



# San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

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## SUMMER PARTY!!!

Friday, July 21, 1989 is meeting night, this month we are having our mid-year summer party, on board the Star of India, on the upper deck, with the warm weather we've been having lately it promises a great time for all, under the stars. Although a model is not required on this night we do encourage you bring a date and some munchies, we will provide the drinks....

**SEE YOU THERE!!!**

## AS WE GO TO PRINT?

Our newsletter starts this month with two new officers:

--Bob Willis- Brings to our midst his vast experience of an IRS tax collection officer of the highest degree, you'll soon see him do his stuff around our upcoming DUES renewal time.....

--Mike Rivera--On the other hand--accepts no responsibility for the accuracy or reliability of articles he will be writing on these pages; as a matter of fact! He'll swear that he never saw it, or read it anywhere, he'll even take the fifth on any questions about anything, anyone, anywhere, anyhow, with that said **HAPPY MODELING!!**

San Diego Ship Modelers Guild

MIKE RIVERA

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SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELERS GUILD  
OFFICERS FOR 1989

MASTER

Doug McFarland /redacted/

MATE

John Fluck /redacted/

PURSER

Bob Willis

LOGKEEPER

Doug Smay /redacted/

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Mike Rivera /redacted/

STEERING COMMITTEE

Ed White

Bob Crawford /redacted/

Ralph Aruda /redacted/

Roy Nilson /redacted/

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS- Third Friday of the month 7:30 PM social  
8:00 PM meeting

STATIC WORKSHOP-Every other Tues. 7:00 to 9:00PM  
aboard the ferry Berkeley

R/C Operations-Saturday mornings  
Model Yacht Pond

ANNUAL REGATTA-Third weekend  
in June

MEMBERSHIP

Dues are \$10.00 annually

We strongly encourage all to join the San Diego Maritime Museum as an expression of appreciation for the facilities they provide us.

THE WHITEHEAD TORPEDO AND  
THE SOUND OF MUSIC.

Although unreliable torpedoes had been made for many years, it was not until Robert Whitehead perfected his design in the 1860s that a torpedo acceptable to the World Navies was produced. He carried out his development in a factory at Fiume, then in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Later, to meet world-wide demand, other factories were opened up at Weymouth in England, at St. Tropez in France, at Feodosia in Russia, at St. Polten near Vienna and at Naples in Italy.

Robert Whitehead retired in the 1890s, and the business was taken over by his son, John. Just before the First World War, two events affected the story of the Whiteheads. Firstly, Vickers and Armstrong Whitworths each acquired a minority holding in the business with the Whitehead family continuing to hold the balance. Secondly, John's daughter, Florence, was invited to perform the launching ceremony of a submarine being built for the Austro-Hungarian Navy at Trieste, not far from Fiume.

At the ceremony she met the Captain who had been appointed to command the submarine on its completion. They fell in love, were married and in the due course produce a large family.

During the First World War, the submarine under its captain operated very successfully against the Allied Navies in the Adriatic and Mediterranean. After that War the Austro-Hungarian Empire was broken up and the captain, an Austrian, found himself with a country without a coastline and therefore without a navy. He retired and began to take an interest in the management of the torpedo business largely owned by his in-laws.

It is said that because of this the Admiralty brought pressure on Vickers and Armstrong Whitworths to buy out the Whitehead family shareholdings. It would have looked very bad if it came out that an ex-U Boat captain was involved in producing torpedoes for the Royal Navy. The purchase went through and in 1928 the armament businesses of Vickers and Armstrong Whitworth were merged to form Vickers-Armstrongs LTD with the Whitehead company as a wholly-owned subsidiary.

About 1930 the captain's wife, Florence died from scarlet fever and he was left to bring up the six children himself. He was Captain von Trapp and the rest of the story is in the "Sound of Music." It did not, however, bring out that the children were half-British by birth. The story is referred in Maria von Trapp's book, "The von Trapp Family Singers" published about twenty years ago.



When I took over the job of newsletter editor from Bill Kelly Jr. (who had performed yeoman's service for several years), it was with the idea that I would only do the job temporarily until a permanent editor could be found. In fact I was reluctant to commit to doing it at all, but with Bills' departure imminent and no other volunteers on the horizon, it was imperative that someone pick up the ball or we would be without a newsletter. That was in February of 1988. Now 16 months later the demands of two active teenagers and a job which requires me to travel virtually every week have conspired to make it impossible for me to continue as editor and still produce a quality product.

When I started as editor, I received a letter from Bob Fivehouse who has edited the newsletter for the Ship Model Society of Northern New Jersey for many years. Bob said I was about to discover that the newsletter editor routinely puts in more hours on club business than any other single individual. He also said that doing the newsletter could be a lot of fun. I think Bob is correct on the first point and I know he is right on the second - although I would have to add that there have been a number of frustrations as well. On more that one occasion I have found myself working until the wee hours of the morning in order to get an issue out on time.

We are fortunate that Mike Rivera has agreed to take over as editor. Mike has recently acquired a word processor and I'm sure will throw himself into the newsletter business with the same degree of enthusiasm and skill that he shows for his many modeling projects. His sense of humor should provide a breath of fresh air for the newsletter, and I am looking forward to seeing the results of his work.

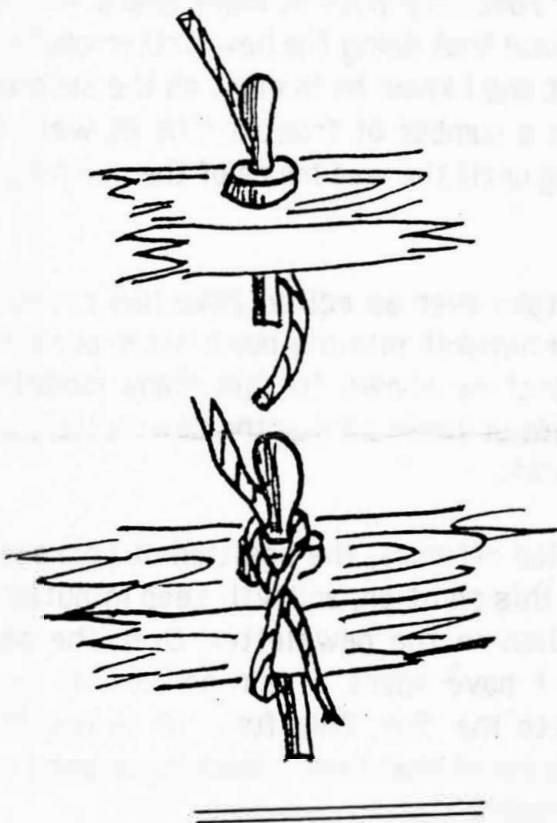
As many of you may have noticed on the list of club officers, the position of Logkeeper has been open for some time. I have agreed to fill this position, and will keep minutes of each meeting and prepare them for Mike to publish in the newsletter. Over the past several months, in the absence of a Logkeeper I have spent a fair amount of time answering letters and other correspondence sent to the club. This function is one that the Logkeeper can do and relieve the newsletter editor of that task. I think Mike and I can work out an arrangement where I can help in this regard.

One of the things that I have missed during my "tour of duty" as editor has been feed back from the members. A few of you have been very supportive, both in terms of contributing material as well as commenting on the content of the newsletter. But by and large the membership has been silent. Frequently I have felt that the newsletter was going out and disappearing into a black hole. I often wondered if anyone was listening out there. I hope you will not hesitate to let Mike know what is on your mind. Tell him what you like and what you don't like. Let him know what you would like to see. Contribute items for publication. Its your newsletter - Mike can't do it all by himself. And most important of all, if he's doing a good job let him know that you appreciate it!

## HINT OF THE MONTH

### NO GLUE NEEDED!!

On belaying lines to the the pins, pass the line through the belaying pin hole, and wedge in place with the belaying pin, you may either use a figure eight or a clove hitch to secure the remainder of the line...



## UP COMING REGATTAS

- A. TASK FORCE 96  
September 3, 1989  
at Cerritos National Park  
For information write:  
Task Force 96  
5866 Orange Ave. #3  
Long Beach, CA 9080
- B. 1989 Golden Gate Scale  
Concours- Sept. 16-17, 1989  
9:00 AM  
Spreckle Lake,  
Golden Gate Park, San Francisco  
For information contact  
H.L. Duvall  
27775 Melburne Ave.  
Haywood, CA 94544  
PH. (415) 785-3195  
10:00am to 2:00pm PST
- C. Presidents Day R/C Scale  
Model Boat Meet in Tempe, AZ  
February 17-18, 1990  
at Kiwanis Park Lake  
For information write:  
1990 P.D. Meet  
Ray Agee  
1719 S. Parkside Dr.  
Tempe, AZ 85281

### SOMETHING FROM THE GALLEY

Now that the summer weather is upon us here's a dessert to cool off with.

#### STRAWBERRIES ROMANOFF

1 pint strawberries, washed and drained  
1/4 cup powdered sugar  
1 pint vanilla ice cream  
1 cup heavy cream, whipped  
2 tablespoons Cognac or Brandy

Sprinkle the berries with sugar and chill until ready to serve. Beat the ice cream until fluffy. Fold in the whipped cream and Cognac. Just before serving, pour over the berries mix lightly. Serve topped with a few additional strawberries.

SERVES 4

### WANT ADS

This section of your newsletter is set aside for your convenience if you are looking for something or have an item for sale. Let me know, I will pass the word to all our members.

### FOR SALE

One water leg boiler, silver soldered, scale pressure gage, water class gage and safety valve with burner. Call Mike Rivera/redacted/



## REGATTA RESULTS

### 1ST OF SHOW

MODEL: HOISFUR- 20 gun sloop of war  
CATEGORY: Static display sail  
MODELER: Doug McFarland, San Diego, CA

### MODELER'S FAVORITE

MODEL: ELIZABETH C.J.-Tuna Seiner  
CATEGORY: R/C Civilian Electric  
MODELER: Val Peterson, San Diego, CA

### SPECTATOR'S FAVORITE

MODEL: MELISSA DIANE-Tugboat  
CATEGORY: R/C Tug/Salvage  
MODELER: Gene Bekker, Riverside, CA

### JUNIOR MODELER

MODEL: RAIDER-Guided missile cruiser  
CATEGORY: R/C Military Electric  
MODELER: Dean Dory, Poway, CA

### R/C CIVILIAN ELECTRIC

#### 1ST PLACE

MODEL: PACIFIC PRINCESS-Cruise Ship  
MODELER: Al L'Hauraux, San Diego, CA

#### 2ND PLACE

MODEL: ELIZABETH C.J.-Tuna Seiner  
MODELER: Val Peterson, San Diego, CA

#### 3RD PLACE (TIE)

MODEL: PAMELA J-Fishing Boat  
MODELER: Charles Brown, Huntington  
Beach, CA  
MODEL: CALYPSO  
MODELER: Bob Willis, San Diego, CA

### R/C MILITARY ELECTRIC

#### 1ST PLACE

MODEL: ATC(H)-T-91-5-LCM-6 MD 2  
MODELER: Kent Blott, Shadow Hills, CA

#### 2ND PLACE

MODEL: USS FORD-Guided Missile Frigate  
MODELER: Butch Flake, Tustin, CA

#### 3RD PLACE

MODEL: VICTORIA-British Naval GIG  
MODELER: MIKE RIVERA, El Cajon, CA

### R/C TUG/SALVAGE

#### 1ST PLACE

MODEL: MELISSA DIANE-Tugboat  
MODELER: Gene Bekker, Riverside, CA

#### 2ND PLACE

MODEL: SEA RANGER-Tugboat  
MODELER: Herb Strandt, Anaheim, CA

#### 3RD PLACE

MODEL: SEGUIN-Tugboat  
MODELER: Bob Willis, San Diego, CA

### R/C STEAM POWER

#### 1ST PLACE

MODEL: LILLY JO- Sternwheeler  
MODELER: J.D. Cummings, Rancho Palos  
Verdes, CA

#### 2ND PLACE

MODEL: LOUISA-Steam Launch  
MODELER: Dan Herrscher, San Ysidro, CA

#### 3RD PLACE

MODEL: JHA DE CI- Steam Launch  
MODELER: J.D. Cummings, Rancho Palos  
Verdes, CA

### R/C SAIL

#### 1ST PLACE

MODEL: SPRINGRIFT-Tahiti Ketch  
MODELER: Dave Erdert, Upland, CA

#### 2ND PLACE

MODEL: KETCH  
MODELER: Jim Hawkins, Oceanside, CA

#### 3RD PLACE

MODEL: BAGHEERA-Schooner  
MODELER: Dick Davis, El Cajon, CA

### R/C SUBMARINE

#### 1ST PLACE

MODEL: USS SHARK  
MODELER: Mike Dory, Poway, CA

### STATIC DISPLAY-MILITARY POWER

#### 1ST PLACE

MODEL: DIORAMA  
MODELER: Mike Unkiewicz, Huntington  
Beach, CA

#### 2ND PLACE

MODEL: ATC (H)-T-91-5-LCM-G MD 2  
MODELER: Kent Blott, Shadow Hills, CA





3RD PLACE

MODEL: PT 109-Torpedo Boat  
MODELER: Kent Blott, Shadow Hills, CA

SIPATIC DISPLAY-CIVILIAN POWER

1ST PLACE

MODEL: VICTORIA-Steam Launch  
MODELER: Joe Borpensiero, San Diego, CA

2ND PLACE

MODEL: ELIZABETH C.J.-Tuna Seiner  
MODELER: Val Peterson, San Diego, CA

3RD PLACE

MODEL: CONCO STAR-Supply Boat  
MODELER: Mark Weitzman, Los Angeles, CA

SIPATIC DISPLAY-SAIL

1ST PLACE

MODEL: HOISPUR-20 Gun sloop of war  
(fictional)

MODELER: Doug McFarland, San Diego, CA

2ND PLACE

MODEL: LE HUSSARD-French Coastal Gunboat  
MODELER: John Bayliss, San Diego, CA

3RD PLACE (TIE)

MODEL: WASA-Swedish 64 gun ship of the  
line

MODELER: John Bayliss, San Diego, CA

MODEL: HMS DOLPHIN- 3 Masted Barkentine  
MODELER: Jay McMaster, San Diego, CA

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS  
WHO HELPED WITH SET-UP, CLEAN-UP, RESCUE  
AND ALL THE MIRIAD TASKS THAT BESET  
AN EVENT SUCH AS THIS. APOLOGIES TO  
THOSE WHOSE CREDITS WE INADVERTENTLY  
MISSED.**

REGATTA CREW

CO-COMMODRES: Bob Crawford  
Doug McFarland

JUDGES- R/C : Butch Plake  
John Kirk  
Charles Brown  
Jay McMaster

SIPATIC : Jane Meredith  
Al L'Haurax

STATISTICIAN : Norm Hiatt

REGISTRATION : Isabelle Willis  
Susan Drewes

CALLIGRAPHER : Dan Herrischer

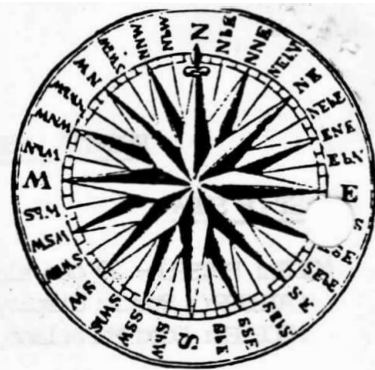
BUOY SETTERS : Jay McMaster  
Jim Hawkins

SHIP-IN-EDIBLE DISPLAY AND DEMO:  
Vic Crosby

Judge's stand and buoy setting/rescue  
boat furnished by the San Diego Argonauts:  
Bob Cornell, Coordinator

Award Certificates Furnished by Roy  
Nilson

Finger Dock Furnished By Jerry Drewes



NOTICE!

West Coast Hobbies is MOVING to:

7750 Convoy Court  
San Diego, CA

4 Blocks north, from its present  
location...easy access off HWY 52  
on the Convoy exit. Plenty of parking  
space and some 10,000 sq.ft. of store.

The store will close for a week on the  
24th of July to a Grand Re-opening on  
Saturday, July 29th.

"SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HOBBY SHOP  
THEY ARE THERE FOR US!!!!"

**SHOW & TELL**

**by Nilson**

