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Upcoming Events & Tech Sessions

The next meeting is **10:15 am, Saturday**, July 20, 2024 meeting and Museum Tour, Info Age Museum, Wall New Jersey

August 3, 2024: USS New Jersey Modelcon hosted by the Philadelphia Ship Model Society.

August 17, 2024; meeting at Tom's Shop

Meeting Report: The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by President Eric. Fourteen members attended and one guest. The guest was Richard Baumann

Tom presented the status of our finances.

The July meeting will be combined with a museum tour at the "InfoAge Science and History Museum" at the former Fort Monmouth. It will be Saturday, July 20 at 1030. The August meeting will be at Tom Ruggiero's Shop on Saturday, August 17 at 10 am.

In September, we will be back in the Library We need live Tech Sessions from our members. See inside for more discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 20:30.

Member Kevin Kenney forwarded a very interesting link discussing how propellers for ship propulsion were developed and the theory of their operation. The link is; https://youtu.be/YGXsHoc0xKk?si=JnJD-YqoSjwE_LKS

If you find links like this, pass them on.

Dues for 2024

Many of you have payed, but some have not. Please send your dues. Thank you.

Next Tech Session

The July Tech Session will be a tour of the Info Age Museum in Wall, New Jersey.

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Tech Sessions Wanted

We need volunteers to present tips and techniques at meetings.

Since the start of COVID, Mason has done a stellar job in lining up many excellent presentations that simply would not be able to come to a meeting to present. During that time, we have had a handful of the traditional how to demonstrations given by fellow club members. Several have asked that we bring the demonstrations back. We agree. So, we need our members to step up and provide presentations.

If there is something that was presented in the past that you would like to see again, let us know and we will schedule it. If you found a new or better way to do something, share your learnings. Kevin stated that his videos could also be shown at our meeting but bandwidth may be an issue. We will be exploring the logistics of doing this. **Please, step up and share what you have learned.**

Joint Clubs 2025

In 2025, SMSNJ will be hosting the 42nd Northeast Joint Clubs (April 26, 2025). We discussed a committee, and Mike Ellison volunteered. If you wish to help out on the planning etc, please contact Eric. It is not too early to start planning. We have already reserved the venue and gave a deposit. It would be advisable to line up the after lunch presentation so that the presenter can schedule their time. We should also think about a budget. Announcements for the 2025 meeting should be emailed no later than January 3, 2025. So, let's

NEW BUSINESS



No new business this meeting.

BOOKS AND PUBS



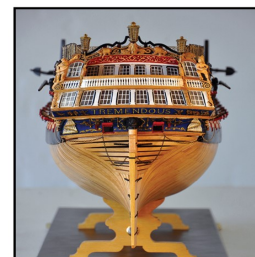
No books and Pubs this meeting.

THE NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD

"ADVANCING SHIP MODELING THROUGH RESEARCH"

Annual membership includes our world-renowned quarterly magazine, Nautical Research Journal, which features photographs and articles on ship model building, naval architecture, merchant and naval ship construction, maritime trade, nautical and maritime history, nautical archaeology and maritime art.

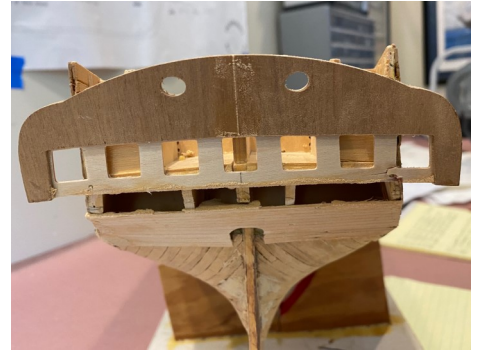
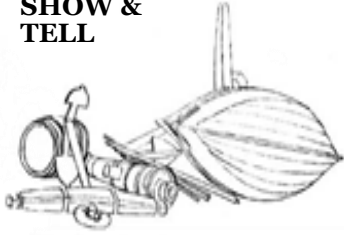
Other benefits include discounts on annual conferences, ship modeling seminars, NRG products and juried model competitions which are offered exclusively to Guild members. We hope you will consider joining our ongoing celebration of model ships and maritime history.



For more information contact us at: www.thenrg.org or call 585 968 8111

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HMS Dianna, Frigate

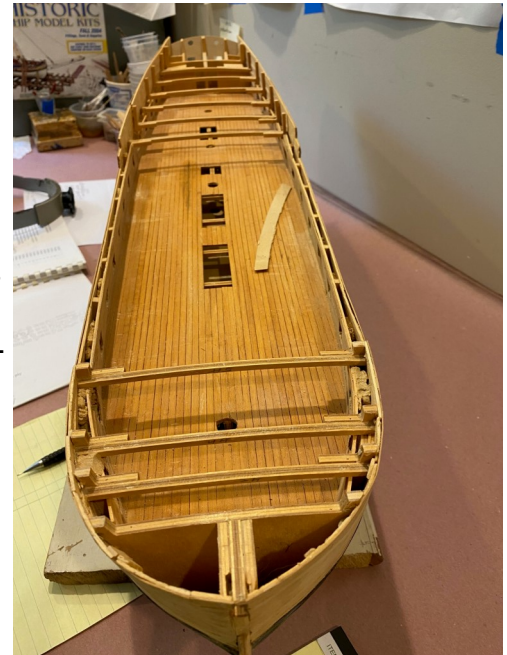
1794, Scale 1:64

Caldercraft Kit

Mort Soll

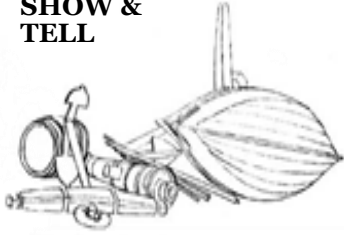
Mort purchased a partially built Dianna kit at one of our auctions. The hull as purchased was completely planked, The gun deck installed and planked. The stern counter bulkheads were installed as well as the taffrail bant and the beams for the Quarterdeck and Forecastle (two photos above and right). As was done on his beautiful model of Victory, Mort plans to detail the Captains cabin, add checkerboard floor covering and other details on the fore deck.

To allow him to do that, he has removed the stern fascia, transom and their counter patterns. He then removed all of the upper deck beams. He replaced two bulkheads at the stern with framing and removed the taffrail. He also cut back the deck planking in the cabin area to be replaced with an inlaid wood checkboard pattern. Below are photos of the model as it is now. Good progress Mort.



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Skipjack

1890-1920, Scale 1:48?

Wye River Models Kit bashed

Dennis Powell

The model is not of a specific boat, but a representation of a typical design of a Chesapeake Bay Oyster boat in the late 19th, early 20th century. When Dennis built the Spritsalt Skif several years ago, he used the plans published by Schiffer Books, authored by Steve Rogers and Patricia Staby-Rogers. They worked well for him so he used the same source for the Skipjack.



Keelson, Stem and Stern (above),

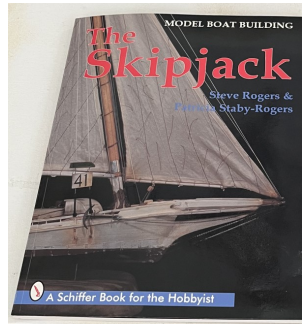
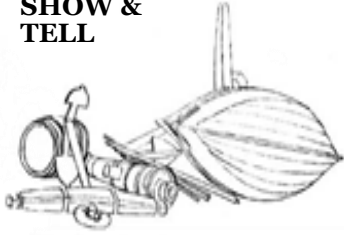
Bending jig - used to bend side planks, chine logs and deck beam shelf (below)



Side planks and frames attached. The strongback, used to spread the width of the boat at midship. This will eventually be removed

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Skipjack (cont'd)

Dennis Powell A copy of the cover of the instruction document is included in the attached pictures. Some of the same info noted here is included in my build log under the grouping of "Skipjack" in Model Ship World. For anyone interested in a look at a completed Staby / Wye River model, look for "Skipjack by Shore Thing Wye River Models" in Model Ship World. Shore Thing is an experienced model builder with lots of detail on his build.



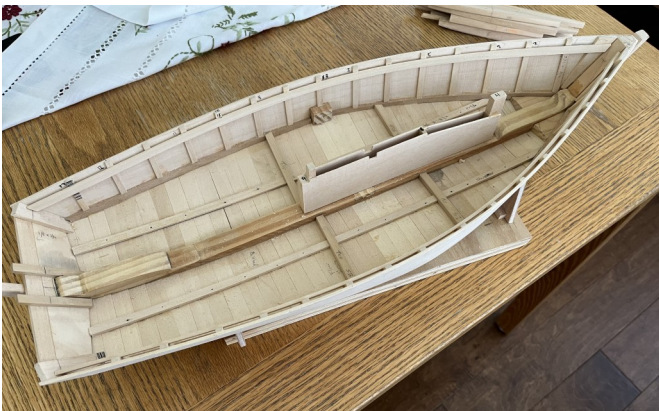
bottom planks, rough chunks at the bow, neither *cleaned up or trimmed* (bottom)



bottom planks, rough chunks at the bow, neither *cleaned up or trimmed* (top)



keel and slot for centerboard installed. Bow chunks cleaned up



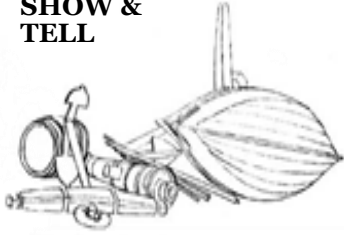
strongback removed and centerboard case roughed in



Beginning of deck beams with a camber

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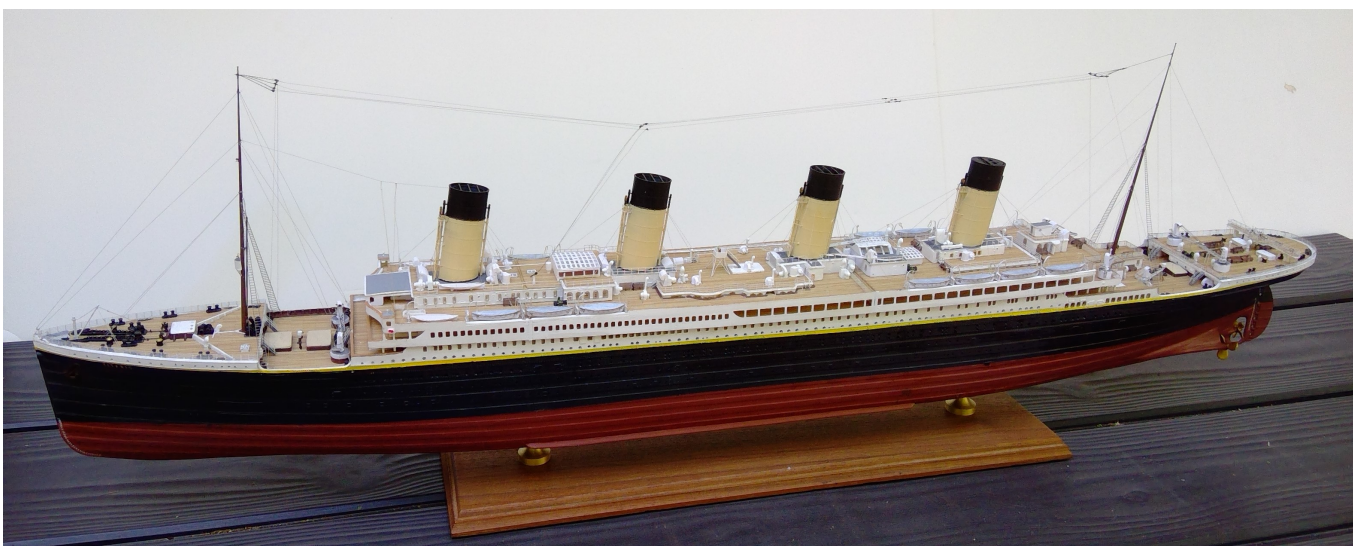
RMS Titanic

British Ocean Liner 1912

Scale 1:350, Minicraft Kit

Tom Ruggiero

Tom is close to completing RMS Titanic. He has installed all of the 30 ft boats as well as the Marconi Antenna that is strung between the masts and connected via a stress isolator to the radio room. Tom used 0.008" Inconel wire from Model Kasten. While there weren't enough boats tragically most of those were only half full. The two 25' open boats and the coal handling booms are next.



The Ship Model Society of New Jersey



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Regular meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:45 PM, at the Roseland Free Public Library, 20 Roseland Avenue, Roseland, New Jersey. Guests are always welcome.

Contributions to *The Broadaxe* are always welcome, and SMSNJ members are encouraged to participate. Articles, shop hints and news items may be submitted directly to the Editor as typed manuscript or electronic files, either on discs or by email. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved.

The Broadaxe is edited by Tom Ruggiero. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Please submit them to Steve Maggipinto at trugs@comcast.net.

If any member would like an email copy of the roster, please drop a note to Tom Ruggiero at the email address listed below. If there is an error in the roster let Tom know and the roster will be amended. Please make sure that your spam filter is not blocking emails from Tom because if it is, you won't get member bulletins. Please keep your contact information up to date. Your email address is particularly important because that is the main avenue of communication for club announcements. In case of emergencies such as last-minute cancellations due to weather, emails will be sent to the members. Direct All Correspondence to Tom Ruggiero.

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