

South Bay Model Shipwrights

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Happy Halloween!!



Fig.1. *Ahoy! What took you so long?!* (Blurry Photos)





Future Course Headings...

- **October 7-14, 2024 Fleet Week.** The **US Navy** and their amazing **Blue Angels** (Fig. 2) 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. 2. The **Blue Angels** flying over the Golden Gate Bridge. (US Navy)

- **Saturday, October 12, 2024, 2 PM: In-person SBMS meeting.** Our in-person meeting for next month will be on **Saturday, October 12** 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! **As this in-person meeting coincides with the Saturday of Good Sam's Showcase of Miniatures nearby in San Jose (as listed below) it is possible to go to the Showcase in the morning and early afternoon and then go to the Game Kastle for our SBMS in-person club meeting. Some of us have declared our intention to do just that.**

- **Thursday October 24, 7PM: Monthly Zoom meeting.** And then our monthly Zoom meeting will be **Thursday, July 25 at 7 PM** so the Zoom specs will be sent out just before the meeting. Keep an eye on your inbox!

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



Fig. 3. Sample items from the **Good San Showcase of Miniatures.** (Good San Showcase of Miniatures)

We will have our annual exhibition of SBMS ship models at the **Good Sam Showcase of Miniatures** (Fig. 3) 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. A free registration is required, and the form can be found at:

<https://goodsamshowcase.org/ExhibitPacketGoodSam-2024.pdf>

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

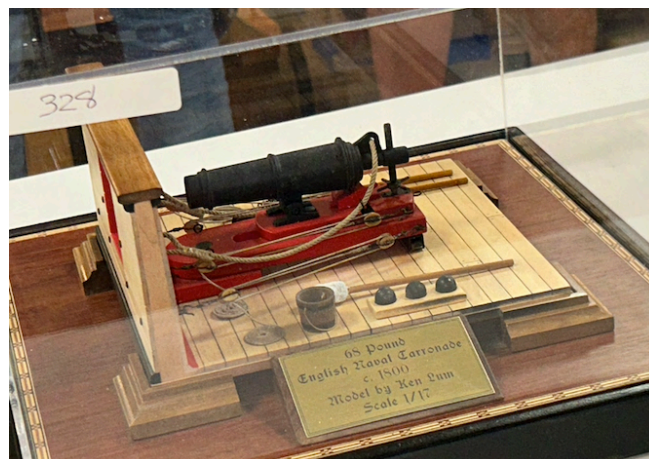


Fig. 4. Ken Lum's English Carronade model entered at the June 15, 2024 IPMS Silicon Valley Classic convention.

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. 4) most recently!



Maritime Matters of the Month (Ken Lum)

- **Liberty Ship, Jeremiah O' Brien in Financial Difficulty and in Need of Donations.** It has been recently reported that our beloved **Liberty ship**, the **Jeremiah O' Brien (JOB)**, now located at **Pier 35** in San Francisco, is seriously short of money for maintenance and operations.



Fig. 5. The **SS Jeremiah O' Brien** dramatically outlined by the fire at Pier 45 on May 23, 2020. Despite the proximity of the fire to the **O' Brien**, the ship fortunately did not suffer significant damage. (Courtesy **SS Jeremiah O' Brien**)

This has resulted from the destruction by fire of its old Pier 45 in 2020 followed by its move to Pier 35 after the fire where it was less noticeable by tourists despite luckily receiving no significant damage from the pier fire. And then the COVID-19 pandemic hit, closing down the ship to visitors for several years. All this caused the ship's tourist revenue to take a big hit.



Fig. 6. The *SS Jeremiah O'Brien* now docked at Pier 35.

It is said that the *Jeremiah O'Brien* is one of the few of this vintage to be fully operational and able to provide local cruises around the Bay for paying passengers. Cruises will also be available for the upcoming **Fleet Week** as it has done during normal years. Indeed, the JOB was able to steam under its own power to Normandy, France in 1994 to participate in the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the D-Day Landings which it originally participated in in 1944. Current tourist visits have not yet recovered past 1/3 the number of prior years.

And so, if you are feeling generous this year, by all means make a tax-deductible contribution to its coffers so it can continue its mission of preserving the history of these ships and their crews and their many contributions to the Allied victories of WW 2. I have made my own donation at their website at:

<https://www.ssjeremiahobrien.org>

and have gone on two of their cruises out on the Bay, including one captained by former SBMS member and JOB Commander, **Patrick Moloney**. Sadly, Patrick passed away in 2020, and the pandemic prevented

our being able to attend his services. More on the Pier 45 fire and Captain Moloney can be found in the **June, 2020** issue of the **Foghorn**.

And, also more on this most recent financial challenge to the JOB at:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/sanfrancisco/news/jerimiah-obrien-san-francisco-famed-world-war-ii-liberty-ship-needs-financial-aid/>

There are three commonly available commercial model kits of the JOB. Two plastic kits by **Trumpeter** are in 1/700 and 1/350 scale (fig. 7).



Fig. 7. 1/700 (left) and 1/350 (right) scale plastic kits of the *SS Jeremiah O'Brien* by Trumpeter. (Trumpeter)

And, then, there is an excellent wood kit in 1/192 (1/16" = 1 ft) scale from **Bluejacket**, available from **Ages of Sail** in San Lorenzo (Fig. 8).

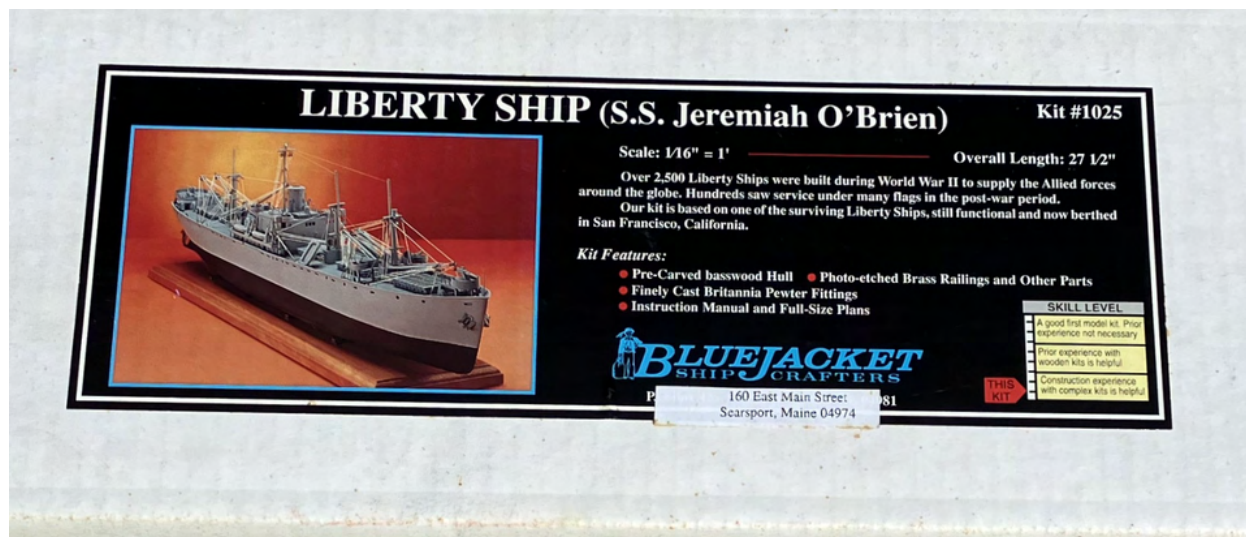


Fig. 8. Wood kit of the JOB from Bluejacket. (Bluejacket)

And don't forget that should you decide to build one of these models, the original is in our neighborhood making research very easy! Hmm... Are there royalties paid to the JOB for the sale of these model kits?

- **San Francisco Model Yacht Club “Model Boats on Parade”** Photos of ship models at the SFMYC ‘Model Boats on Parade’ event on September 15 on Spreckels Lake in Golden Gate Park.



Fig. 9. The SBMS table with Ken Lum’s models of an **English Carronade** and the Mississippi river boat, ***Robert E. Lee*** along with some unbuilt kits to give away.



Fig. 10. RC WW 2 warships from the **Western Warship Combat Club**. Seen here on the left is a German pocket battleship and, on the right, an Imperial Japanese heavy cruiser. The larger models can fire BBs at each other in a controlled pond shielded with plastic sheet shields to prevent risk of injury to audiences.



Fig. 11. WW 2 British battleship models from the **Western Warship Combat Club**.



Fig. 12. Jeep carrier, *USS Cowpens (CVL-25)* and mine sweeper models.



Fig. 13. *SS Jeremiah O'Brien* Liberty ship model under way.



Fig. 14. WW 1 British battleship model underway.



Fig. 15. Pennsylvania Rail Road tugboat *Elmira* model.



Fig. 16. Model Fireboat built *In Memory of Don Ciucci*.



Fig. 17. Model railroad barge.



Fig. 18. Great variety of RC models of runabouts from the SFMYC membership.



Fig. 19. Bottles as model ships, but not model ships in bottles.



Fig. 20. Fast speed boat with a big fantail zipping past a trio of RC sailing sloops on Spreckels Lake.



Fig. 21. **Life forms** imitating as models. Foot paddle propulsion powered by muscles and **adenosine triphosphate** fuel made via the intermediary metabolism of **oxidative phosphorylation**. I know of no ship model powered in this way!

 *Under Construction at the Model Shipyard*



Fig. 22. Clare Hess (left) discussing with George Sloup (right) about his model of the Russian tender, *Avos*. To the left is Clare's model of the Japanese bridge, *Nihon bashi*, from a Woody Joe kit.



Fig. 23. Close up of Clare Hess's model of the *Nihon bashi* bridge from a Woody Joe kit.

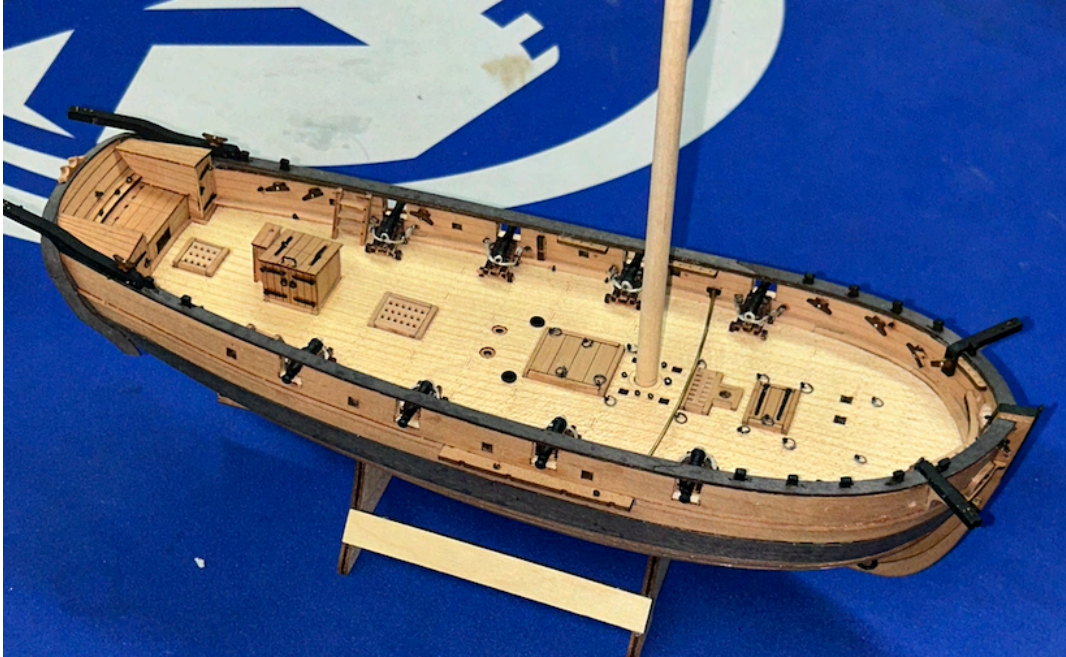


Fig. 24. Close up of George Sloup's Russian tender, *Avos*. The ships' cannon are now installed.

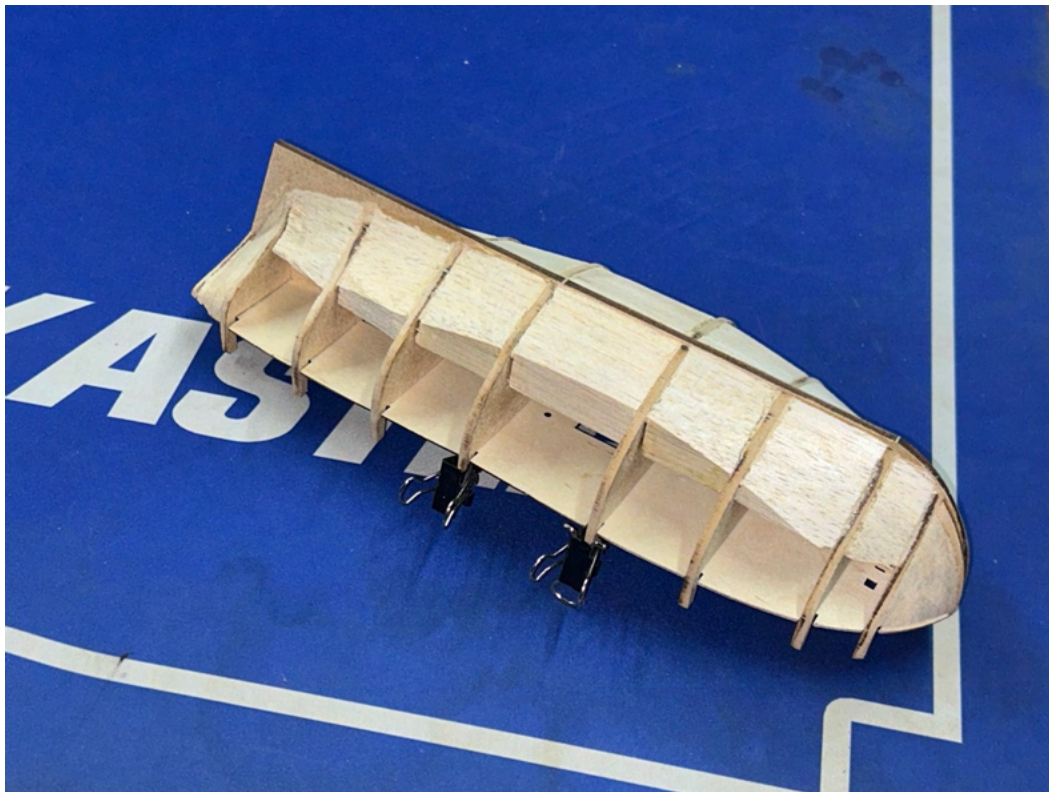


Fig. 25. A *Lady Nelson* kit from Amati by Clare Hess at the beginning of its construction. Balsa wood blocks provide stability for the hull formers. Clare is considering a conversion to the armed cutter, *HMS Sherbourne*.



Fig. 26. A scratch build of the Polaca Xebec called the ***Mystique***. It had a strange sail rig consisting of a lateen sail on the foremast and square sails on the main and mizzen masts. Clare is building his from plans found in ***Souvenirs De Marine*** by ***Admiral Paris***. But there is also a 1/50 kit by Corel which can be purchased from ***Ages of Sail***.



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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 (<http://www.sbmodelships.com>). Welcome Aboard!

Membership Form

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