



San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

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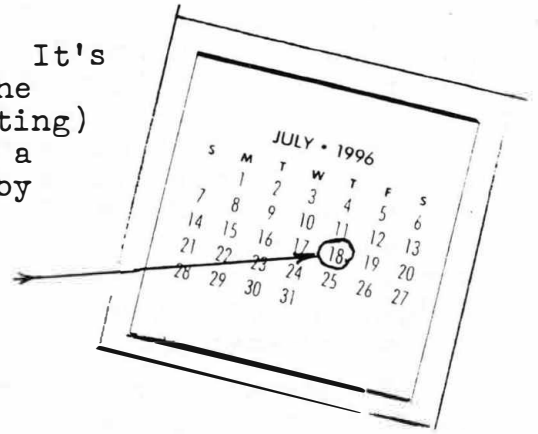
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NEWSLETTER

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DON'T MISS our next meeting, Thursday July 18th. It's the Club's Birthday Party!! It will be held on the deck of the barque STAR OF INDIA (weather permitting) and will feature delicious delicatessen food for a light dinner. Liquid libation will be provided by your club and a nominal cost of \$5.00 per person will be levied. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. A note of caution: ANTHONY'S will be having a fiftieth anniversary party the same evening and parking could be scarce. Try parking across the street, even perhaps in the county lot or ??? It could help to be a bit early.



MASTER Model Builder Joe Bompensiero, recently ailing, will return to the model shop shortly. Good show, Joe; we miss you!!

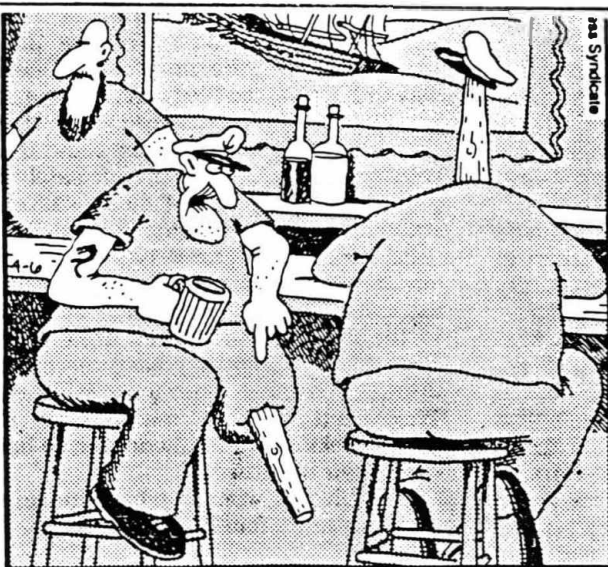
Forthcoming SHIPS IN SCALE Magazine sale: The following issues of this popular ship-modeling magazine have been presented to the club and will be up for sale next meeting--VOL. I, nos. 1 thru 6. VOL.II, nos 7 thru 12. VOL. III, 13 thru 18. VOL. IV, 19 thru 24. VOL. V., 25, 26, 28, 29 & 30. VOL. VI, 31 thru 36., and VOL. VII no. 37.

Also FOR SALE--A one HP Sears air compressor with pressure reg. in good working order. Contact Tom Taylor.

DEL MAR FAIR REPORT--Jack Klein will give us a detailed report next month of the public's response to our booth. the fair , plus a list of sympathetic clubs and helpers which made it a success. And that includes museum staff and volunteers who completed related tasks such as hauling the goodly-sized model of Cabrillo's SAN SALVADOR to the fair and return.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Well, I guess that ain't a bad story — but let me tell you about the time I lost this!"

A special medal should be struck for our members who belong to the museum association AND the fine woodworkers as well. Qualifying are: Henry Wenc, Bob Crawford, Jack Klein, Joe Bompensiero and Ed White. Any others??

Remember the four-mast barque SEA CLOUD, EX HUSSAR, built 1931 in Keil, Germany for Palm B each dowager Marjorie Merriweather Post ? Sea Cloud Cruises, in May, added sister ship RIVER CLOUD TO ITS FLEET. She will carry fewer than 100 passengers in by-gone luxury typical of the 30's. 49 cabins are appointed with rosewood and marble, teak and brass. She will cruise 5 countries via the Rhine, Main, Danube and Mosel Rivers.

(Conde-Nast Traveler, May, 1996.)

AT OUR LAST MEETING, 6/20/96

17 attendees gathered in the orlop of the STAR and after ten minutes of discussing what time meetings officially start (6;30 or 7;00) we officially got under weigh at 7;10. In the past, members usually gathered at 6;30 for a "gam" and opened the meeting half an hour later. The distillate of all this--try to be there by 7;00 p.m.

Show and Tell revealed another view of Doug McFarland's NORSKE LOVE, a Billings kit using pear wood, mahogany and bass wood carvings on the stern. Spars of pine. As with all of us, Doug uses items picked up anywhere and everywhere if they are compatible with the work. For instance, bits of costume jewelry on the stern galleries. Judging by Doug's previous work, it will be as accurate as possible and an eye-catching work.

Founder-member Bob Wright showed us a "bilge model" (one of several models found in the bilge of the ship when she was cleaned out), presumably of the frigate CONSTITUTION--"Old Ironsides", at least 25 or more years old. Bob has begun cleaning her and sorting out the rigging--retaining the "real thing" but deep-sixing the cob webs.

Further meeting notes mention the Sterling model AMERICAN SCOUT, a converted C-2 freighter, piping "liberty call" and other audio ship's tapes and announcements from the middle of the pond. Also, the 125-man WRANGEL, carrying 250-1,000-lb. unarmed bombs. These 64-68 foot vessels are named after volcanoes.

Estate-and-yard-sale guru Tom Taylor, visiting a S. Pasadena rest home (why, oh why Tom!) came up with a 100-year-old antique three-masted barque (same rig as STAR), preserved under 1/8" of fine dust and touched only, so far, by Tom's dirt-seeking cue tips. But bigger things lie in the future, and this prize may reappear in the Greenwich museum someday. W/Tom, anything is possible.

Tom also mentioned the INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS SUPPLY, a non-ferrous metals supplier, situated on Raytheon street, just W. of Convoy and behind DIXIELAND Lumber. I visited this and cannot recommend it highly enough. From the finest shim stocks to the heaviest bar stocks, it's all there. Scrap bin, too!

Possible ARGONAUTS/SD Sh. Mod. Guild combo picnic may be held on August 25th. Check our August NEWSLETTER.

REGATTA REPORT (see elsewhere in this newsletter) by Dave Manley was upbeat: "GREAT trophies, plenty of help, incl. 2 ensigns, 4 running judges, it was over by 2 pm and we made some money." Even though we lost our permit to be in the park, it was never required and law officers enjoyed the models as would a bunch of kids. Dave recommends SANTEE LAKES as a place to exercise your RC's. Entr. fee is \$3.00.

Jeff Sharp, a rep. for Veterans Memorial Center, Inc, announced the MILITARY HISTORY EXPOSITION to be held Oct. 5th and 6th. at the Embarcadero Park in San Diego.

OUR 19TH REGATTA - ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS:

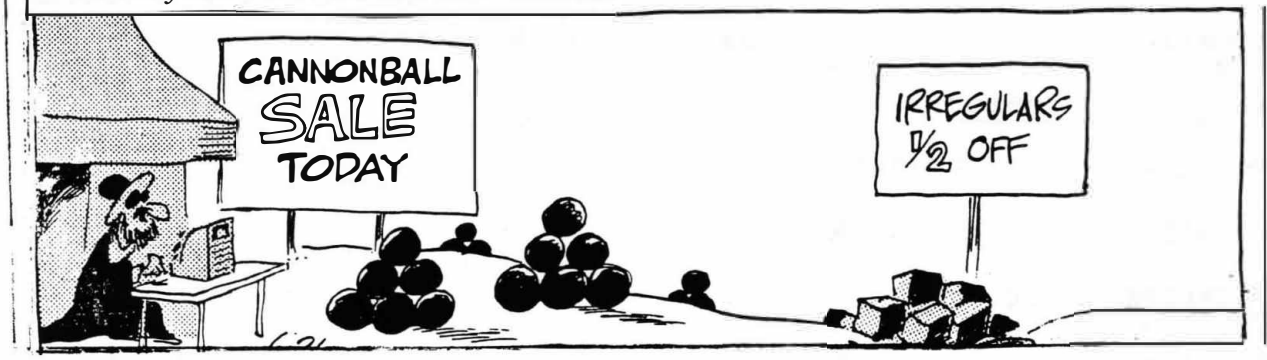
Well it's all over, for another year. This regatta ran very smoothly and in record time thanks to it's principal architects; Commodore DAVE MANLEY and his "ace assistant," JIM HAWKINS. These two guys have it down pat, and in the past several years, it gets "fine tuned" a little bit more.

We had a total of 51 entries; down slightly from last year. Of particular note were the 17 models entered in the "TUGS" groups. Competition was very keen as a result. Other groups had very limited numbers of entries. Hopefully, we'll have a wider assortment of boats in the years ahead.

A dozen or so guys deserve special credit and sincere thanks for their assistance. BOB WILLIS and KURT GRIENER manned the registration table at the start collecting the fees, checking the forms and helping to answer the many questions. When this was completed, they both did double duty by also acting as Static Judges. DAVE MANLEY'S father-in-law, BOB LINI, started up his barbeque mid-morning and had a good supply of fresh hot dogs and hamburgers ready for the hungry boaters by the lunch break. DAVE'S wife, MEGAN also helped out with the food as well as selling tickets for the prize drawings. Lunch was enjoyed by all.

Three navymen helped in judging and scoring. LTJG JOE RING, ENS. CHRIS KELSON and NEAL NOLAN; all from the USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG-57) stationed here in San Diego. AL BERGER and MIKE SCOTT also helped in the judging as they did last year. RUSS LLOYD and FRED FRAAS tallied up the scores while JIM HAWKINS and RYAN CAREY helped with the pond set-ups, trophies and a dozen or so other tasks.

CROCK by BILL RECHIN and DON WILDEK



It was a wonderful regatta, also, because of the many sponsors' prizes. They were most generous and deserve recognition. TOWER HOBBIES provided three attractive gift certificates, TAUBMAN PLANS gave five sets of plans, plans catalog and Handbook #2. BLUE JACKET provided Tek Na Kat and Friendship Sloop plans. MICRO MARK, DUMAS and HR PRODUCTS presented cash and discount offers. RAM and VANTEC ditto plus a reversible speed control from VANTEC.

HARBOR MODELS gave a generous gift certificate, SEA MODELS provided free-admission booklets, a RC diesel-electric tug and a Behring-Class hull with plans. SCALE SHIPYARDS offered the hull and plans of a destroyer.

THANKS SO MUCH TO ALL YOU SPONSOR-DONORS!

19th Annual SDSMG Regatta Winners
June 15, 1996

TUG: (R.C.)

	<u>First:</u>	<u>Second:</u>	<u>Third:</u>
Model -	"Crowley 22"	"Raccoon"	"Barbara K"
Modeller:	Kay Tillman	Bill Hathaway	Troy Waters

TUG: (Static)

Model -	"Arsenic"	"Hemlock"	"Happy Hunter"
Modeller:	Mark Weitzman	Mark Weitzman	Jim Laughlin

TUG: (junior)

Model -	"Small Tug"
Modeller:	Alex Knott

MILITARY - R.C.:

Model -	USS ESSEX (CV-9)	LCM (of USS NOBLE)	LCVP (of USS VIRGO)
Modeller:	Bob O'Brien	Ed Bair	Ed Bair

MILITARY - STATIC:

Model -	"PT-523"	"PTC-214"
Modeller:	Martin Maeias	Mark Weitzman

MILITARY - Junior:

Model -	"PF-96"
Modeller:	Mathew Moranville

PLEASURE: (R.C.)

Model -	"Trade Winds"	
Modeller:	Martin Maeias	Note: There were no entries for PLEASURE - STATIC.

STEAM - R.C.:

Model -	"Connie"
Modeller:	Kay Tillman

STEAM - STATIC:

Model -	"African Queen"
Modeller:	Bob Herra

1995 SDSMG Regatta Winners (cont.)SALVAGE WORK - R.C.:

	<u>First:</u>	<u>Second:</u>	<u>Third:</u>
Model -	"Starlight"	"Royal Scotsman"	"Michelle K"
Modeller:	Melonee Franks	Brent Vartanian	Aaron Kozlov

SALVAGE WORK - STATIC:

Model -	"Pamela J"	"Congo Star"
Modeller:	Charles Brown	Mark Weitzman

SAIL/SCALE R.C.:

Model -	"Dove"	"Spinthrift"	"Respite"
Modeller:	Dave Endert	Dave Endert	Craig LaChance

SAIL/SCALE - STATIC:

Model -	"Dowitcher"	"Gerhard"
Modeller:	Dave Endert	Greg Kasser

MODELS UNDER 16":

Model:	"Kaija Maru"	"Savior"
Modeller:	Dave Manley	Roy Norton

NOVELTY:

Model -	"Santa Maria"
Modeller:	Bob Ecklund

COMMERCIAL:

Model -	"Lady Lynne"
Modeller:	John Fry

DOCKYARD:

Model -	"USS Arizona"
Modeller:	Kevin Gatton

**** BEST OF SHOW ****

"Crowley 22" by Kay Tillman

Editor's Note: Bob O'Brien's USS ESSEX (CV-9) came in as a very close "second" in this category. Less than a dozen points separated these two models. WELL DONE!! Bob.

Special Thanks to Russ Lloyd for helping to compile this listing.



Alaska Packers Association, which operated STAR OF INDIA for many years, had a reunion July 13th. at Blaine, Washington. Our Dev. Director, Joe Dittler, was on top of this and asked oldtimers at the bash to send us their recollections, pictures etc. of anything related to our vessel.

AND NOW ABOUT USING TOOLS



Smoothing Plane, 5½"-10" long



Junior Jack Plane, 11½" long



Jack Plane, 14"-15" long



Fore Plane, 18" long



Jointer
22"-24"
long



*A short plane follows the shape of the wood as a small boat rides over the waves and into the hollows between.
A longer plane does not follow the hollows.*

New destroyers Decatur, Higgins will have home port in San Diego

By James W. Crowley
STAFF WRITER

Two new destroyers are slated to call San Diego their home port in 1998, the Navy has announced.

Each ship will bring about \$13.5 million in salaries to the economy, along with about 340 sailors and officers and about 140 families.

The Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, the Decatur and Higgins, are under construction.

The ships are the latest generation of guided-missile destroyers and employ the Aegis system that uses high-tech radar and missiles to ward off attacking aircraft. In addition to surface-to-air missiles, the ships are armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles, Harpoon anti-ship missiles, anti-submarine weapons, a 5-inch gun and a close-in weapons system.

The ships also employ stealth features, such as a sloped hull and bulkheads and radar-absorbing coatings.

"The Arleigh Burkes have more striking capability" than older vessels, said Cmdr. Bruce Cole.

The ships will transit the Panama Canal and arrive in San Diego for berthing at the San Diego Naval Station at 32nd Street.

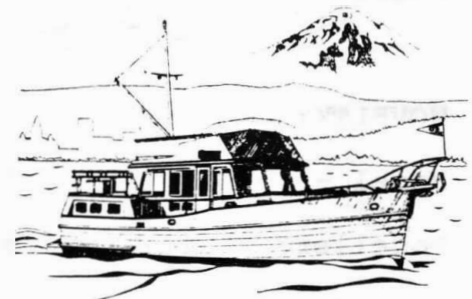
The ships likely will replace older warships, but no specific one-for-one replacements have been announced, Cole said.

"As we are building newer ships, we're also (decreasing) the number of ships," Cole said. "The newer ships will replace the older ones over time."

The Decatur, named after early American naval hero Stephen Decatur, will arrive in April 1998.

Decatur, as a commodore, led a raid on Tripoli in northern Africa to burn the Philadelphia, a captured frigate. Later, he commanded the frigates United States and President during the War of 1812.

The Higgins is due in December 1998. The warship is named for William R. Higgins, a Marine Corps colonel who was kidnapped and killed by terrorists in Lebanon while serving with the United Nations. Trib. 7/11/96

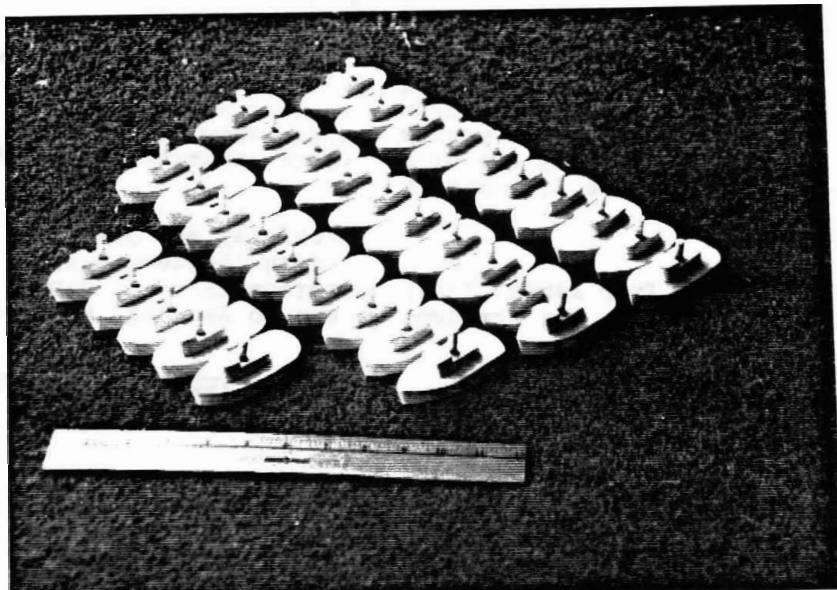


From ROYAL PRODUCTS comes an unusual treenail cutter which (judging from two samples furnished) should save the Admiralty modelers out there a great deal of time. Quoting from Royal's brochure: "Treenails in minutes, samples were made in about five seconds, cutters tested for accuracy, hardened of finest tool steel--heat-treated to 58-60 Rockwell scale, Tool shank will fit any Dremel moto tool, flex shaft or similar units." Send for brochure to: ROYAL PROD., PO Box 453, Running Springs, CA, 92382. (909-867-9272).

See photo on right. Is it the laid-up fleet in Suisun Bay? No. Is it Wilson's "wood row", end of WW I? Wrong again. Is it trick photography??

In defense of do-nothings everywhere, let it NEVER be said that your asst. Ed. never builds a ship model!!

These thirtyfour tug/fishing boat models in 1/16" scale, plus an equal number of houses, complete with chimneys and stoops, recently were made for the kids at Carson and Linda Vista gradeschools.

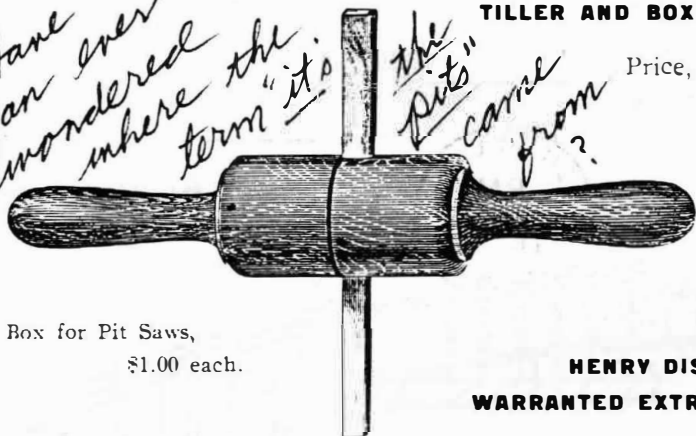


These thirtyfour models have sheer to the decks, flare in the bows, raked stems and rounded sterns. A pilothouse and stack complete the layout. The kids go berserk. I suffered only minor bruises and scratches in attempting to give them out at school. (Asst. Ed.)

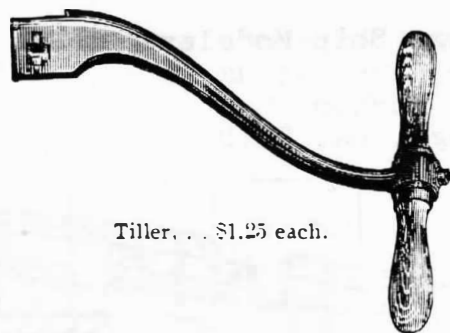
Have you ever wondered where the term "pit" came from?

TILLER AND BOXES FOR PIT SAWS

Price, \$2.25.

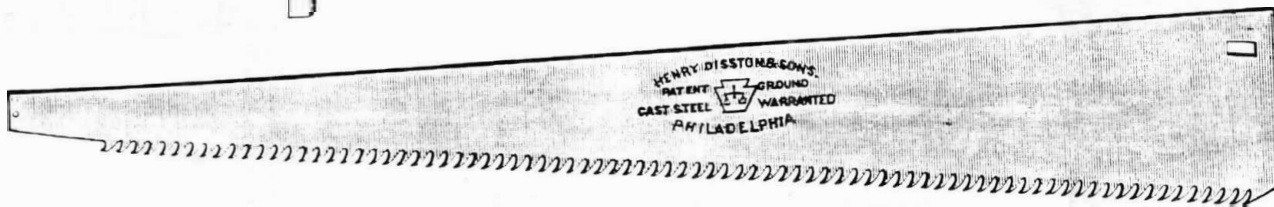


Box for Pit Saws, \$1.00 each.



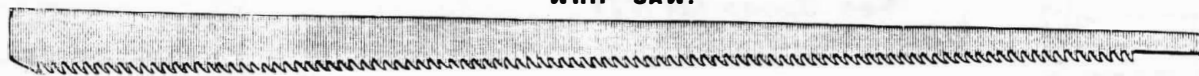
Tiller, . . \$1.25 each.

HENRY DISSTON & SONS' WARRANTED EXTRA TEMPERED PIT SAW.



Length, . . .	5 feet.	5½ feet.	6 feet.	6½ feet.	7 feet.	7½ feet.	8 feet.
Price, . . .	\$5.00	5.50	6.00	6.50	7.00	7.50	8.00 each.

WHIP SAW.

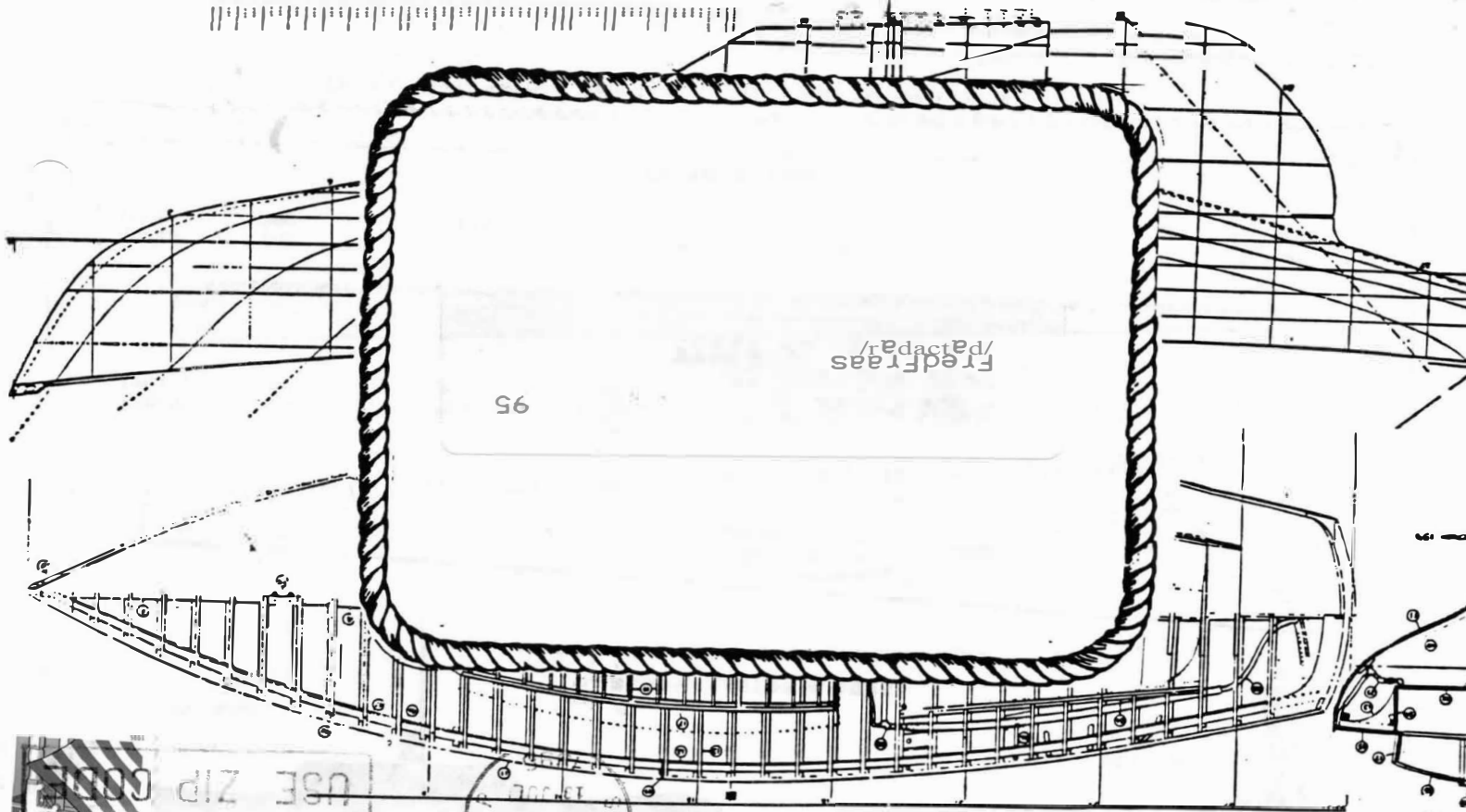


Length, . . .	5 feet.	5½ feet.	6 feet.	6½ feet.	7 feet.	7½ feet.
Price, . . .	\$3.00	3.30	3.60	3.90	4.20	4.50 each.

FUTTOCK SAW.



Futtock Saws, assorted, from 1½ to 3½ inches wide, 8½ cents per inch in length.



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Officers for 1996

Guild Master	Tom Taylor	/redacted/
First Mate	Jack Klein	/redacted/
Purser	Ed White	/redacted/
Logkeeper	(open)	
N'letter Editors	Fred Fraas	/redacted/
	Gordon Jones	/redacted/
Regatta Commodore	Dave Manley	/redacted/

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.

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.
