



# San Diego Ship Modelers Guild

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Established in 1972

by

Bob Wright and Russ  
Merrill

## Minutes of 08 OCTOBER 2014 Meeting

Guildmaster **Robert Riddoch** opened the meeting. There were two guests: **Robert Wills** and his son, **Isaac Wills**. Isaac is building the pirate ship BLACK FALCON. He had painted some of the freeboard and needed assistance in doing the rigging.

**Editor's Report.** **Chuck Seiler** reminded folks that newsletter inputs are due two weeks prior to the regular guild meeting.

**Purser's Report.** Purser **Gary Seaton** reported the Guild treasury balance as of 1 October was \$<redacted>.

**Museum Report.** Nothing to report

**Webmaster Report.** Webmaster **Barry Rishel** reported the website has been updated. It also had recently "crashed" but has since been repaired and is up and functioning.

**Community Build Report.** The Community Build meetings are ongoing. The Community Build provides an opportunity for members to have additional time to work with other Guild members on their models, discuss problems and concerns, and provide a venue for show and tell. The group still does not have a "project" and would like suggestions.

**NRG Report.** **Mike Lonnecker** talked about the Nautical Research Guild Convention in St Louis. He also discussed the WEBINAIR capability.

## OLD BUSINESS

The parking meter situation discussed previously was revisited. The cost to park has risen significantly. The hours of enforcement goes to 8PM and that monitoring of the meters has also increased, however, time limit has increased from two to three hours.

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<http://sdshipmodelersguild.org/>

## MEETING MINUTES-Continued

### NEW BUSINESS

The SAN SALVADOR is still under construction. The tentative launch date is June, 2015. **Bob McPhail** recently visited the build site for a tour and mentioned some of things he learned. He also stated that he saw lots of “firewood” that is available.

It was noted that the Sherline Lathe in the model shop was broken and repairing/rebalancing was discussed. A significant amount of unhappiness was exhibited by many Guild members based on the fact that we recently had the lathe refurbished/tuned at some expense. **Jay MacMaster** will inspect it and provide a report. **Robert Riddoch** will also notify **Dr. Sheehan**.

After Show and Tell, there was an auction of kits, tools, and miscellaneous items. Treasure troves of bounty were had by many.

## SHOW AND TELL



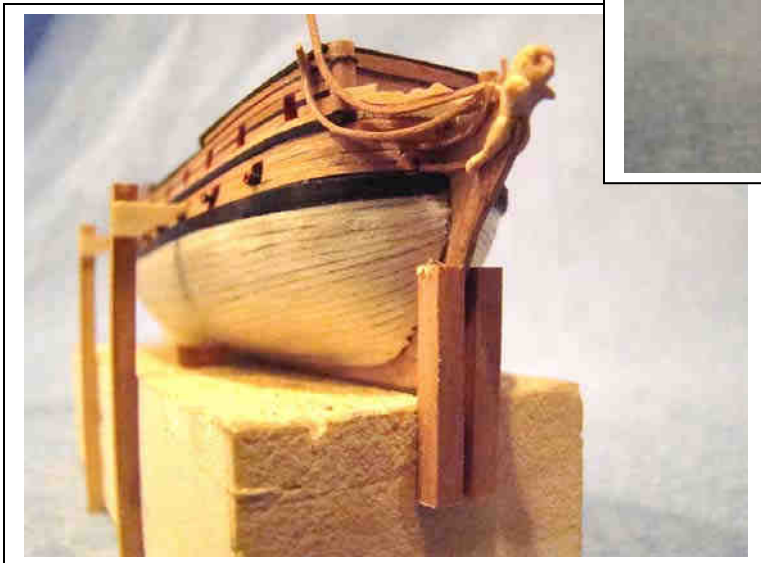
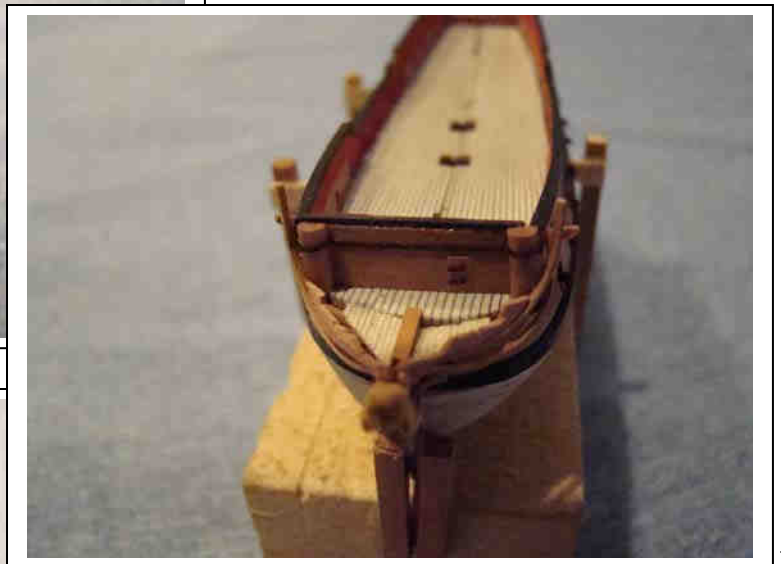
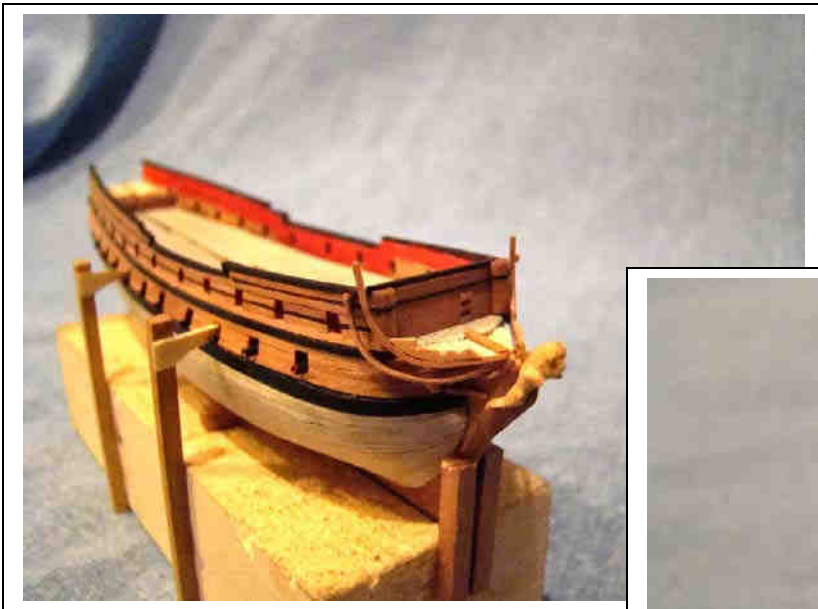
Isaac Wills' BLACK FALCON. Rigging in progress.



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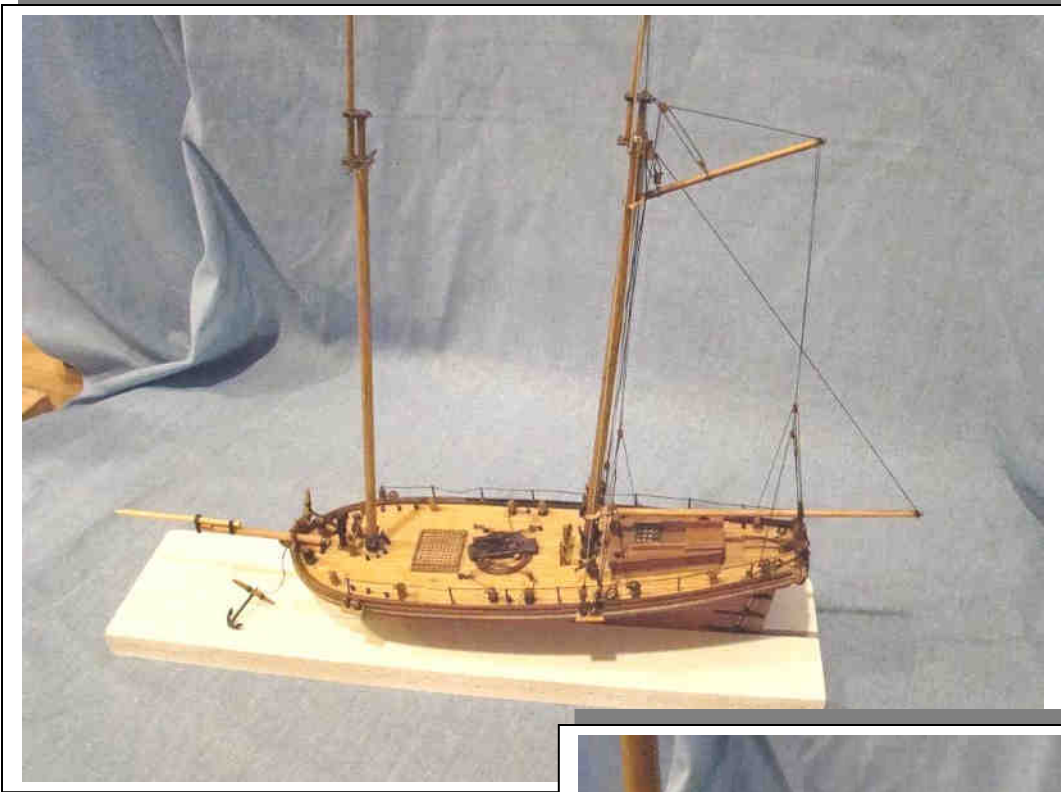
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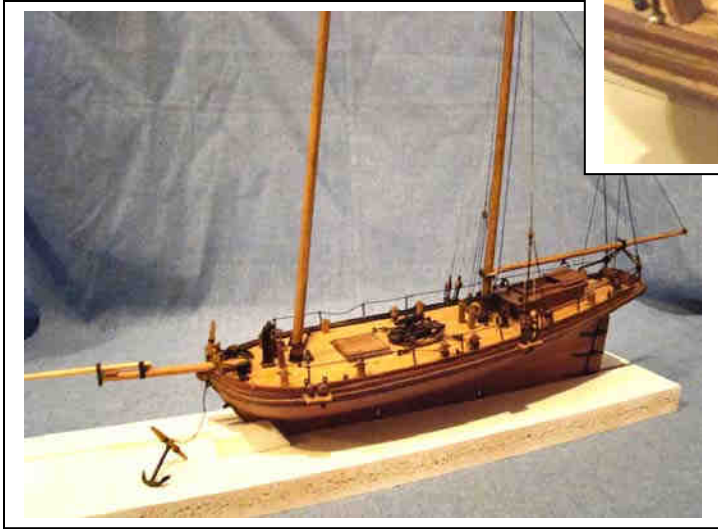
Robert Hewitt's HMS JANIS



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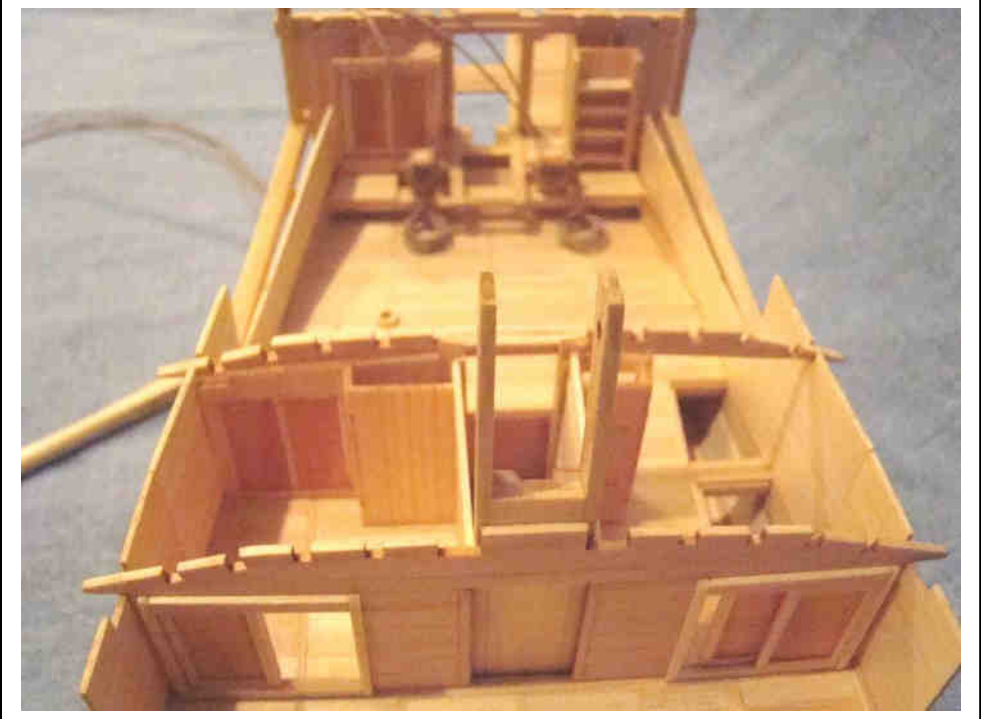
Gary Seaton's RANGER



SHOW AND TELL-Continued



Bob Riddoch's  
HIGAKI KAISEN





# Vendor in the Spotlight

by Chuck Seiler



## HOBBYMILL

Say it ain't so!!!! I reported on wood vendor HobbyMill several months ago. It is my sad duty to report that HobbyMill will be closing down soon. I'll let Jeff Hayes of HobbyMill explain:

First, I would like to thank everyone for their support and promotion of my products. This past year has been another very successful one at HobbyMill and that is due to the support from all of the MSW community. When I started this business I never envisioned how many wonderful models would be produced from my wood.

Recently, I have been reevaluating some of my priorities and I have decided to allocate more time to some of my personal interests in lieu of milling wood. It is with that thought in mind that I have decided to start the process of shutting down HobbyMill. I would like to make this as smooth of a transition as possible and with that thought in mind I will continue to accept new orders through the end of this year. I will continue to mill wood into 2015 until all of those orders have been milled and shipped, **but I will not be accepting new orders beyond December 31, 2014.**

My plans are to continue to maintain my shop to fulfill my own milling / modeling needs along with a couple wholesale accounts.

I realize that some customers may be in the middle of their build using one of my wood packages. For those customers I will continue to supply their needs through this build so they should not be concerned about being left unsupported.

I will place a note on my website regarding my shutdown, but I wanted to post something here first. Right now I have plenty of wood in stock; however, as individual species of wood run out, I do not plan to replenish them.

Thanks again for everyone's support and I hope to become a more regular poster, just not as a supplier.

Jeff Hayes

On 31 October he wrote:

There has been a pretty significant volume of new orders these past few weeks...thanks! As I'm writing this I have one more order to write up from an international customer and then all of my milling time between now and when I head south in late Jan will be filled up. Therefore, my next slot for milling is now late March and I've updated my website to reflect this.

So I'll be continuing to write up orders until the end of this year, but they will be scheduled beyond Mar and into the spring. Just wanted to explain why my lead time jumped so much today. So those of you who predicted that I would be booked well into next year are already correct!

If I am running ahead of schedule, of course I will be moving up orders whenever I can. For small orders (around \$100 or less and just having 2 sizes of strips OR a few sheets) then I may be able to work these in between regular scheduled orders. Just let me know what your requirements are and I'll try to do my best to work you in wherever possible.

Those interested in following this thread can do so at:

<http://modelshipworld.com/index.php/topic/8449-hobbiymill-closing/>





# COMMUNITY BUILD

by Brian Davies

Just two faithful people showed up to the Community Build hosted by **Brian Davies**, those being **Bob Riddoch** and **Chuck Seiler**. Thanks for taking pics by the way, Bob.

Chuck was showing these awesome new block kits for sale through the Syren Ship Model company as well as other delicate little parts. These blocks are way more accurate looking than those made by Midwest kits and can be purchased in a variety of sizes. Chuck also showed these little hooks you can buy from Syren that look photo-etched but would be very good to go with the blocks or other rigging gear and a section of coiled rope - likely for an anchor. Chuck says he will be using some of these blocks on his new larger model of the Philadelphia boat.

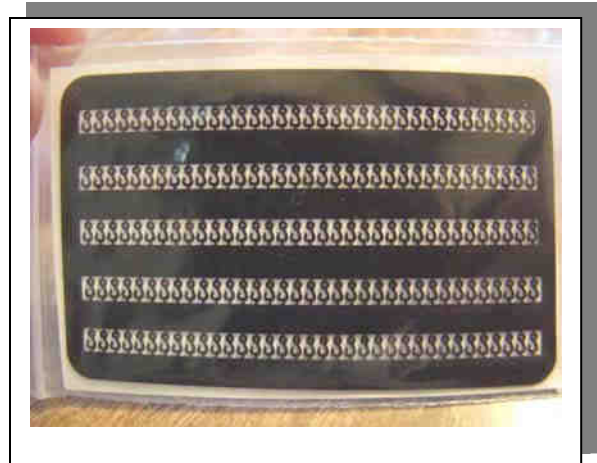
Bob brought his Japanese ship model for show. That morning he had freshly constructed and installed the huge rudder. Bob entertained the group saying how he measures the complexity of each section by the number of beers. The interior of this ship model is very impressive as Bob pointed out doors that could be made to actually slide if he wanted to have them do so, or all the large cargo hatches that could come out of the deck. Next steps for this project will be installing the masts and the upper deck or roof of ship.

Brian showed those who showed up again the progress made building galley stove for Yacht Mary (sorry for the poor photo quality). Then showing the collection of rib sections that is growing that started being built during the Festival of Sail over Labor Day holiday. The guys were fascinated at the large pieces of Basswood and how came wrapped. Mentioned again how bough the wood at [National Balsa Wood Co- Balsa wood, Basswood, Mahogany, Architectural Models, Model RC Aircraft, Savox Servos](#) and that this company provides lots of other types of wood including Cherry, Mahogany, and Walnut. The only good model making wood this company does not sell is boxwood. Brian tried to get some advice about installing a blade conversion kit for scroll-saw, but upon further research it is decided that would have to get another saw that can accommodate desired blades.

Safe travels to those of you who are going to the big model ship show in St. Louis. Hopefully I can get down to one of the meetings in the near future.



Various offerings from SYREN Ship Model Company

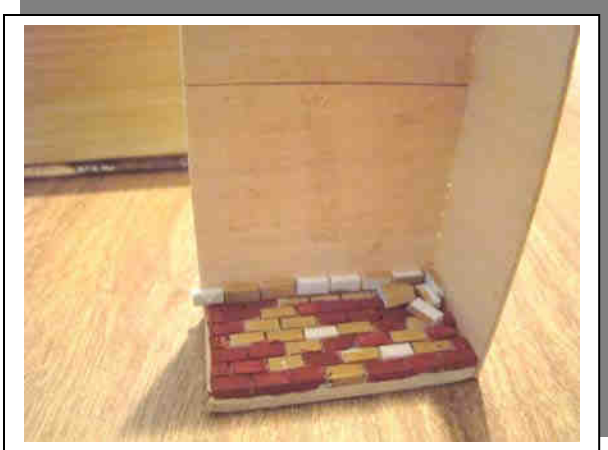


Hooks

**COMMUNITY BUILD-Continued**



SYREN block kit (left)  
and deadeye kit (right)



Brian Davies'  
brickwork and  
hearth for  
Yacht MARY



Details of Bob Riddoch's HIGAKI KAISEN

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Next meeting is  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**12 NOVEMBER 2014**  
5:30 PM- Social.  
6:00PM Meeting  
*Bring a model*

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COMMUNITY BUILD  
@ Mike Lonnecker's

TURKEY DAY  
(Thanksgiving)

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