



# San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

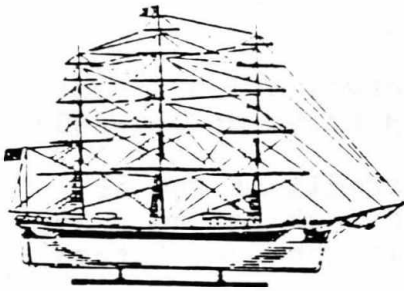
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Clipper Ship -- "Young America"

O to sail in a ship!  
 To leave this steady unendurable land,  
 To leave the tiresome sameness of the streets,  
 the sidewalks and the houses,  
 To leave you O you solid motionless land,  
 and entering a ship,  
 To sail and sail and sail!

...Walt Whitman - from "A Song of Joys"

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## IT'S ELECTION TIME:

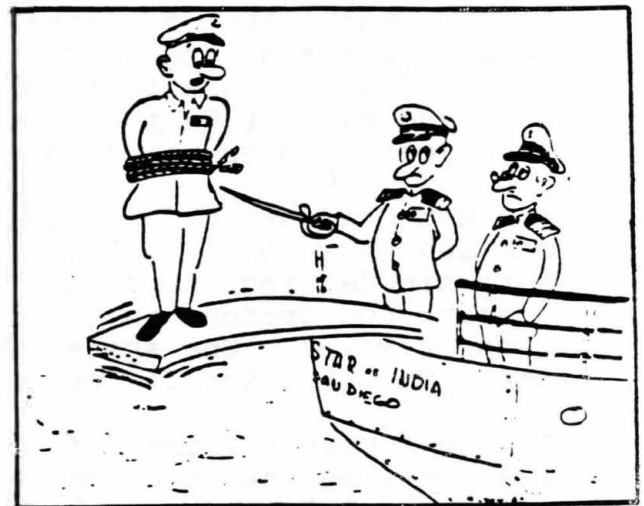
Our next meeting will feature a departure from the past. Missing will be all of the flair and anquish, the pomp and circumstance of past elections. Instead, all voting will have been completed by the enclosed "ABSENTEE BALLOT." All we are asking is that you mark your choice, spend a stamp and mail it back. All ballots will be tallied before Wednesday, March 17th to permit announcing the results at the beginning of our meeting. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT NOW!

OVERDUE" DUES: (...are not presumed lost)

To date about two-thirds of our 1992 members have paid their dues. A roster was sent in last month's newsletter with an appeal to those not on our "paid-up" list. If your address label and absentee ballot is marked with a RED X, then our records indicate that you still owe. As the minutes of both last members and steering committee will show, only the ballots of 1992 paid members will be counted. Also the April Newsletter, in all fairness to those who have paid, will be mailed to only those who have re-newed. ENUF SAID!!!

## SHOW & TELL

by Nilson



"AM COME ON GUYS, I THOUGHT I PAID MY DUES!"

## MARCH

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14	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## 1993 POND SCHEDULE:

April 17

May 29

June 12

\*\*June 19/20\*\*

\*\* SDSMG REGATTA

August 14

September 4

September 18

October 23

December 4



NEXT MEETING

(Power/Sail regatta dates)

MORE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION:

Bob Cunningham also received a BLUE pin recognizing over 500 hours of volunteer work at the maritime museum. This fact was overlooked in last month's newsletter. Congratulations, Bob; sorry for the oversight.

FOR SALE:

Futaba FP-2-PB Magnum Sport, 2 Channel with servos and RX. Used once after purchasing new in 12/92. \$50 Call Russ Lloyd at 275-2809.

Russ is also seeking help with a merchandise credit of \$86 at Hobby Shack. He was given this credit in lieu of a cash refund. Anyone planning any purchases for around this amount in the near future??

MODELS AT LAST MEETING:

Greg Harrington	Muscongus Bay	MidWest Kit
	Lobster Smack	
Bryan Peters	Euterpe	Scratch
	(all wood & mahogany)	
Norm Hiatt	C.S.S. Virginia	Scratch
Dan "Pappy" LePage	U.S.S. George Philip	Scratch
Doug McFarland	(ROPEWALK)	

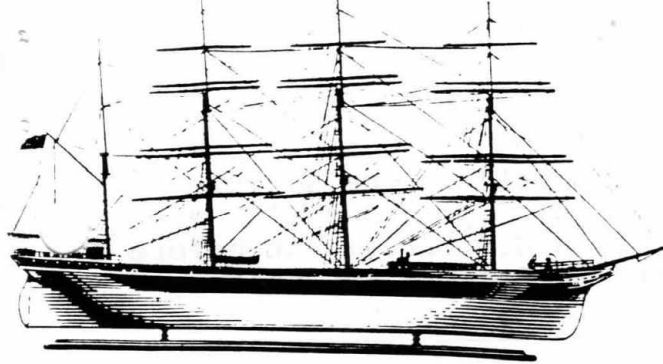
STEERING COMMITTEE NOTES - February 19, 1993:

1. The attendance was minimal because of the weather and was delayed for a meeting spot decision.
2. The main item of discussion was the establishment of the ground rules for the nomination and election coming up. Emphasis was placed on avoiding the spectacle often seen where many speakers will nominate a friend without having received the nominee's acceptance beforehand. (see meeting notes on this.)
3. Bob Crawford had pointed (out) the need in the model shop for a machine that could be used to sand or mill thin, narrow wood strips for ship decking material. Bob Cornell had researched this and will present two options in the form of a Newsletter article and (possible) demonstration. One system uses a drill press, the other a belt sander. The deciding factor will probably be the shop space available.
4. The "Brownie Points" for club services idea that was heard at the last meeting (see meeting notes) was reported to have elicited considerable interest and the question of how to structure it was raised. Bob Cornell agreed to prepare a draft of a system that could be the starter for further considerations. (This has been done and will be presented to the Steering Committee at its March Meeting.)

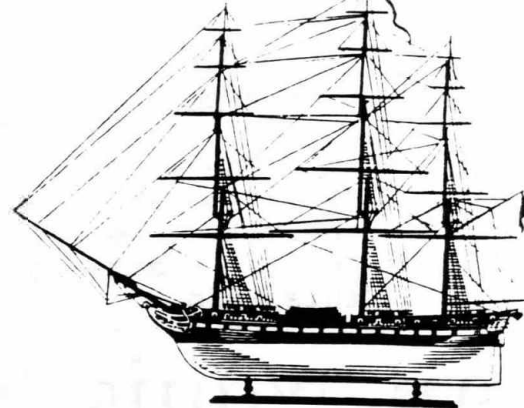
Bob Cornell, Secretary, Pro-Tem

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Four Mast Barque -- "California"



U. S. Frigate -- "Constitution"

SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELERS GUILD  
MEETING NOTES, FEB. 19, 1993

1. NEWS LETTER: The first issue under the new editorial team of Fred Frass and Gordon Jones was well received. Fred commented on the challenge of keeping the NL informative without getting into the expense of extra postage. Thanks, fellows. The long service of Mike Rivera in this job was recognized.

2. The ground rules for the conduct of the delayed election were spelled out by Bob Crawford. Nominations must have been pre-accepted by the nominee. Only paid up 1993 members will be sent ballots and be eligible to vote on the following slate:

- Purser: Ed White
- Secretary: Bob Cornell
- NL Co-Editors: F. Frass & G. Jones
- Master: D. LePage, R. Crawford, J. Hawkins

Where more than one nominee is standing for election the one receiving the most votes is elected (a plurality). This procedure was proposed and approved by motion seconded and passed. Ballots will be mailed for the election and approval of the proposed Operating Rules (aka: By-Laws) Members are urged to either mail in their ballots or bring them to the March 13 Regular Meeting.

3. For the March program, in addition to the election, a speaker is being groomed for a story on the Star of India. It should be interesting.

4. Doug (old reliable) McFarland gave an interesting demonstration and description of his "home brew" rope walk. He used it to make all the standing and working rigging for the beautiful model: "Hotspur" which he recently completed. There were probably more the s few of us that were not aware that a ships ropes and line are "wound" in different directions, depending on their application.

5. Purser Ed White reported (after a bit of encouragement) that we have only 43 paid-up members, as of this moment. This number appears to be significantly less that the number on the roster last year. We have \$/redacted/. in the bank.

Bob Cornell, Secretary Pro-Tem

## MORE KUDOS FOR VIC CROSBY:

The following news article recently appeared in the Seattle "P.I." paper. Of all the ships-in-bottles that VIC has built over the years, we believe he never made one for a U.S. President before. Special thanks to our SDSMG "spy reporter" in Seattle for sending this info.

# An exquisite talent kept shipshape

Many young men went down to the sea in ships, but Vic Crosby brought much of the sea and the ships back . . . in bottles.

I've seen ships-in-bottles before, but none conceived or crafted half so exquisitely as Crosby's Flotilla. He has launched fully rigged, five-masted sailing vessels in bottles. He has launched a half dozen fully rigged sailing ships in one bottle.

He's built ships in bottles big as a watermelon. And he's bottled ships smaller than the naked eye can see. The man puts more fun and imagination back into one bottle than any man might've originally sucked out of it.

"Well, I was never any good at playing cards, and this was something to do," rationalized Crosby, who's berthed uphill from the old tugs on the Kirkland waterfront. At 76, he's still bottling maritime lore at his small workbench.

The son of a seaman and longshoreman, Vic Crosby was launched in the old Hooverville area of Seattle and didn't have far to go to sea when he was graduated from Lincoln High. After years as a "deck ape" and seaman, he went on the beach and worked longshore until he retired.

But never a retiring sort, he launched a resort at Lake Retreat and started dabbling in real estate. In his spare time, since he still wasn't much at playing cards, he bought a plane and learned to fly (not necessarily in that order). And continued to launch new projects.

Like a scale replica of the Curtiss Jenny OX-5 his father barnstormed out of the old Army airstrip at Sand Point, offering "See Seattle From the Air" rides for \$5. In a bottle.

Like the models of his 44-foot Alaskan purse seiner in separate bottles: one intact and the other a longitudinal cut-away, showing exact placement of the galley, engine, etc.

Or the old 1,500-horsepower, triple-expansion marine engine constructed inside an old Scotch bottle. An engine shaft runs through a tiny drilled hole in the bottom of the bottle to a small bronze screw. Turning the screw makes the old three-banger operate in correct sync and stroke.

Crosby, who still uses an old German pocket knife his Dad gave him, also has intricately carved or constructed wooden chains, rocking chairs and even a baseball inside bottles. Even Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" stagecoach. And each



**Jon  
Hahn**



MIKE BAINTER/P-I

**Vic Crosby holds one of his many ships in a bottle. This one contains the Star of India.**

bottle has its own clever stopper.

But the ships . . . the ships suck you into the bottle and hold your imagination. Some, like the old steam schooner Texada, have lines trailing outside the bottle necks so you can operate the cargo boom. In another bottle, lines let you tack the cadet-training ship Christian Radich to port or starboard.

In another, a hand-carved merchant seaman *inside a bottle* is heaving on the rigging of a partially constructed bottle ship and pulling it to him.

Where once rippled a fifth of Scotch, a half-dozen British men-of-war, "Hornblower's Flotilla," sail under full rigging into the Baltic to bottle up Napoleon's forces. In another, three five-masters: Prussen, France II and Copenhagen, sail toward the neck of a miniature bottle. In still another, six crewmen work in the rigging of a Yangtze River junk.

There's "a good 70 or 80 hours" in each of the single-ship bottles, Crosby says. He's made more than he can remember. "I used to give them to girlfriends in different ports, and it never failed that when I returned to

that port, she'd be married!" So he made more carvings and ships-in-bottles.

In one, a fully rigged, tiny Flying Cloud is sailing toward the bottle neck where, inside a small vial stopper, is an even smaller, fully rigged sailing ship. "Well, THAT has gotta be the smallest ship I've ever seen!"

The words weren't quite out when Crosby held up a "just-you-wait" finger and disappeared, returning with a tiny bottle. There was nothing in it but a fancy carved wooden stopper and, on closer inspection, a sailmaker's sewing needle. Crosby handed me a jeweler's eyeglass and said: "Look in the eye of the needle."

There, in a space barely big enough for your boss's heart, were two, fully rigged sailing ships.

Crosby's latest venture, still on the ways, is a tiny USS Constitution. When the frigate is rigged and in its tiny bottle, Crosby plans to send it to that guy in Washington, D.C., who's currently trying to put a trillion-dollar debt into a billion-dollar bottle.

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## SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELERS GUILD OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

### ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

A. TITLE - This organization shall be known as the San Diego ship Modelers Guild.

B. PURPOSE - The San Diego Ship Modelers Guild is an association of craftsmen that share the common interest - ship modeling and the related interests of ship construction, maritime history and lore of the sea.

C. LOGO - The logo of the Guild shall be a bow oblique view of the steam yacht MEDEA within a ships helm emblazoned with the title "San Diego Ship Modelers Guild".

### ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

A. MEMBERSHIP - Membership shall be open to any person without regard to sex, age, color, race, creed or national origin.

B. ADMISSION - A member shall be admitted upon paying the current dues.

C. DUES - Annual dues are \$15.00 per year or \$7.50 for a person joining after July 1. In recognition of the support and facilities provided by the San Diego Maritime Museum, Guild Members are encouraged to join the Museum.

D. LIFE MEMBERS - A life membership may be granted by a vote of the membership.

### ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

A. GUILD OFFICERS - Guild officers shall consist of:

1. Guild Master - Presides over steering committee meetings and general meeting and otherwise co-ordinates the activities of the Guild and its members. The Guild Master will act as the official spokes person for the Guild.

2. First Mate - performs the duties of the Master in his or her absence.

3. Secretary - keeps minutes of the steering committee and general meetings and forwards a report to the newsletter editor.

4. Purser/treasurer - Collects, records and distributes funds. Expenditures of more than \$100.00 for non-budgeted items shall be approved by and signed off by at least two other Guild officers.

5. Log Keeper/Newsletter Editor - compiles newsworthy



stories, publishes, and distributes a newsletter approximately 1 week prior to each general meeting. Maintains correspondence with other clubs with similar interests where ever they may be found.

6. Committee chairpersons - heads committees deemed necessary by the membership. At the writing of this charter these committees are in existence:

- a. Regatta committee
- b. Pond committee
- c. charter committee
- d. Nominating committee

The necessity of such committees can diminish or rise, resulting in their establishment or elimination according to the memberships needs.

B. TERM OF OFFICE - Officers and committee chairpersons shall serve a term of one year, from the March meeting of one year to the March meeting the next. There will be no restrictions on the number of terms served.

C. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS - The secretary shall notify members one meeting (January) in advance of the nominating meeting and the Master shall appoint a nominating committee whose task is to assure that there be two nominees for Master (mandatory) and as many other offices as possible. Additional nominations may be made from the floor or by mail at the February meeting. Prior to the election meeting, ballots with the names of the nominees shall be mailed to all paid up members. The election will be held at the March meeting, tabulating carry in an mail-in ballots. Proxy votes are not permitted. The elected slate of officers will take office that evening.

D. VACATED OFFICE -In the event that the Master is unable to serve, the First Mate shall succeed the office. Un-expired terms of other officers or committee chairs shall be filled by appointment by vote of the membership present at the meeting.

E. STEERING COMMITTEE -The steering committee shall be made up of the above mentioned officers, committee chairpersons, and any other San Diego Ship Modelers Guild member who wishes to attend. The committee shall meet in the half hour immediately prior to each general meeting to discuss the required business and other events pertinent to the club. The secretary shall make a report to the general membership and get their approval for the actions recommended by the committee.

In addition to the half hour general meeting night steering committee meeting, an extended quarterly meeting should be held the the Tuesday prior to the first general meeting of each quarter to set the program agenda for the remainder of the quarter and resolve any subjects not handled during the short meetings. A member may request an emergency meeting of the steering committee for the consideration of urgent matters.

#### **ARTICLE IV** **MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATION**

A. MEETINGS -The general meetings shall be conducted on an informal basis, but should include introductions of guests (who should sign the quest register) , a trouble shooting session, presentation of the minutes from the steering committee, etc. The Guild Master shall act as moderator, encourage participation and discourage splinter meetings and other likewise rude behavior.

B. MEETING TIME -The meetings shall be held aboard the 1898 steam ferry BERKELEY at 7:00 P. M. on the third thursday of each month. In the event of another event having been booked aboard the BERKELEY, the meeting shall be held on the 1863 Bark STAR OF INDIA.

C. SUBSCRIPTIONS - As part of our original charter with the Maritime Museum Association of San Diego, the Guild shall maintain a membership in the Nautical Research Guild. In addition, priority should be given to maintaining subscriptions to modeling magazines with any funds left from the previous years dues. Magazines should be maintained in the Guild library in the model shop aboard the BERKELEY.

#### **ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS**

A. PROCEDURES FOR AMENDING THIS CHARTER - This document may be amended by:

1. Reading of the proposed change at a regular meeting and receiving approval from those members present.

2. Publication of the proposal in the news letter along with a ballot which must be returned to the secretary before or during the next meeting.

3. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast is required for passage of the amendment.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

This document was compiled through the efforts of the following members, as requested by the membership and submitted for approval by the members of this committee February 18, 1993:

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\*\*\* 1993 ELECTION BALLOT \*\*\*

MASTER: (alphabetically)

\_\_\_\_\_ Bob Crawford

\_\_\_\_\_ Jim Hawkins

\_\_\_\_\_ Dan LePage

\_\_\_\_\_ Doug McFarland

MATE: (Will be Hand-picked by the  
new master per mutual agreement)

SECRETARY:

\_\_\_\_\_ Bob Cornell

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PURSER:

\_\_\_\_\_ Ed White

NEWSLETTER

EDITORS:

\_\_\_\_\_ Fred Fraas

\_\_\_\_\_ Gordon Jones

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Comments and/or suggestions: