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" It is not the going out of port, but the coming in, that determines the success of a voyage.

-Henry Ward Beecher

ABOUT THIS MONTH'S GRAPHICS:

A little review of seamanship?? Well, perhaps. Your editor has a neat soft-covered book titled "SEAMANSHIP" (also known as NAVPERS 16118-B for you ex-Navy types). It was printed in 1953 by the Gov't Printing Office for the Bureau of Naval Personnel. All of the graphics herein come from that source, but were reduced on a 5¢ copy machine at a nearby liquor store.

"A true friend is the most precious of all possessions and the one we take the least thought about acquiring.

--La Rochefoucauld

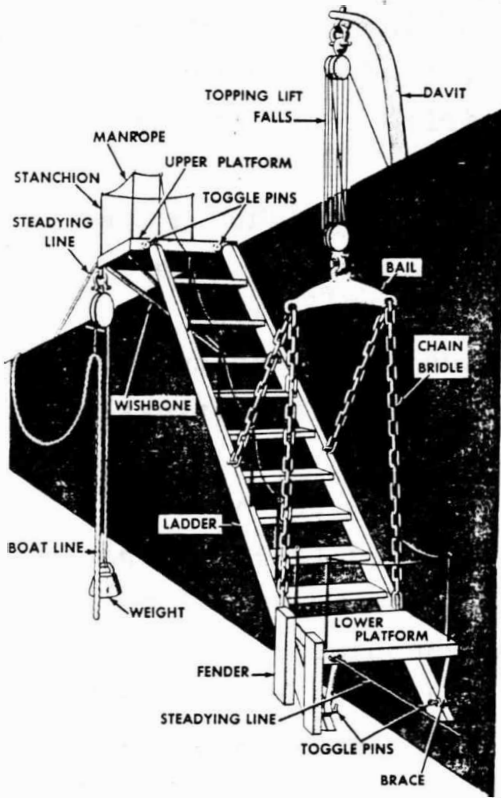


Figure 4-10.—Accommodation ladder rigged. 47

COMING EVENTS:

- Aug 12-13 Mid-Summer Sail Regatta **
- Aug 17 Thurs - SDSMG Meeting
- Sept 1-4 District 19 Heat Racing **
- Sept 16 Chula Vista Harbor Days
- Sept 21 Thurs - SDSMG Meeting
- Oct 7 Maritime Modelers THIRD Annual Regatta - Tri-Cities Park in Placentia, CA. (** pond closed to SDSMG)

August - 1995

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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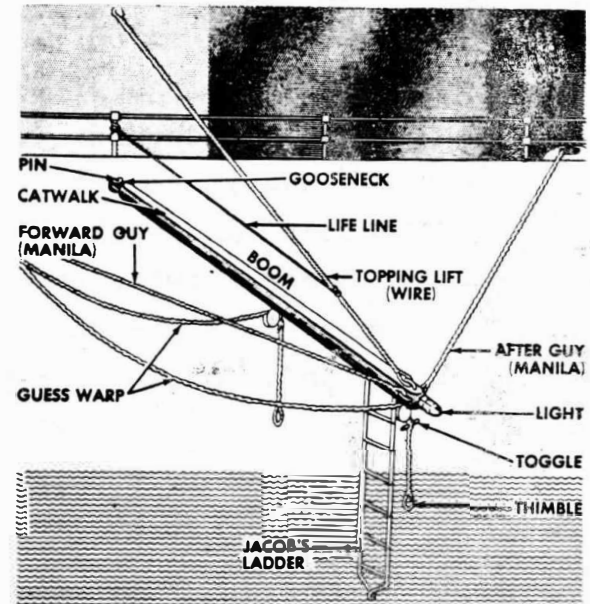


Figure 4-11.—Boat boom. 30

NEXT MEETING: 7PM BRING A MODEL!
 Guest Speaker: TOM TAYLOR is scheduled to talk about "The Lathe."

We hope to see you there.

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July 20th, our Annual Summer Party Evening

Our Commodore, Jimmie Hawkins and his crew provided an unusually pleasant repast aboard the good barque SEAR OF INDIA on the waterfront's embarcadero. The weather was wonderful, food was very good and also plentiful, and an open bar featured spirits equal to any Cape Horn blow.

Those of you who missed the occasion REALLY got caught in the doldrums, for those who "made port" discovered the delights of a Fiddler's Green. The sun was low in the west as we partook of a variety of deli sandwiches (stuffed with delicious meats and turkey by the way), potato and pasta salads, Bar B-Q chicken, fish sticks, fruit platters and cake.

About 32 "survivors" reported, among them ex-member and surprise guest Al L'Heureux, now of Tucson, AZ. Many old friends were there to greet him, as well as walk-on guest Earl Squire who used to model E. A. McCann's model plans from Popular Mechanics and Popular Science Magazines. Mr. Squire's first model was the SANTA MARIA from a Billings kit. He presently is working on the plastic model of SANTANA.

Centerpiece on the serving table was Art Yeend's completed hull/deck fittings of the Gloucester fishing schooner ELSIE, with an old up-and-down windlass which works. Outside ballasting made her too heavy, so Art settled for some inside ballast and a brass centerboard and well. She's also R/C.

Robert Hewitt is making a plastic kit model of VICTORY which he appropriately purchased in Ramsgate (in Kent, on the east coast of England) and which reminds your Ed. of "The Yarn Of The Nancy Bell".

'Twas on the shores that round our coast
From Deal to Ramsgate span,
That I found alone, on a piece of stone,
An elderly naval man.

.....etc. etc.

VICTORY is 16 or 18 inches in length. The hull is assembled and Mr. Hewitt is awaiting arrival of some 1/16" deadeyes, since those furnished with the model were too large.

Nick Rugen is busy with a model of the Prince of Wales' 1894

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Cont'd.--July 20th. party.

cutter BRITANNIA. He was continually being egged-on by his wealthy cousin's (Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany) new COMETS, whose crews were, embarrassingly, British. "Hey, c'mon fellas, that's no reason to go to war!"

Another of our members is building a Mississippi River stern-wheel steamboat.

Lewis Johnson, who has modeled previous Scandinavian types, is working on the ROAR EGE, a Danish Viking-age freighter kit by Billings. "What did she freight" I dumbly asked. She carried fish, rock, cows and other livestock. Anything which required moving from one place to another by water. The original was about 45-feet in length, Louis estimates.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Acuña from Mexico also were there, along with their young son who was considerably interested in the STAR.

Copies of the NEWSLETTER were given to all guests. And judging by the smiles and comments, everyone enjoyed the event.

The Club wishes to thank those who handled this event (hauling tables and supplies as well) and the MARITIME MUSEUM ASSOCIATION for permitting the use of the main deck of a famous vessel which we are fortunate to be associated with. (GJ)

SEAMANSHIP

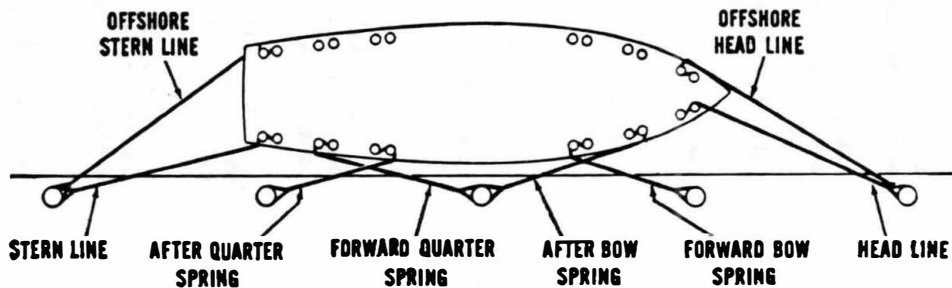


Figure 8-2.—Names of mooring lines and numbers of bitts.

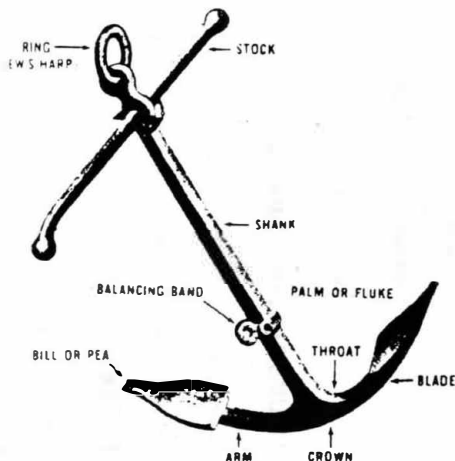


Figure 6-1.—Old-fashioned, Navy, or stock anchor.

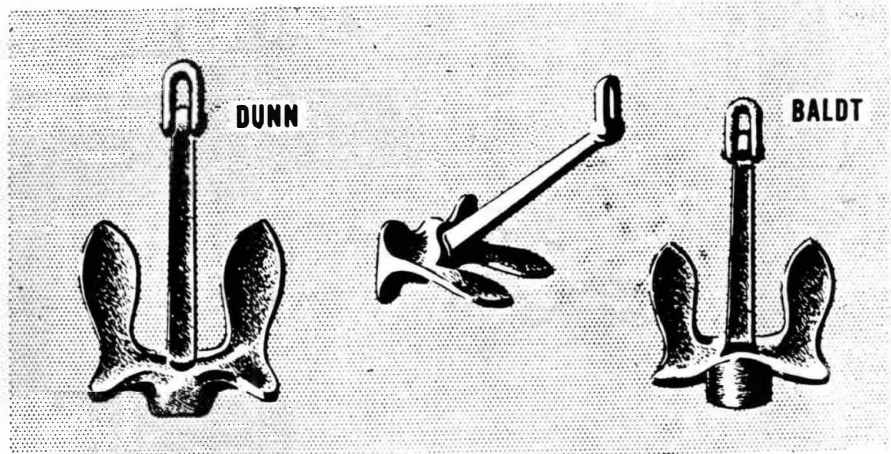


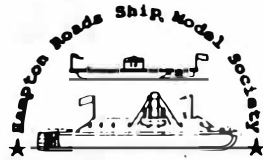
Figure 6-2.—Types of patent anchor.



NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD



THE MARINERS' MUSEUM



1995 NRG Conference

The Hampton Roads Ship Model Society cordially invites you to the twenty-second annual Nautical Research Guild conference on October 26-29, 1995. This year's conference will be in conjunction with The Mariners' Museum and the 1995 Scale Ship Model Competition. The quality of the models entered in the competition far exceeds previous competitions. The conference headquarters will be:

Holiday Inn Hampton Coliseum
Hotel and Conference Center
Hampton, VA 23666-3229
Phone (804) 838-0200
Fax (804) 838-7700
Reservations 1-800-842-9370

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

12:00 Noon: Vendor Area opens.
5:00-8:00 P.M.: Early registration

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00-9:00 A.M.: Registration

9:00 A.M. -- 4:00 P.M.: Friday Tour. The tour begins with a stop at Norfolk Naval Base and a visit aboard a US Navy ship.

The next stop is downtown Norfolk for lunch. (Many restaurants, including eateries at Waterside, are close by.) The afternoon is set aside for visiting the new Hampton Roads Naval Museum on the second floor of Nauticus. The museum is free. Nauticus is optional and admission is extra. Also optional is the ferry ride across to Portsmouth to see the Lightship Museum and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum. The bus will leave Nauticus at 3:15 sharp to return to the Holiday Inn.

4:00-6:00 P.M.: Registration.

4:15-5:30 P.M.: Nautical Research Guild Business Meeting at the Holiday Inn.

6:30-8:30 P.M.: Reception - including beverages and hors d'oeuvres - at The Mariners' Museum.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:00-9:00 A.M.: Registration.

9:00 A.M. -- 4:30 P.M.: Spouses' Tour. (See reverse side for details.)

9:00 A.M. -- Noon: Morning Technical Session.

Noon-1:30 P.M.: Buffet luncheon at the Holiday Inn.

1:30-4:45 P.M.: Afternoon Technical Session.

Scheduled speakers:

John M. Bobbitt, M.D.: 1991 and 1995 NRG Chapelle award and medal winner. Journal contributor and past speaker. Topic: Working the Chesapeake Bay.

John F. Cheevers: Engineering Designer, Newport News Shipbuilding. Professional model builder. Topic: New Concepts in Ship Design and Construction.

N. Roger Cole: Professional Ship modeler, writer, speaker at numerous NRG conferences. Topic: Canadian Flowers and an American Tempress.

Alan D. Fraser: Senior Curator, The Mariners' Museum, NRG Director. Topic: The Plating of Metal Ships.

Thomas C. Gillmer, N.A.: Professor of Naval Architecture, U.S. Naval Academy (ret.), author, designer of replica ships including *Pride of Baltimore*, consultant for recent *Constitution* restoration, several marine archaeological projects. Topic: Early Ship Development and Traces of Origins.

Joseph McCleary: Captain USN(Ret.), NRG Director. Journal contributor and past sword bearing conference speaker. Topic: *HMS Epervier*, Brig of 1812.

Stafford G. Davis will make a brief presentation on behalf of the 1996 NRG Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

6:30-7:30 P.M.: Social Hour (Cash Bar) at the Holiday Inn.

7:30 P.M. - Buffet Banquet (multiple choice entrees) at the Holiday Inn. Presentation of The Mariners' Museum Scale Ship Model Competition awards.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

9:00 A.M. -- Noon: Round Table Discussions and Flea Market at the Holiday Inn. Speakers from Saturday's sessions will be featured. In addition there will be a flea market held. Reserve your table by marking the registration form and bring along those models, books, plans and artifacts for sale.

1:30 -- 3:30 P.M.: RC model operations on Lake Maury at The Mariners' Museum. Bring your RC models along and show them off Sunday afternoon.

Accommodations

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Phone (804) 838-0200
Fax (804) 838-7700
Reservations 1-800-842-9370

A block of 125 rooms has been reserved for the conference weekend. Room rates are \$78.00 flat fee. The block will only be held open until September 23. Be sure to mention the Nautical Research Guild conference when making reservations.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE/FAX: _____

OTHERS IN PARTY: _____

Nautical Interests/Club Affiliation: _____

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Space Required to Display Model(s): _____

SEND TO:

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society
Attn.: John Cheevers
414 Burnham Place
Newport News, VA 23606
(804) 591-8955

Please keep a copy of this completed form for your records.

See you in October!

Getting to Hampton Roads

The Hampton Roads area is 3 hours south of Washington DC on Interstate 95 to Interstate 64. Airline service is available through the Newport News/Williamsburg and Norfolk International airports. Rental cars are available at both airports. Newport News is also served by Amtrak. Further information regarding transportation and accommodations in the Hampton Roads area is available upon request.

The Mariners' Museum

Your registration name badge will be honored for admission to the Museum from Thursday, October 26, through Monday, October 30.

Spouses' Tour

Advance registration is required. If the number of reservations is not sufficient, the tour will be canceled and the fee refunded.

An Morning at The Mariner's Museum. We shall meet with a 19th-20th century woman lighthouse keeper of the Chesapeake Bay. Following our visit, Museum docents will escort us on a tour of the Museum, highlighting the Chesapeake Bay, Crabtree Miniature Ships and Paintings galleries. At lunch in the Museum courtyard (weather permitting) we will mingle with our guides.

An Afternoon at Carter's Grove Plantation. Situated on the James River, Carter's Grove spans 300 years of Virginia History. The plantation home, shown in its early 20th century Colonial Revival form, is considered "the most beautiful house in America." Also featured are slave quarters, 17th century Wolstenholme Towne (reconstruction) and the Rockefeller Archaeology Museum.

Vendors

A large room close to the conference room will be provided for vendors to display their products. The vendor room will be open at noon on Thursday, October 26, for setup. Operation of power tools will not be allowed in the room. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday the room will be opened at 8:00 A.M. and remain open until the end of the evening, at which time the room will be secured.

Vendors can register on the registration form. Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. The registration fee includes a door prize to be given away at the Saturday evening banquet. Vendors should contact the conference registration chairperson:

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society
Attn.: John Cheevers
414 Burnham Place
Newport News, VA 23606
(804) 591-8955

Ship Models

Attendees are invited to bring their ship models, whether complete or in progress, for display. Please indicate on the registration form if you will be bringing a model. All models for display must be cased and efforts will be made to ensure their security. The schedule includes an RC event at The Mariners' Museum on Sunday so the operating models will have a chance to strut their stuff. The Holiday Inn Hampton Coliseum, the Nautical Research Guild and the Hampton Roads Ship Model Society cannot accept responsibility for any models displayed. All models should have identification.

Weather

Hampton Roads weather in October can vary from sunny with temperatures ranging into the upper 60's to rainy and cold in the 30's.

Registration

To register please use the registration form or a photocopy. Although the conference is intended primarily for NRG members it will be open to non-members. If you have any questions please contact the conference registration chairperson listed below:

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1995 NRG CONFERENCE:

The NRG info shown on pages 4,5, & herein on page 6 were copied from a brochure mailed to our SDSM-Guild. Don't know of any member planning to go, but thought this info would be appreciated anyway.

A few years back they held their conference in Long Beach aboard the Queen Mary. Perhaps they will have another conference on the West Coast in the future.

**REGISTRATION FORM
22ND ANNUAL NAUTICAL RESEARCH
GUILD CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 26 - 29, 1995**

	FEES		
	Cost	#	Total
	Each		
Conference Registration (Family)	\$25.00	___	___
Late Registration (After October 6, 1995)	\$35.00	___	___
Friday Tour*	\$15.00	___	___
Friday Evening Reception	\$15.00	___	___
Saturday Spouses' Tour*	\$28.00	___	___
Saturday Buffet Lunch	\$10.00	___	___
Saturday Evening Banquet (Buffet)	\$24.00	___	___
Sunday Flea Market Table	\$5.00	___	___
Vendor Table (Tables are 8' Long)	\$25.00 & door prize	___	___

TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____
(Make checks payable to the Hampton Roads Ship Model Society.)

*Advance registration is necessary. Each tour requires a certain minimum number of participants. If the number of reservations does not meet the minimum, the tour will be canceled and the tour fee will be refunded.

(Sorry, no guarantee of refund after Oct. 25, 1995)

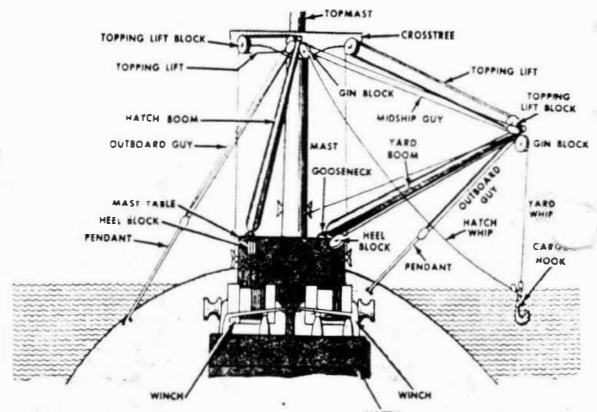
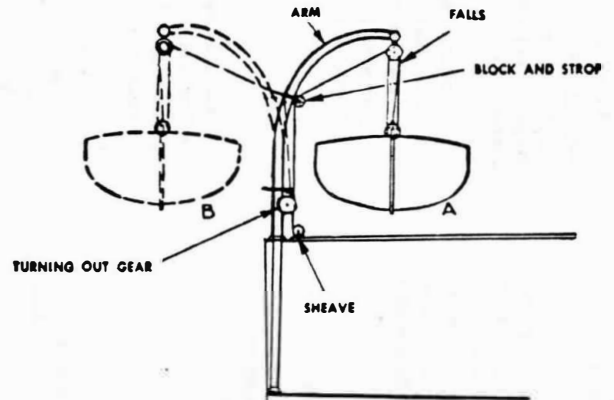
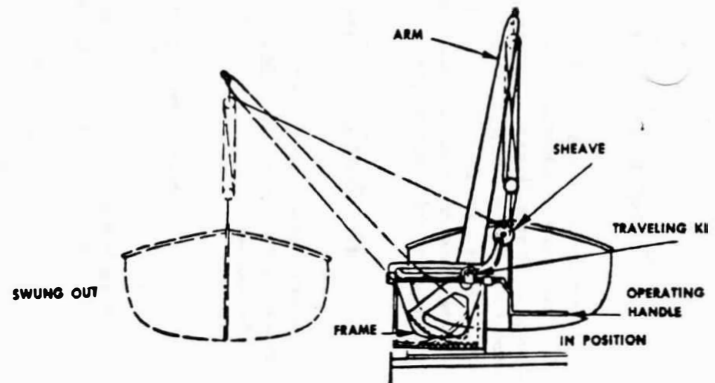


Figure 3-3.—Booms rigged for yard-and-stay transfer.

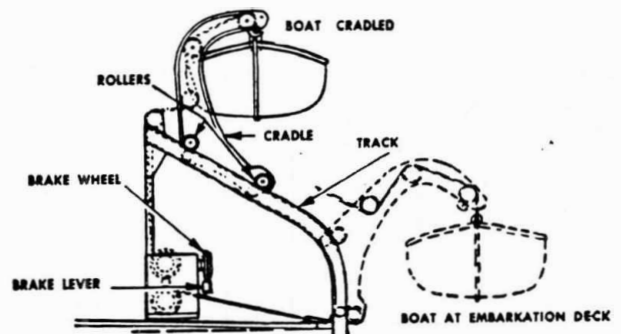
Chapter 7—BOATS



ROUND BAR



QUADRANTAL DAVIT



GRAVITY DAVIT

Figure 7-12.—Three types of davits.

Those plans listed in the July NL by E. A. McCann, "The father of Model Shipbuilding" as featured in years-past issues of the POPULAR SCIENCE MAGAZINE, still are available from:

U.M.I. Information store,
Article retrieval Service, Suite 400
500 Sansome St.,
San Francisco, CA., 94111 (Attn. Dan)

Costs are nominal: \$9.75 for first copy of an article,
\$3.50 each for additional copies

I was informed that their article-retrieval service reaches back to the year 1875!

GJ

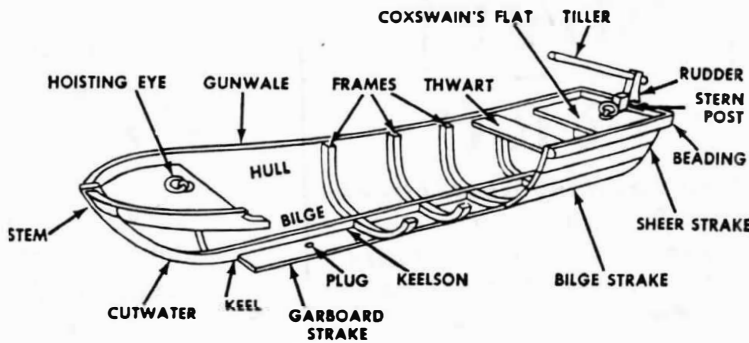
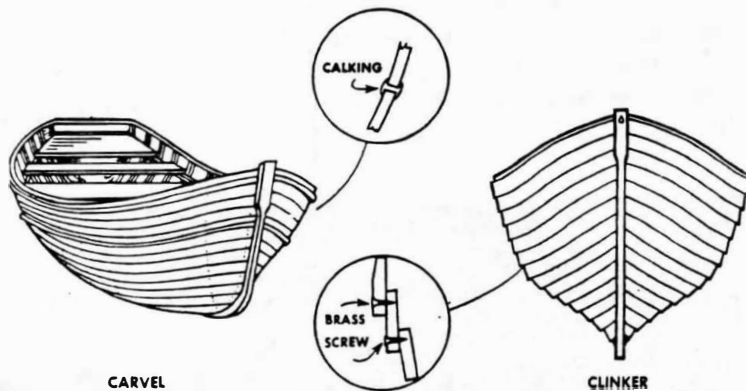


Figure 7-1.—Names of parts of a boat.



DIAGONAL

Figure 7-2.—Three types of build in wooden boats.

1995 REGATTA PRIZES:

In last month's newsletter, a listing of the prizes given out at our June regatta were shown. Somehow, we overlooked listing that donated by Lee Upshaw of WARSHIP HULLS/ SCALE SHIPYARD. Lee has been a generous donor, as well as award-winning participate for many, many years.

He donated the fiberglass hull and plans for a gilded missile frigate, FFG-7, the Oliver Hazard Perry class.

We thank you again, Lee, for your continuing support as well as this prize, and we are very sorry for the oversight.



The Maine Lobster Boat

Scale 1"=1' 33" long
 Kit #204
 \$375.00

Built for hard work in the roughest seas, these tough boats are seaworthy and surprisingly fast. Our authentically scaled fiberglass and wood model performs just like the real thing...and it's easy and quick to build. The kit contains a molded hull and cabin, laser-cut wood deckhouse and other parts, plus finely cast fittings, all the materials you need for static display, clear illustrated instructions and full-size plans.

You spend a minimum of time in construction and a maximum of time enjoying your efforts!

(Radio gear and running hardware are not included. Paint kit available separately.)

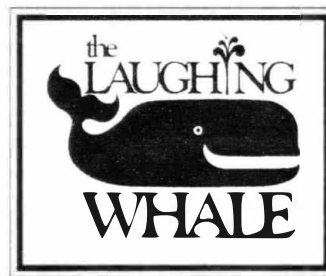
The Mahogany Runabout is an elegant model of a typical speedboat popular in the '30s and '40s. Still in demand today, gleaming boats like this plied virtually every fashionable waterway.

Our model reproduces even the construction methods used, with double diagonal and horizontal planking. Laser-cut parts, brass and cast pewter fittings, cast resin upholstered seats and a detailed instruction book make it easy to cruise your own waterway with the style and grace of the Gilded Age.

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The Mahogany Runabout

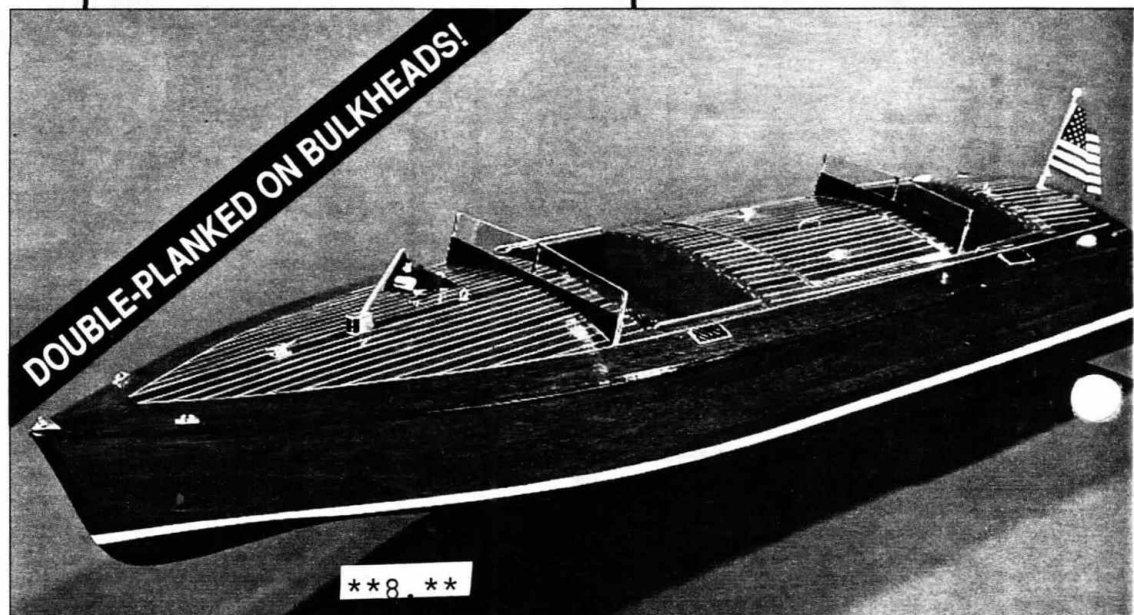
Scale 1"=1' 30" long
 Kit #203
 \$219.95



FOR R/C

While these Laughing Whale kits are designed for radio control, their precision and true-to-scale detailing will please the most demanding builder of static models.

We guarantee your satisfaction. We will refund your money if you are not completely satisfied with the quality of these two new laser-cut kits...the instructions...and the plans.



MARITIME

The Man Who Saved the 'O'Brien' Earns Awards From Preservationists

Patterson Receives Two Major Honors

By PETER M. TIRSCHWELL

Journal of Commerce Staff

SAN FRANCISCO — Retired Rear Adm. Thomas J. Patterson of the U.S. Maritime Service, who saved the Liberty ship Jeremiah O'Brien from the scrap yard and led the effort to sail it back to Normandy last summer after 51 years, has received two major maritime-preservation awards.

Both honors, the World Ship Trust Maritime Heritage Award and the American Ship Trust Award, recognized what many consider to be the most remarkable feat of maritime preservation in years: getting a half-century-old ship ready for an ocean voyage and then sailing it across the Atlantic, where it was the only vessel of the thousands involved in D-Day to return for the invasion's 50th anniversary.

"When President Franklin Delano Roosevelt ordered the world's largest fleet of ships built and manned,

it is unlikely that he dreamed one of them would return to sea at age 51 with a crew of 70-year-old World War II veterans," Mr. Patterson said as he accepted the awards. The O'Brien made 11 shuttle runs from England to the Omaha and Utah beaches during the invasion.

The World Ship Trust Award is given each year by the London-based World Ship Trust, whose vice president, Edward G. Zelinsky, presented the award to Mr. Patterson at a ceremony last month aboard the O'Brien.

The American Ship Trust Award is given annually by the National Maritime Historical Society in Peekskill, N.Y. It was presented by Karl Kortum, founder of the San Francisco Maritime Museum.*

The story of how the Jeremiah O'Brien managed to become one of two out of an original fleet of 2,751 Liberty ships to survive to the present day is something of a legend in the maritime community.

Mr. Patterson, working as a surveyor for the Maritime Administration in the early 1960s, stumbled upon the O'Brien anchored among

hundreds of dormant Liberty ships in the Suisun Bay reserve fleet east of San Francisco. The O'Brien and all the remaining Liberty ships were on the Navy's scrap list.

But the O'Brien, although tarnished from years of inactivity, caught Mr. Patterson's attention. Unlike other Liberty ships that had been converted into hospital ships or modified in countless other ways, the O'Brien was completely unaltered. All its original fittings, charts and even log books were in their proper places, just as they would have been on the day the ship was launched in 1943.

"I made a mental note to save her from the scrappers," he said.

Guided by Mr. Patterson and others through a bureaucratic labyrinth, the ship was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. A year later, its original triple-expansion steam engine restarted, the O'Brien left the reserve fleet and became the country's first operating memorial merchant ship.

But the crowning moment of the long preservation effort came last June, once the ship had arrived off

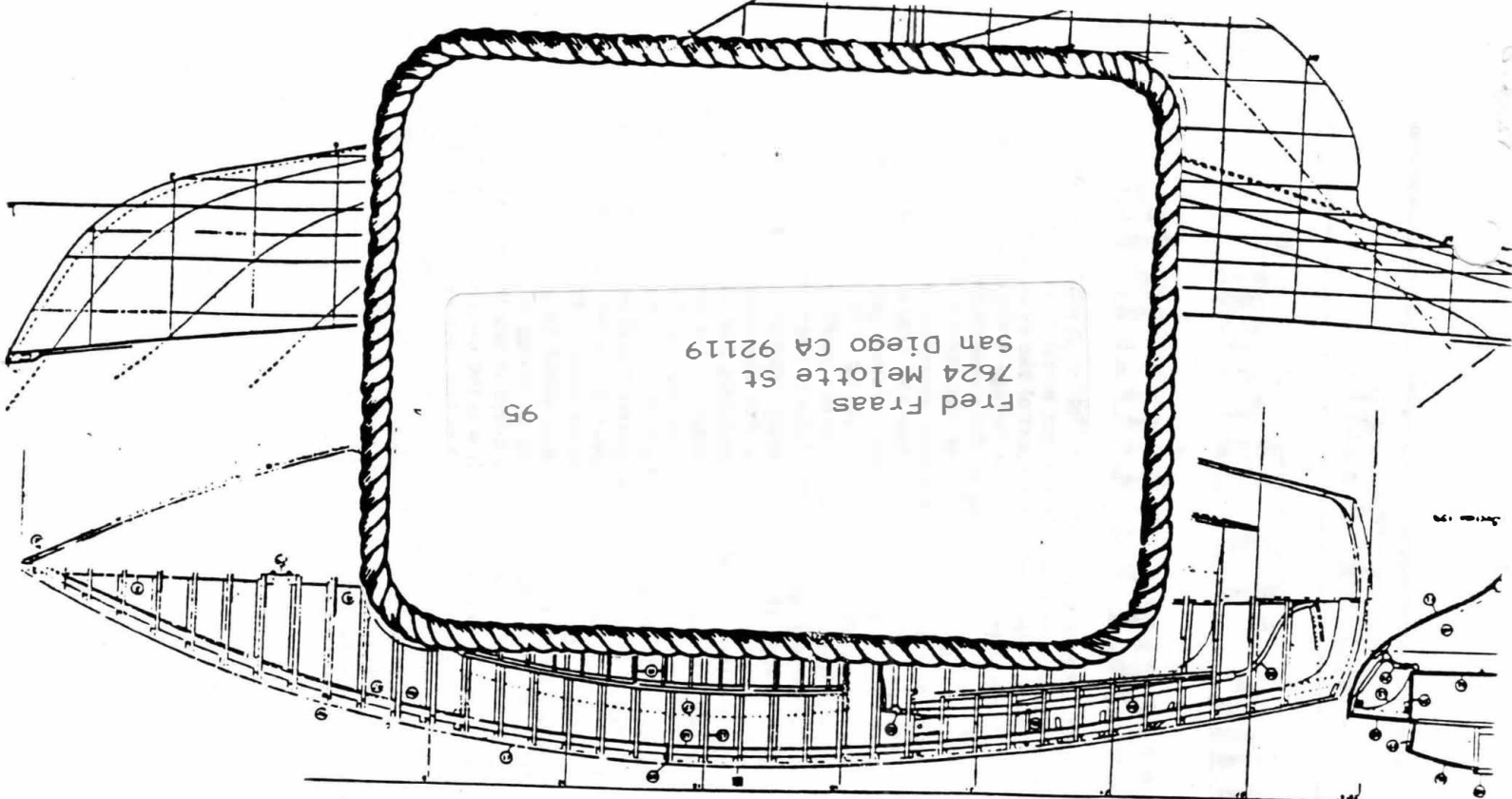
the coast of Normandy after an arduous six-week voyage from its home port of San Francisco.

The voyage was made to honor the wartime contributions and sacrifices of the thousands of civilian merchant mariners who served on ships like the O'Brien. Some 7,000 merchant seamen perished at sea in enemy action when cargo ships filled with munitions, including many Liberty ships, were torpedoed by enemy submarines and fighter planes. But the nonmilitary, unionized seafarers had never been fully recognized by the United States for their contributions to the war effort.

Much of that changed, however, at a sunrise Naval ceremony aboard the aircraft carrier George Washington on June 6, when Mr. Patterson was asked to assist President Clinton in laying a wreath for all those killed at sea 50 years earlier.

"It was the most solemn moment any of us had ever experienced," Mr. Patterson said. "It was the day the U.S. Merchant Marine was brought fully into the fold of all the U.S. armed forces. Our mission was accomplished."

*It was actually presented by NMHS trustee Richard W. Scheuing.



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San Diego Ship Modelers Guild

Officers for 1995

Guild Master
 First Mate
 Purser
 Logkeeper
 Newsletter Editors

Steering Committee

Regatta Commodore

Schedule of Activities:

Meetings -- Third Thursday of the month. 7:00PM Social, 7:30PM Meeting, held on board the ferryboat "Berkeley."

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

Annual Regatta -- Third weekend in June.

Jim Hawkins /redacted/
 Doug McFarland /redacted/
 Ed White /redacted/
 (open)
 Fred Fraas /redacted/
 Gordon Jones /redacted/--
 Open to any and all interested in the welfare of the club.
 Dave Manley /redacted/

Membership:

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

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