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## *Many Hearts Sank Along With Storied Schooner*

\*\*\*\*\* IN MEMORIAM \*\*\*\*\*

Ray Beals

1911 - 1996

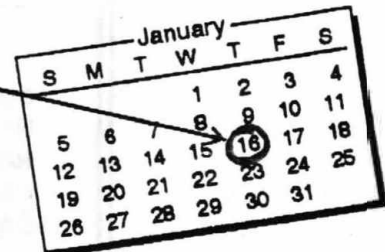
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### NEXT MEETING:

7PM aboard the  
BERKELEY

Bring;

your model  
your check book  
your ideas



BILL FORBIS has written a condensation of an item from the Dec. 16, 1996 Washington Post which tells the tragic end of this fine ship.

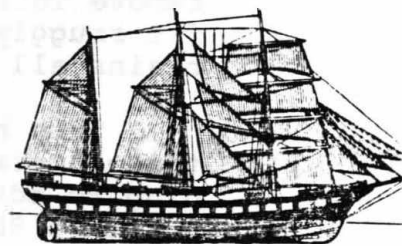
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Thanks, Bill!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 16 Thurs.	SDSMG Meeting
" 17-19	I.M.S. Hobby Show -Pasadena
" 19	11th Annual Cruise Ship Show "B" St. Pier
Febr. 8 & 9	SCYA Mid-winter Sail Regatta (Pond closed to SDSMG)
Febr. 15 & 16	Presidents' Day Regatta Tempe, AZ.
Febr. 20	SDSMG Meeting

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HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!!

RAY BEALS

1911 - 1996

Once again in December, we lost another long-time Guild member. Ray Beals passed away peacefully in his sleep during the night after Christmas in his La Jolla home. Ray had had his health problems in recent years, but somehow always seemed to manage driving down to the Model Yacht Basin on Saturday mornings. Ray had been a regular at the "Pond" for more than 30 years, and he displayed a keen interest in model boating. He was a skilled machinist who could scratch-build boilers or build any kind of steam engine. When your editor first met Ray nearly 25 years ago, Ray had already made several fiberglass hulls from a "plug" of a merchant ship hull about 5½ feet long. At that time no one running electric or steam-powered boats made their hulls in this sophisticated manner.

Ray's wife preceeded him in death about twenty years ago. He is survived by his two daughters and their families. No funeral or memorial services were held at his request. Ray's daughters have expressed interest in having a special get-together of all his friends at the pond at a future Saturday which will be announced when known.

SANTEE LAKES - DEC. 7th REGATTA:

Where do some R/C modellers go when the pond is closed?? Those members of the "EIGHTH FLEET" go to Santee Lakes. On Dec. 7th, a task force of nine ships sailed in formation at one time, no small coincidence considering available frequencies and the lack of duplication. There were four battleships; New Jersey, Missouri, Alabama, and Arizona; two fleet carriers, Essex and Shangri-La; two cruisers, Chicago and San Diego as well as a destroyer, liberty ship and a couple of tugs. Quite a sight; quite a show AND it was caputered on video at bridge or pilot house eye level.

DAVE MANLEY and LEE UPSHAW have perfected the "system." They remove Turret 2 from their battleships and mount video cameras which fit snugly on the barbettes. Dave can train his as well just as he trains all three turrets by radio-control.

They have assembled a video of two regattas which show nearly three hours of r/c operations at Santee Lakes. Your editor is planning to edit this down to perhaps 30 minutes of highlights to show at a future SDSMG meeting if enough members are interested.

8th Fleet gets it's name from the scale: 1/8th in.= 1 ft. At this scale, the battleships and carriers are nearly 10 feet long. SDSMG members attending this event were DAVE MANLEY, JIM HAWKINS, BOB O'BRIEN, MATHEW MORANVILLE, and FRED FRAAS. Out-of-townners attending all came from Orange and L.A. counties.

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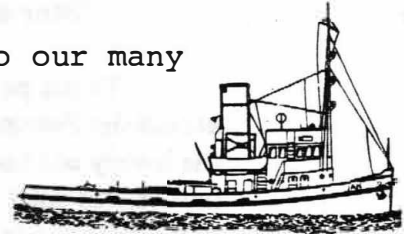
Bring your check book to our next meeting as it's that time again - our annual "fund raiser." Purser ED WHITE will welcome your \$15.00 check, and will personally "salt it away" in our treasury. If you can't make the meeting; no problem, Ed loves to receive checks in the mail as well. (don't we all??) Please send your dues to:

ED WHITE  
/redacted/

Thanks for your continued support, especially to our many members who live out-of-state.

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CHANGE OF MEETING NIGHTS???:



Some of our members have schedule conflicts which limit their attendance to our meetings held on Thursdays. We've tried Friday's, but that night creates some problems as well. Maybe it's time to try a Tuesday or Wednesday night? If you have a preference, let us know at the next meeting. It is also important to find out if you have no preference.

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STAR'S MODEL SHOP:

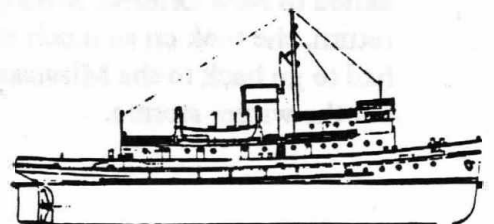
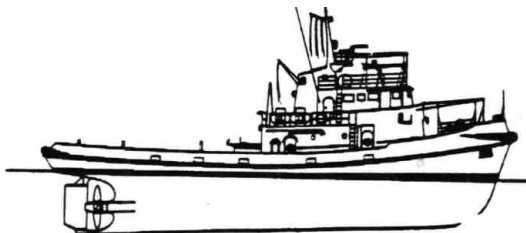
Did you know we also have a model shop aboard the "Star?" It is manned by none other than our co-founder, BOB WRIGHT. Bob is also a part-time ticket taker and museum volunteer, and when he's not at the Star's gangway, you'll probably find him down where the old gift shop used to be. Space is available to other members who might be interested in also working on their models in this space. If interested, call Bob at 463-8380 for more details.

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DECEMBER MEETING/PARTY NOTES:

Our Christmas party was held on the main deck of the Berkeley, adjacent to the model shop. Chips, dip and libation were plentiful to all attendees. Equally enjoyable was the opportunity to simply browse about and closely inspect the many models in this area, as well as those being worked on in the model shop. Special thanks to those few who made the evening so pleasant.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Special thanks to Bill Forbis for taking the time to write and submit this article.

**THE SINKING OF THE  
'ALEXANDRIA'**

**She was the equivalent in Virginia to the  
'Star of India' here**

To the people of Alexandria, Va., across the Potomac from Washington, D.C., the lovely old barkentine docked in the harbor was what the "Star of India" is to San Diego -- a leading local treasure. Last Dec. 9, in the huge "square waves" created when gales blow against the Gulf Stream off Cape Hatteras, N. C., the pride of Alexandria foundered and went to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean.

Built in Sweden in 1929 as the freighter "Lindo," she sailed for 40 years on the Baltic Sea, often loaded with Swedish dynamite. Then, under new owners, she was rebuilt as a Caribbean cruise ship. This led to competition in the Trans Atlantic Tall Ship Races, where she placed third in 1976 and second in 1980. With aspirations similar to those of the San Diegans who saved the "Star," a group of Virginia businessmen bought her in 1983 and renamed her "Alexandria."

Even as a freighter she was a handsome vessel, and as a cruising ship she acquired five cozy staterooms nestled against the exposed frames of the after hold. The elegant dining salon in the forward hold could seat 12. Aloft, the three gaffs of her fore-and-aft sails loomed as big as telephone poles.

In her new role, and still able to go to sea, "Alexandria" served as the set for two movies. Once, as a pirate ship, she sailed to New Orleans. Setting out for her return, she took on so much water than she had to go back to the Mississippi and wait out the winter storms.

"Alexandria" spent recent years hosting cocktail parties, showing off to tourists, and falling into disrepair. The cost to rebuild rose to possibly \$1.3 million. Unable to match that, the owners put her up for sale. She fetched a mere \$50,000 from a man from Des Moines, Yale Iverson. In December, the new owner sailed her down the Potomac, headed for Beaufort, N.C.

"The 'Alexandria's' first distress call came at 3:45 p.m. on Dec. 8," reported the Washington Post, in a long Dec. 16 article that provided the information summarized here.

"At 6:30 the following morning Iverson radioed that his ship was taking on more water than her pumps could handle. He was 50 miles southeast of Hatteras. Winds had risen to 45 knots with 12- to 20-foot seas. A passing container ship moved to stand by while the Coast Guard scrambled a helicopter from Elizabeth City, N.C. The 'Alexandria' sank minutes before the copter arrived an hour later, and it was five hours before Coast Guardsmen managed to find and rescue the last crewman."

That survivor said that the barkentine was flying only her outermost jib at the end. She was overwhelmed by a wave that "slapped her down to starboard. I was in the water about 75 feet behind her when she lurched over for the last time. But then she did something that really got me. She righted herself again as she settled, with her masts straight up and the jib flying proudly. It would have almost made you cry."

Cape Hatteras, the graveyard of ships for 400 years, had claimed her latest.



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Therefore we (ESTES) are in need of scale ship designers and modelers to help us develop, produce and re-engineer scale model ships of all kinds.

If you, a club member or even the club itself, would like to make some extra money and see your designs produced and offered for sale around the world, then here is your chance! Fill out the information below, return it to us, and lets see if ESTES can make your design a marketable success!

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No. Years in Ship Modeling: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Ships Designed or Built: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have had designs published: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, by who: \_\_\_\_\_

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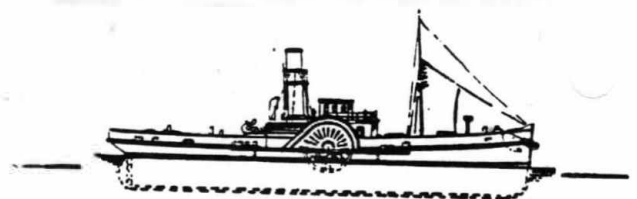
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Have computer: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Can supply designs as CAD file: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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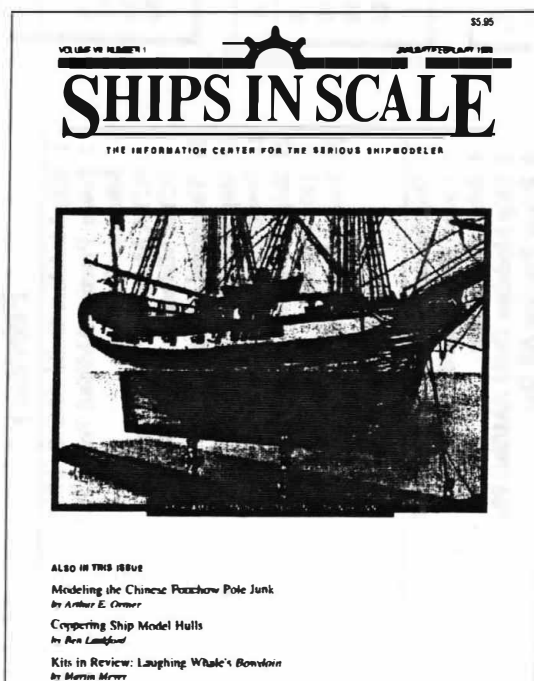
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### January

- 1 *New Year's Day*
- 4 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 5 Power Practice AM/Sail Points PM
- 7 Schooner Practice Noon
- 11 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 12 Power Practice All Day
- 18 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 19 Power Practice All Day
- 25 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 26 Power Points All Day

### February

- 1 Ship Modelers Guild AM/ Sail PM
- 2 Power Practice AM/Sail Points PM
- 4 Schooner Practice
- 8 SCYA Midwinter Sail Regatta
- 9 SCYA Midwinter Sail Regatta
- 14 *Valentine's Day*
- 15 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 16 Power Practice All Day
- 22 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 1996 Argonauts Award Banquet
- 23 Power Points All Day

### March

- 1 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 2 Power Points AM/Sail Points PM
- 4 Schooner Practice
- 8 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 9 Power Practice All Day
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- 29 Ship Modelers AM/Sail Points PM
- 30 Power Practice All Day

*Easter*

### April

- 1 Schooner Practice Noon
- 5 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 6 *Daylight Savings--set ahead 1 hour*

### April

- 6 Power Practice AM/Sail Points
- 12 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 13 Power Practice All Day
- 19 Spring Regatta All Day
- 20 Spring Regatta All Day
- 26 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 27 Power Points All Day

### May

- 3 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 4 Power Practice AM/Sail Points PM
- 6 Schooner Practice Noon
- 10 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 11 Power Practice All Day
- 17 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 18 Power Points All Day
- 23 Setup Outboard Race All Day
- 24 Dist 19 Outboard Race All Day
- 25 Dist 19 Outboard Race All Day
- 26 1/8 Scale Hydro Race
- Memorial Day (Observed)*
- 31 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM

### June

- 1 Power Practice AM/Sail Points PM
- 3 Schooner Practice Noon
- 7 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 8 Power Practice All Day
- 13 Setup Ship Modelers Guild Regatta
- 14 Ship Modelers Guild Regatta All Day
- 15 Ship Modelers Guild Regatta All Day
- 21 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 22 Power Practice All Day
- 28 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 29 Power Points All Day

### July

- 1 Schooner Practice Noon
- 4 *Independence Day*
- 5 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 6 Power Practice All Day
- 12 Summer Sail Regatta All Day

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## July

- 13 Summer Sail Regatta All Day
- 19 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 20 Power Practice All Day
- 26 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 27 Power Points All Day

## August

- 2 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 3 Power Practice AM/Sail Points PM
- 5 Schooner Practice Noon
- 9 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 10 Power Practice
- 15 Set up RACEWEEK '97
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- 29 Setup District 19 Heat Race
- 30 District 19 Heat Race
- 31 District 19 Heat Race

## September

- 1 1/8 Scale Hydro Race All Day  
*Labor Day*
- 2 Schooner Practice Noon
- 6 R/C Festival All Day
- 7 Power Practice AM/Sail Points PM
- 13 1/8 Scale Muncy Hydro Race All Day
- 14 Power Practice All Day
- 20 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 21 Power Practice All Day
- 27 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 28 Power Points All Day

## October

- 4 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 5 Power Practice AM/Sail Points PM

## October

- 11 Fall Sail Regatta All Day
- 12 Fall Sail Regatta All Day
- 18 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 19 Power Practice All Day
- 25 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 26 Power Points All Day
- Daylight Savings—set back 1 hour*
- 31 Halloween

## November

- 1 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 2 Power Practice AM/Sail Points PM
- 4 Schooner Practice Noon
- 8 Ship Modelers AM/Sail PM
- 9 Power Practice All Day
- 11 *Veterans Day*
- 15 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 16 Power Practice All Day
- 22 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 23 Power Practice All Day
- 27 *Thanksgiving*
- 29 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 30 Power Points All Day

## December

- 2 Schooner Practice Noon
- 5 S.C.R.S #4 Setup and Practice
- 6 SCRS #4 Sail Regatta All Day
- 7 SCRS #4 Sail Regatta All Day
- 13 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 18 Power Practice All Day
- 20 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 21 Power Practice All Day
- 25 *Christmas*
- 27 Ship Modelers Guild AM/Sail PM
- 28 Power Points All Day

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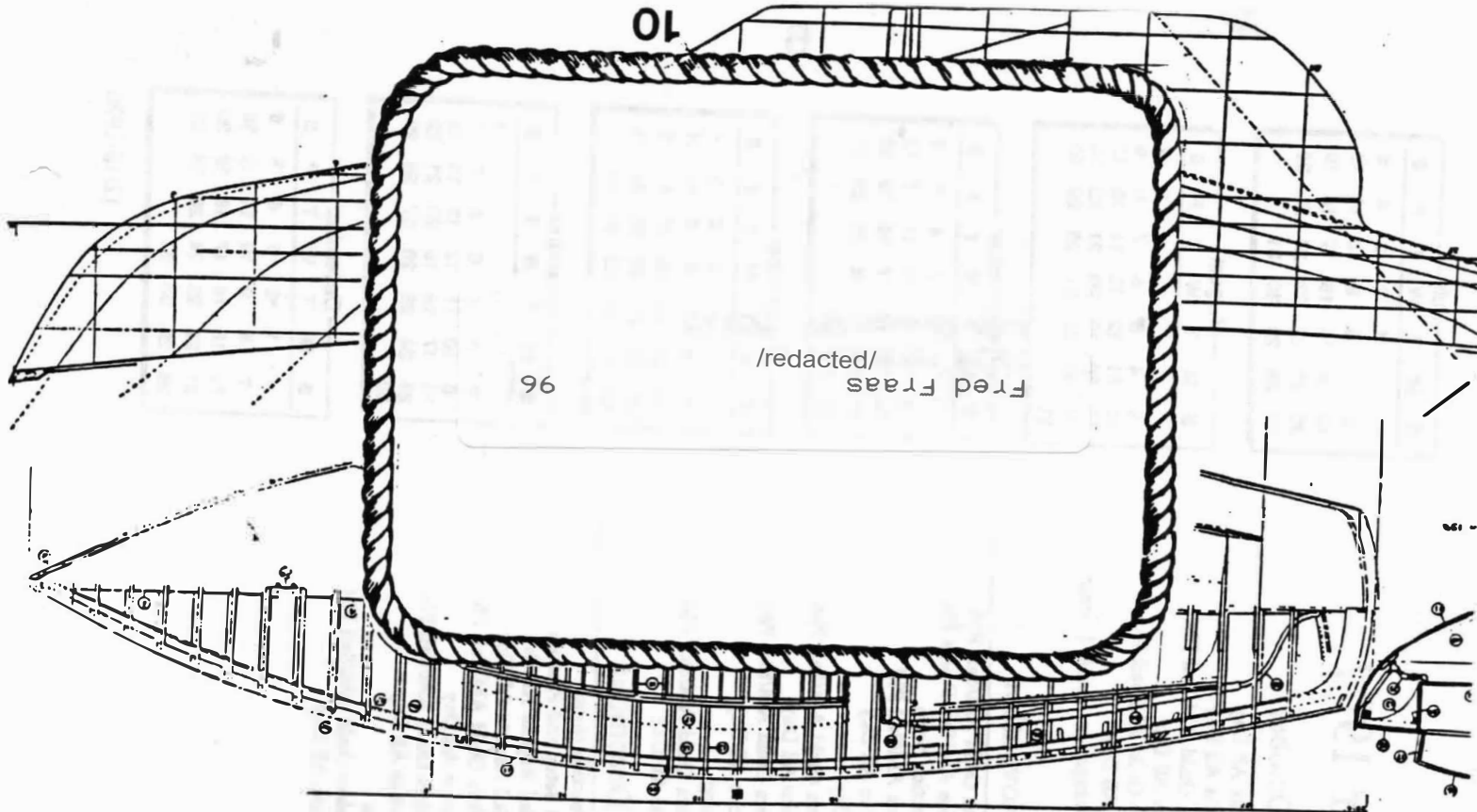
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**Officers for 1996**

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)

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