailed details to club members. If you didn't get the info and are interested in attending, make sure to contact him.

Basically, we'll be meeting up at 10am at the warehouse, which is located at 2435 Polvorosa Dr, San Leandro. We're leaving it up to individuals to organize carpools. Looks pretty easy to get to from the 880 Freeway via the Davis St. or Marina Blvd exits. There is no fee for the visit. Contact Paul Reck with any questions.

Some of us are thinking that it might be nice to find a place in the area for lunch afterwards. Any suggestions?

Dues are Due

Have you paid your annual dues yet? Fees haven't changed, and are still at \$24/year (not \$24/month as was misstated in previous newsletter issues). Remember that we don't maintain a separate bank account, so it's best to bring cash to pay our treasurer, Paul Reck.

Paul and Leo will be updating the club roster, so if you're going to miss the meeting and you haven't paid yet. but plan to, make sure to let Paul know.

January Meeting Notes

The first meeting of 2017 was held on Saturday, January 21, at 9:30 a.m. aboard the *Eureka*. Being the first meeting of the new year, coffee and pastries were served to the attendees.

Announcements and Club Business

Treasurer's Report

Today was the due date for our annual club dues of \$24/month. Paul Reck reported that we now have \$825.03 in our coffers. This hasn't gone down much, since Terry Dorman, the NPS Volunteer Coordinator, has offered to reimburse the club for small expenses.

Since the meeting, Paul gave the okay to upgrade our website at a cost of \$36/year.

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.

We're presently averaging about 40 visitors a month on our website, with a total of 525 for the year. This compares with 420 in 2015 and 81 in 2014, the year we started the site.

Group Activity Ideas

We continued our discussion on club activities and we agreed to look at visiting the Museum's off-site storage facility in San Leandro. It was decided that a weekday was best, as we need to pick a day when Park Service personnel can be there. We tentatively chose a date to follow the February meeting, to make sure that everyone would get the word.

The date of Thursday, March 2, was chosen, and Paul said he would contact the head of the Small Boat Shop to confirm the date and email the membership with details.

[Note: if you have not received the emails from Paul, please let him know]

Show and Tell Segment

The free coffee and pastries wasn't enough to bring in a lot of the membership, but it was enjoyed by those who attended!

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.

Leo Kane – Deadeyes

Leo brought in some deadeyes he purchased from Syren Ship Model Company. These deadeyes come in various sizes and must be assembled from 3 laser-cut sheets. They are identical in construction style to the paper deadeyes that are produced by the Polish paper model manufacturer, Shipyard.



There are three parts to the sheets that must be glued-up together. The outer layers have deadeye sections slightly larger than the middle section, and they all fit together like an Oreo cookie. The parts are boxwood and can be painted, stained or dyed as necessary. They are available in several sizes from www.syrenshipmodelcompany.com.

Paul Reck – Pryo Bomb Ketch

Paul took a break from wooden ship model building when he acquired this little out of production kit by Pyro Plastics Corporation. The kit is a 1:170-scale model of an English Bomb Ketch. Pyro made a whole selection of these miniature scale plastic model kits, which sold for something like 50 cents at the time. Today, these old vintage kits can be found on Ebay as collectors items. One is currently listing for \$90!



Paul Reck's completed 1:170-scale Pyro Plastics Bomb Ketch

Paul seemed to really enjoy the detail of the kit and painting it in realistic tones. He even painted the Union Jack at the stern!

Not wanting to mount the plastic sails, he had to fashion new yardarms as the ones in the kit were molded to the sails. Paul also rigged his own shrouds and ratlines instead of using the kit's pre-molded ratlines. A beautiful looking miniature model that, by his talk about how much he enjoyed it, probably won't be his last.



Paul also brought in his 1:48-scale Anchor Hoy model that he's been scratch building again this month. He reviewed the application of the copper sheathing to the hull and answered questions.



A Hoy There – The hull of Paul's 1:48-scale U.S. Navy Anchor Hoy

Finally, Leo Kane brought in a pair of construction molds he borrowed from Paul to build the ship's boats for his ongoing project, the U.S. Frigate Essex. So, Paul gave us a little info on them and how they are used to build small boats.



Clare Hess – Kamakura Period Sea Boat and Friends

Clare Hess updated the group on the progress of his 1:50-scale, scratch built, Japanese Kamakura period sea boat. Since bringing the model to the meeting for the first time last month, he has added deck planking, the rails and rowers platforms and the framework for the long deck house, and basic construction of the single mast.



Clare Hess's Kamakura period sea boat now sports a mast and deck house structure.

Clare also brought in a couple recent projects, one of them, a just completed 1:72-scale paper model of the Crowdy Head Lighthouse, which was built on the coast of Australia's New South Wales in 1878. The model kit is from the Polish manufacturer, Shipyard, and was purchased at Ages of Sail in San Lorenzo.



Shipyard's Crowdy Head Lighthouse 1:72-scale paper model kit.

The other model brought in was part of an ongoing group build by some ship modelers that periodically gather at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum. The idea was that each modeler would build his own model and they would discuss issues in the construction and share ways to resolve them. The model is that of a Swedish gunboat of 1778, built from an Amati kit in approximately 1:40 scale.



Swedish Gunboat model from an Amati kit.



That's all for this month's meeting report and newsletter. 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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