

South Bay Model Shipwrights

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The Foghorn

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Future Course Headings...

- **Friday, June 21, 2019, 7 PM:** Summer has finally arrived and time to take advantage of warm days and prolonged daylight in the glorious Bay Area! Our next meeting will be this Friday again at the Los Altos Public Library at **13 S. San Antonio Rd. in Los Altos** to be preceded by a pre-meeting dinner at **Chef Chu's** at the corner of El Camino and San Antonio Rd. in Los Altos starting at 5:30 PM. Mostly, we will be discussing possible activities, particularly in July, at the **USS Hornet (CV-12)** which is located as a museum ship in Alameda. It will be the site next month for celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landings (**Splashdown 50**). **USS Hornet (CV-12)** recovered the Command Modules of the Apollo 11 and 12 missions in 1969(see below).



Our speaker, Mr. Peter Shyvers, with Prez Jim Rhetta and a model of the Sea King helicopter recovering the crew of Apollo 11

We have been offered an opportunity to display some of our models in the spacious hanger deck on **Wed., July 18**. We are still working out the details of our display. We likely should anticipate an event similar to what we had at the **IPMS Convention** in March. We will also discuss the possibility of a club group tour at the Hornet in the same way we had of the **SS Red Oak Victory** earlier.

• **July, 2019: Splashdown 50 Celebration at the *USS Hornet Museum***

The **USS Hornet (CV-12)** will be hosting **Splashdown 50**, the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Apollo Moon Landings this July. Below is a listing and dates of events to be held aboard the ship. Admission is charged and some events, such as the dinner will require additional charges so check the ship's website at:

<https://www.uss-hornet.org>

for details.



USS Hornet (CV-12) in Alameda (USS Hornet Museum)

• **Location:**

**707 W Hornet Ave, Pier 3
Alameda CA 94501**

• **Hours:**

Open Daily, 10 AM – 5 PM. Admission closes at 4 PM

• **Admission to the ship:**

Adult Admission	\$20
Seniors & Military	\$15
Students	\$15
Youth	\$10
Children 6 & Under	Free
Members	Free

•Updated schedule of Splashdown 50 events aboard the *USS Hornet (CV-12)*.

Thurs. July 4: 2 PM-10 PM with evening viewing of fireworks from the flight deck

Wed. July 17: 1 PM-2:30 PM Behind-the-Scenes **Apollo Exhibit Tour**

Thurs. July 18: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm **Model Rocket Day** aboard USS Hornet and **SBMS** ship model display.

Friday, July 19: 6:00 pm - 11:30 pm A special **Live-Aboard Overnight** with lunar and star gazing from the Museum's Flight Deck after an evening tour around the ship. Tickets for sale at their website.

Saturday, July 20: Splashdown 50 Celebration! This community day will feature organizations and museums who will share family activities and information, with additional programming and speakers throughout the day.

Evening Saturday, July 20: Splashdown Anniversary Dinner & Reception! Please join us for a dinner honoring the USS Hornet Association. Celebrate the legacy of Splashdown with the ex –crew of this historic ship! Meet and dine with ex -crew men who were on board during the Apollo 11 Recovery Mission! Special Guests and Presentations! Hosted Buffet Dinner, Music from the 1960's, and full cash bar. Tickets for purchase:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uss-hornet-splashdown-50-anniversary-dinner-tickets-60903743737>

Sunday, July 21: USS Hornet Association Meet-and-Greet. Come aboard for a special welcome to the various Hornet crew members who served on board during her years of service, including the Apollo 11 and 12 recoveries.

Monday, July 22: An aerospace film day! The Museum will be screening Smithsonian and NASA space films throughout the day in our Hangar Deck.

Tuesday, July 23: A unique STEM day for educators to come and experience STEM activities that introduce science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in a hands-on way with real life examples of it in use all around them! Registration at the website.

Wednesday, July 24: Apollo Retrospective. Come aboard as we explore the past, present, and future of space exploration and space travel with experts from the private aerospace industry! We will then follow with another presentation as we look back at the history and legacy of Apollo 11 and relive the recovery of the astronauts and capsule with some of the men who

participated in the event! Finally, hear from NASA scientists and astronauts as they discuss what we've learned about the geology of the Moon and what plans they have for the future!

Check for additional events at **USS Hornet Museum** website at:

<https://www.uss-hornet.org>

• **October 24-26, 2019**: The next **Nautical Research Guild** annual conference will be held at the **New Bedford Whaling Museum** in **New Bedford, MA**. More specifics can be found at:

<https://www.thenrg.org/nrg-2019-conference.php>

The first day, Thursday, October 24, will be devoted to tours of the **Herreshoff Marine Museum** in Bristol, Rhode Island and the **U.S. Naval War College Museum** in Newport Rhode Island. Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26 will be devoted to presentations.

A block of rooms will be open for NRG reservations at the **Fairfield Inn & Suites New Bedford** until September 23. Their telephone is: 1-774-634-2000.

I am told that the best way to get there is to fly to Boston and drive approximately 1 hour south to New Bedford.

One of the speakers will be **Kathy Abbass**, the Executive Director and Principal Investigator of the **Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project**. She will discuss the latest findings establishing that the transport ship **Lord Sandwich**, scuttled in Newport Rhode Island's Outer harbor in 1778 by the British during the Revolution was formerly Captain Cook's **Endeavour**.



Maritime Matters of the Month

• **Visit to *USS Hornet (CV-12)*-Ken Lum:** Following last month's great presentation on the aircraft carriers *USS Hornet (CV-8 and CV-12)* by Peter Shyvers, I made a trip to the ship at its berth in Alameda.



Flight deck of *USS Hornet (CV-12)* (Ken Lum)

While there, Peter gave me a personal tour of the engine rooms and quarters facilities to see what drove the great ship. We also visited the hydraulic (not steam) mechanisms that powered the ship's aircraft catapults and storage lockers where sometimes nuclear ordnance was stored.

Afterwards, Peter went off to attend to the numerous visitors keeping the docents busy, so I went off on my own to visit the many other attractions on display. These included a well stocked naval aviation museum with aircraft dating from WW 2 to the immediate post Vietnam war era. These included an **F4F Wildcat** fighter and **Avenger** torpedo bomber as well as an **F-2J Fury**, **F-4 Phantom**, and **F-14 Tomcat** among others. Reconnaissance aircraft such as a **US-2B Tracker** and **S-3 Viking** were also present. I also saw an **F-8 Crusader** in the process of display restoration.

An impressive collection of naval helicopters were also on view including an **SH-3 Sea King** of the type which recovered the space capsules during the early

manned space missions. Included in this collection is an Apollo test capsule which was used in an unmanned engineering test launch and recovery.



SH-3 Sea King helicopter on display on **USS Hornet** (Ken Lum)

This is a terrific and often underappreciated treasure of the Bay Area due to it's relatively remote location in Alameda. It's keepers seem to have kept her in remarkably excellent condition, both clean and well maintained. I was also gratified to see large numbers of visitors the day I was there keeping the crew of docents quite busy. I hope our club will be able to arrange a group tour of what is really the largest naval museum display in the Bay Area. When visiting, dress warmly as it was quite cold and windy when I visited. **Many thanks to Peter for his great presentation to us and for leading me around this beautiful and historic ship!**

•**SBMS website-Jim Rhetta:** The club website (<http://www.sbmodelships.com>) is being updated by Jim T. **GoDaddy** has offered us a lower rate to move to a Personal Account and Domain from a Business Domain. It will allow for us to save over a hundred dollars and still have a good web visibility. The new Personal Account is more designed for people on mobile devices to access the site, and the majority of the visitors to the site are now on mobile devices.

Jacob Cohn was contacted by a local individual who found the website and expressed interest in the club. He noticed the photos of the ships at the San Mateo County Fair a few years ago so it proved they still have value in attracting attention. We hope he attends the meeting and joins the club.

The value of this site was demonstrated recently by an unusual request we received through it. An individual for the **OOCL Line** office in San Jose

contacted me for assistance in restoring a model of a container ship in their line. The model was built in the '90's, and we will have to inspect it to determine what repairs may need to be made to it.



OOCL Container ship model in the company offices

Walt H. and I will plan to visit their office to inspect the ship and advise members on what needs to be done. Since this is owned by a company, I expect a budget for any restoration so club members participating in this effort should be compensated for their effort. This model is about 7 ft long, 2 ft high, and 2 feet wide.

• **Scrimshaw Gallery-Jim Rhetta:** I have been informed of the **Scrimshaw Gallery** of nautical art in Sausalito that has paintings, prints, and scrimshaw but no ship models. I am planning to send a letter to the gallery owner offering ship models for sale on consignment. If you have ships to sell, let me know. Please provide the name, type, dimensions, and good photos of it. I would like to complete this over the summer and deliver it by the fall.

The **Scrimshaw Gallery** is located at:

Scrimshaw Gallery

19 Princess St.

Sausalito, CA 94965

(415) 331-1409

Website: <https://www.scrimshawgallery.com>

• **Antique Sailing Boat, No. 5 Elbe, in Hamburg, Germany sunk-Ken Lum:** News involving ships often involve catastrophe and maybe tragedy. Unfortunately, here is a sad story of a recently restored wooden boat that got sunk in an accident on the Elbe river near Hamburg, Germany. By good fortune, there was no loss of life, only minor injuries.



No. 5 Elbe

(Courtesy Classicsailboats.org)

The **No. 5 Elbe** was the oldest wooden sailing ship still in operation on the Elbe having been built in 1883. She was operated as a pilot schooner for 30 years before being converted to a private yacht in the 1920s under the ownership of American journalist, Warwick Tompkins.

She was acquired in 2002 by the **Hamburg Maritime Foundation** for use as a tourist boat and brought back to Germany. **No. 5 Elbe** recently underwent a €1.5 million renovation returning to service this May 29.

Then on June 8, while taking tourists around the Elbe river near Stade, **No. 5 Elbe** accidentally collided with the 150-meter Cyprus-flagged containership **Astrosprinter**. Rescue services responded quickly and towed the stricken **No. 5 Elbe** into a cove where she sank in shallow water. All 43 people aboard were rescued with 9 having non-life-threatening injuries.



Oops, Ouch!!

(Photos Courtesy Freiwillige Feuerwehr Hansestadt Stade)



The submerged **No. 5 Elbe**

While this is a terrible setback, there is hope that the ship can be raised and restored again. Ach, Hrummph!



Under Construction



Progress on George Sloup's paper model of ***Papegojan*** Dutch pinnace from **Shipyard Paper Models**



Another of Clare Hess's exceptional Japanese coastal vessels. The side decorations and details were amazing!



Jim Rhetta with a new LED light useable in ship models



Jim Rhetta with a new two masted sloop model



Ship Model Clubs in the Bay Area

Astonishingly enough, there are no less than 5 ship model clubs in the Bay Area stretching from Los Altos in the South Bay to Rohnert Park in the north. Here is the list of them for those who would like to travel around and sample their offerings. List is courtesy of Clare Hess.

[Note that some email addresses are formatted in an attempt to protect the contacts from bots and spammers. Replace “at” with “@” and “dot” with “.” and take out the spaces.]

•**South Bay Model Shipwrights** – contact **Jim Rhetta**, **j.rhetta at yahoo dot com**. Meets at 7:30pm on the 3rd Friday (check the website for the schedule as it sometimes has to be on a different Friday) of every month at the **Los Altos Public Library at 13 S. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos**. Website is: <http://www.sbmodelships.com>

•**Hyde Street Pier Model Shipwrights** – contact **Leo Kane**, **kanebulota at comcast dot net**. Meets 9:30am on the 3rd Saturday of every month aboard the Ferry Boat *Eureka* in the **San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park**. Website is: <http://hspms.wordpress.com>

•**San Francisco Model Yacht Club** – contact **Colleen Stobbe**, **commodore at sfmyc dot org**. Meets at 11am on the second Saturdays of most months at the **Spreckles Lake Boat House in Golden Gate Park**. Emphasis is on radio control models of all kinds. The club holds frequent sailing regattas on Spreckles Lake. Check their calendar for the schedule of events. This is the oldest of such clubs in the Bay Area having been founded in 1898. Website is: <https://www.sfmyc.org/index.php>

•**Red Oak Victory Model Shipwrights** – contact **Tom Bottomley**, **bottomleythomas at aol dot com**. Meets at 10:00 am on the second Saturday of every month in the Petty Officers Mess aboard the **Red Oak Victory at Pt. Richmond, 1337 Canal Blvd, Richmond, CA 94804**

•**Redwood Empire Model Shipwrights** – contact **Richard Lemme**, **redbaronwings at aol dot com**. Meets at 10:00 am on the first Saturday at the **Fundemonium** store in Rohnert Park. The address and telephone is:

**579 Rohnert Park Expy W Expressway Center
Rohnert Park, CA 94928
(707) 800-4060**



Bay Area Hobby Shops

Here is a list of Peninsula, East Bay, and South Bay hobby shops with supplies relevant to ship modelers. There are other area hobby shops listed on the web, but they are not relevant to ship modelers.

<p>Ages of Sail 676 Bockman Road , Unit B & C San Lorenzo, CA 94580 Phone:(510) 889-6000 Website: https://www.agesofsail.com Primarily wooden and resin ship kits. Outstanding resource for this area. <u>SBMS members are eligible for a 10% discount on all purchases.</u></p>	<p>Hobbies Unlimited 937 Manor Blvd. San Leandro, CA 94579 Phone: (510)351-7112 Website: http://www.hobbiesunlimited.net Outstanding selection of plastic steel navy kits. Great complement to Ages of Sail which is only a short distance away.</p>
<p>The Hobby Co. of San Francisco 5150 Geary Blvd. San Francisco, CA 94118 Phone: (415) 386-2802 Website: http://www.hobbycosf.com</p>	<p>Sheldon's Hobby Shop 2130 Trade Zone Blvd. San Jose, CA 95131 Phone: (408) 946-3801 Website: https://sheldons hobbies.com</p>
<p>Talbot's Toyland 445 S. B St. San Mateo, CA 94401 Phone: (650) 931-8100 Website: http://www.talbotstoyland.com</p>	<p>Michaels Website: https://www.michaels.com A chain of general crafts stores with many branches throughout the Bay Area. Great source for scale wood, paints, and tools.</p>
<p>J & M Hobby House 1660 Laurel St. San Carlos, CA 94070 Phone: (650) 593-5019 Cute little hobby shop with a good selection of tools, wood, paints, and a comprehensive selection of Model Shipways fittings.</p>	



Traveling this Year?

Add these museums to your travel plans either locally or elsewhere if you can.

Bay Area:

- San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park:
<http://www.nps.gov/safr/index.htm>
- San Mateo County History Museum (home of Charlie Parsons exhibit, Redwood City): <http://historysmc.org>
- Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum: <http://www.vallejomuseum.org>
- Mare Island Museum (Vallejo): <http://www.mareislandmuseum.org>
- SS *Jeremiah O'Brien* (San Francisco): <http://www.ssjeremiahobrien.org>
- USS *Pampanito* (San Francisco): <https://maritime.org/uss-pampanito/>
- SS *Red Oak Victory* (Richmond): <http://richmondmuseum.org/ss-red-oak-victory/>
- USS *Hornet* (Alameda): <https://www.uss-hornet.org> -By far the largest museum ship on the Bay

Elsewhere in US:

- Channel Islands Maritime Museum (Oxnard, CA): www.cimmvc.org
- Los Angeles Maritime Museum: <http://www.lamaritimemuseum.org>
- San Diego Maritime Museum: <http://sdmaritime.org/>
- SS *Lane Victory* (San Pedro, CA): www.lanevictory.org/
- USS *Texas* (LaPorte, TX):
<http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/battleship-texas>
- USS *Alabama* (Mobile, AL): www.ussalabama.com/
- USS *Constitution* (Boston, MA): www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org/
- USS *Constellation* (Baltimore, MD): www.historicships.org/constellation.html
- New Bedford Whaling Boat Museum (New Bedford, MA):
<https://www.whalingmuseum.org>
- South Street Seaport (New York, NY): <https://southstreetseaportmuseum.org>
- National Museum of American History (Smithsonian, Washington, D.C.):
<https://www.si.edu/museums/american-history-museum>
- National Museum of the U.S. Navy (Washington, D.C.):
<https://www.history.navy.mil>
- US Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD):
<https://www.usna.edu/Museum/index.php>
- Mariners Museum of VA (Newport News, VA): www.marinersmuseum.org/
- Steamboat *Bertrand* (DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, Missouri Valley, IA):
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Desoto/wildlife_and_habitat/steamboat_bertrand.html

Outside US:

- Vancouver Maritime Museum (Vancouver, BC, Canada):
<https://www.vancouvermaritimemuseum.com>
- Royal Museums Greenwich (Greenwich, UK. Includes National Maritime Museum): <https://collections.rmg.co.uk>
- Portsmouth Historic Dockyard | Royal Navy Museum (Portsmouth, UK):
<https://www.historicdockyard.co.uk/index.php>
- National Maritime Museum in Amsterdam (Netherlands):
<https://www.hetscheepvaartmuseum.com>
- Maritime Museum in Rotterdam (Netherlands):
<https://www.maritiemmuseum.nl/en>
- Musée national de la Marine (National Navy Museum) (Paris, France):
https://web.archive.org/web/20130101102816/http://www.musee-marine.fr/version_uk.html
- Deutsches Schiffahrtsmuseum (Bremerhaven, Germany):
<https://www.dsm.museum>



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2019 Meeting Dates

Third Friday of each month. Please note changes in the meeting schedule each month. The club does its best to schedule the 3rd Friday, but library priorities and competition for the conference room may require meeting dates to be rescheduled!!!

**Los Altos Public Library
13 S. San Antonio Road
Los Altos at 7:00pm**

June 21, 2019

***July 26, 2019**

Dates in **Bold** are confirmed by Los Altos Library. * Indicates date change



2019 Annual Club Membership

Send in your 2019 Club Membership with attached renewal form! Submit a \$20 check made out to South Bay Model Shipwrights and mail to Jacob Cohn, 726 7th Ave, Redwood City, CA 94063. Welcome Aboard!

2019 Membership Form

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

Print your name _____ Phone# _____



Address

Receive our Foghorn newsletter by email? Yes ___ No___

Email address _____

To order a club name badge, add \$15.00 to your check and print your name exactly as it should appear on the badge

