

South Bay Model Shipwrights

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The Foghorn

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Future Course Headings... Lots of upcoming events this fall!

- **Friday, July 26, 2019, 7 PM:** Another month has passed and another month of events to get together to talk about! The **South Bay Model Shipwrights** will meet again at the **Los Altos Public Library** at **13 S. San Antonio Rd.** in **Los Altos** at **7 PM** for the usual sharing and showoff. Dinner is on again at **Chef Chu's Chinese Restaurant** at the corner of San Antonio Rd. and El Camino Real at **5:30 PM**. Please let Ken Lum know via email at lum40@comcast.net if you are coming so he can make reservations.

We have much to talk about regarding events at the **USS Hornet** celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo Moon missions. Also more events coming up for the rest of the year to discuss as listed below. So bring your latest work to and show us how you have been doing!

- **October 6-14, 2019:** The Bay Area's famous annual **Fleet Week** event will offer a chance to visit some of today's operational US Navy ships. At this time the ships have not yet been identified and announced, but tours will be offered on Sat – Mon, Oct 12-14.

The **Blue Angels** flight demonstration team will also perform on Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13 in the afternoon for a spectacular denouement.



The **Blue Angels** over the Golden Gate Bridge

- **Saturday, October 12, 2019, 10AM-5PM and Sunday, October 13, 11AM-4PM:** The annual **Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures** convention will be held at the **Doubletree Hotel San Jose** (1/2 Mile from San Jose International Airport) at 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA. While the convention is mostly devoted to dollhouse enthusiasts, we have exhibited successfully there before, and it is another opportunity to learn about miniature crafts techniques. More on this event at:

<http://goodsamshow.blogspot.com>

We will decide later about coming to this event as a club.

- **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. **Unfortunately, the official NRG tours are now fully booked, and a wait list has been started. Nonetheless, both museums can be visited on your own.**



New Bedford Whaling Museum

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**.

- **Saturday, November 2, 2019:** Following their successful summer celebrations of the Apollo Moon landings, ***USS Hornet (CV-12)*** will host the **Third Annual *USS Hornet* Model Contest and Expo** this November in Alameda at **707 W Hornet Ave, Pier 3** at the carrier.



USS Hornet's island

This event is being conducted by the **International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS)/ Silicon Valley Modelers** and will be another great opportunity to display our handiwork for the public to admire. More details on this event to come. We hope we can make this a regular annual event for the **SBMS** just like the **IPMS San Jose Convention** has become for the spring. Plus the ***Hornet*** has a great deal more space available to display models in the hanger deck.

Finally, the Bay Area's two primary sources of ship modeling supplies, **Ages of Sail** in San Lorenzo and **Hobbies Unlimited** in San Leandro (See **Bay Area Hobby Shops** below) are only about half an hour away.



Maritime Matters of the Month

- **Jim Rhetta**-Last month a representative from the **OOCL (Orient Overseas Container Line) Shipping company** at its San Jose office contacted us for assistance in restoring an 8 ft. model of one of their ships.



OOCL Container ship model in the company San Jose offices

After a review of the situation the club decided to conduct the restoration for a fee of \$3,000 and \$300 for the materials needed. I forwarded the estimate and offer and was informed that it is submitted to their corporate HQ for consideration. We are still awaiting a response to our estimate.

If we are contracted for this effort, the individuals involved can work during the normal workday in their office on the ship. We did not submit a timeframe to complete the effort but based on working 6-8 hrs per week, we should be able to complete it in 3-4 months of work. Thus far, Walter Hlavacek and Jim Rhetta in the club have expressed interest in participating in the restoration. Anyone else wanting to participate should contact them.

- **Jim Rhetta**-If you have excess shipbuilding components please consider bringing them to the meetings for inclusion in the planned supply chest. This will provide our members with a variety of spare parts for use in model building should they be needed, especially by new beginning members who might not have such a stash available.

• **Ken Lum**-Walt Hlavacek and I set up a SBMS display in the hanger deck of the *USS Hornet* with ship models and give away literature on **July 18**. The display attracted a good deal of attention from the two hundred or so visitors to the ship that day. Included on display was Clare Hess's paper model of the Royal Navy Cutter *HMS Alert* (now in Jack Lindley's possession), Ken Lum's *Robert E. Lee* steamboat and the club *Viking ship*, Walt Hlavacek's *Cutty Sark*, *USS Constitution*, and *Fishing Schooner*, and Jim Tortorici's American Civil War era *USS Cairo* and *USS Monitor*. These models are pictured below.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this display. Special thanks and appreciation to Walt H. for coming to help set up and staff the display. The next opportunity for us to exhibit our models at the *Hornet* will be November 2 with the IPMS as described above.





Under Construction at the Shipyard...



Our club Viking ship model is finished!

James Lunt with his *HMS Terror*



Venetian Polacca by Jacob Cohn



Raymond Ho's Sakonnet Daysailer

Welcome to our new member, **Raymond Ho!**

Gosh! So many models and so little time! Great to see so much activity. If you have something interesting to tell about your activity, do drop a note about it to Ken Lum (lum40@comcast.net) for the newsletter. And become famous!



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**

***July 26, 2019**

October 18, 2019

***August 23, 2019**

***September 27, 2019**

These dates are confirmed by the 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

