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Established in 1972 by
Bob Wright and Russ
Merrill

Minutes of the 13 October 2015 Guild Meeting

Life Without Photographer

Mike Lonnecker opened the meeting. There were no guests or new members.

Chuck Seiler did not have a newsletter report, that's because he wasn't there...but you were in his thoughts...maybe. The last newsletter content was discussed. In the newsletter was an article about the Battle of TRAFALGER project which provided a diorama at the point where British ships crossed through the combined French and Spanish line. The newsletter also provided the bylaws for everyone to review. The next newsletter will contain the final version of the bylaws. There is a requirement for a new newsletter editor and photographer. If interested, please contact **Mike Lonnecker**.

Gary Seaton provided a purser's report. The balance as of 1 October was \$<redacted>.

The webmaster, **Barry Rishel**, gave his report. The website has been updated and the last newsletter and bylaws were posted. Barry would like an assistant for the website. **Robert Wills** volunteered. Please visit the website at SDSHIPMODELERSGUILD.ORG

Mike Lonnecker talked about future presentations scheduled for November and December. **Bob McPhail** will give a presentation on ship camouflage paint schemes in November.

Old Business.

-The bylaws were reviewed. There was some discussion about adding a financial audit process to the bylaws and there was also discussion about honorary/life members. The bylaws will be posted as-is in the November Newsletter (Pages 7-10). Any changes that missed the submission

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MINUTES-Continued

deadline can be submitted for future consideration at a later time. The updated bylaws will be voted on as a whole at in November. Voting will be done by phone, email, in person, etc. (See page 6 for details). **Because the current bylaws required two thirds of TOTAL MEMBERSHIP to approve any changes to the bylaws, a second vote may be required in December.**

New Business.

-The Christmas party was briefly discussed. It will be more fully discussed next month.

-A thank you letter was received from the museum about the donation by the Guild to the museum.

Presentation. **Mike Lonnecker** gave a demonstration on rigging and rigging techniques.



San Diego Ship Modelers Guild's Presentation Program

The SDSMG Presentation Program has been established with the objective of providing interesting meeting content while passing on many of our ship modeling experiences to current and future guild members. To date we have had an interesting and varied series of presentations, and we thank all presenters for this valuable addition to our meeting agendas.

At our October meeting **Mike Lonnecker** gave an informative presentation on *Period Rigging Techniques*. **Mike** discussed rigging materials (rigging line and blocks), coloring rigging line, rigging methods, and rigging references. Mike covered pre-rigging masts and spars; and the sequence of rigging a period ship model. **Mike** also gave a fine demonstration of rigging seizing, a key step in securing rigging lines and blocks. With the assistance of **Barry Rishel**, we will post Mike's notes and rigging references.

The program schedule for winter 2015/2016 includes:

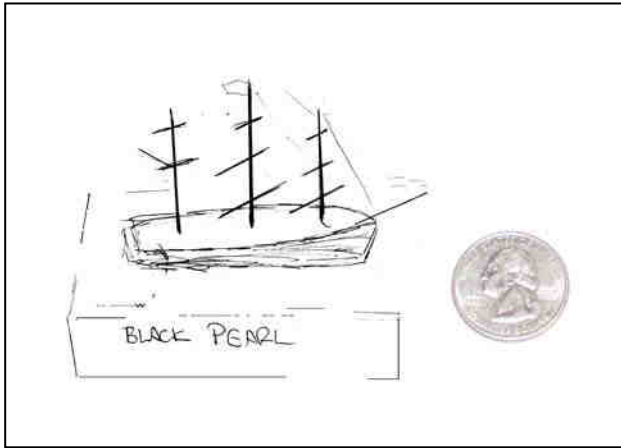
- November `15 – *Iron Navy Camouflage Systems* by **Bob McPhail**
- January `16 – *Modeling the Fair American* by **Bob Costa**

We are pleased with the response to the Guild's Presentation Program. We are currently planning presentations for February `16 and beyond. If you have a subject of interest to fellow guild members, please contact me at the e-mail address noted below. Please include your presentation title, a short description, and computer and audio visual support requirements.

Pete Jaquith
Program Chairman
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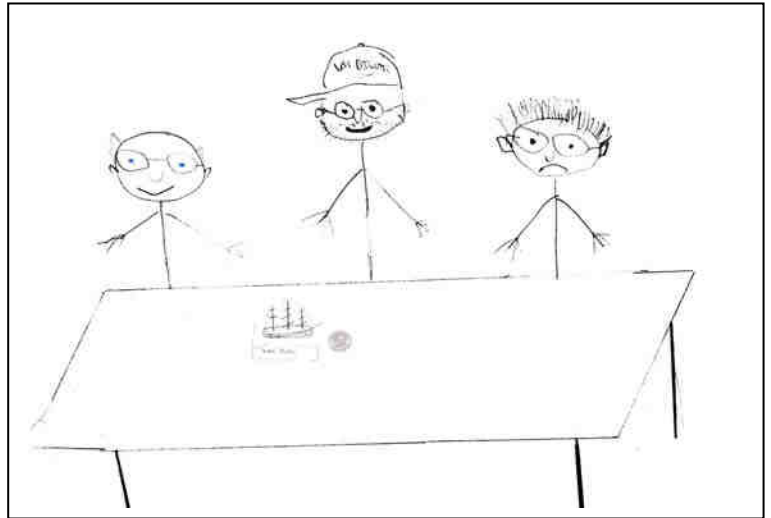
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The 'photographer free' version

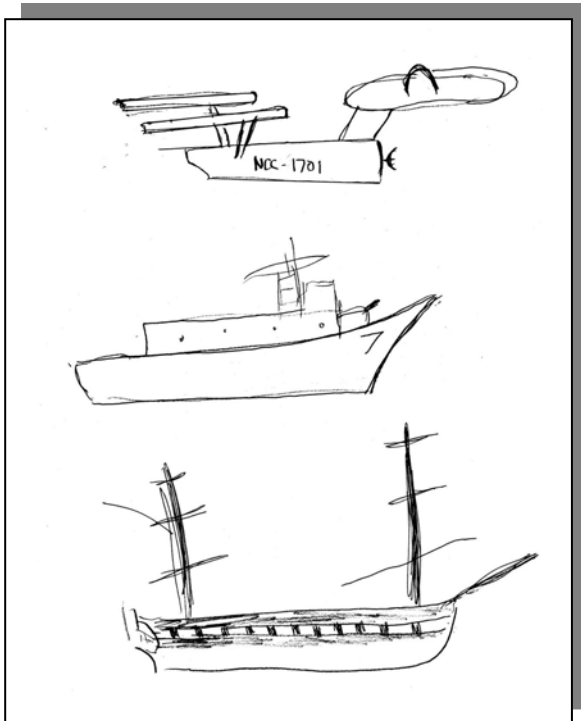


Don Dressel's BLACK PEARL

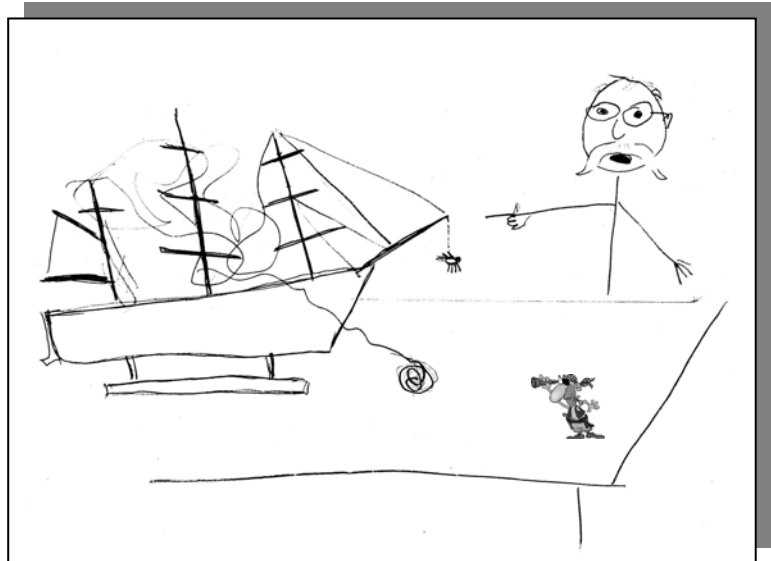
For more detail see Don's article in the SMA newsletter.



Dave Yotter, Don Dressel and Robert Hewitt admire and/or critique Don's BLACK PEARL



Isaac Wills keeps his streak of consecutive-meetings-with-a-model alive.



Mike Lonnecker demonstrates his unique rigging techniques

The following is the final installment of the reprint of my NRG article on the construction of my Fair American. As you may recall the last installment ended with the rigging. The final installment deals with the mounting and display of the model.

BUILDING the FAIR AMERICAN 1780

Scale: 1:48

By Mike Lonnecker

Part 6

MOUNTING THE MODEL

The model itself was mounted to a mahogany board using threaded rod screwed into nuts imbedded in the keel. Stanchions were turned to the proper length and slotted to fit the keel. The mounting board sits on an acrylic mirror. I thought the mirror would help light the lower half of the model, help view the underside and show off the drapery scene painted on the lower counter. Trim was added to hide the edge of the mirror. A name plate was made of a piece of boxwood cut to size. Three of the edges of the plate were routed with a Dremel router to give a finished look. A local trophy shop laser etched the lettering. I then filled the lettering with ebony dust. The dust was piled high completely covering each letter. Thin super glue was then dripped into the ebony dust binding it in place. Once cured the face was sanded smooth leaving very sharp lettering in a contrasting color. The final finish was Deft clear lacquer.



A case was constructed of cherry and acrylic sheet. The base was made of cherry veneer plywood with cherry quarter round trim. The case was finished in tung oil. Screws through the base into the verticals allow removal.



The case was completed early so the unfinished model could be displayed at the Western Ship Modelers Conference. Once the model was completed and installed in the case I realized I had no place to display it. It was too large to fit on any table we had in the house. I searched local furniture stores for a suitable stand with no success. A search of the internet led to a company that sold table kits. One of their offerings is a custom base kit. The buyer can order any leg, any length and stretchers of several trims and lengths to suit. Several choices of wood are also offered. I sketched up what I needed and placed an order. After finishing the parts in tung oil I assembled the base. The kit included corner bracing and all hardware. The finished base is very sturdy.

The model now resides in our living room entryway.



Bylaw Update

We have been talking about updating the bylaws for quite some time. **Mike Lonnecker** brought the issue up almost six months ago. The old bylaws have been published, changes/inputs have been solicited, the provided inputs have been disseminated for review and comment. Now it is time to vote.

The polls open as soon as you receive this and close at some point during the November meeting when First Mate **Lee Greene** calls for the vote. As stated before, according to current bylaws, we need **two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote from ALL OF THE MEMBERSHIP** in order to pass the proposed changes. If the proposal gets a majority of votes cast but not 2/3 of all membership, the proposal will be voted on again in a month and it will require 2/3 of only votes cast. If the proposal does NOT get a majority of votes cast in November, it does not pass.

Methods of Voting.

- (1) Voice vote at the November meeting.
- (2) Email to Logkeeper Bob McPhail. Either complete the WORD version of the ballot enclosed OR just email Bob your choice.
- (3) Mail completed ballot to Bob McPhail. Pre-addressed envelopes have been provided to snailmailians.
- (4) Call Bob McPhail and register your choice. In the event of a close election, phoned ballots will be verified.

Email: pegmcp@mail.com
Phone #:

Address:

BALLOT

Guildmember. Do you favor the changes to the San Diego Ship Modelers Guild bylaws as outlined on pages 7 thru 10 of the November 2015 newsletter?

YES. Pass the changes.

NO. Do not pass the changes.

NO. Do not pass. While I generally like the changes, I specifically have a problem with the following item(s)

Name

Signature

Date

DRAFT
Amended and Restated Bylaws
San Diego Ship Modelers Guild

November 2014

Article I-
Name and Purpose

1.1 Title. This organization shall be known as the San Diego Ship Modelers Guild.

1.2 Purpose. The Guild is an association of craftsmen that share a common interest in ship modeling and the related interests of ship construction, maritime history and lore of the sea.

1.3 Logo. The logo of the Guild shall be a bow oblique view of the steam yacht *Medea* within a ships helm emblazoned with the title "San Diego Ship Modelers Guild".

Article II
Membership

2.1 Qualification. Membership shall be open to any person without regard to sex, age, color, race, creed or national origin.

2.2 Admission. A member shall be admitted upon payment of the current dues and fees.

2.3 Dues. Annual dues are payable on 1 January. Persons joining after 1 July will be charged half of the current annual dues.

2.4 Adjustments. If the officers of the Guild determine that an adjustment in the dues or fees is necessary, the membership will be informed at least 60 days prior to implementation.

2.5 Initiation Fees. These fees may be imposed on new members to cover one-time expenses, such as the cost of a nametag.

2.6 Life Members. Life membership can be conferred to any member in good standing in recognition of significant, sustained, long term contribution to the Guild.

2.6.1 Any member of the Guild, in good standing, may nominate another member, in good standing, for Life Membership. The nomination shall be submitted in writing to the Guild Master. The nomination shall outline general and/or specific accomplishments of the nominee which, in total, constitute a significant, sustained and long-term contribution to the Guild.

2.6.2 Life Member nominations shall be reviewed by all voting officers for consideration. "Review" may include a basic review of the application or a verbal briefing by the nominating member, or both. The nomination must get unanimous approval of the officers before being submitted to the general membership for consideration.

The nomination shall be submitted to the general membership by publication in the newsletter along with a ballot for submittal to the log keeper via mail, electronically or by phone.

2.6.3 Life membership will be approved by the general membership with a formal vote at the next meeting following publication. The log keeper shall tally all votes at the meeting and those previously submitted. An approval vote of the majority of votes submitted shall constitute approval.

2.6.4 A person who has been designated a life member will no longer be required to pay any annual dues or fees. The designation shall remain in effect for the life of the member.

Article III Officers

3.1 Officers. Guild officers shall consist of Guild Master, First Mate, Purser, Newsletter Editor and Log Keeper.

3.2 Duties. The duties of the officers are, but not necessarily limited to the following:

(a) Guild Master: Presides over the general meeting, coordinates the activities of the Guild and acts as the official spokesperson for the Guild.

(b) First Mate: Performs the duties of the Master in his or her absence.

(c) Purser: Collects, records and distributes funds. The Purser prepares an annual budget for review by the officers. Expenditures of more than \$100.00 for non-budgeted items must be approved by and signed off by at least one other Guild officer.

(d) Newsletter Editor: Compiles newsworthy stories, publishes, and distributes a newsletter approximately one week prior to each general meeting. Maintains correspondence with other clubs with similar interests.

(e) Log Keeper: Keeps minutes at the general meeting and forwards a report to the newsletter editor.

3.3 Terms of Office. Officers shall serve a term of one calendar year. There will be no restrictions on the number of terms served with the exception as indicated below. The Guild Master may serve as many terms as desired, but to keep the leadership of the guild fresh may only serve two consecutive terms.

3.4 Election of Officers. The Guild master shall conduct an election yearly. In January the Guild Master shall appoint a nominating chairman who shall report nominations at the February meeting. Nominations from the floor shall also be taken. Ballots with the nominees shall be published in the newsletter prior to a vote at the March meeting. All votes received by mail, electronically, by phone

and those given at the meeting will be tabulated to determine the winners. Mail, email and phone votes shall be made to the log keeper. In the event of a close election, telephonic votes will be verified. The elected slate of officers shall take office at the March meeting.

3.5 Vacated Office. In the event that the Master is unable to serve, the First Mate shall succeed the office. Un-expired terms of other officers or committee chairs shall be filled by a majority vote of the membership present.

3.6 Committees. The Guild Master shall appoint committee chairman as he sees fit. (Example: Program Chairman, Audio Visual Chairman, Webmaster, etc.) Committee chairs shall enlist the help of members of the general membership as required. Committee chairs shall attend Officers meetings as advisory members but will be non-voting. Committee chairs will have the opportunity to provide reports during the "Reports" section of general meetings.

Article IV Meetings and Organization

4.1 Meetings. The general meetings shall be conducted on an informal basis. The Guild Master may modify the agenda for any meeting, however, it should include, as a minimum, introduction of guests, a financial report and a show and tell/trouble shooting session. The Guild Master shall act as moderator, encouraging participation.

4.2 Meeting Time. Meetings will be held on board the 1898 steam ferry Berkeley commencing at 6:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. If the Berkeley is unavailable, the meeting will be moved or rescheduled by the Guild Master as best serves the Guild.

Article V Amendments

5.1 Amendment Procedure. The Bylaws may be amended as follows: The Guild Master or his designee shall chair the proposal. Informal proposed changes shall be published in the newsletter and reviewed at the next meeting by the general membership. Any changes to the proposals shall be evaluated and a formal set of Bylaws published in the newsletter along with a ballot. Ballots may be submitted to the log keeper via mail, electronically or by phone. A formal vote shall be held at the next meeting and the Log Keeper shall tally the votes. A 2/3's majority of the general membership shall be required for approval. In the event less than 2/3s of the membership votes, the proposal shall be republished along with a new ballot. As before, the Log Keeper will tally the votes at the following meeting. Approval at this second vote shall be by 2/3's of the submitted votes.

5.2 Documentation. A copy of the newly approved Bylaws shall be dated and signed by all officers with this original copy to constitute the only official document and will be retained by the Purser.

5.3 Distribution. A copy of the new set of Bylaws shall be distributed to the general membership by printing in the newsletter.

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Approved by the General Membership on:

Certified by Guild Officers:

Guild Master- William M. "Mike" Lonnecker _____

First Mate- Lee Greene _____

Purser- Gary Seaton _____

Newsletter Editor-Charles Seiler _____

Log Keeper-Robert McPhail _____

_____ date



FROM THE HELM

I will not be able to attend the November meeting. I will be attending my mother's 90th birthday party. First Mate Lee Greene will step up and be in charge of the meeting. There are several important things to be done at this meeting.

1. The vote on the By Laws. A ballot and voting instructions are contained in this issue of the newsletter. It is very important that you support the club and VOTE.
2. Planning of the Christmas Party. Pete has moved our speaker back a month so we have plenty of time for a little fun at the party.
3. The museum has once again donated items for our use. Jon Sanford will be in charge of their dispersal. I believe he wants to have folks taking an item, make a donation to the club of what they think is fair value, but final method of is up to Jon.

I want to thank all who supported and made inputs to the update of the By Laws, especially Chuck Seiler who put in a lot of extra time and effort.

See ya in December

Mike

Mike Lonnecker

Guild Master

EDITOR'S CORNER

Important information for voting and random thoughts to fill up the page.....

So, whadya think of the 'photos' in this edition? That's what happens when you don't have a photographer, or a back-up photographer. We really need one.



UNCLE MIKE WANTS YOU
(To be a photographer)

BYLAWS. It's time to vote on the bylaws. Page 6 outlines all the ways you can vote-BUT **ONLY VOTE ONCE!!!** **The important point I want to bring out is that we need to get 2/3s of ALL MEMBERSHIP. IF WE DON'T GET 2/3 OF ALL MEMBERSHIP, WE VOTE AGAIN NEXT MONTH.** If we get the required numbers, we don't have to hear about bylaws again for another 10 years.

Even if you don't come to the meetings, vote!!!!



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Next meeting is
TUESDAY
10 NOVEMBER 2015
5:30 PM- Social
5:45 Officer's Meeting
6:00PM Meeting
Bring a Model

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