



San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

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"I want to say a word about the Navy, and to tell you about what it means to me to have a ready fleet. When word of a crisis breaks out in Washington, it's no accident that the first question that comes to everyone's lips is: Where is the nearest carrier?"

--President Bill Clinton
March 12, 1993

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COMING EVENTS:

- April 17 Inland Nautical Society's REGATTA at Fairmount Park in Riverside, CA. Call (909) 686-0383 for more info.
- April 23 Annual Rummage Sale aboard the Berkeley
USS BAINBRIDGE (CLGV-25) Work Party



Cimarron-Class Fleet Oiler (AO)
177 *Cimarron*
178 *Montgomery*
179 *Mismack*
180 *Willamette*
186 *Plette*



Auxiliary Command Ships (AGF)
3 *La Salle*
11 *Coronado*



Sacramento-Class Fast Combat Support (AOE)
1 *Sacramento*
2 *Camden*
3 *Seattle*
4 *Detroit*

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NEXT MEETING NIGHT

BRING A MODEL!!
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NOTICE -NOTICE - NOTICE

Our April Meeting will be held aboard the "STAR" on the Orlop Deck. This shift is due to the rummage sale being held on the Berkeley.

MEETING NOTES
March 17, 1994

Retiring Guildmaster Bob Crawford opened the meeting at 7:15 PM. He was given an expression of appreciation for his two years of service.

Recognizing that Phil Matson's Modeler Of The Quarter presentation would be hard to follow, it was agreed that we skip a quarter and use the MOQ case for a display of photo-etched fitting items as offered by Butch Plake.

The March 24 visit to the Navy's Electronics Lab is limited to size and those who plan to attend were given an opportunity to sign up for it and were reminded to be at the Berkeley at 1:30 PM.

An operating model of the lifting gear as seen on LKA's is in need of refurbishing and automating to include limit stops, and be configured to operate automatically as well as be tamper proof. Volunteers are needed for this project.

The sail plan (of the Star of India) prints sold through the Museum's souvenir shop are out of stock. Unfortunately, the Maritime Museum is hurting financially and needs help to replace the print inventory. The Guild agreed by vote to re-supply this item, at a cost of \$469.00. The MM will be urged to make some provision for inventory maintenance in the future.

Purser Ed White reported that we have a bank balance of \$/redacted/ and that forty-five+ members paid for 1994 at this time. Members were reminded that only those who are paid up are privileged to vote in the election. In the ensuing ballot count, Jim Hawkins was elected as Guildmaster; Doug McFarland, First Mate. Jim spoke about some of his hopes and plans for the Guild during the coming year. Nominees for the other posts were uncontested and were reelected as listed.

Guests included Carl Kuiper, Bill Forbes, and Gene Larson representing the Nautical Research Guild in Washington, DC.

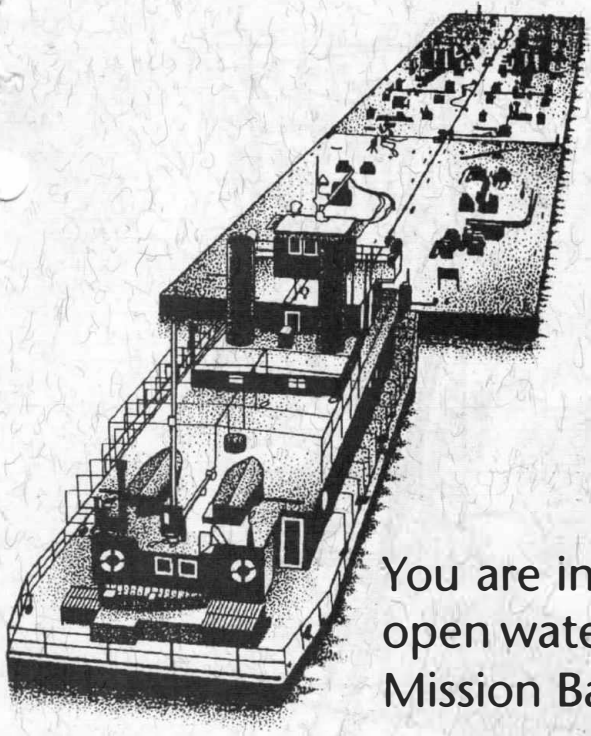
The MONTHLY PROGRAM was presented by Doug McFarland who provided a review of electrical principles. Emphasis was on battery connections and wiring management in models. He had examples of connectors and other housekeeping helpers. IMPORTANT: Keep wires and all electrical/electronic parts out of the bilge and use only Stay-Brite solder for connections

EDITOR'S NOTE: Special thanks to Bob Cornell for his fine reporting each month, and also to Ed White who provides an up-to-date listing of members address labels. Sure makes the job of putting out this newsletter a whole lot easier.



Whidbey Island-Class Dock Landing (LSD)

- 41 Whidbey Island
- 42 Germantown
- 43 Fort McHenry
- 44 Gunston Hall
- 45 Comstock
- 46 Tortuga
- 47 Rushmore
- 48 Ashland
- 49 Harpers Ferry



AHOY, MODELERS

You are invited to come and sail the coastal and open waters of the San Diego Model Boat Pond in Mission Bay Park June 18th and 19th.

Commodore Jim is planning two days of fun in the sun. . .
several different course, prizes and food.

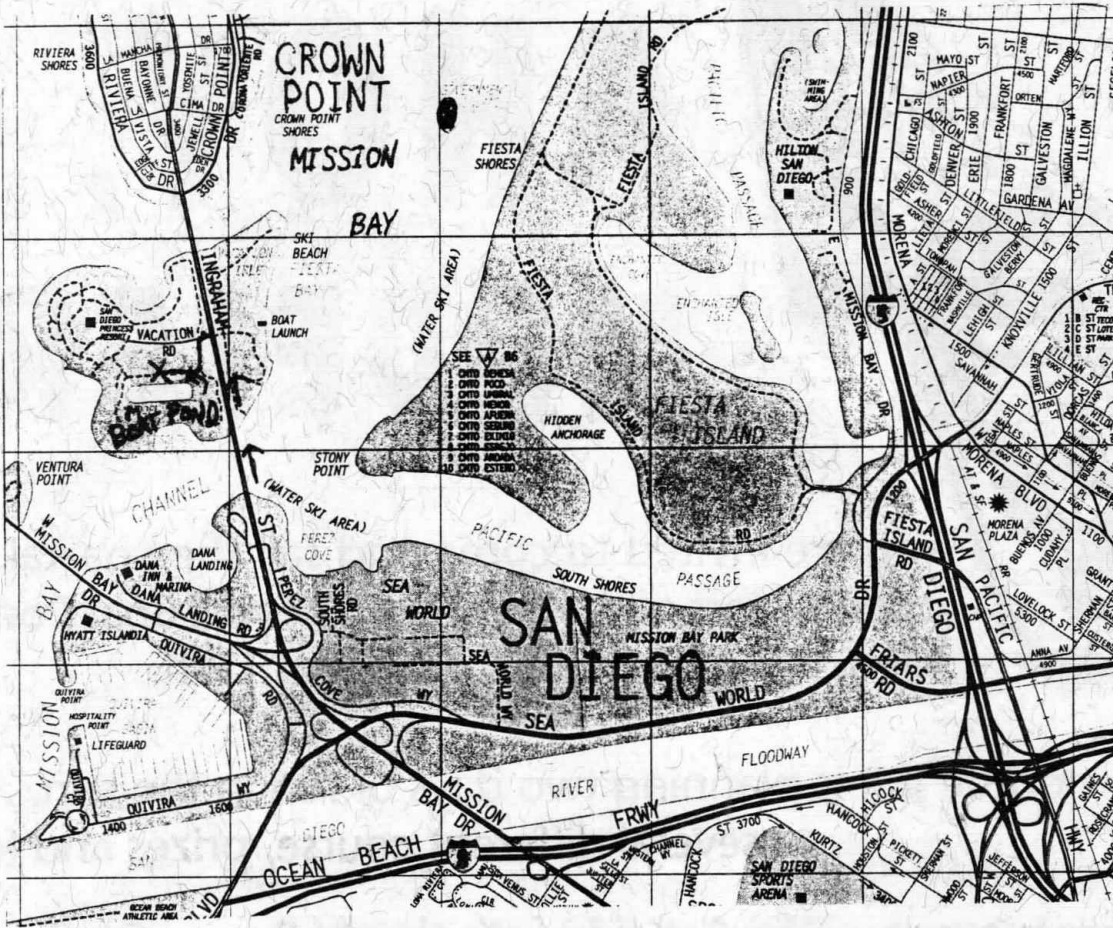
The main event will be Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. On Sunday starting at 10 a.m. we will have open running and schooner races by the Argonauts.

The categories are static and R/C. Military, Civilian, Tug, Workboat, Sail, Pleasure, Submarines and also Hydros, in static display only. Open to all modelers, adult and junior modelers (16 and under).

So light off those boilers, set your sails, up all anchors and make your way to the 17th Annual Scale Regatta of the San Diego Ship Modelers Guild. We'll see you there. What a day for modeling!

For more info write: Jim Hawkins Regatta
Commodore
/redacted/

Please Note:
Registration 8 am to 10 am **Only** Or call: /redacted/ after 6 p.m.



Make Check Payable to: **San Diego Ship Modelers Guild**
 Mail Entry Form and Fees to: **Jim Hawkins**
 /redacted/

5.00

3.00

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NAME _____ PHONE _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CLUB NAME (if any) _____

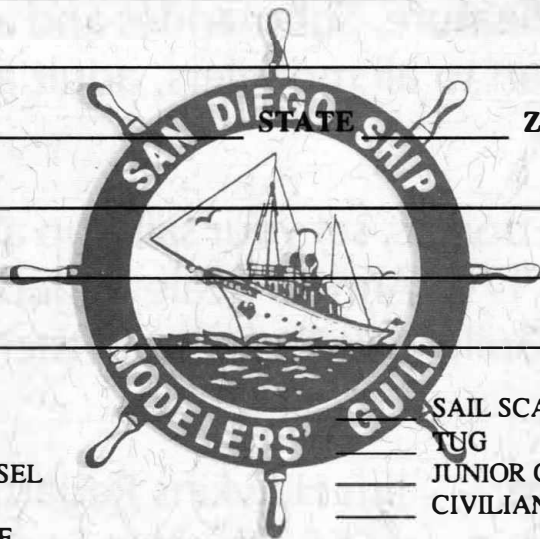
MODEL NAME _____ LARGE _____

MODEL NAME _____ SMALL _____

_____ PLEASURE _____ SAIL SCALE
 _____ MILITARY _____ TUG
 _____ WORK VESSEL _____ JUNIOR CLASS
 _____ STEAM _____ CIVILIAN
 _____ SUBMARINE _____

NUMBER OF ENTRIES _____ TOTAL \$ _____

STATIC _____ R/C _____



THE WATCH HAS CHANGED:



Museum Model Curator Bob Crawford has been relieved as Guild Master by Jim Hawkins, promoted from last years First Mate position by popular vote. Assisting Jim at the helm for 1994 as his First Mate will be a very capable veteran; Doug McFarland. Jim is also our 1994 Regatta Commodore which is a big job by itself.

Thinking Jim was the first member to hold both jobs, I thought I'd better check the records to be sure. The records show that Doug filled both positions in both 1986 and 1989. Additionally, Doug served as Guild Master in 1978 and 1980, while two other members ran the regatta. Jim has been Regatta Commodore before as well, back in 1991.

In spite of their previous experiences, they cannot do these jobs by themselves. Let's give them both all the support they ask for, and more. Good Luck to both of you, Jim and Doug.

Our Special Thanks go to Bob Crawford for his many efforts these past two years. We are grateful for your guidance and very much appreciative to your family for all the missed dinners at home, when you remained at the museum after working your eight hour day then staying for our meetings. We hope we can continue to work in close liason with you on all matters pertaining to the museum.

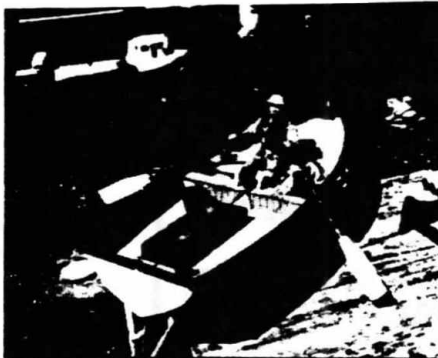
Ship Modelers Regatta...

Those of you that happened by the Model Boat Pond last Saturday were treated to a spectacular display of Scale Model boats of all descriptions; powered by wind, steam and even oar power. On hand were steam ships with hand built boilers, military vessels, a huge submarine, tugboats and one incredible rowboat powered only by a scale mechanical man and his dog rowing madly around the pond (You just had to see it!!) This group represents the ultimate in mechanical ingenuity and fine craftsmanship. So Argonauts, take a break from the racing action and take your family down to enjoy the fine displays. Next regatta May 14.

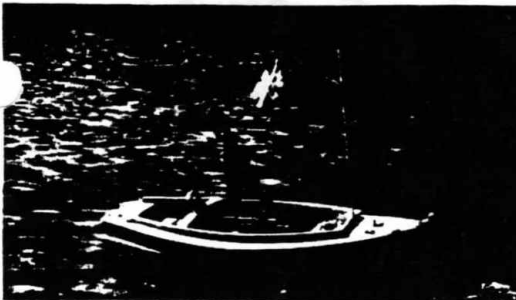
Happy Anniversary Argonauts!!



Above: First Mate Jimmy Hawkins displaying his submarine and warship (under construction). Below: A hand built boiler powers this nice day cruiser.



Above: This rowboat was a real hit, the action was so real it was hard to tell it was a model when it was on the water. Below: A great way to spend the day catching some quiet breeze



April

- 2 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 3 Easter/ Power Practice
- 5 Schooners 12:00 PM
- 9 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 10 Sail Points
- 16 Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 17 Power Points
- 23 Spring Sail Regatta
- 24 Spring Sail Regatta
- 30 Guild AM/ Sail PM



...THE MASTER SPEAKS:



I would like to welcome everyone, to another year.

As Guildmaster, I will do my best to keep scale modelling alive, to help keep the guild at the fore front of our talent and not stand by the wayside as others promote the hobby.

We must not loose the old ways, such as lost wax casting, yet we have to embrace new technology, new dreams, and bring out new builders. I, myself, am not the best at building, but I try and it teaches me patience.

We all have wonderful ideas. So lets share them, and lets continue to show great respect for each other. I am convinced that we have one of the best clubs on the West Coast and our record and comments from other groups can attest to this fact.

The Scale Regatta will be returning to the waters of San Diego again this year, and interest is building from as far away as New Zealand and Boston. And to all our friends on the West Coast, I hope you are planning to attend this year. Still the business of the club has to go on. Since we have a program for our next meeting, I am planning a Steering Committee meeting for May 5, 1994, in the galley on the Berkeley. These meetings are open to everyone, so come join me and let me know your ideas.

I will look forward to seeing you at the next guild meeting on the 21st of April.

Thanks for your support,

Jim Hawkins



FOR SALE

AIR COMPRESSOR COMPONENTS

Compressor - 1 Cyclinder
3/4 H.P. Motor 110/220
Air Tank
Pressure Switch

All in Good Condition
\$75.00

Bob Cornell /redacted/



Arleigh Burke-Class Destroyers (DDG)

51 Arleigh Burke

MISS THE (NEXT) MEETING -- MISS THE AUCTION:

We seem to be entering a new era in our club. A few members are donating no-longer-needed items to the guild for auction, i.e. model kits, electric and hand tools, plans, books etc. The proceeds have really helped our treasury, and has enabled us to finance several worthwhile projects further supporting the maritime museum. We've even had nicer parties which were greatly appreciated by those attending.

Perhaps you have such a kit, surplus of "scratch material, seldom-used tools, surplus books or plans etc. that would make a well-received donation to the guild. Why not check around your shop or work bench and give the idea some thought. Every effort will be made to announce such items in advance in our newsletter. This should not only give more opportunity to everyone as we could receive more bids and we'd have an increase in meeting attendance.



Spruance-Class Destroyers (DD)
963 Spruance



Kidd-Class Destroyers (DDG)
993 Kidd



Oliver Hazard Perry-Class Frigates (FFG)
7 Oliver Hazard Perry



Belknap-Class Cruisers (CG)

- 26 Belknap
- 27** Josephus Daniels
- 29** Jouett
- 30** Home
- 31** Starrett
- 32** William H. Standley
- 33 Fox
- 35 Truxton



Ticonderoga-Class Cruisers (CG)

- 47 Ticonderoga
- 48 Yorktown
- 49 Vincennes
- 50 Valley Forge
- 51 Thomas S. Gates
- 52 Bunker Hill
- 53 Mobile Bay
- 54 Ardent
- 55 Layte Gulf
- 56 San Jacinto
- 57 Lake Champlain
- 58 Philippine Sea
- 59 Princeton
- 60 Normandy
- 61 Monterey
- 62 Chancellorsville
- 63 Cowpens
- 64 Gettysburg

For our April meeting, three of the following items were generously donated by Chris Mathews, a long-time member who lives in Coronado. The Black & Decker Band Saw was donated by museum member Norma Newton who originally was going to give it to the Rummage Sale, but decided the Model Shop might have better use for it. It would seem that these items would total over \$300 retail.

- 1.) BILLINGS Ocean-going Tug "St. Canute" - This kit is superb especially with all the fittings included. The hull measures about 56" X 15½" in a scale of 1:50.
- 2.) COREL Sloup Kit - very nice and includes all the fittings as well.
- 3.) Plans by McCANDLESS: USS PORTER (DD-356) in a scale of 1:96 (1/8). Four sheets cover the ship as designed in 1933. Very nicely detailed. This class destroyer leader had four twin 5"/38 single purpose gun mounts and tri-pod fore and main masts
- 4.) BLACK & DECKER BAND SAW with about a 20" throat. Excellent condition

So bring your check book or cash--sorry we can't accept either Mastercard or Visa. (At our March meeting, one lucky member walked away with a small, precision metal lathe for \$85.00.)





Anchorage-Class Amphibious Transport Docks (LSD)



Austin-Class Amphibious Transport Docks (LPD)



Tarawa-Class Amphibious Assault Ships (LHA)

- 1 Tarawa
- 2 Saipan
- 3 Belleau Wood
- 4 Nassau
- 5 Peleliu

NAVY MODEL SHOP TOUR A BIG SUCCESS:

Large brass water-line models (in 1/4 scale), everywhere you looked...Every conceivable hand/power machine/tool to make these models plus racks of "scratch" brass sheets, tubing etc. available for the next project...Carriers, a battleship, cruisers, destroyers, frigates, "amphibs", auxiliary and miscellaneous support ships, one of each ship class to enter the fleet in the last 30 or 40 years; we saw them all. It was during the afternoon of March 24 when twenty-five lucky modelers and selected members of the maritime museum had the opportunity to tour the ship model shop near Fort Rosecrans on Point Loma.

The model-building and storage facility are but a small part of a large complex many of us remember as N.E.L. (Naval Electronics Lab), or N.O.S.C. (Naval Oceans Systems Command). The current title of Naval Command, Control, and Ocean Surveillance Center probably better describes the base today. Don't ask me what the abbreviated nick-name is...Pt. Loma long ago had a "fiddle-sticks." Anyone driving out to Cabrillo Monument on Catalina Blvd. goes right by the two buildings in which the models are built or stored. At least a half dozen large models sit outside along the road, but inside the high security fence.

Why, you wonder would the navy want all these models?? The answer is simple. (How they do it is not.) They are used to test various possible ship-board locations of radio antennas. Through the "economies of scale" antennas can be moved around, relocated and tested on a model at a fraction of the cost of what the expense would be aboard the real ship.



Iwo Jima-Class Amphibious Assault Ships (LPH)

- 7* Guadalcanal
- 9 Guam
- 10 Tripoli
- 11 New Orleans
- 12 Inchon

Having seen a few of these models around before, this writer welcomed the opportunity to see where they were built, first hand. If you missed the tour, and never seen one of these models, we will have their model of the USS BAINBRIDGE, the navy's first nuclear-powered destroyer on display aboard the Berkeley very shortly. (see an accompanying article)

Our guild is indebted to Bob Crawford for making the necessary arrangements for this tour. We wish to pay special thanks to Mr. Tom La Puzza of their Public Affairs Office and to Mr. Bob O'Neill of the model shop for providing all the necessary security (individual and car passes) and answering our many questions.

Only one question remains. If you were lucky enough to be one of the 3 or 4 model-makers who work in the shop all day, what do you do after work for a hobby??



Newport-Class Tank Landing Ships (LST)

HELP/IDEAS WANTED --SATURDAY - APRIL 23th:

If you've never worked on a nuclear-powered ship before, here's your chance. Actually, it's a 12 foot model of the USS BAINBRIDGE (CLGN-25) which is now on "permanent loan" to the Maritime Museum courtesy of the U.S. Navy. This is possible because the ship is being decommissioned this year, so there will be no official need for it (antenna testing etc.)

Anyway, we need volunteers to help clean-up the model and to make minor repairs. We also need ideas. What is commercially-available, that will make the job of brass cleaning easier?? Some of you must have some good ideas, something easier than say "BRASSO" or "NEVER-DULL." In asking this question at the pond last Saturday, two guys volunteered "TARN-X" available at Thrifty Drug and a dip available at San Diego Welding Supply believed to be called "C.B.B."

This model is now on display a few feet from the entrance to the model shop aboard Berkeley. Your help will be most welcome on April 23rd when the pond will be closed for an Argonaut meet. So if you just want to "get out of the house", come on down. Bring a couple of small screwdrivers if you can as we will be removing various deck/weapon assemblies. Please give Bob Crawford or Jim Hawkins a call if you have an idea, but cannot make the meeting, April 21st.



Long Beach-Class Cruiser (CGN)
9* Long Beach



California-Class Cruiser (CGN)
36 California
37 South Carolina



Virginia-Class Cruiser (CGN)
38* Virginia
40 Mississippi
41 Arkansas

KUDOS FOR OUR CO-FOUNDER,
BOB WRIGHT:

This article appeared in the Maritime Museum's newsletter, "Full & By" for April 1994.

Congradulations, Bob!

WELL DONE!!!



Bob Wright, ticket taker on STAR OF INDIA, has been donating time and services to the Maritime Museum since 1962. Photo by Joseph Dittler.

STARBOARD WATCH:

Introducing Bob Wright

Every once in awhile a person comes along who becomes so invaluable to your cause, you wonder how you could have gotten along without him.

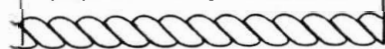
In 1962 Bob Wright came on board STAR OF INDIA and volunteered to do anything necessary to get the ship back in shape. He is still here, still volunteering, and still doing anything he can to help the Maritime Museum.

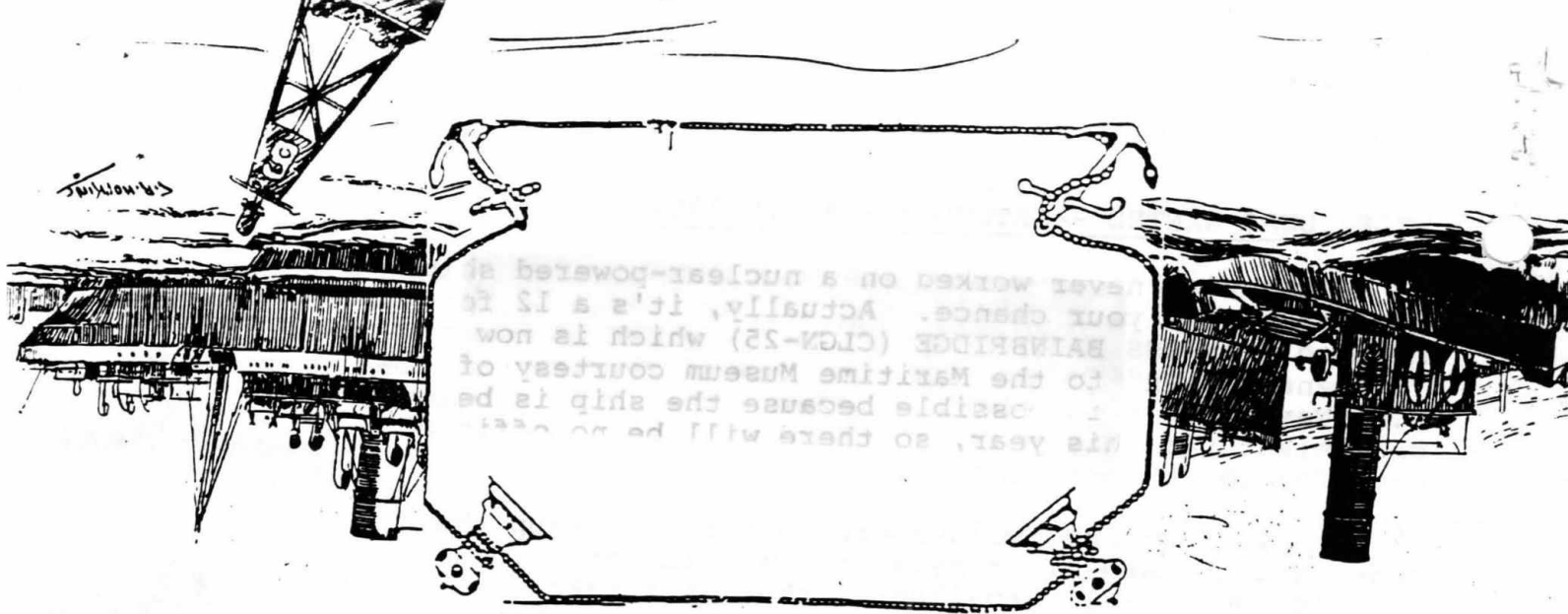
In addition to the many volunteer hours Bob puts in on the ships, he works part time as a ticket taker on STAR. As an oral historian Bob has documented an important time in San Diego's history. He has thousands of hours of taped interviews from early waterfront characters, WWII heros, square rig sailors, and more, which make him a popular conversationalist with visitors.

The Museum tells Bob to open the gates of STAR OF INDIA at 9 a.m. each morning to the public. At 8:15, however, Bob is walking up and down the embarcadero handing out Maritime Museum brochures to tour bus visitors from Isle of Man gathered to see the old ship on their all too brief ten-minute stop.

Just last week Bob purchased a rivet gun from the Aerospace Museum and donated it to our work crew to make their job of re-caulking the decks of STAR easier.

"It's people like Bob Wright who make you realize the value of volunteers at the Maritime Museum," said Chuck Thomas, Crew Liaison at the Museum. We are delighted to have such dedicated people as Bob Wright on our team.





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 Officers for 1994

Master	Jim Hawkins	/redacted/
First Mate	Doug McFarland	/redacted/
Purser	Ed White	/redacted/
Logkeeper/Secretary	Bob Cornell	/redacted/
Newsletter Editors	Fred Fraas	/redacted/
Steering Committee	Gordon Jones	/redacted/
	Bob Wright	/redacted/
	Ed White	/redacted/
	Bob O'Brien	/redacted/
Regatta Commodore	Jim Hawkins	/redacted/

Schedule of Activities:

Meetings --Third Thursday of the month
 7:00PM Social; 07:30PM Meeting

Static Workshops -- (discontinued)

R/C Operations --Saturday mornings at the
 Model Yacht Pond. (Mission Bay)

Annual Regatta-- Third weekend in June

Membership:

Dues are \$15 annually
 (\$7.50 after July 1st)

We strongly encourage
 all to join the San Diego
 Maritime Museum as expres-
 sion of appreciation for
 the facilities they provide
 for our benefit.

