

# South Bay Model Shipwrights

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## The Foghorn

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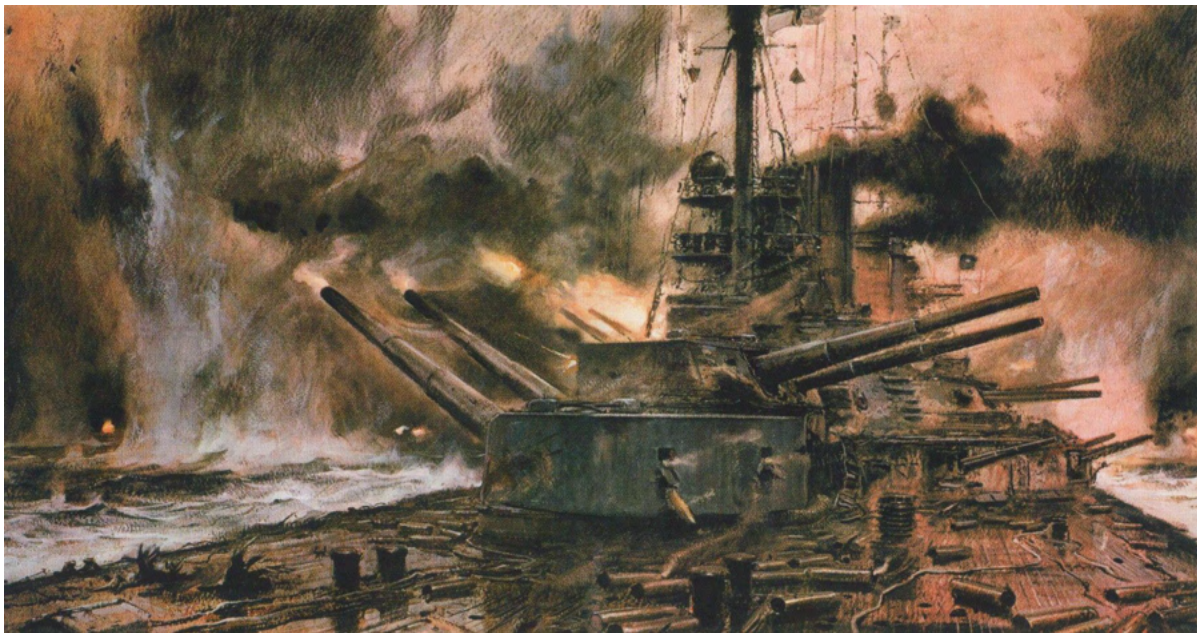


Fig.1. Hellishly dramatic painting of aft deck of *SMS Seydlitz* by **Claus Bergen** littered with empty shell casings discharged by Y turret during the **Battle of Jutland**, 31 May – 1 June, 1916. In the distance are discharges from the guns of British ships engaged with the German High Seas Fleet. The British suffered many more casualties and ship losses than the Germans. But the High Seas Fleet ended bottled up in ports unable to freely engage with any British ships for the rest of WW1. This forced the Germans to rely more on its U-boats to prosecute their conflict at sea. This was the last line-of-battle engagement involving battleships ever again. (Deutsches Schiffahrtsmuseum)





## *Future Course Headings...*

- **Saturday, July 13, 2024, 8:30AM PDT, NRG Virtual Workshop. Building Okesa.**

### **BUILDING OKESA, Part 1**

**By Dr. Bob Jenkins**

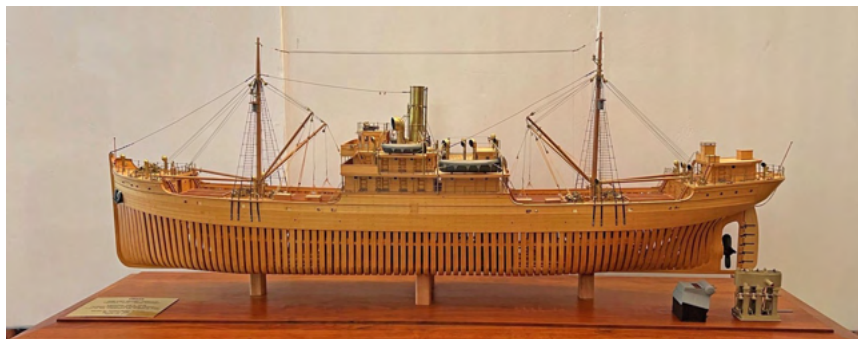


Fig. 2. Model of the *SS Okesa* (Dr. Bob Jenkins)

The model of **OKI** was built in the US in the WWI era. Ships were critically needed to transport goods and troops and with steel being used for weapons and Navy ships it was decided that wooden ships could fill the need.

The presentation on July 13 will be Part One of a multi part series on the building of this model. Part One will cover the history of the ship, the research necessary to obtain plans and other reference materials, and the construction of the model starting with the keel frames and building jig up to the point where the ship would have gone down the slipway to floating.

Part Two will cover the details of the building and detailing the model from the weather decks and up. This will include deck houses, rigging, the wheelhouse interior details etc. The interior includes the triple expansion steam engine and the boiler among other details. A second steam engine and boiler were constructed to be mounted on the display board as shown in the lower right of the photograph. Part Two has not been scheduled.

This workshop will only be accessible to current members of the NRG. However, membership is not expensive, and it is very worthwhile to support this only remnant organization devoted to the art of ship modeling. Joining provides members with access to the worldwide ship modeling community, mostly through the NRG Forum, [Model Ship World](#), the Nautical Research Journal, an invaluable repository of ship modeling wisdom dating back to 1948, and recordings of all prior virtual workshops. Joining can be done at their website at:

<https://thenrg.org>

This meeting will be held in the morning of July 13 whereas the SBMS In-person meeting will be in the afternoon of the same day, so it is still possible to attend both meetings. But, should you not be able to attend this workshop, like other past NRG Workshops, it will be recorded and be made accessible later to NRG members on their website. Registration is required for this workshop and can be done at:

<https://thenrg.org/events/workshops>

The link to this workshop will be released a few days before its scheduled time. Here is a [build log](#) for this model from **Model Ship World**.

- **Saturday, July 13, 2024, 2 PM: In-person SBMS meeting.** Our in-person meeting for next month will be on **Saturday, July 13 at 2 PM** at the **Game Kastle** in Santa Clara at:

**Game Kastle**  
1350 Coleman Ave  
Santa Clara, CA  
(408) 243-4263

Bring your latest projects and other maritime goodies for discussion!

- **Thursday July 25, 7PM: Monthly Zoom meeting.** And then our monthly Zoom meeting will be **Thursday, July 25 at 7 PM** so the Zoom specs will be sent out just before the meeting. Keep an eye on your inbox!

- **July 25-28 and August 1-4: Santa Clara Co. Fair.**



It has been a while since the SBMS participated in a County Fair, and Prez Jim Rhetta suggested we participate in an exhibition of our handiwork at the **Santa Clara Co. Fair** which is scheduled for **July 25-28 and August 1-4** at the:

**Santa Clara County Fairgrounds**  
**344 Tully Rd.**  
**San Jose, CA 95111**  
**Website:** <https://thefair.org>

The SBMS club will get an exhibit table and booth for our models. Members are needed to staff our table. More details on this event closer to the date.

- **Sunday, September 15: San Francisco Model Yacht Club 2024 Model Boats Parade.** Our radio control brethren at the **San Francisco Model Yacht Club** will be hosting their **2024 Model Boats on Parade** on **Sunday, September 15, 2024 from 9AM-4PM** at **Spreckels Lake** in **Golden Gate Park** (Fig. 3). This year's production will be expanded to include:

- Craftsman Power Models
- RC Sailing Yachts
- Freesail Sailing Yachts
- Static Ship Models (That's for US!)
- Model Steam Engines





Fig. 3. SFMYC activities on Spreckels Lake in Golden Gate Park. (SFMYC)

We will also be featuring:

- Clubhouse Tours
- Power Boat Parade
- Sailing Demos

Model Boats On Parade Exhibitors click [here](#) to download the Registration Form. Pre-registration is important to plan lunch for all participants.

Event Questions?:

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- **Saturday, November 9, 2024, 10AM-4PM: IPMS Silicon Valley Classic convention.**

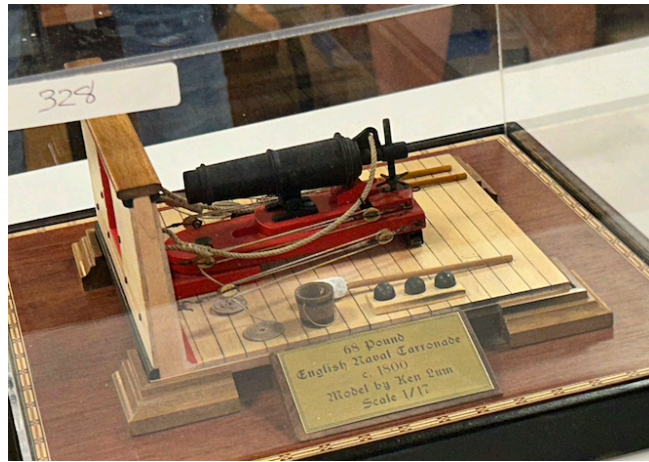


Fig. 4. Ken Lum's English Carronade model entered at the June 15, 2024 IPMS Silicon Valley Classic convention.

We had a great **IPMS Silicon Valley Classic** convention on June 15, but as if that was just not enough, the **Fremont Hornets** decided to schedule another convention and competition for **November 9**. As like before, this convention will be held at:

**Fremont Elks Lodge**

**38991 Farwell Dr.**

**Fremont, CA**

**Website:** <https://www.svsm.org/events/>

Bring a finished model to this convention. Last year, Jacob Cohn and Clare Hess won prizes for outstanding craftsmanship, and I won a prize for my English Carronade model (Fig. 4) most recently!



## *Maritime Matters of the Month (Ken Lum)*

• **D-Day 80 Special - The Last Surviving Warships.** With this being the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Normandy landings in WW2, I found this interesting video summarizing currently extant ships that served during the landings and are still around in private hands, mostly converted to museum ships, and even on active duty with foreign navies.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-f6N\\_5ivl8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-f6N_5ivl8)

Two of the biggest are here in the US, most notably the **USS Texas (BB-35)** (Fig. 5) commissioned in 1914, and, now, in Galveston, TX for repairs after spending many years in Houston.

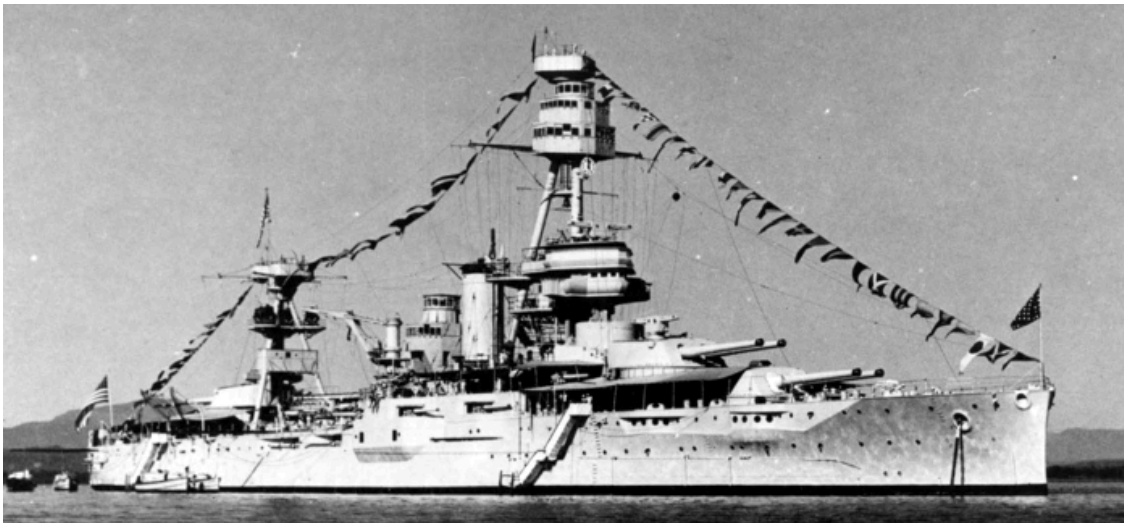


Fig. 5. *USS Texas (BB-35)* in 1940 (US Navy). The old battleship provided artillery support of the landings on Omaha Beach. There were other bombardment assignments during Operation Torch, and the bombardment of Cherbourg. She also pounded Iwo Jima and then Okinawa to support of the Marine landings in those locations just before the end of the Pacific War.

The other is our own **SS Jeremiah O'Brien** Liberty ship now docked and operational as a museum ship in San Francisco (Fig. 6).



Fig. 6. **SS Jeremiah O'Brien** Liberty ship as docked in San Francisco (Nat. Park Service). She provided valuable logistics support for the D-Day Invasions as well as service in the Pacific all the way to the end of the war.

The military operations name for all the D-Day invasions was **Operation Overlord** while **Operation Neptune** was the name of the amphibious assault operations where most of the ships used were involved.

- **The Amazing Titanic Wreck 3D Scans: A Guide:** A project to perform high-resolution photographic scans of the wreckage of the **RMS Titanic** using ROVs was described last year in the **May 2023 Foghorn**. This project was conducted by an ocean mapping company, **Magellan, Ltd**, and the documentary film company, **Atlantic Productions**.

A YouTube video of the effort was released last year which is also listed in the prior Foghorn issue. However, that video seems to have been replaced by a new account of the scanning results. This can be found at this URL, and it looks really great. The narrative is provided by Australian YouTuber, Michael Brady (Fig. 7).

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-Tt\\_yJu1f0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-Tt_yJu1f0)



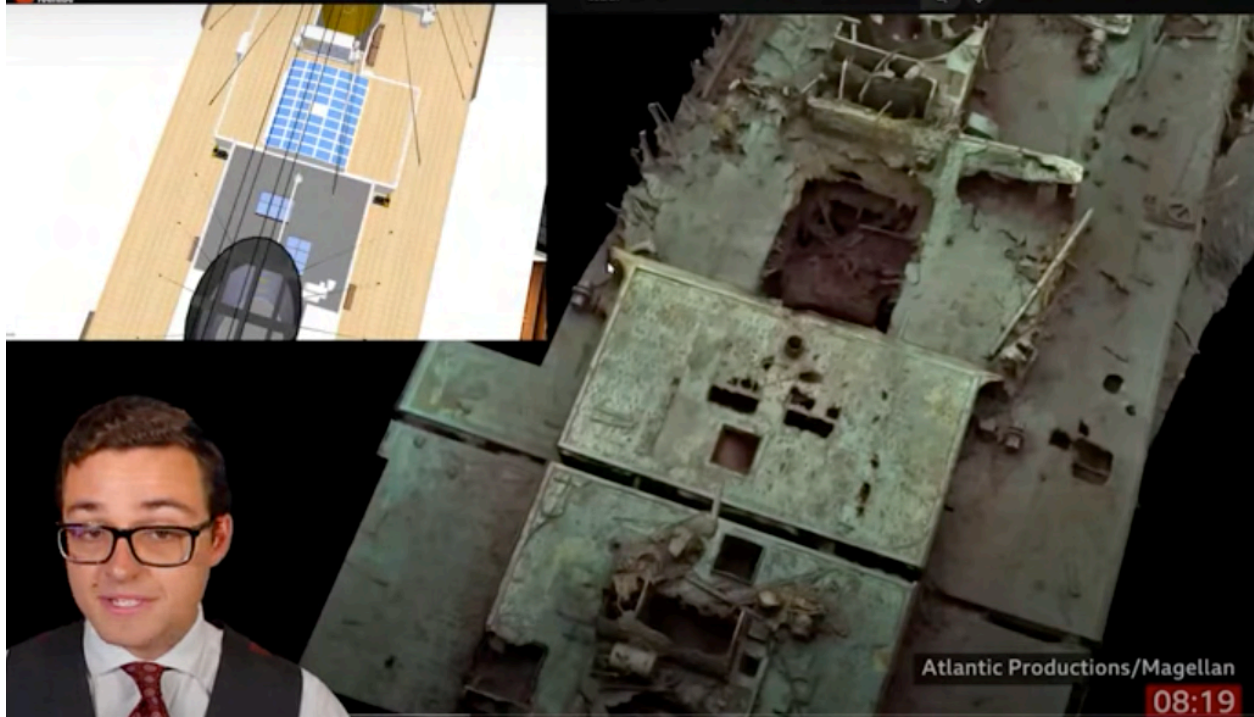


Fig. 7. Michael Brady giving a narrative of the ROV scan of the back end of the bow section of the *Titanic* near where it broke off from the stern section as it sank. The large opening in the upper deck was the location of the glass dome that covered the Grand Staircase entry to the First-Class Lounge between the first and second funnels. The boat house structure adjacent to the Grand Staircase opening contains the officers' quarters, 1<sup>st</sup> class quarters and the wireless room where the radio operator sent distress signals out as the ship was sinking. The wireless unit used was an early Marconi radio that is said to still be there, and there are aspirational missions being planned to try and retrieve this unique artifact. (Michael Brady)

- **TITANIC Sunk in 1000 years.** One last item on the *Titanic*, I promise! This interesting video illustrates the slow disintegration of the *Titanic* wreck over 1000 years.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ilnNfQs2wo>



Fig. 8. Hypothesized reduction of the *Titanic* wreck to corrosion over 1000 years.  
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- **Ship Models at the June 15 IPMS Silicon Valley Classic.** While most of the models on display at the recent **IPMS Silicon Valley Classic** were of airplanes and armour vehicles, there was a fair number of mostly modern warship models as well. Here are illustrations of many of those models. I did not identify all the models that were there. There were many submarine models making for some quick and dirty projects, no doubt. In any case, all the models displayed excellent craftsmanship.



Fig.9. Left-An American nuclear submarine. Right-Large scale model of a German WW2 U Boot conning tower.

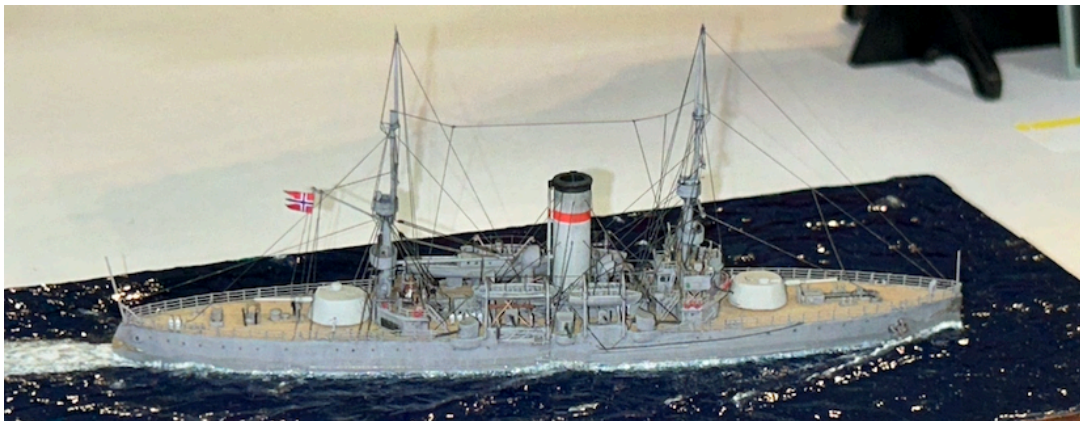


Fig. 10. Pre-dreadnought cruiser.



Fig. 11. American aircraft carrier, *USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63)*



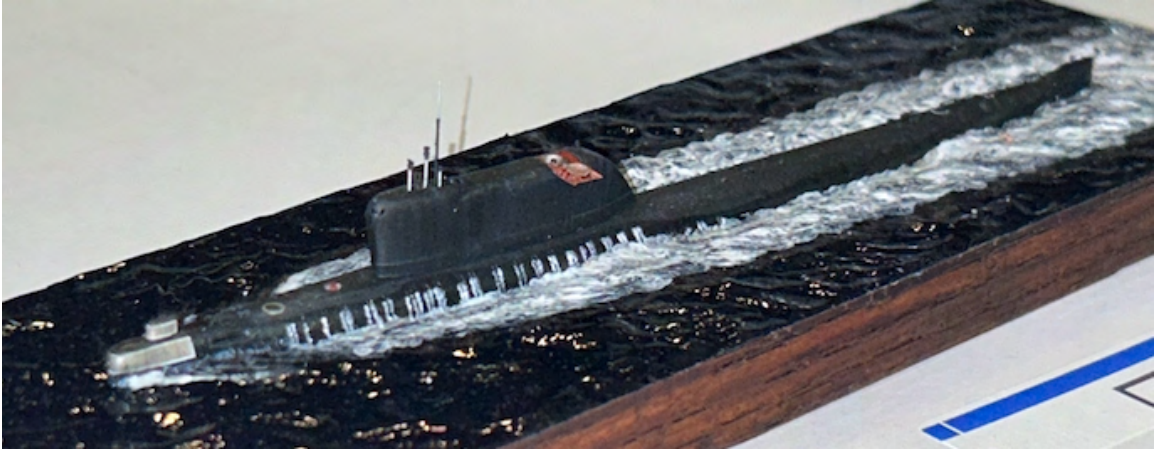


Fig. 12. Soviet-era Russian submarine.



Fig. 13. Mine-laying boat.

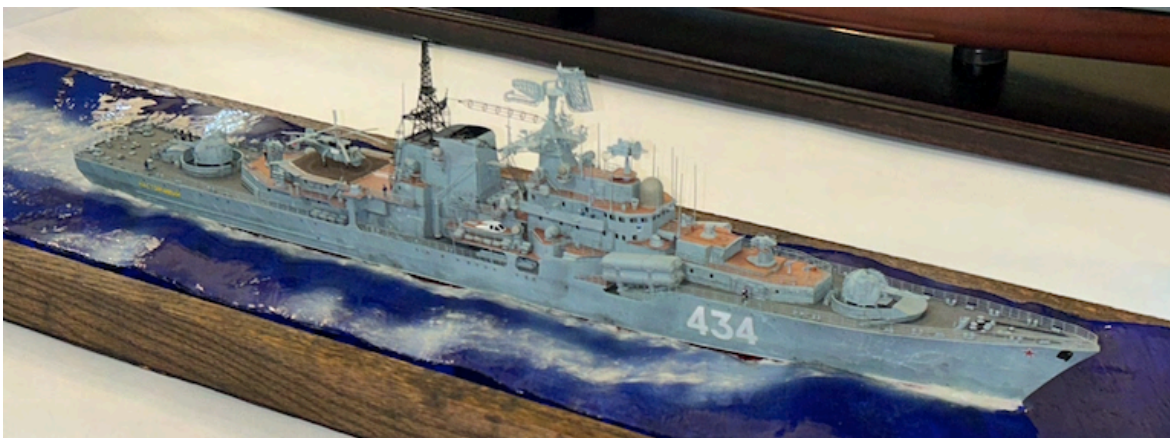


Fig. 14. Russian destroyer *Admiral Ushakov*, pennant number 434.



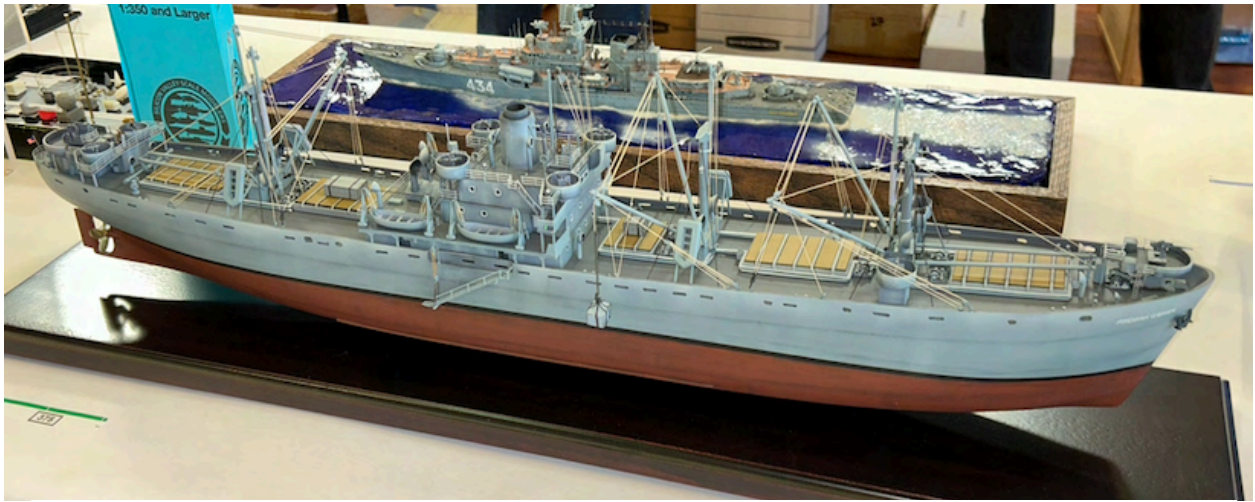


Fig. 15. Liberty ship, *SS Jeremiah O'Brien*. Built with effective simplicity in mind. A box with a motor in it.



Fig. 16. USS Hornet (CV-8). Shown loaded with the Doolittle Raid's B-25 bombers.

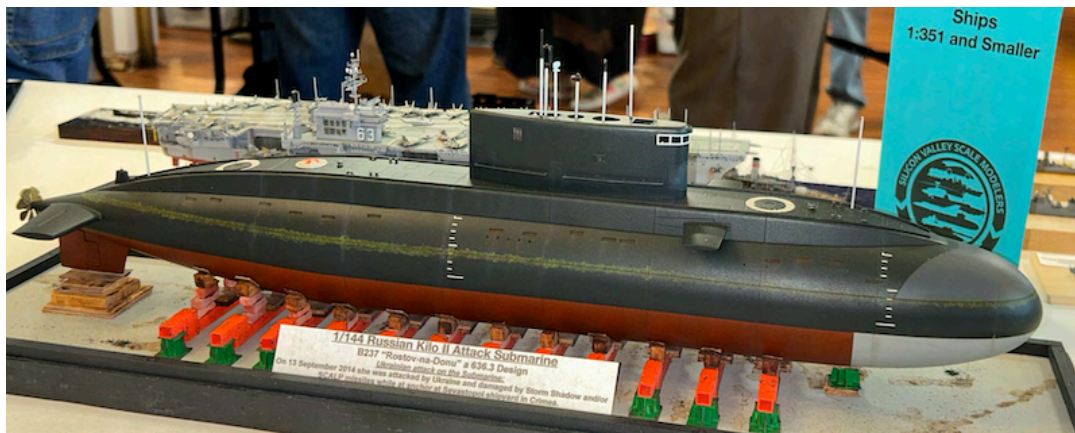


Fig. 17. Russian Kilo II-class submarine.





Fig. 18. *Red October* Soviet Typhoon-class submarine from the novel, "Hunt for Red October".



Fig. 19. Diorama of a US Liberty ship supporting an amphibious landing.





## *Under Construction at the Model Shipyard*

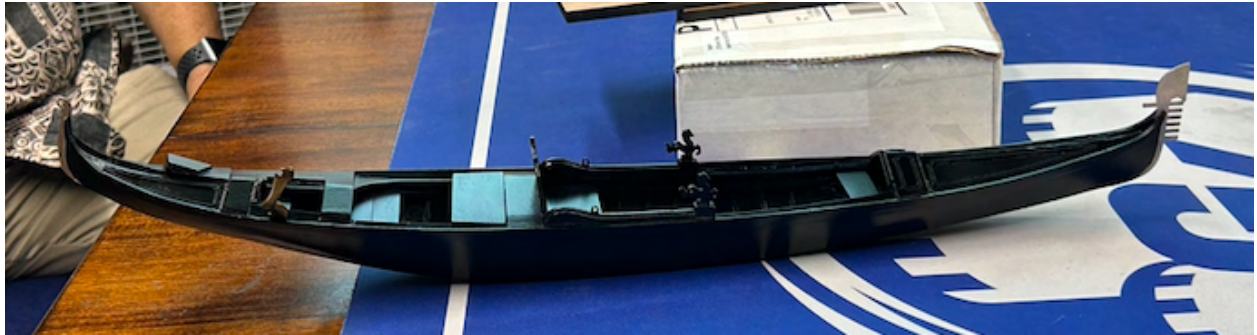


Fig. 20. Venetian gondola model from Amati by Clare Hess.

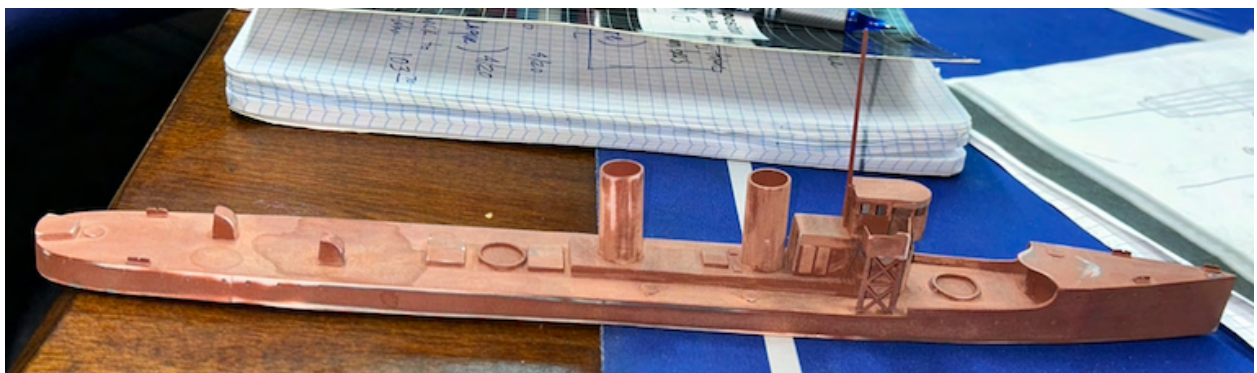


Fig. 21. Admittedly not sure about this, but likely a WW1 vintage destroyer model by Jacob Cohn.



Fig 22. Left-French carronade by Ken Lum. Right- Think H.M.Y. Chatham by Jacob Cohn.





Fig. 23. Gorgeous *Charles Yacht* from Woody Joe by Clare Hess. The decorative elements have been coated with gold leaf. Very nice spanker sail also.

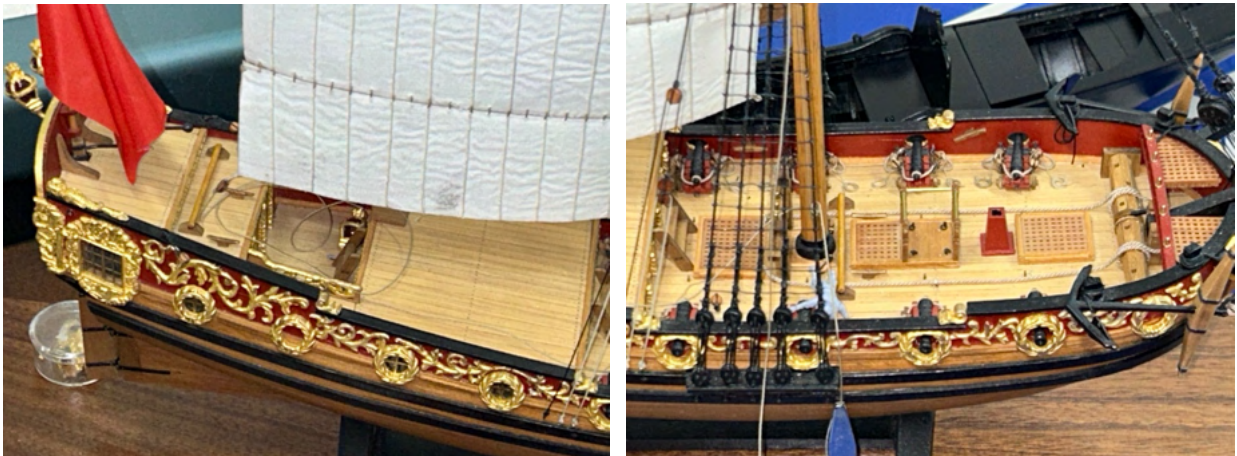


Fig. 24. Close up of deck details on the *Charles Yacht* model.





Fig. 25. *USS Constitution* X-section model from Model Shipways now almost finished by Jim Tortorici. Close up of top deck ordnance. Fantastically realistic!



Fig. 26. Walt Hlavacek and Clare Hess learning how to use a rope walk for a possible demo at the upcoming Santa Clara Co. Fair.



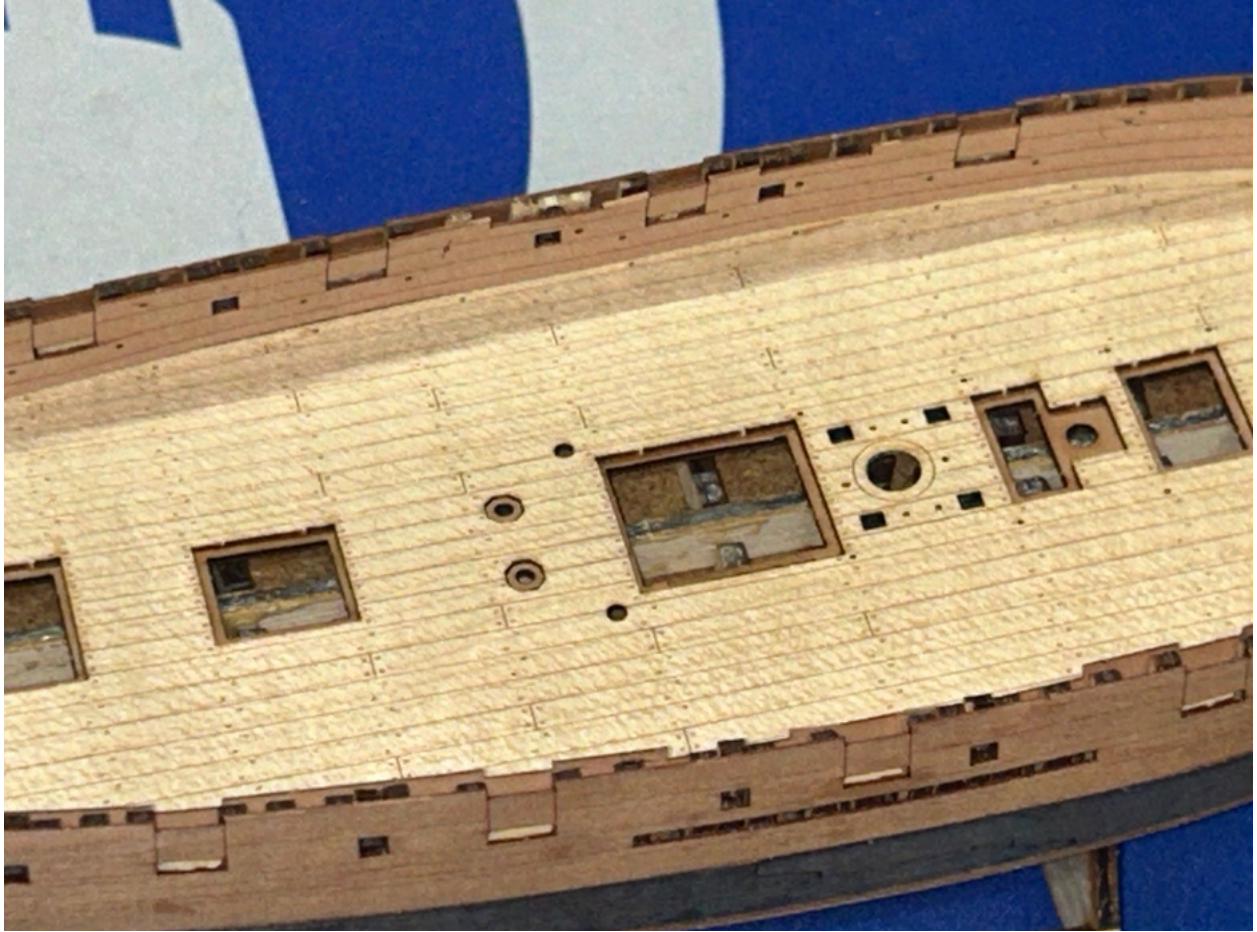


Fig. 27. Deck nail patterns on the Russian tender, *Avos*, from Master Korabel by George Sloup.



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## Annual Club Membership

Send in your Club Membership fee with the attached renewal form. Submit a \$20 check made out to South Bay Model Shipwrights and mail to Jacob Cohn, 726 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Redwood City, CA 94063. Mostly, we use the money to pay for our in-person meeting venues and hosting of our website (<http://www.sbmodelships.com>). Welcome Aboard!

### Membership Form

Make check out for annual membership of \$20.00 to South Bay Model Shipwrights and mail to Jacob Cohn, 726 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Redwood City, CA 94063

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