

South Bay Model Shipwrights

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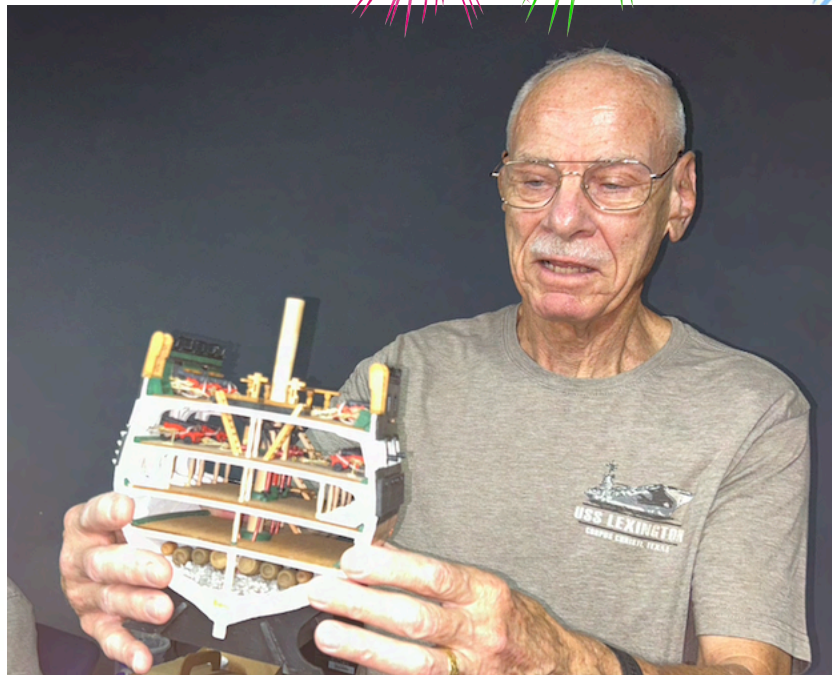


Fig. 1. **Jim Tortorici** with his nearly completed **USS Constitution** midships cross-section model from a Model Shipways kit. Jim has always been one of our loyal star bursts!



Happy July 4th!





Future Course Headings...

- **August 1-4: Santa Clara Co. Fair.**



This is the last weekend of exhibition of our models at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds. If you have not done so yet, by all means, come down and help staff our booth. Lots of models have been brought and our craftsmanship is great fun to admire.

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

344 Tully Rd.

San Jose, CA 95111

Website: <https://thefair.org>



Fig. 2. Our display at the Santa Clara Co. Fair with SBMS loyalists George Sloup on the left and Walt Hlavacek on the right.

- **Saturday, August 10, 2024, 2 PM: In-person SBMS meeting.** Our in-person meeting for next month will be on **Saturday, August 10** at **2 PM** at the **Game Kastle** in Santa Clara at:

Game Kastle
1350 Coleman Ave
Santa Clara, CA
(408) 243-4263

Bring your latest projects and other maritime goodies for discussion!

- **Thursday August 22, 7PM: Monthly Zoom meeting.** And then our monthly Zoom meeting will be **Thursday, August 22 at 7 PM** so the Zoom specs will be sent out just before the meeting. Keep an eye on your inbox!

- **Sunday, September 15: San Francisco Model Yacht Club 2024 Model Boats Parade.** Our radio control brethren at the **San Francisco Model Yacht Club** will be hosting their **2024 Model Boats on Parade** on **Sunday, September 15, 2024 from 9AM-4PM** at **Spreckels Lake** in **Golden Gate Park** (Fig. 3). This year's production will be expanded to include:

- Craftsman Power Models
- RC Sailing Yachts
- Freesail Sailing Yachts
- Static Ship Models (That's for US!)
- Model Steam Engines



Fig. 3. **SFMYC** activities on **Spreckels Lake** in **Golden Gate Park**. (SFMYC)

We will also be featuring:

- Clubhouse Tours
- Power Boat Parade
- Sailing Demos

Model Boats On Parade Exhibitors click [here](#) to download the Registration Form. Pre-registration is important to plan lunch for all participants.

Event Questions?:

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- **October 7-14, 2024 Fleet Week.** The **US Navy** and their amazing **Blue Angels** (Fig. 4) flight demonstration team and others are back for their annual exhibitions over San Francisco Bay. A Parade of Ships will start the events on **Monday, October 7**. Then, the **Air Show**, including the **Blue Angels**, will fly the afternoons of **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 11-13**. More on this at: <https://fleetweeksf.org>



Fig. 4. The **Blue Angels** flying over the Golden Gate Bridge. (US Navy)

- **Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13, Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures.**



Fig. 5. Sample items from the **Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures**. (Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures)

We will have our annual exhibition of SBMS ship models at the **Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures** (Fig. 5) on **October 12 and 13**. As previously, the convention will be held at the:

Doubletree Hotel San Jose
2050 Gateway Place
San Jose, CA 95110-1047

As usual, this will also be a great opportunity to examine and learn from the craftsmanship and products of doll house miniatures. Another time to bring your latest projects to show off.

- **Saturday, November 9, 2024, 10AM-4PM: IPMS Silicon Valley Classic convention.**

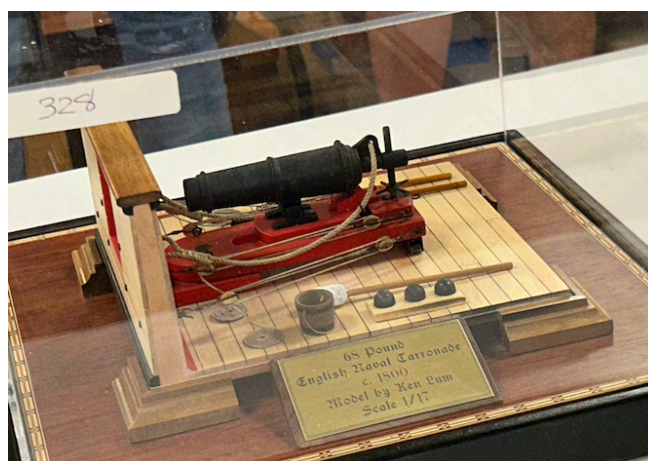


Fig. 6. Ken Lum's English Carronade model entered at the June 15, 2024 IPMS Silicon Valley Classic convention.

We had a great **IPMS Silicon Valley Classic** convention on June 15, but as if that was just not enough, the **Fremont Hornets** decided to schedule another convention and competition for **November 9**. As like before, this convention will be held at:

Fremont Elks Lodge

38991 Farwell Dr.

Fremont, CA

Website: <https://www.svsm.org/events/>

Bring a finished model to this convention. Last year, Jacob Cohn and Clare Hess won prizes for outstanding craftsmanship, and I won a prize for my English Carronade model (Fig. 6) most recently!



Maritime Matters of the Month (Ken Lum)

- **SBMS Models Displayed at the Santa Clara County Fair.** Our display at the event is shown above in Fig. 2. Here are closeup photos of the models.



Fig. 7. Models by Clare Hess and George Sloup. Identifications below.



Fig. 8. IDs of models from Fig. 7. Models by Clare Hess: Upper left-**Medway Longboat**, Upper right-Japanese **Hacchoro** fishing boat, Lower right-New York Pilot Boat, **Mary Taylor**, Model by George Sloup: Lower left-Dutch 17th Century fluyt, **Papegojan**.



Fig. 9. Above-Model of Ocean liner, **Mauretania** by George Sloup. Below-Model of Swedish Gunboat by Walter Hlavacek,.





Fig. 10. Instructional SBMS poster about ship modeling with the Carronade battle station by Ken Lum below.

Our exhibition will continue through August 1-4 as noted above.

- **19th Century Shipwreck Found with about 100 Intact Bottles of Champagne.** The wreck of a 19th Century sailing ship has been found this month off the Swedish Island of Öland by members of a Polish diving group called **Baltitech** at a depth of about 60 meters. What is unique about this wreck is that around **100 intact bottles of champagne** (Fig. 11) was contained in the wreck along with wine, mineral water and porcelains.



Fig. 11. Intact bottles of champagne found in the cargo hold of a 170 years old ship wreck found off the coast of Sweden near the island of Öland. (Baltitech)

Given the past value of such a cargo, it has been speculated that it was meant for the table of a Russian Tsar, who at that time was either **Nicholas I** or **Alexander II**. It is reported that one of the former's cargo ships was lost in the area in 1852.

The mineral water bottles are clay with the brand title of **Selter**, a German water company that is still in business. Thus far, they estimate the bottles were produced sometime between 1850 to 1867. Mineral water was treated at the time like medicine and was especially valued because of this.

None of the bottles were brought up yet for sampling. A more comprehensive dive will be conducted next year with the intent to recover some of the artifacts for investigation. Naturally, everyone is interested in whether the champagne is still drinkable after over 170 years. Stay tuned! More on this story at:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c51y85ern11o>

and other searchable links.



Under Construction at the Model Shipyard



Fig. 12. Progress on George Sloup's Russian tender, *Avos*.



Fig. 13. Clare Hess's **Charles Royal Yacht** with full suite of sails now installed.



Fig. 14. Clare Hess's card model of *HMS Wolf*.



Fig. 15. Clare Hess's nearly complete **Venetian Gondola**.



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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!

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 ___

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