

*South Bay Model Shipwrights*

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# *The Foghorn*

*October 2022*

Happy Halloween!!



Fig. 1. *Shiver me Timbers from the Dead Sea!*  
(Fun Express Store)





## *Future Course Headings...*

- **Upcoming SBMS meetings for November: In-Person mtg. Saturday, November 12, 2PM-4PM; Zoom mtg. Tuesday, November 22, 7 PM.** With the coming of the Holiday Season, the scheduling of some of our meetings for November and December will have to be changed to accommodate Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will return to:

**The Game Kastle  
1350 Coleman Ave.  
Santa Clara, CA 95050  
Phone: (408) 243-4263**

on the second Saturday on **November 12 at 2PM-4PM** for our in-person meeting. Our meeting time will move up an hour to **2PM-4PM** so as to conclude while there is still some daylight for getting home. The **November Zoom meeting** will then be moved to **Tuesday, November 22, 7PM** so as to keep Thanksgiving eve and Thanksgiving Day clear for family parties.

In order to better standardize our schedule, we will try to keep future in-person meetings to the second Saturday of each month and the Zoom meeting on the Thursday evening 2 weeks afterwards. There will be a switch to Daylight Savings Time on November 6 by **fall-ing** back 1 hr. Hope to see you all there to share our love of ship models!

- **Resumption of SBMS Holiday Party Possibly on Wednesday, December 14 at 6 PM.** With the easing up of COVID restrictions, we are going to make an effort to resume our annual **Holiday Party**. Our target date is **Wednesday, December 14, 6 PM**. So, save this date for some great fun and food! Prior to the pandemic, we had mostly reserved a very nice dedicated room at the **Duke of Edinburgh Pub** In Cupertino. However, that room is currently unavailable. So, I have proposed the following options:

- 1) We can still return to the **Duke** and take whatever table we can get.

2) **B.J.'s Brewhouse** at: 10690 N De Anza Blvd, Cupertino next to the old Apple Computer HQ near Hwy 280 and De Anza. (Not the flying saucer).

3) **Chef Chu's Chinese Restaurant** in Los Altos at the corner of El Camino and San Antonio Rd. We used to eat there before our meetings at the Los Altos Public Library before the pandemic and is one of the best restaurants in the area.

We are also open to any other restaurant that anyone can recommend in the South Bay. Of course, every model builder and their family members and guests are invited! This date was chosen to try and avoid packed and noisy Holiday crowds. Let me know ASAP at [lum40@comcast.net](mailto:lum40@comcast.net) as to what your preferences would be.

• **Possible Visit to the Home of Dr. Arnold Kriegstein in Mill Valley to see their Admiralty Board Ship Model Collection, Saturday, February 11, 2023.** Many of us have gone to the home of Dr. Arnold Kriegstein to gawk at his world-famous collection of antique Admiralty Board ship models. The last time this was done was when the NRG had their annual convention in San Mateo, CA in 2011. This time, Clare Hess is arranging a tour of the Mill Valley collection, hopefully on **Saturday, February 11, 2023**. So, save the date for what is one of the most extraordinary tour experiences for ship modelers! Stay tuned for more news on this!

These models have been collected by twin brothers, Drs. Arnold and Henry Kriegstein throughout their lives. While Arnold lives in Mill Valley, CA, Henry lives in Massachusetts. About half the collection is in Mill Valley while the other half is in Massachusetts.

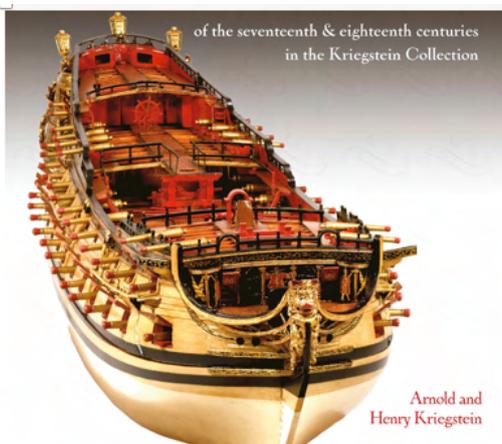


Fig. 2. Cover of “**Historic Ship Models**” by the Kriegstein brothers (Naval Institute Press).

Fortunately, the Kriegsteins have provided a really first-class preview of this collection in a book with superb photographs titled “**Historic Ship Models**” published by the Naval Institute Press (2021) (Fig. 2) and available from online booksellers.

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the book. Two prior editions were published by Seawatch books in 2007 and 2010.

They also have other items in their collection not listed in their book.



Fig. 3. Admiralty model of *HMS Diamond* (1708) in the Kriegstein house.



## *Maritime Matters of the Month*

- **Ages of Sail is Now Open to Visting Customers by Appointment!**



The **Ages of Sail** Hobby Store in San Lorenzo is now open to visiting customers by appointment! For those ship modelling enthusiasts wanting to visit the shop to see items before purchasing, please call **(510) 889-6000** during **weekday (M-F) business hours 8:30 AM-3:30 PM** or email at: [agesofsail@gmail.com](mailto:agesofsail@gmail.com) for an appointment.

Fig. 4. Store front of **Ages of Sail**  
(Google Maps)

The brick and mortar shop is located in San Lorenzo at:

**Ages of Sail**  
676 Bockman Rd., Unit D  
San Lorenzo, CA 94541  
Phone: (510) 889-6000  
Website: <https://www.agesofsail.com>

And nearby about a mile from Ages of Sail is:

**Hobbies Unlimited**  
937 Manor Blvd.  
San Leandro, CA 94579  
Phone: (510) 351-7112  
Website: <http://www.hobbiesunlimited.net>

This brick and mortar shop has the largest selection of plastic steel ship model kits I know of. It is also well worth a visit while going to Ages of Sail for wood and resin models. They do not overlap. But do call before going to see how they regulate in-person visits.

Folks, it is a privilege to live in the Bay Area! We really have everything!

• **[Video on the Ship Model Collection of Franklin Delano Roosevelt](#)** I did not know that FDR had a large ship model collection, and this video provides a brief tour of it (Fig. 5). It is part of the **Franklin D. Roosevelt Home** in Hyde Park, New York which is now part of the **National Park Service** and is open to the public.



Fig. 5. Part of FDR's ship model and nautical art collection (National Park Serv.)

Roosevelt's ancestors were involved in the shipping and ship building profession during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. This background provided FDR with a strong interest in nautical and naval affairs. He also became an avid collector of nautical artifacts and art-including ship models. During WW 1, Roosevelt was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy during the Woodrow Wilson Administration and was responsible for building up the US Navy in preparation to enter that war.

The video says that his ship model collection includes over 400 models. Perhaps the most impressive is a 10 ft. long builder's model of

the **SMS Emden** (Fig. 6), a light cruiser in the German Kaiserliche Marine of World War 1.



Fig. 6. Paul Sparrow, Director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum with a captured model of the **SMS Emden** (National Park Service). Boy, he really looks like FDR, actually!

. The model was found by General George S. Patton in the German Command Headquarters of the French City of **Metz** following the **Battle of Metz** in November, 1944. Patton had the model shipped back to FDR as a war prize.

More on this ship can be found in the **February-March, 2021 Foghorn** where there is an account of **Jacob Cohn** building a 1/350 Revell plastic model kit of this ship. And more on the rest of the collection is found in a blog link with the video below under "Show More".

### "Museum Collection - FDR's Ship Models"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znARC2vFS5I>

• **Black Pearl kit from ZHL is being offered by Model Expo. NRG recommends NOT to buy.** The Chinese ship model kit manufacturer, ZHL, has been accused of pirating the intellectual property of the ship model kits it sells. For that reason, the **Nautical Research Guild** has banned any mention of kits from ZHL on the **Model Ship World Forum** and from the **Nautical Research Journal**.

As it turns out the kit seller, **Model Expo**, is starting to offer ZHL kits for sale in its catalogue. The first such kit is of the fictional pirate ship, **Black Pearl**, from the **Pirates of the Caribbean** film series. The NRG is currently recommending to consumers **NOT** to purchase these kits so as to help protect the primacy of honest model kit designers.

Model Expo does sell other properly copyrighted kits such as the Model Shipways kits. The NRG sees no problem with buying these. With it being Halloween, **do not be tricked!**



## *Methods to Our Maritime Madness*

### • **YouTube Modelling Videos of the Month.**

#### **Making fake water**

Making fake water for ship model dioramas is a common modeling technique, and there are probably as many ways to do this as there are diorama builders. I found some useful YouTube videos on how to do this so I thought these would be a good introduction. After watching some of these, you can combine some of these techniques to develop your own method to achieve the results you want. There are also additional videos beyond these listed ones that are worth watching.



Fig. 7. Making a simulated sea for a diorama (Norwegian Modelling Bench)

#### **How to make sea on dioramas**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZUtdpH4XOc>

#### **How to make a diorama sea base - build log 14 of the Admiral Graf Spee build**

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

## How to do artificial water for dioramas II

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

## Realistic Scenery Resin Water Diorama, ( Step by step how to build it with 2 part resin )

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXfMGYte-ZQ>

## Toilet paper + Glue = Realistic Ocean

[waterhttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TwpB7sVMn8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TwpB7sVMn8)



# *Under Construction at the Model Shipyard*

We had a great display of our ship models at the **Showcase of Miniatures** in October with models from Walt Hlavacek, Clare Hess, and Ken Lum gaining a most appreciative reception. And we have been enthusiastically invited to be back next year (Fig. 8).



Fig. 8. The SBMS exhibit at **Showcase of Miniatures**.



Fig. 9. Amati **Viking ship** model which was a group build by the SBMS.



Fig. 10. Steamboat **Robert E. Lee** by Ken Lum from a Scientific kit.

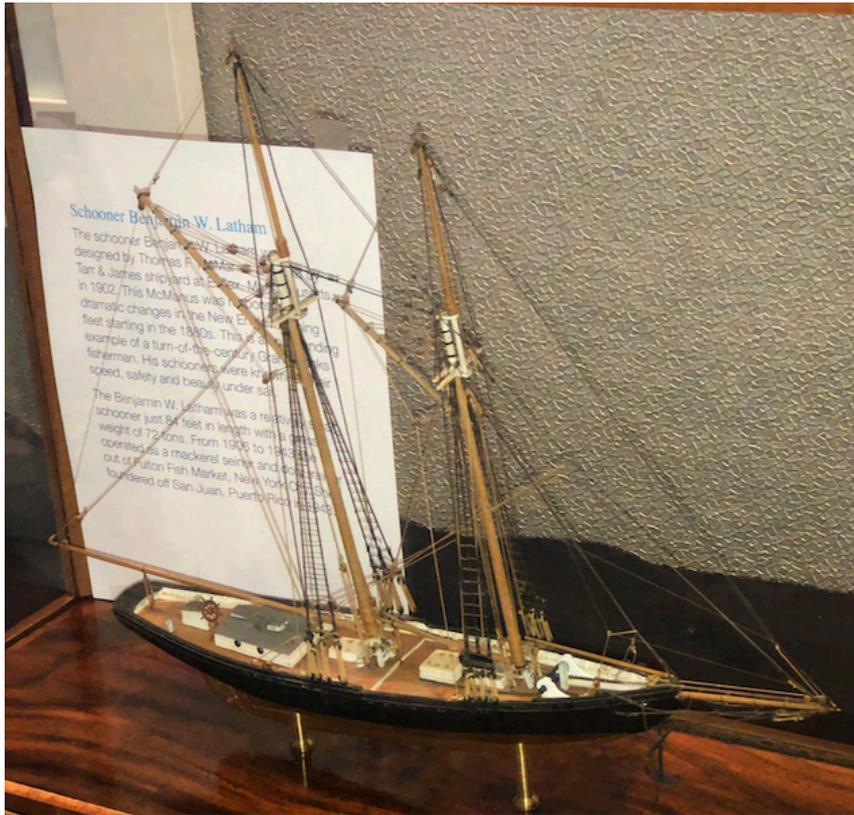


Fig. 11. Fishing schooner, *Benjamin W. Latham* model by Walter Hlavacek.



Fig. 12. New York pilot boat, *Mary Taylor* model by Clare Hess.

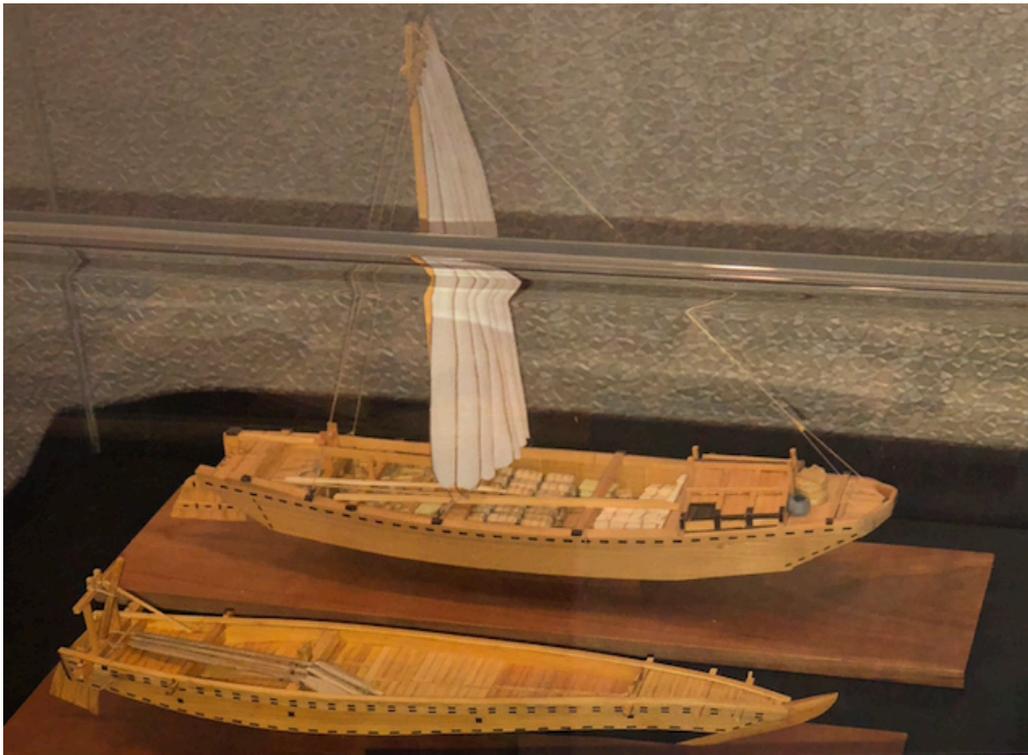


Fig. 13. Japanese river boats of the Edo period (1603-1867). Models by Clare Hess.



Fig. 14. Model of Japanese **Yakatabune** boat used by the upper class for pleasure cruises and guest entertainment. Model by Clare Hess.



Fig. 15. Tosa Wasen fishing boat model by Clare Hess.



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## Annual Club Membership

Send in your Club Membership with 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. Welcome Aboard!

### **Membership Form**

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