

*South Bay Model Shipwrights
Ship Modeling Resource Guide*



By

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Introduction

This ship modeling resource guide was written with the intent to conveniently list in one place many of the resources needed by ship modelers in the San Francisco Bay Area. I also wanted to post a brief essay on my personal ideas about beginning ship modeling which I hope will be of help to some who are just getting started. This guide starts with that topic.

Although the emphasis is on our local needs, I have, nonetheless, listed some sources outside of our immediate area where necessary. Most of this material came from my contacts in the **South Bay Model Shipwrights**, my own inquiries, and travels around the area. The rest was obtained with the generous help of **Mary Van Dahm** of the **Nautical Research Guild** for which I am most grateful.

Much of this content was previously posted at the back of the SBMS newsletter, the **Foghorn**, for this past year. But as more information was added, this resource section began to occupy a larger part of the newsletter. So, I have decided it was time to separate this material into its own stand-alone guide so it can be edited and distributed separately.

Among the items included here is a list of local hobby shops. However, many have closed because of the rise of online retailers, dramatic rent increases in the Bay Area, retirements of hobby shop owners, and changing recreational activity fashions. As a result, I thought it would be good to use this document to help keep track of some of these remaining establishments.

We have received many inquiries about restoring damaged ship models, more than our little group can handle. So, I thought including a comprehensive listing of craftspeople willing to do restoration and commissions, thanks to Mary Van Dahm, could serve as a basis for inquiries and referrals. Finally, a list of vendors buying and selling ship models is also included courtesy of Mrs. Van Dahm and the NRG.

And so, I hope this effort will be of help to our little community. I do invite anyone with possible updates to add to this guide to send them to me by email at: lum40@comcast.net for consideration.

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Some Thoughts on Beginning Ship Modeling



For many, the act of building a beautifully crafted ship model is the ultimate aspiration of many model builders. The intricate decorations and rigging are an irresistible draw for those of us who want to show our friends and others how skilled and dedicated we have become in our craft. Indeed, ship models **are** very intricate and complicated and require the acquisition of skills and knowledge often regarded as possessed by only an exceptional elite of model builders thereby evoking considerable admiration from those viewing their works (**Fig. 1**).



Fig. 1. *HMY Mary*, 1660. Model by Jean Eckert

Furthermore, well-built ship models often hold their value both as keepsakes and **objets d'art** better than other types of models. While even expertly made models of airplanes, cars, spacecraft, etc. often end up in the trash after their creator's passing, high quality ship models more often are kept as valued family keepsakes or sold sometimes for considerable sums of money, occasionally by elite auction houses, especially when scratch built and of high-quality workmanship.

But how does a beginner start to acquire this level of skill? There are many opinions from many ship model builders on how to do this. Here are my particular recommendations.

1) Look through a general picture book of ships as they appeared during different historical periods and cultures.

Doing this will acquaint you with how ships of various types appeared during different historical periods and, often also, in different cultures-not just in Western Europe and America. There are many such books of general interest out there, very often available in the public library. With such an exercise, you will develop a sense of what kinds of ships and boats have the most aesthetic and cultural appeal for you and help you decide what to make for your first project.

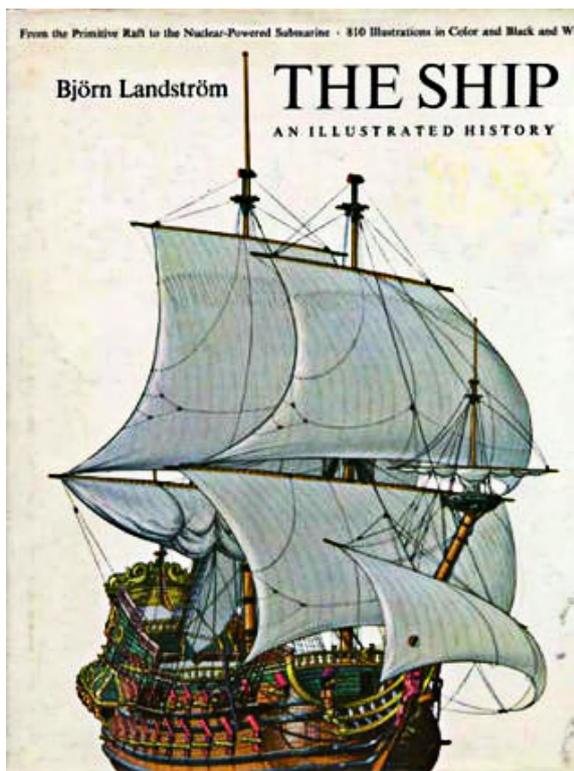


Fig. 2

A particularly fine reference to do this with is **Björn Landström's *The Ship: An Illustrated History*** from 1961(**Fig. 2**) which has always been my favorite. It has uniquely exceptional illustrations by the author and covers ships and boats from the Middle East, Asia, and the Western Pacific as well as Europe and America. There are many used copies available from internet booksellers at a modest price, and it can still be found in public libraries.

Absent, however, are watercraft from Native Americans and Sub-Saharan Africa. These latter topics are covered in more specialized publications.

Of course, there are many other references similar to the Landström book if you search.

Also, books are not the only good information source. Websites on the Internet are the great new sources worth looking at. These include that of the **Nautical Research Guild (NRG)**-the only organization devoted to promoting ship modeling. Their contact information is:

Nautical Research Guild

237 South Lincoln St.

Westmont, IL 60559-1917

Phone: (585) 968-8111

Email: info@thenauticalresearchguild.org

Website: <https://www.thenrg.org>

Among its many activities, the NRG publishes a quarterly journal, the **Nautical Research Journal (NRJ)** (**Fig. 3**), where practitioners of this art write about how they do what they do. The NRJ is now the only periodical devoted to ship modeling. It is offered both as a hard copy and a digital copy on subscription. They also offer CDs for sale containing digital copies of all the issues of the journal going back to its beginning in 1949. An excellent online index on the NRG website will allow you to find many of the articles you need. Locally, hardcopies of the NRJ are accessible in the **Stanford University Library** (for an entry fee for most) and the **San Francisco Public Library** for free, although the collections may not be complete, and they cannot be checked out.



Fig. 3. The Nautical Research Journal (NRG)

Another useful online resource is the NRG's social media outlet titled **Model Ship World** located at:

<https://modelshipworld.com>

where ship modeling enthusiasts exchange discussions, build logs, ideas, pictures, articles, etc. making for a world wide virtual club.

A few prominent vendors of commercial kits exist where one can learn about different kinds of ship models that may be of interest. Incredibly, we are lucky enough to have some of these vendors here in the Bay Area! One is in **San Lorenzo** called, **Ages of Sail**:

<https://www.agesofsail.com>

And they even have a brick and mortar store at:

Ages of Sail

676 Bockman Road, Unit B & C
San Lorenzo, CA 94580
Phone: (510) 889-6000

which you can visit should you want to actually see what the kits look like before buying anything. While they sell numerous kits from mostly Italian manufacturers, they also sell very high-quality kits from the American manufacturer, **Blue Jacket Shipcrafters** of **Maine**.

<http://www.bluejacketinc.com>

Another important commercial vendor is **Model Expo** in Florida.

<https://modelexpo-online.com>

They carry **Model Shipways** kits as well as kits from other manufacturers.

Local enthusiasts of plastic kits of **modern steel navy ships** also benefit from having a well-stocked local kit supplier with **Hobbies Unlimited** of San Leandro. Fortunately, Hobbies Unlimited is located very close to Ages of Sail!

Hobbies Unlimited

937 Manor Blvd,
San Leandro, CA 94579
Phone: (510) 351-7112

So, the catalogue websites contain kits of all types of models that have wide appeal to help you decide what you want to build. There are other kit sellers as well whom you can learn about on searching the web.

In another section of this guide, I list most of the local hobby shops that have resources relevant to ship modelers.

2) Start with a Plastic Kit.

The art of ship modeling is one that has to be acquired in a step by step manner with knowledge and skills to be acquired over a series of projects over time. One should not expect to create the ultimate masterpiece on the first try.

I have built one plastic ship model years ago which looked very good. As I have thought about that model, I have developed the opinion that it was, indeed, very well manufactured so that the beginner did not get frustrated over difficulties about making the individual parts and making them fit.

To me, the great attribute of plastic models is that all the parts for these models are actually already very accurately made and fit well into their assemblies. Because of this, beginning model builders can construct a pretty impressive model in a relatively short period of time. Such an accomplishment can really encourage self-confidence and an eagerness to proceed onto the next project without getting stuck on a difficult assembly that might be encountered on a wooden model that can lead to frustration and early discouragement.

In thinking about what ship model to start with, I have selected some examples suitable for beginners that are illustrated in **Figure 4**. These include a Revell model of the schooner yacht, **America** in the upper left, a Grand Banks fishing schooner on the upper right, a Viking ship on the lower left, and the ships used by Columbus to explore North America on the lower right. These are all very simple kits. Others may be found by searching the web.



Revell's Yacht *America*



Model of a Fishing Schooner



Viking Ship model



Models of Christopher Columbus's ships

Fig. 4. Examples of plastic sailing ship models suitable for beginners.

Because most of the individual parts in plastic kits are already made to proper shape, the beginning modeler will acquire an intuitive sense of the shape and appearance of these parts, and learn what they are named. During assembly, the modeler will be encouraged to read about how these parts worked on the real ship. This will be important once he or she starts to scratch build these parts for a more advanced project.

This exercise is also an opportunity to develop a work area in one's dwelling to devote to small scale crafts. Start accumulating the tools necessary, not only for the first project, but also for all projects into the future (**Fig. 5**). The modeler will learn that many of the tools are actually

common household items such as craft knives, sand paper, and spring-loaded clothes pins. More specialized tools will be acquired as one works through each step in the assembly process and finds out what tools are necessary to complete those steps.



Fig. 5. Typical ship modeling tools (**Micro-Mark**)

Modeling tools can be acquired in hobby and craft shops as well as hardware stores. The Internet, along with changing activity fashion, retirements, and rising rents has caused some hobby shops to close. But others are hanging on. These are listed below.

The assembly of a plastic model provides a low stakes work environment where the beginning modeler is encouraged to experiment and make mistakes for the sake of learning and developing new skills. Never mind that the final result is not a great

masterpiece. This is meant to be a learning experience.

These models can also serve as a quick model that the marine artist can whip up to serve as a reference for establishing different perspectives for a painting or drawing without the need to spend much time on building the model itself.

Naturally, if you feel confident enough to dive immediately into a wood kit, by all means go ahead and go for it.

3) Start a Wooden Schooner or Small Boat model kit as your first wood model.

Kits of schooner models with a simple fore-aft rig and small boat models make for the best starter wooden models for the beginner. **Model Shipways** used to offer a 1/64 solid hull model of the yacht **America** which would make for the perfect follow on from the **Revell** plastic **America** kit. Unfortunately, the company appears to have discontinued that kit although they may be available from some online sources.

A very good alternative would be **Model Shipways'** kit of the schooner **Phantom** (**Fig. 6**) which can be obtained from **J & M Hobby House** or **Model Expo**. Either of these kits would be perfect for transferring the skills learned from plastic kits.

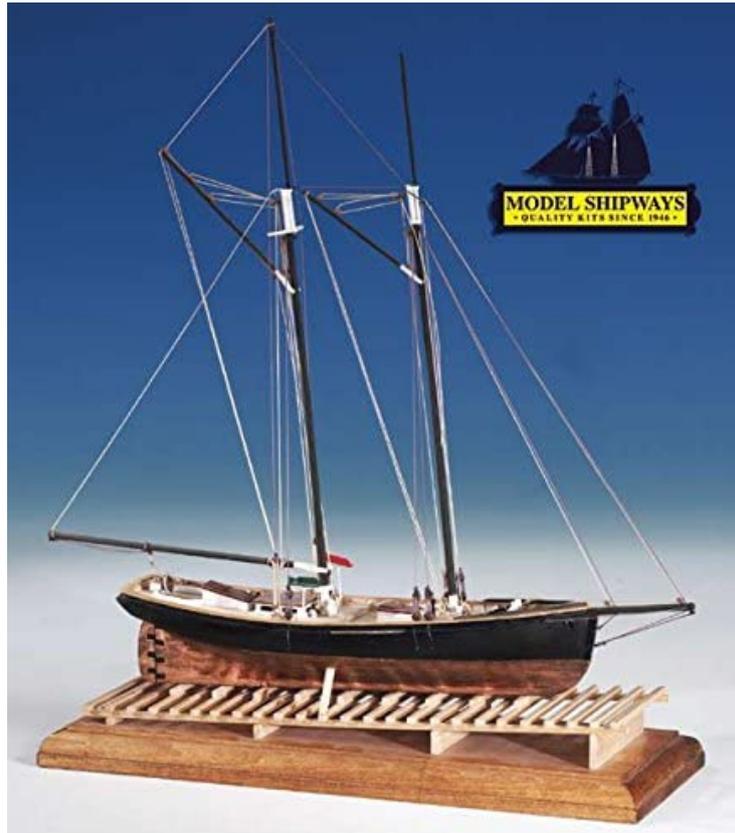


Fig. 6. Model Shipways kit of the schooner *Phantom* (**Model Expo**)

Both **Model Shipways** and **Blue Jacket** offer other wood model kits which they consider appropriate for the beginner. Exploring the **Blue Jacket** (<http://www.bluejacketinc.com>) and **Model Expo** (for **Model Shipways**) online catalogues will show you what those kits would be. **Blue Jacket**, in particular, offers a number of small boat kits that are also appropriate for the beginner.

4) Join a Ship Modeling club.

Remarkably, there are no less than five ship modelling clubs in the Bay Area. We truly have everything! Joining a club opens opportunities to learn new ideas, share resources, and making what could be a socially isolated hobby into a social activity.

Below is a list of these clubs:



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. The list is courtesy of Clare Hess.

•**South Bay Model Shipwrights (SBMS)** – contact **Jim Rhetta**, jmrhetta@aol.com. Meets at 7:30pm on the 3rd Friday of every month at the **Los Altos Public Library at 13 S. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos**. Check the website for the schedule as it sometimes has to be on a different Friday due to the shifting needs of the Library. 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@sfmvc.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.sfmvc.org/index.php>

•**Red Oak Victory Model Shipwrights** 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**. Their contact person is **Tom Bottomley** (bottomleythomas@aol.com)

•**Redwood Empire Model Shipwrights** – contact **Randy Smith**, redoakboat@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 Bay Area hobby shops with supplies relevant to ship modelers. There are other area hobby shops listed on the web, but they are mostly not relevant to ship modelers. These shops are sadly dying out as their owners retire and close up shop. An era is definitely passing.

<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.</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>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>Sheldons Hobby Shop 2130 Trade Zone Blvd, San Jose, CA 95131 Phone:(408)946-3801 Website: https://sheldonshobbies.com</p>
<p>Marin Hobby & Gift 224 Greenfield Ave, San Anselmo, CA 94960 Phone: (415) 454-3087</p>	<p>Fundemonium Expressway Center, 579 Rohnert Park Expy W, Rohnert Park, CA 94928 Phone: (707) 540-0701</p>

These two vendors below are not in the Bay Area but are prominent providers of model making supplies by mail order. There are also many other online hobby shops that can be found on searching by name or from searching for specific parts.

<p>Micro-Mark 340 Snyder Ave. Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922 Phone: (800) 925-1066 Website: https://www.micromark.com</p>	<p>Squadron 1115 Crowley Drive Carrollton, TX 75006 Pnone: (877) 414-0434-toll free Website: https://www.squadron.com Major plastic modeling supplier.</p>
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SBMS Ship Model Fittings Library



The club now has a substantial slop chest library of kit fittings acquired from the estates of members and other ship model builders who have passed away or retired due to disability (**Fig. 7**).



Fig. 7

It is all now in the possession of **Jim Rhetta** (jimrhetta@aol.com) and is available to members in need of fittings for their projects.

This library will be brought to meetings from time to time for us to pick over. They include a variety of blocks, deadeyes, pins, chains, belaying pins, rudder hinges, rings, guns in various sizes and more. We sincerely thank all those who have contributed to this library. Email Jim if you have any specific needs.



Repairs and Commissions of Ship Models



Ship models are delicate artifacts and may end up needing expert repair. Such ability can be difficult to find. **Mary Van Dahm** of the **NRG** has kindly provided me with a listing below of ship model restorers who are willing to take on this kind of specialized work. Most will also do commissions. One can also inquire with our local ship model clubs to see if there are any members willing to take on these jobs.

Abordage

Abordage Care of New World Trade
8249 Skylane Way, BLG #111
Punta Gorda, FL 33982
Phone: (877) 779-0114
Email: abordage@abordage.com
Website: <https://abordage.com>

Adams' Scale Woodworks

3811 N. Michigan Ave.
Portland, OR 97227-1148
Phone: (503) 280.0982
Fax: (503) 281-8440

<p>American Marine Model Gallery, Inc. PO Box 6102 Gloucester, MA 01930 Phone: (978) 281-1166 Fax: (978) 281-2166 Proprietor: R. Michael Wall Email: wall@shipmodel.com Website: https://www.shipmodel.com</p>	<p>David Antscherl Niagra on the Lake Ontario, Canada Phone: (289) 690-7751 Email: scenicy@yahoo.com Website: http://www.admiraltymodels.com</p>
<p>Craig Bell Email: ccb_871@ntelos.net Mike Bell Email: mbshortie@gmail.com 689 Woodland Rd. Charlottesville, VA 22901</p>	<p>BlueJacket Shipcrafters, Inc. 160 East Main St. Searsport, ME 04974 Phone: (800) 448-5567 Fax: (207) 548-9974 Email: info@bluejacketinc.com Website: http://www.bluejacketinc.com/</p>
<p>Dave P. Candiliere 1449 Norwich Ave. Thousand Oaks, CA 91360-3531 Phone: (805) 495-4498</p>	<p>Fiddlers Green Model Ships 7372 Tonga Ct. Boynton Beach, FL 33437 Phone: (561) 877-4605 Proprietor: Stan Sinowitz Website: http://fiddlersgreenmodelships.com</p>
<p>Robert Friedman 19 Sea Watch Place Florence, OR 97439 Phone: (541) 997-4439 E-mail: bobcat2@bmi.net Website: https://seawatchbooks.ipower.com</p>	<p>Jeffery Fuglestad PO Box 217 Essex Fells, NJ 07021 Email: boatworks1@att.net</p>
<p>Glory Ships 6133 Spring Isles Blvd. Lake Worth, FL 33463 Phone: (561) 964.3445 Proprietor: Gabriel Ghazarian Website: http://gloryships.com</p>	<p>Historic Ship and Display Models 69 Moore Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R2M 2C3 Canada Phone: (204) 222-3823 Email: info@historicshipmodel.com Proprietor: Jarod Matwiw Website: http://www.historicshipmodel.com</p>
<p>Micro Marine, Inc. 18 Hadley Court Noank, Groton, CT 06340 Phone; (860) 536-3087 Proprietor: Justin Camarata</p>	<p>Models by Griffith 173 Saybrook Road Middletown CT 06457 Phone: (860) 906.8045 Proprietor: Griffith Duff Email: richard2chips@yahoo.com</p>

<p>Model Ships by Ray Guinta P.O. Box 74 Leonida, NJ 07605 Phone: (201) 461-5729 Proprietor: Guinta, Ray Website: http://www.modelshipsbyrayguinta.com</p>	<p>The Model Shipyard Shop16, Ocean View Mall Mossel Bay Western Cape Province 6506 ZAF, South Africa Phone: +27.(0).44.691.1531 Mobile: +27 (0) 82 651 1531 Fax: +27.(0).44.691.1539 Email: izak@shipyard.co.za Website: http://www.stephensandkenau.com</p>
<p>Jerome A. Morris P.O. Box 517 Union, Maine 04862 Phone: (207) 785-2228 Email: jeromemorris62@gmail.com Website: http://www.geocities.ws/marinemodels/index-2.html</p>	<p>Piel Craftsmen 3 1/2 Center Street Newburyport MA 01950 Phone: (978) 462-7012 Fax: (978) 462-2589 Proprietor: Bill Partridge Email: pielcraftsmen@verizon.net Website: http://www.pielcraftsmen.com</p>
<p>Raven Arts Seabeck, WA 98380-9543 (Phone): (360) 830-9222 (Fax): (360) 830-9620 Email: info@ravenarts.com Website: http://www.ravenarts.com</p>	<p>Jack Sarhage 24 Canterbury Court Piscataway NJ 08854 Phone: 732-317-4987 E-mail: jacknmel@optonline.net</p>
<p>Windship Studios 969 Hilgard Ave, Suite 806 Los Angeles, CA 90024 Phone: (661) 645-5742 Proprietor: Randle M. Biddle Email: windships@earthlink.net Website: http://www.restoration-advice.org/Pages/restorers-usa.html</p>	



Buyers and Sellers of Ship Models



Here is a listing of places where fine ship models are bought and sold. The list is mostly from the NRG website.

<p>Abordage Abordage Care of New World Trade 8249 Skylane Way, BLG #111 Punta Gorda, FL 33982 Phone: (877) 779-0114 Email: abordage@abordage.com Website: https://abordage.com</p>	<p><u>Admiralty Model Gallery</u> 2221 Strand Galveston, TX 77550 US Phone 409.766.1776 Website: www.galveston.com/theadmiralty/</p>
<p><u>ALNAVCO</u> Box 10 Belle Haven, VA 23306 US Phone 757.442.2323 Website: www.alnavco.com Email: alnavco@esva.net</p>	<p>American Marine Model Gallery, Inc. PO Box 6102 Gloucester, MA 01930 Phone: (978) 281-1166 Fax: (978) 281-2166 Proprietor: R. Michael Wall Email: wall@shipmodel.com Website: https://www.shipmodel.com</p>
<p><u>Andrew Jacobson Marine Antiques</u> P.O. Box 437 Ipswich, MA 01938 US Phone 508.468.6276 Email: andrew@marineantiques.com Website: www.marineantiques.com/</p>	<p><u>Antiques of the Sea</u> 16811 Pacific Coast Hwy, P.O. Box 23 Sunset Beach, CA 90742-0023 US Phone: 562.592.1752 Email: eric@antiquesofthesea.com Website: www.antiquesofthesea.com/</p>
<p>BlueJacket Shipcrafters, Inc. 160 East Main St. Searsport, ME 04974 Phone: (800) 448-5567 Fax: (207) 548-9974 Email: info@bluejacketinc.com Website: http://www.bluejacketinc.com/</p>	<p><u>Cabin Class Collectibles</u> Email: models@cabinclass.com Website: www.cabinclass.com</p>

Christies

Website: <https://www.christies.com>

These traditional auction houses often sell ship models and other maritime art and artifacts.

Fiddler's Green Model Ships & Yachts**Model Ship Broker**

7372 Tonga Ct.

Boynton Beach, FL 33437

Phone 561.877.4605

Proprietor: Stan Sinowitz,

Website:

www.FiddlersGreenModelShips.com

<p><u>Kenrick A. Claflin & Son</u> 1227 Pleasant Street Worcester, MA 01602 US Phone; (508) 792-6627 Email: jclaflin@lighthouseantiques.net Website: www.lighthouseantiques.net/</p>	<p><u>Frank's Fisherman</u> 366 Jefferson St, San Francisco, CA 94133 Phone: (415) 775-1165 Proprietor: Ken Brown Website: https://www.franksfisherman.com</p>
<p><u>Land and Sea Collection</u> 4125 SW Martin Highway, Suite # 10 Palm City, FL 34990 US Phone: (561) 339-3383 Proprietor: Joel Harry Jacobs, LLC Email: nauticalantiques@bellsouth.net Website: landandseacollection.com</p>	<p><u>Lannan Ship Model Gallery</u> 483 Washington St. Norwell, MA 02061 US Phone: (617) 451-2650 Email: info@lannangallery.com Website: lannangallery.com/</p>
<p><u>Maidhof Bros. Shipware Merchants</u> 1891 San Diego Avenue San Diego, CA 92110 Phone: (800) 732-5865 Website: www.seajunk.com</p>	<p><u>The Model Shipyard</u> Dock of the Bay Studio Shop 16, Ocean View Mall Mossel Bay, 6506 South Africa Phone+27 (0) 44 691 1531 Email: izak@shipyard.co.za Website: www.stephensandkenau.com</p>
<p><u>Mystic Seaport Museum Maritime Gallery</u> 75 Greenmanville Avenue P.O. Box 6000 Mystic, CT 06355-0990 US Phone: (860) 572-0711 Email: nfo@mysticseaport.org Website: www.mysticseaport.org/maritime-art-gallery/</p>	<p><u>Nautical Scribe Books LLC</u> 247 US Rte. 1 Stockton Springs, ME 04981 US Phone: (207) 567-8111 Email: nauticalscribe@gmail.com Website: www.nauticalscribebooks.com/</p>

<p><u>New Steamship Consultants</u> P.O. Box 30088 Mesa, AZ 85275 US Phone: (602) 924-4334 Email: ships@oceanliner.com Website: www.oceanliner.com</p>	<p><u>Port & Starboard</u> 53 Falmouth Rd Falmouth, ME 04105 US Phone: (207) 781-4214 or (207) 407-3160 Email: mleslie.art@gmail.com Website: www.portnstarboardgallery.com</p>
<p><u>Preston's Chandlery</u> 102 Main St. Greenport, NY 11944 US Phone: (800) 836-1165 or (631) 477.1990 Website: www.prestons.com</p>	<p><u>Seafarer Ltd.</u> Rt 9, Lily Lake Oceanville, NJ 08231 US Phone: (609) 652-9491 Email: seafarerjoe@verizon.net Website: www.seafarerltd.com/</p>
<p><u>SD Model Makers</u> 1778 Callisia Court Carlsbad, CA 92011 US Phone: (760) 525-4341 Email: info@sdmodelmakers.com Website: www.sdmodelmakers.com</p>	<p><u>Sotheby's</u> Website: https://www.sothebys.com/</p> <p>These traditional auction houses often sell ship models and other maritime art and artifacts.</p>
<p><u>Vallejo Gallery</u> 670 W. 17th Street, Unit E5 Costa Mesa, CA 92627 US Phone: (949) 642-7945 Email: vallejogallery@earthlink.net Website www.vallejogallery.com/</p>	



Touring Maritime Museums



Seeing many examples of fine scale ship modeling can be a great motivator to learn and be inspired to improve one's craftsmanship. Maritime museums are the best places to do this. Below is a partial list of such museums in the Bay Area, the US, and the World which you can visit while traveling.

Locally, the **San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park** and the **San Mateo County History Museum** in Redwood City have the best collections. In particular, the San Mateo County History Museum ship model collection is all the work of one person, **Charlie Parsons**, who was a member of the **South Bay Model Shipwrights (SBMS)**.

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
- USS *Potomac* FDR Presidential Yacht (Oakland): <https://www.usspotomac.org>

Elsewhere in US:

- Channel Islands Maritime Museum (Oxnard, CA): www.cimmvc.org
- The Hart Nautical Gallery, MIT, 77 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA
<https://mitmuseum.mit.edu/installation-or-collaboration/hart-nautical-gallery>
- 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.ussconstitutionmuseum.org/

- **USS Constellation** (Baltimore, MD): www.historicships.org/constellation.html
- **South Street Seaport** (New York, NY): <https://southstreetseaportmuseum.org>
- **Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum** (New York, NY):
<https://www.intrepidmuseum.org>
- **New Bedford Whaling Museum** (New Bedford, MA):
<https://www.whalingmuseum.org>
- **Whydah Pirate Museum** (Cape Cod, MA)
<https://www.discoverpirates.com>
- **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>