

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS APRIL NEWS, 2017



Looking Ahead at HSPMS

It looks like fair weather for our upcoming meeting aboard the Eureka, so let's get out of our workshops and get together share some good company and talk about our projects! One of the things that we want to discuss is Paul Reck's proposal that we take on a club project to build a 1/12-scale model of the yacht Kathleen, pictured above from our visit to the museum warehouse. Got any thoughts on the idea? Bring them with you and let's see what kind of plan we can come up with.



The club has taken on projects like this in the past, such as the model of the Freda and, of course, the pilot schooner Gracie S., which now lives in the museum building. Will the Kathleen be next? Stay tuned!

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, April 15
9:30am aboard the Eureka**

March Meeting Notes

Our last meeting of 2016 was held on Saturday, March 18, at 9:30 a.m. aboard the *Eureka*. We had a very light turnout with only 5 members in attendance, but we managed to have a very enjoyable gathering, which included member Paul Boot, who we don't get to see much of these days.

Announcements and Club Business

Treasurer's Report

Paul reported a balance of \$889.00. Some outreach was done to contact members who we haven't seen for quite some time, and just about all of them have indicated that they are sending in their dues and will be returning in the near future.

The report was followed by some discussion of ways to spend the money. But, any further discussion and decisions were put off until we have more members present.

Web Report

Clare Hess reminded us that our website is officially hspms.org, and our Facebook page remains facebook.com/hydestreetpiermodelshipwrights. Visits to our website have risen to about 50 visitors per month for the first three months this year, and our Facebook page at 182 likes, up from 178 last month.

Maritime Museum Warehouse Visit

There was a nice discussion about how much we all enjoyed the warehouse visit, and how much we appreciated Mr. Karnell taking the time to show us around. It was mentioned that 75 of our photos are now posted on our website. We also briefly discussed ideas for the next club outing, though nothing was decided.

Kathleen Group Build

We saw the yacht Kathleen on our warehouse trip, and Paul Reck again suggested the club build a model to the scale of the plans, 1"=1', for the museum, as they have indicated a desire for a model. Assuming the club takes on the project, he wants to do it as a plank-on-frame model, possibly with a cutaway interior.

There was some discussion as to who would be available to work on such a project, as it would be a pretty serious effort and it was decided that with so few members in attendance, any decision on the project idea should be shelved until we have more members on-hand to discuss it.

Show and Tell Segment

Warren Gammeter brought up his plan to build a half-hull of a Herreshoff boat, after deciding that ship models take up a lot of room and need cases, but half hulls can simply be hung on the wall.



The plans he has for his build is from one of the books from WoodenBoat. He is considering building the model from lifts, and brought in a concept model he carved.



Paul Boot announced that he has been clearing out his locker in England. He brought some things back, but sadly much had been broken in transit. Paul has been working on his Red Fox, but couldn't bring it in to the meeting because our parking lot at Hyde Street Pier was closed for some event, and he didn't have a way to carry it from his car, so he provided a couple photos instead.

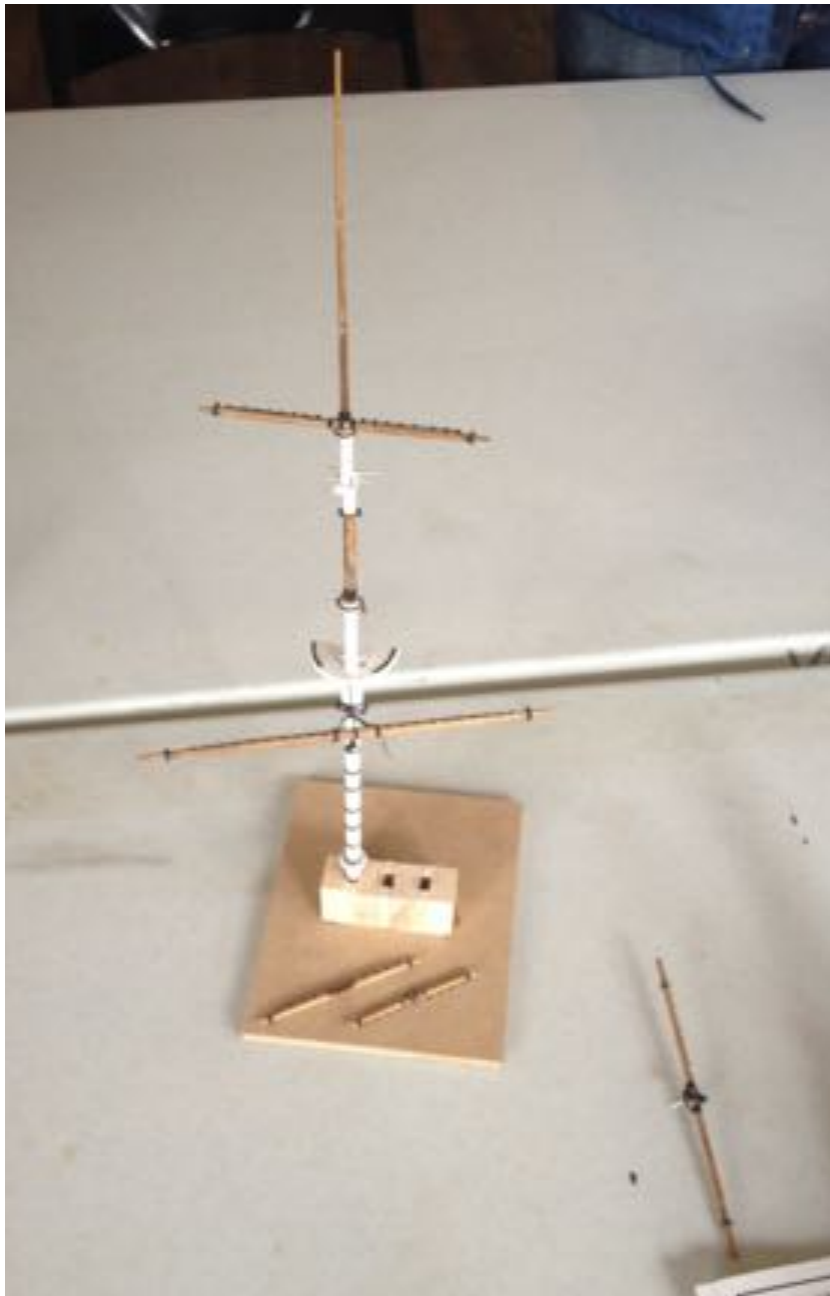
His wife likes the model it as and found that it will sit on end on its transom, so Paul has declared it finished – Well done, Paul!



Leo Kane talked about the current work being done on his USS Essex project that he's been working on for about 5 years now. He's now stropping deadeyes and working on the chain plates. Leo is building his 3/16"=1' model admiralty style, with a fully framed hull, which is a bit too big and delicate to bring to the Pier.

Clare Hess is working on rigging a Model Shipways kit of Donald McKay's clipper ship Flying Fish. The 1/96-scale model was built by a ship modeler who was unable to finish it. The masts were built, along with most of the yards.

The original modeler used an interesting technique for making the jackstays. Instead of using large numbers of eyebolts, glass beads were used to simulate them. Since most of the model was already built that way, construction is continuing, using the same method. Clare pointed out that it simplifies construction, though it does add some challenges when adding the footropes to the yards, which have already been fixed to the masts.





Clare also brought in the hull of a 1/75-scale Woody Joe kit of the British sail training schooner Sir Winston Churchill. The wooden model has to represent a steel hulled ship, so a lot of work has been done priming and sanding the hull. This is something of an on-the-side project that is worked on when needing a break from other projects.

Paul Reck gave us an update on the construction of his 1/4" scale model of a U.S. Navy anchor hoy. Paul's solid-hull scratch build model is based on plans in V.R. Grimmwood's book American Ship Models, and how to build them. Paul commented on the run of the shrouds, as they do not set up with deadeyes.





Paul is considering adding sails because of the tall mast and simple rig, with only a loose footed main, a staysail, jib and flying jib.

Paul also laid out the plans of the Kathleen, which he received from the Maritime Museum. These plans are from the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER). Similar plans were done for the Alma and the Balclutha and are available from the Library of Congress website.

Here's what's currently online for maritime subjects in San Francisco in the HAER:

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/historic-american-buildings-landscapes-and-engineering-records/?fa=location%3Asan+francisco%7Clocation%3Acalifornia%7Ccontributor%3Ahistoric+american+engineering+record%7Csubject%3Amaritime&sp=1>

Note that this does not yet include the Kathleen.



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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