



San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

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As long as you have respect
for the sea, it can be your
greatest friend.

But the moment you lose that
respect, it can become your
worst enemy.

-a New England Lobsterman

JUNE MEETING, June 17, 8:00 p.m.

We will gather at 7:45 p.m. for another picture taking session, especially for those who were not there for last month's picture. At our business meeting we will firm up our plans for our July party and for our Fall regatta.

At press time we did not know what the presentation will be, however there will be plenty of time to share problems we are having on our models, so...BRING A MODEL.

**REMINDER: OUR JULY MEETING WILL BE OUR ANNUAL PARTY
(Details in our next newsletter)**

LOG OF THE MAY MEETING

Following a photo session on the poop deck of the STAR, we proceeded with our meeting on the Orlop Deck. There were several announcements of events in the immediate future and mail brought forth by the logkeeper. The logkeeper will bring newsletters received from other clubs to meetings for members to view. Those who went to the MAC Show reported disappointment in this year's show, except for the opportunity that some had to meet Loren Perry. Loren Perry will be a speaker at one of our upcoming meetings. Bob Wright encourages us to come to the Maritime Research Society of San Diego programs. They meet once a quarter with dinner, drinks, and presentation for only \$5. Their topics will be of interest to most of us. ... West Coast Hobbies will send FUTABA radios to L.A. for frequency changes. It will take 10-12 days to process. Roy Nilso warns us that if we drive up to deliver radios, FUTABA is in a hard to find location (he found it by accident) and you will still have to leave it. The membership was informed that the STAR OF INDIA model by Lionel Meeker of Fallbrook, and which has been recently featured in MODEL SHIP BUILDER, is now on display on the 'tween decks of the STAR, portside near the main hatch.

LOG, continued...

By action of those present, we will have name tags. The club will pay for the logo and members will buy their own tag at about \$4.00. It will be in blue and gold using each person's full name. A sign-up sheet was sent around and a coupon will appear in the June newsletter. Copies of the die of the logo will cost \$1.50 for those who want them for tie tacks, hat pins, etc.

At our June meeting we will formally set up our Fall Regatta Committee.

... Gordon Jones reports that reproductions of marine artist Tom Wells are currently available here in San Diego. ... Doug McFarland reported on his visit to see the Spruce Goose exhibit. Several others reported on the QUEEN MARY and the San Pedro exhibits, with good reports on all.

MODELS PRESENT:

- Vic Crosby HALF MOON of Henry Hudson in a bottle. When asked how he could do such a model right after emptying a bottle, Vic responded, "It takes time, but I drink lots of coffee." Next Month: a tripple expansion engine in a bottle.
- Royce Privett 24 pound cannon, 1"=1', from U.S.S. CONSTITUTION plans. But Royce, did you have to point it at the officers the whole meeting?
- Lew Harmling Pictures of a 9-foot tender he is building.
- Doug McFarland HOTSPUR- Horatio Hornblower's first command. Being build under contract, this Gunze Sangyo plank on frame kit is "very nice - goes together well." It is in 1:60 scale, and has 22 guns. The prototype was fictionally built in 1803 with a length of 171'.



The ways are being constructed on the beach at Spanish Landing for building the CALIFORNIAN. We should begin to see a ship taking shape in the near future.

Roy Nilson reports discovering an excellent resource for deck gratings. It is called "Plastic canvas" and is used to make hook rugs. It comes in several sizes (scales) and can be obtained at most craft stores. All that has to be done is to cut it to shape and apply some paint, which reportedly adheres well to the type of plastic used.

At our April meeting someone suggested that wood from miniature decorative parosols is good for modeling when soaked.

We have a reminder that there are drawers of plans at the Museum library including most of Bill Benson's plans.

I am leaving my current job the end of this month, so I will only be reachable at my home phone number (/redacted/) will be doing more with my ministry, especially doing weddings, and doing consulting work while searching for a new job. With a little more time on my hands now I hope to get our newsletter on track and to get back to work on ship modeling.

-Bill Kelly Fleming

JUNE MODELER OF THE MONTH

*** MIKE DORY ***

Our skippers at the pond have had to be extra sharp this past year. In addition to watching for normal traffic, they have to keep a sharp lookout for a thin periscope barely breaking the surface. And should a skipper aggravate what is attached to that protusion, he may find a high speed wake approaching his vessel. Terror on the high seas? Not quite, just the German submarine model of our Modeler-of-the-Month, Mike Dory.

On a Saturday in June of each year we step aside and let the seventh graders invade the pond with their sailboats for their big regatta. Several years ago there was one such junior sailor, who many years later would return to the pond, only this time with a hankering to run his boats under the surface. His modern modeling career actually began on Halloween about six years ago. No he wasn't dresses up as a pirate, or running around the neighborhood threatening to torpedo anyone failing to give a treat. Instead, he was injured while on duty as a law inforcement officer and ended up hospitalized. To give him something to do, his wife went out and purchased a Sterling kit of the MISSOURI. His hospital recuperation was spent building the model which he R/C'd. He had a background as an amature radio operator, so it was natural to enter the R/C end of ship modeling.

Our native San Diegan always had stuff on boats, and his real facination was with submarines. Thus it should be of no surprize that when he got to choose a model, it was the U-47. Mike had met veteran submarine builders Phil Hadley and Albert I'Heureux, who sparked his interest even more. He bought the 32nd Parallel hull and re-did the engineering plan. The completed model was done in time to be one of the hits of last Fall's regatta. Now he is working on the Polaris Submarine George Washington, which is in 1/50 seale and measures 7'6" long.

The U-47 has already had a colorful history, beyond attracting the wide-eyed attention of the Vacation Village tourists. Its periscope has been sheared off three times by other vessels and is now made of a more pliable material. The model is also on its third life, having been lost twice. On one occasion it sank in 6' of water at the West end of the pond when it encountered a change in salinity. Then in Lake Poway some grass got caught in the prop and a diver had to be recruited to recover it from 25 feet. Although the U-Boat has no safety system, the polaris sub will use a combination diving system that will use freon for a back-up emergency system. One problem with a freon system is that after about three dives, there is not enough weight left to submerge. Mike credits Albert and Phil with providing a lot of help in building his subs.

Our underwater modeler's shipyard is located in a spare bedroom and is outfitted with a variety of tools. When asked what his next project after the GEORGE WASHINGTON, he responded, "I'd better paint the house or I'll be in a heap of trouble!"

For those who might like to follow in Mike's footsteps, he advises that submarines are a high maintenance R/C model. After each run he spends at least one hour at home cleaning it. A major concern is salt in the pump. He also says to stay away from wood, since total sealing is almost impossible. Plank on frang just doesn't work for subs -- stick to all fiberglass or plexiglass. The fun part of subs is that they require constant trim and like flying are a challenge to operate every time. We salute Mike as our Modeler of the Month.



San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild
Bill Kelly-Fleming - Logkeeper
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*	Meetings:	3rd Friday of each month, 8:00 pm aboard the Bark <u>STAR OF INDIA</u> , on the Orlop Deck.			*
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*	Membership:	Dues for Members of the San Diego Maritime Museum and anyone living outside San Diego County- \$7.50. Non-Museum Members - \$15.00. After July 31, 1982 dues are 1/2 for the remainder of the year.			*
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