

South Bay Model Shipwrights

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Beautiful model of a late 18th Century-early 19th Century cutter on display at the **Los Angeles Maritime Museum** in San Pedro, CA.



Future Course Headings...

- **Future meetings: In-person meetings still cancelled until further notice.** Until the Los Altos Public Library announces a reopening date, we will continue our Zoom meetings about every two weeks. Our next scheduled meeting will be **Thursday, Sept. 2 at 7 PM.** Keep an eye on your inboxes for Jim Rhetta's announcement and Zoom link information. And take pictures of your projects for show and tell!

- **Museums are starting to open!**

Great News! I see the museums are starting to open and have been doing so for the past few months! **For the most part, masks are required and being fully vaccinated is helpful.** To see what museums are open, I recommend checking their websites and/or calling. Check the museum list in the included **SBMS Resource Guide** for contact information.

- **Cancelled-October, 2021. Nautical Research Guild Annual Convention, Oxnard, CA.**

The in-person NRG convention for this year has been cancelled as the problems with the coronavirus pandemic are anticipated to continue to the end of this year. It has been rescheduled still at the **Channel Islands Maritime Museum** (Fig. 1) for October, 2022. Check the NRG website for more news on this.

A virtual visit to this wonderful little museum can still be done via its website at:

<https://cimmvc.org>

and there are several very nice video tours of the museum on YouTube as well.



Fig. 1 Venetian galley model at the Channel Islands Maritime Museum,

• **2021 NRG annual conference will be held virtually later this year.** More on this later on the NRG website.

• **October 3-11, 2021 Fleet Week in San Francisco Bay.**

It looks like our traditional annual **Fleet Week** US Navy ship exhibition with the **Blue Angels** air show (Fig. 2) is scheduled to be on! We all certainly hope this will, indeed, come to pass. More details at:

<https://fleetweeksf.org>



Figure 2. The **Blue Angels** flight demonstration team over San Francisco. Hair raising performance! (US Navy)



Maritime Matters of the Month

• **Models by the Late Roberta Alpers available.-Ken Lum**

Roberta Alpers was an enthusiastic and active member of the SBMS many years ago and a builder of many kit models. She passed away several years ago, and members of the SBMS went to her house in Burlingame after her death at the invitation of her son, Jason, to take what they wanted of her ship modeling stuff. Her unbuilt ship model kits are in my possession and listed as being available for purchase on our website. Unfortunately, there was little interest in her finished ship models so they were left at her home.

Now, her son, needs to move from the family house by October and Jason is looking for good homes for any of her ship models. If any interest in her models please contact him at: jason@ewegotmail.com.

• Videos of the First Two Nautical Research Guild now available.

Videos of the first two online NRG lectures are now available to those who want to see them again or who missed the initial live presentations. **Access requires membership in the NRG along with an email address and a password.**

The two lectures are:

1) Photographing Ship Models as presented by Director Kurt Van Dahm on June 5, 2021.

<https://thenrg.org/Sys/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fevents%2fworkshops%2fphotography>

2) The Ship Modeler's Ten Step Program or How to Transform Your Kit Model from Out of the Box to Out of this World was presented by Director and Chairperson Toni Levine on August 21, 2021.

<https://thenrg.org/Sys/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fevents%2fworkshops%2ften-steps>

More such terrific presentations will be coming in the future, so check with the NRG periodically and, most conveniently, join the NRG for announcements and access.

• Completed model of the *Papegojan* on the cover of the latest Nautical Research Journal-Ken Lum

We have all been following the construction of George Sloup's **Shipyard** paper model of the *Papegojan* (Parrot), a three-masted pinnace built by the Dutch in the early 17th Century. The original ship was purchased into the Swedish navy using her as part of a blockade of the Polish port of Danzig at that time.

An opposing fleet under the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth chased off the blockading Swedish fleet at the **Battle of Oliwa**, November 28, 1627 thereby relieving the blockade of that port.

I was pleased to find a cover photo in the latest NRJ of a completed paper *Papegojan* model identical to the one George is working on. Below is a copy of that cover (Fig. 3) along with a photo of George's model in progress (Fig. 4). There is also a fine article on paper models in the same issue that is worth reading.

Shipyard also has a paper kit of the *Schwarzer Rabe (Black Raven)* which is a similar ship also of Dutch construction but participated on the victorious Polish side at the Battle of Oliwa. More on that model in the November, 2020 Foghorn.



Fig. 3 Cover of latest Autumn, 2021 Nautical Research Journal (NRJ)



Fig. 4 George Sloup's model of the *Papegojan* in progress.



Kits News (Ken Lum):

Clare Hess has announced some new kits now available from **Ages of Sail** in San Lorenzo. Here is a list that he provided at one of our recent meetings.

- French Frigate ***L'Hermione*** 1779



Fig. 5 Model of *L'Hermione*

Disar Models The scale is unclear. It is listed at 1/72. Wikipedia says the original ship was 145 ft. length. The modern French replica is listed at 213 ft. length. The advertised model length looks closer to 1/48 for 145 ft. and 1/72 for the 213 ft. length. Price: \$329.99

Model dimensions: Total Length 36.6" (930mm), Height 28.3" (720mm)

Frigate in the French navy built in 1778-79 in Rochefort. Participated in a number of actions against the British throughout her career. Most famous in America for transporting **Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette** to serve in the American Continental Army during the American Revolution where he served with distinction. A full-size replica was built by the French in 2014 for ceremonial voyages.

•Steamboat **Marieville** mid 19th Century



Fig. 6 Completed model of *Marieville*

Disar Models 1/72 scale Price: \$235.99

Model dimensions: Total Length 26.2" (66.5cm), Width 5.5" (14cm), Height 10.4" (26.5cm)

•German battleship **Bismarck** 1939



Fig. 7 **Amati** model of *Bismarck*

Amati 1/200 scale Price: \$699

Model dimensions: Length 50 inch (1270mm), Height 11.5 inch (292mm), Width 7.2 inch (182mm)

Oh my Goodness! Another battleship **Bismarck!** This time it's a wood plank-on-frame model at a hefty size with superb detailing from **Amati** on the 80th anniversary of her sinking. Admittedly it's one of the more attractive modern warships contributing to its popularity.

•British 20 gun 6th rate ***HMS Sphinx*** 1775



Figs. 8 and 9. **Vanguard Model's *HMS Sphinx***. Kit detailing is exceptional.
(Vanguard Models)

Vanguard Models 1/64 scale Price: £689.95 (about \$950)

Model dimensions: Length Overall – 797mm (31.4”), Hull Length – 604mm (23.8”), Height Overall-627mm (24.7”), Width Overall – 332mm (13”)

A charming example of one of the smaller patrol ships in the Royal Navy of the late 18th Century. While the original ship does not have a well-known history, this kit looks to be a real winner with exceptional detailing! That is definitely reflected in its high price. The beautiful instruction manual can be downloaded at:

<https://vanguardmodels.co.uk/product/hms-sphinx-1775/>



Under Construction at the Model Shipyard

Oh well, my pleas for photos of member projects universally went unanswered. Is anyone out there?! Maybe next month someone will be proud enough of what they are doing to show and tell the rest of us what is going on! Have a nice month and time to get to work.



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2021 Meeting Dates: All in-person club meetings are cancelled by the Los Altos Public Library until further notice. Instead, we are conducting Zoom meetings as an alternative. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 7 PM. Stay tuned for further news.



2021 Annual Club Membership

Send in your 2021 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!

2021 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

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