

South Bay Model Shipwrights

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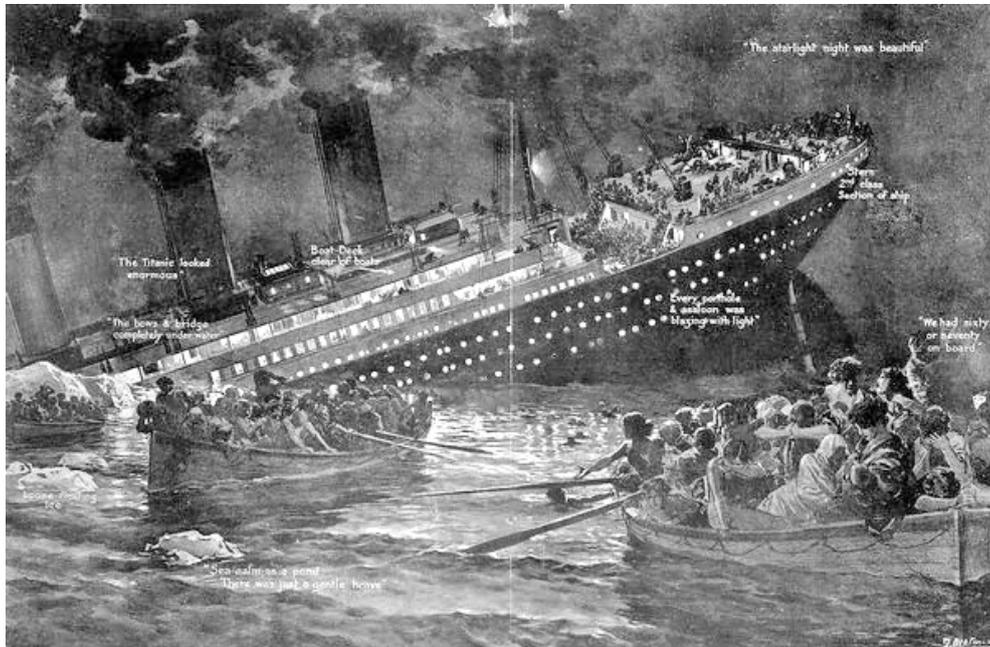


Fig.1. On this month, history's most famous ship sinking, that of **RMS Titanic**, occurred on April 15, 1912 as illustrated above. Ship model manufacturers still cannot get enough of it judging from how many model kits of **Titanic** have been released! (National Maritime Museum, UK)



Fig.2. If only **Capt. Edward Smith** of the **Titanic** had one of these, so claims Amazon!



Future Course Headings...

- **Upcoming SBMS meetings for May. In-person mtg. Saturday, May 13, 2 PM at the Game Kastle; Zoom mtg. Thursday, May 25, 7PM.**

We had a great in-person meeting on April 8 with no less than 7 of us showing up! With the improved weather, we are finally digging ourselves out from under our rocks. One keynote event was a part of a presentation on painting paper models by **Clare Hess** that he presented on April 15 to the NRG as part of a workshop on paper models. This will be recorded and posted on the NRG website as has already happened with the first part from March 18. More on this in the next section.

The other keynote event was a video from 1996 by **John Garis** demonstrating an RC power boat model called the **Coral Reef** which could be towed around with an RC truck that could unload the boat in the water so it could power around **Spreckels Lake** in **Golden Gate Park** during a Regatta sponsored by the **San Francisco Model Yacht Club**. Quite impressive! Some pictures of this down below.

Our May meetings will be **Saturday, May 13** at **2 PM** at the **Game Kastle** in **Santa Clara** for our **in-person** meeting. We have decided to keep our in-person meetings at **2 PM**.

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

And we will continue with our **Zoom** meeting on **Thursday, May 25** at **7PM**. The Zoom specs will be sent out shortly before the meeting as usual. Thanks to everyone for a terrific meeting!

- [Upcoming Online NRG Workshops](#)



The Nautical Research Guild

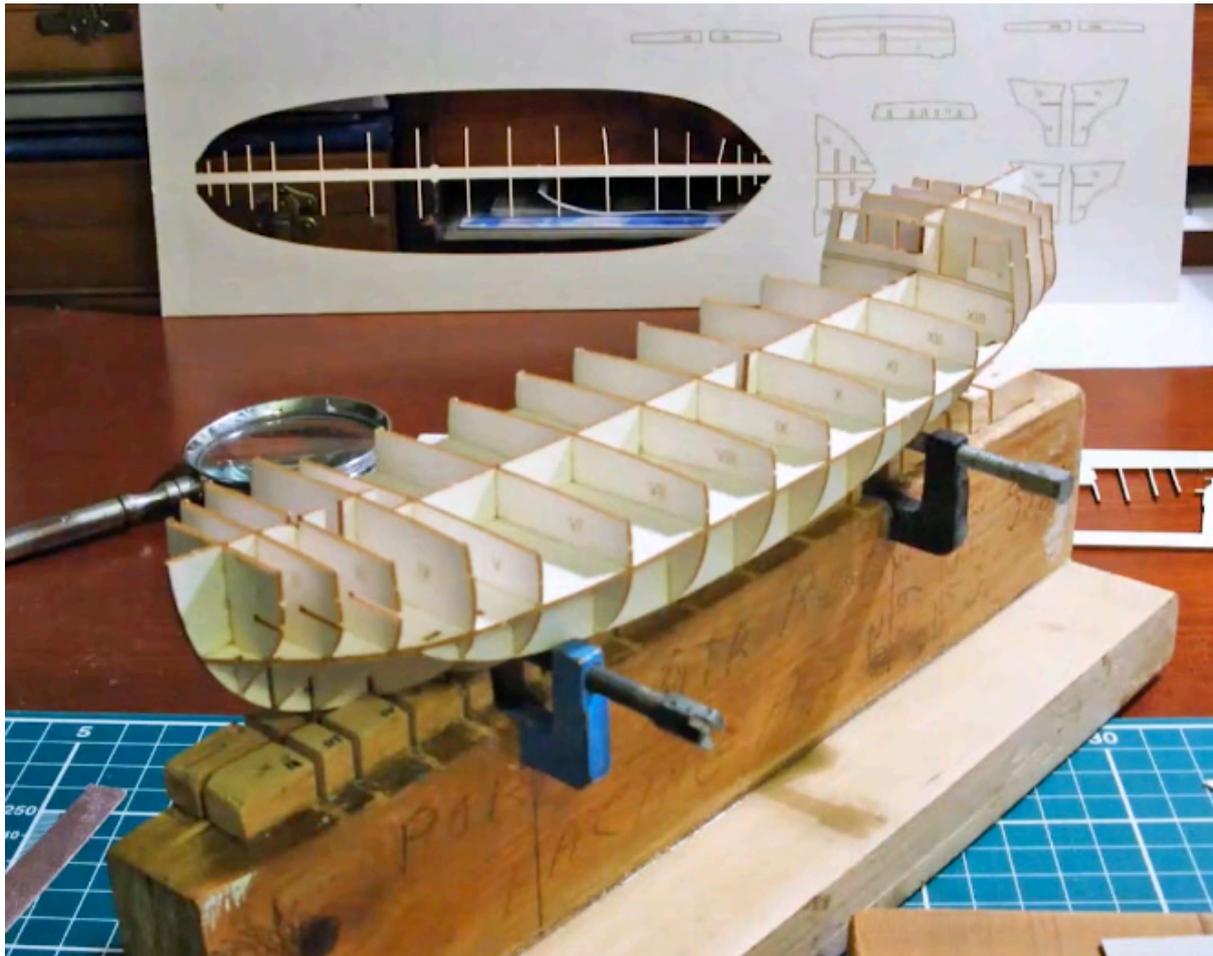


Fig. 3. Card ship model under construction. (NRG).

The NRG has announced a series of very interesting **online workshops** relevant to ship modelling. They are **open only to NRG members** so if you are not now a member, I would take this as a good excuse to join this marvelous organization by registering at the NRG website (<https://thenrg.org>) and make a contribution to keeping it afloat(!).

All the workshops are broadcast on **Zoom** on **Saturday mornings** at 10:30 AM Central time (**8:30 AM Pacific time**). All of them are being recorded, and the recordings will be accessible on the NRG website to

members only. The dates and topics of the upcoming workshops are below:

March 18 and April 15: Paper models (Fig. 3). This two-part workshop on paper models by the **Society of Model Shipwrights** in the U.K. has already started, but the first one has been recorded and is now posted as noted below. The second one will be posted soon.

June 17: Diorama Watercrafting presented by **Ron Neilson**.

July 15: Online Resources in Nautical Research presented by **Paul Fontenoy**.

There is no registration necessary if you are an NRG member. The **NRG Secretary, J. D. Bondy** (jdbondy007@gmail.com), will send out the Zoom link to all members near the time of the event. Any further inquiries can be sent to Mr. Bondy or to the **Office manager, Mary Van Dahm** (nrghomeoffice@gmail.com). Other previous workshops have also been recorded and can be accessed by NRG members on the NRG website at: <https://thenrg.org/events/workshops>.



Maritime Matters of the Month

• **Unclaimed Wreck of Merchant Barque, *Candace*, in San Francisco.** As everyone knows, the discovery of gold in California in 1848 led to a mass migration of people to the territory in search of riches. Most did not find gold, however, and eventually just had to settle down to making a living in the ordinary jobs of the time.

Many came by sailing ships that were docked in San Francisco Bay with the ships being abandoned to ignominiously sink into the Bay to become part of the present landfill that makes up the modern shoreline of the city.

Over subsequent years, the remains of some of these ships would come to light as construction excavations revealed them. One of the more recent of these discoveries is of the merchant barque, ***Candace*** (Fig. 4), which was built in **Boston** in **1818**. Its remnants were discovered in **2005** during excavations for the foundations of the **Infinity Towers** in what was **Yerba Buena Cove**, now at the intersection of Folsom and Spear streets.



Fig. 4. The barque, *Candace*. She was of 100 ft. length and 26 ft. beam (SF State University)

Candace was named after **Candace Crawford Dorr**, the daughter of the ship's owner. She was one of the first ships to fly the American flag in the Pacific Ocean. While on a trip to Sumatra to purchase a cargo of pepper in 1829, the ship was set upon by pirates and robbed. Fortunately, the crew, under the command of Captain **Nathaniel Lindsey**, survived the encounter.

After being a cargo carrier, she became a whaler in 1849 in the South Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans. Following a two-year whaling voyage in the Arctic, the crew brought the now leaky ship to San Francisco in 1855 and left her there. She was dismantled in 1857 on what was then the beach near **Rincon Point**, which is where the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge now extends out over the Bay. She was buried under about 20 ft. of sand and mud at what was **Charles Hare's Shipbreaking Yard** which mostly employed Chinese immigrant labor. And then the ***Candace*** was not to be discovered again until 2005.

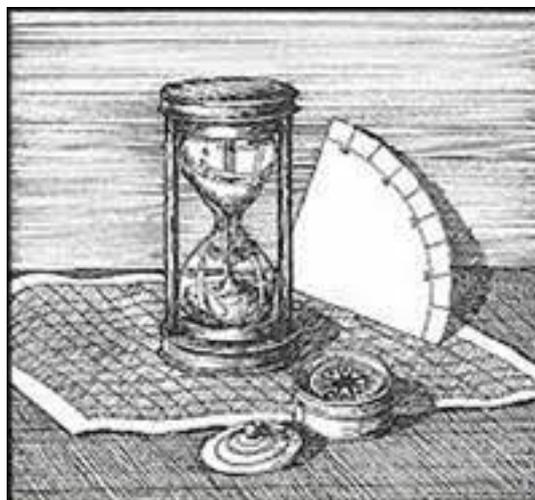
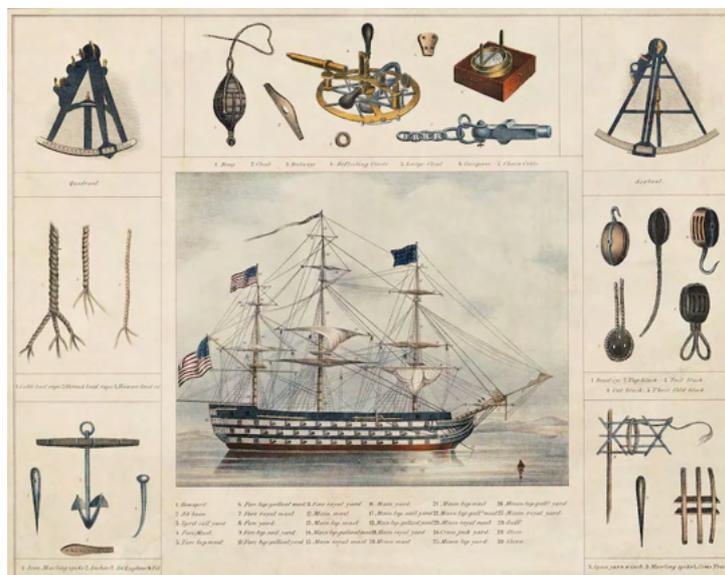




Fig. 5. The remains of the ship, *Candace*, stored in Mission Bay, San Francisco. (Carl Nolte/SF Chronicle)

Today, the excavated remains (Fig. 5), consisting of a broken rudder, stern, and long keel, are in a storage facility in Mission Bay and owned by the Port of San Francisco. It is locked and not open to the public. There is hope that someone will find a use for it as a historical exhibit. The San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park has declined the artifact due to lack of space. Old fossilizing ship parts anyone?





Maritime Books of Interest (Ken Lum):

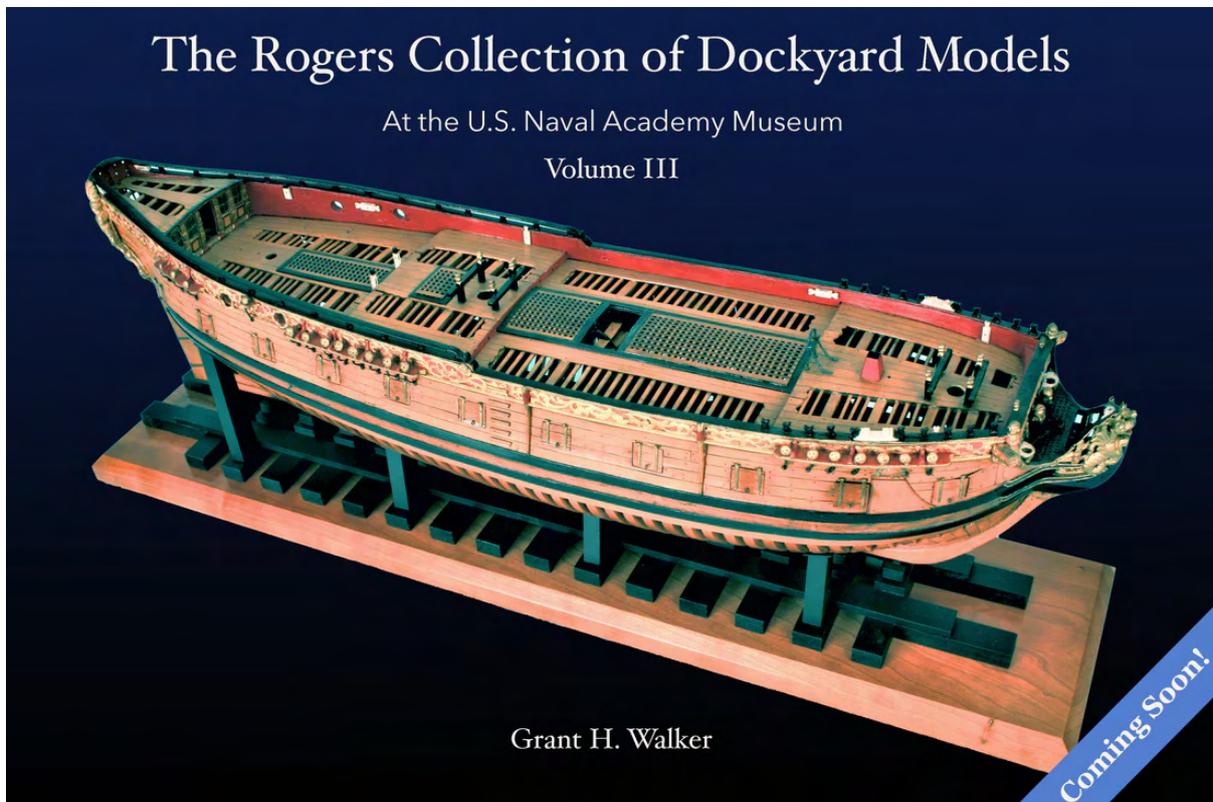


Fig. 6. Volume 3 pictorial catalogue of the **Rogers Collection of Dockyard Models** at the US Naval Academy. (Seawatch Books).

After a few years of waiting, Volume 3 (Fig. 6) of the pictorial catalogue of the ship models in the **Henry Huddleston Rogers** collection at the **US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD** by USNA Education Specialist and Curator, **Grant Walker**, is said to be going to press this summer. The book seems mostly aimed at covering models of some of the smaller vessels of the Royal Navy during the age of sail. Now I only need to live long enough to get this book and enjoy it!

<https://seawatchbooks.com/collections/coming-soon>

Volumes 1 and 2, which cover models of the larger ships-of-the-line, are still available from **Seawatch Books** at:

<https://seawatchbooks.com/collections/rogers-collection>

This looks like the go-to gift for the Holidays! A fourth volume is also planned for the future by Seawatch, so keep alert!!



Under Construction at the Model Shipyard



Fig. 7. **George Sloup** raises the masts on his *Papegojan* paper model from



Fig. 8. Deck fittings on the *Papegojan*



Fig. 9. The start of a kit of a **Xebec** from **Amati** by **Jacob Cohn**.



Fig. 10. Clare Hess holding his advancing scratch-built Japanese-American fishing boat being built for the **Japanese American Heritage Center and Museum** in Monterey at 424 Adam St. A few more deck items have been added. See the **May, 2022 Foghorn** for the prior posting on this model.



Fig. 11. Scenes from a video of **John Garis** in 1996 (when he still had some color in his hair!) at **Spreckels Lake** in **Golden Gate Park** with the **San Francisco Model Yacht Club** doing radio control of a tow truck and a motor boat named ***Coral Reef*** which could be unloaded into the lake, cruise around, and then picked up and hauled out by the truck entirely by radio control! John still has these models!. Amazing! (John



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Annual Club Membership

Send in your Club Membership fee with the 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. Mostly, we use the money to pay for our in-person meeting venues and hosting of our website.. Welcome Aboard!

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