

South Bay Model Shipwrights

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The Foghorn

September 2019



Future Course Headings...

- **Friday, September 27, 2019, 7 PM:** Fall has arrived! With the change of seasons, it's time to return from our various summer sojourns to share ship stories of high adventure! (How's that for some alliteration!). Jim Rhetta will not yet be back from his trip, however, so VP Ken Lum will be running the show instead. He will give a demonstration of his method for installing 1/700 scale brass photoetched rails on models of that scale. For those facing this daunting task, this demo should be helpful.

We will also show pictures of Clare Hess's display of his model Japanese coastal boats at the recent **Wooden Boat Festival** in Port Townsend, Washington.

And so, do bring whatever you are working on to show and tell at our next meeting which will be **Friday, September 27 at 7 PM** at the **Los Altos Public Library** at **13 S. San Antonio Rd.** in **Los Altos**.

We also have more opportunity to talk ship shop at a pre-meeting dinner at **Chef Chu's Chinese Restaurant** starting at 5:30 PM at the corner of **El Camino Real** and **San Antonio Rd.** in **Los Altos**. So, let me know at lum40@comcast.net by Thursday, 9/26 so I can make appropriate reservations.

- **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 are not identified or announced until they are at pierside due to security concerns, 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 around 3 PM** in the afternoon for a spectacular denouement. Go early as parking will be difficult and there are other great events to watch as well. Check them out at: <https://fleetweeksf.org>



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. Yes, this conflicts with Fleet Week, but people can decide for themselves what they want to do.

- **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 in the event of cancellations. 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**. 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.

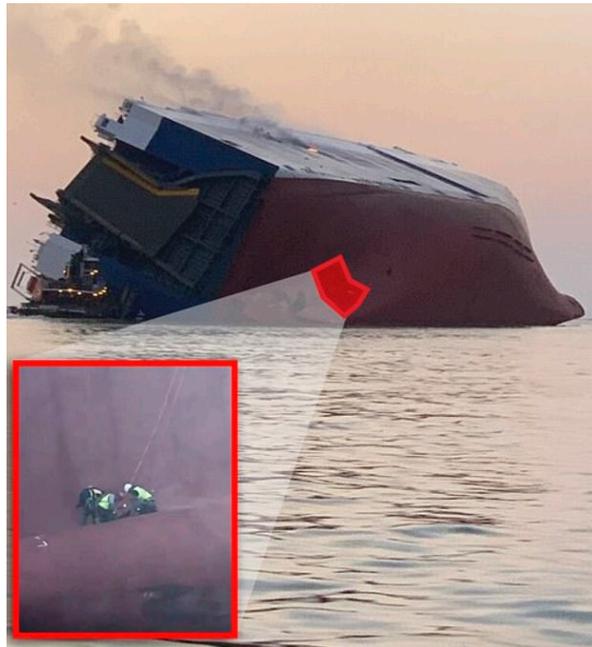
One of the speakers will be **Kathy Abbass**, the Executive Director and Principal Investigator of the **Rhode Island Marine Archaeology Project**. She will discuss the latest findings establishing that the transport ship **Lord Sandwich**, scuttled in Newport Rhode Island's Outer harbor in 1778 by the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



Maritime Matters of the Month

• **Vehicle Carrier *Golden Ray* Capsizes (Jim Rhetta):** In the **ship-disaster-of-the-month** category, we read that the auto vehicle carrier ***Golden Ray*** capsized onto its port side September 8 in **St. Simons Sound** just outside the port of **Brunswick, GA** for reasons yet to be determined. It was transporting some 4,000 Hyundai and Kia motor cars from Brunswick, GA to Baltimore, MD at the time but did not get very far from shore.

Most of the crew of 24 were rescued quickly by **US Coast Guard** personnel, but 4 remained missing for a time. They were located by mutually tapping on the hull from both sides. Three were located in the starboard propeller shaft room and a fourth was in the engine room behind a glass wall. All four were rescued when an opening was cut into the hull allowing their release. Temperatures in the propeller shaft room reached 120° F. Fortunately, all survived the ordeal in very good condition.



The ***Golden Ray*** on its port side like a ginormous beached whale while rescuers are locating trapped survivors in the inset (US Coast Guard)

Hurricane Dorian had already passed the area and was not an obvious factor in the accident. An investigation has begun to find out the reason for the mishap, and salvage operations will get underway. Used cars anyone? How about a used ship?

- *Clare Hess displays Japanese boat models at the Wooden Boat Festival, Port Townsend, WA.*



Our own **Clare Hess** last month put on a display of his Japanese coastal vessel models at the **Wooden Boat Festival** in **Port Townsend, WA** last month. The Festival is a gathering of all who are interested in the construction, operation and culture of wood boat building. More on this event at:

<https://woodenboat.org>

We will hear more about this at the next meeting.



Kit News (Ken Lum)

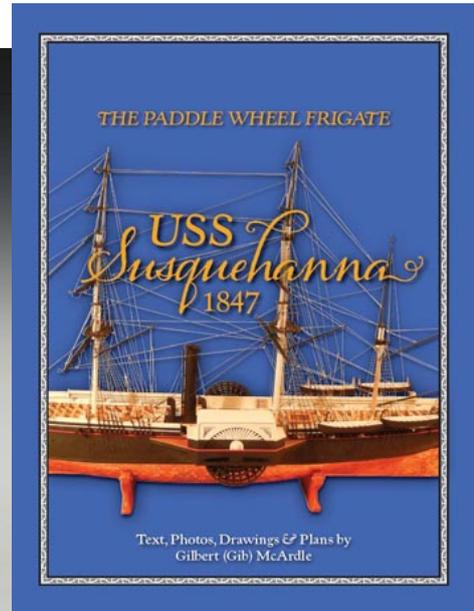
I have acquired some news over the last few months about some interesting ship model kits produced by companies not in the usual mainstream for US customers. So, I will be sharing these items with all of you over the next few months.

•***USS Susquehanna-model by Woody Joe.***

Woody Joe is a Japanese wood model kit manufacturer offering kits of Japanese temples, castles, landmarks, and ships. Of particular note are its kits of small Japanese coastal vessels which offer a unique glimpse into traditional Japanese boat building. Clare Hess has built a sizeable number of these models over the years, and they are quite charming as seen in his visit to the **Wooden Boat Festival** in **WA** state described above. He has brought many of them for show and tell and has exhibited them in San Francisco's Japantown.

However, there are also kits of ships from more western origins such as the ***Cutty Sark, Golden Hind, Half Moon, Santa Maria, etc.*** The kits share, as with so many other Japanese products, their uniquely elegant tidy precision. The ***Cutty Sark*** kits in 1/100 and 1/80 scale are no doubt the best kits of this ship out there from any manufacturer.

Their latest offering is a 1/120 scale model of the ***USS Susquehanna*** which was a paddle wheel frigate that led a US naval force under **Commodore Matthew Perry** to Japan in 1853 and again in 1854 to force open a secluded Japan under the **Tokugawa shogunate** to trade and diplomatic relations with the US. The kit can be purchased from **Zootoyz** for around \$400 at: <https://www.zootoyz.jp/index.html>. A motor drive is also available to make the model operable.



Woody Joe's model kit of *USS Susquehanna* (left) and **Seawatch's** book on a *USS Susquehanna* model by Gilbert McArdle (right) make for an ideal combo.

Superb supplemental documentation and plans in 1/96 can also be obtained from a book by Gilbert McArdle titled, *USS Susquehanna, 1847*, published by **Seawatch** books at: <https://seawatchbooks.ipower.com> for an ideal combination.



Under Construction at the Shipyard



Superb workmanship on George Sloup's *Papegojan* Dutch Pinnace **Shipyard** paper model.



Jacob Cohn has just started on a 1/700 scale model of the Japanese battleship, *Mikasa*.

Mikasa was Admiral [Tōgō Heihachirō](#)'s flagship during the [Russo-Japanese War](#) of 1904–1905 which was fought in various locations off the coast of Manchuria in northeastern China. In these battles, the Japanese were victorious against the Russians.

Mikasa was decommissioned in 1923 and has been preserved as a museum ship in [Yokosuka, Japan](#). It is the last remaining pre-dreadnought battleship in existence, although the *USS Olympia* in [Philadelphia](#) comes from the same era and is classified as a protected cruiser. Her symbolic significance to the Japanese is similar to that of *HMS Victory* for the British.



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, jmrhetta@aol.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@comcast.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@sfmymc.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.sfmymc.org/index.php>

•**Red Oak Victory Model Shipwrights**

– contact Tom

Bottomley, bottomleythomas@aol.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@aol.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 kits and fittings.</p>	



Club Ship Model Fittings Library

The club now has a substantial library of kit fittings acquired from the estates of members and other ship model builders who have passed away or retired due to disability. The library is now in the possession of our president, **Jim Rhetta** (jmrhetta@aol.com) and is available to members in need of fittings for their projects. We sincerely thank all those who have contributed to this library.



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.usconstitutionmuseum.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>
- Titanic Belfast (Belfast, N. Ireland): <https://titanicbelfast.com>
- 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**

***September 27, 2019**

October 18, 2019

November 15, 2019

These dates are confirmed by the Los Altos Library. * Indicates date chang



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