

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS NOVEMBER NEWS, 2019



Veteran's Day USS Potomac Cruise

Several members of the club took part in this year's annual Veterans Day cruise aboard the USS Potomac on Monday, 11/11. It was a nice day to be out on the bay – a little hazy, but sunny, no fog, and little wind.

Several members took advantage of member Jerry Bellow's offer of some free tickets for the cruise this year, and we are very thankful to him for doing this for us, as we all had a very nice time out on the water.

As you might recall, the Potomac was FDR's "Floating Whitehouse" from 1936 until his death in 1945. She was originally built in 1934 as the Coast Guard cutter Electra, is one of two surviving presidential yachts (the other is the Sequoia), and the only one open to the public.



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

The 2-1/2 hour cruise took us out past Alcatraz island and over to the San Francisco waterfront, back under the Bay Bridge and over to Alameda to where the USS Hornet and several Ready Reserve ships are berthed before taking us back to the dock at Oakland's Jack London Square.

Special thanks to Jerry Bellows for obtaining tickets



Passing by the Jeremiah O'Brien



Warren Gammeter and his daughter Laura



Tom Shea, Lurking in the Engine Room



View of the city across the Bay Bridge



Potomac's Engineer, our very own Jerry Bellows

Of course, special thanks to member Jerry Bellows, who managed to obtain some free tickets for our members to use for the cruise.

2019 NRG Conference

This year's Nautical Research Guild Conference appears to have been quite successful, at least according to many attendees. This year, the conference was held at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Nobody from our own group attended, but a couple people from the South Bay club went and reportedly enjoyed the event very much.

The conference included tours of the Naval War College in Newport, RI, and the Herreshoff Marine Museum in Bristol, RI.

Fleet Week in San Francisco

There were various reports from this year's Fleet Week, which took place October 6-14. Warren Gammeter provided us with some nice photos of the Blue Angels.





October Meeting Notes

Our meeting on 10/19 aboard the Eureka started at 9:33am and began with member Dan Canada leading the call to thank Paul and Nancy Reck for hosting our BBQ this year.

Paul Reck didn't have a full Treasurer's Report, but did note that we have about \$200 in the bank after some shop item purchases were made, including new blades for our table saw and other miscellaneous items.

Jerry Bellows announced at the time that 3 tickets were still available to club members for the USS Potomac Veteran's Day cruise.

Paul Reck mentioned the closing of Doll Houses, Trains and More, in Novato, CA, which sold many hobby items. This led to a discussion about the status of the remaining hobby stores in the Bay Area.

Dick Stark was in the Show and Tell spotlight this month, with his model of a 13-foot sailing skiff that he's been scratch building in a scale of 1-1/2" = 1'. It's been a while since Dick brought in a ship model, so we were all very excited to see his fine work.



Dick told us a bit about the boat and its construction and showed us some of the features of the model. It has yet to be rigged, but he is now looking for information on the rigging of lug sails for the model, so he can finish the model.



Dan Canada is reportedly working on building two models of the Monterey fishing boat Western Flyer, which is most well known for its association with John Steinbeck during his expedition to the Gulf of California. More details on this to come.

Dan also brought a sample of a product called EZ-Line, which is an elastic thread that comes in two sizes, and is very popular with plastic modelers for making antenna aerials as it stretches, keeping a taught appearance. Plus, it will stretch instead of breaking when accidentally bumped.

Paul Reck is working on a model of the yacht Wanderbird for its owner. The model is a 3/8" scratch build of the topsail schooner. He brought in some portholes he made, noting that they are not round on the boat, so he had to bend some brass tubing in order to replicate their oval shape.



Clare Hess brought in a model of a Japanese Edo period coastal transport called a Kitamaebune. This is similar to another coastal transport model he completed a couple years ago. This one was specifically used to carry goods from the northern ports to Osaka and Edo, carrying them along the Japan Sea coast.

The 1/72-scale model is based on a Woody Joe kit, but a number of small details are being added to enhance the kit, including details cut using his newly acquired vinyl cutting machine.



Clare also brought a completed 1/40-scale model of a Hozu river “downriver” boat that he built from scratch. He explained how these boats would carry sightseers down the Hozu river and then, before the advent of motor transportation, were manually hauled back up the river by the boatmen who were equipped with simple harnesses and long ropes.

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

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