



November 2024

Going Once... Going Twice... SOLD!

No November Meeting – Auction instead

There will not be a club meeting in November, instead we are having an auction. For more information, please see the article in this issue.

Auction: Nov. 16, 2024

Next meeting: December 21, 2024

Arvada Workshop

The workshop is on the FIRST Saturday of every month, beginning at 9:00 am at the Arvada City Hall, Police entrance. The address: 8101 Ralston Road.

Next workshop: Dec. 7th, 2024

Officers

Commodore..... Bob Fivehouse
Skipper..... Martin Jelsema
First Mate..... Scott Shilling
Purser..... Scott Shilling
Clerk..... Jay McKeown

Committees

Events Chair: Erik Collett
Photographer: Jay Phillips
Historian: Roger Hanson
Scuttlebutt: Hugh Long
Webmaster: Rob Cuscaden
Workshop Chair: Ralph Buckwalter

Website

<http://rockymountainshipwrights.org>

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Skipper's Log

Ahoy, Shipmates:

First, thank all of you who provided models for our October exhibit. Turned out we filled the display room, and those who viewed your work were appreciative, and many were awed. It was a smooth setup and takedown. And we acquired three, perhaps four, new members. Even though the attendance was not record-breaking, I would declare it a success.

Now about the auction at the next meeting (November 16th): If you plan to sell items (kits, tools, books, supplies), each one must be accompanied by an entry form. Copies of the form are attached to this mailing. There will be additional forms at the November meeting for last-minute entries.

Once again Ralph Buckwalter has volunteered to head our officer candidate selection committee. So, prior to the auction, he will present a slate of candidates. However, if your name is not on the list and you would like to vie for a position, you may do so at the meeting. The election will be held at the December meeting.

Martin Jelsema, Skipper

October Model Exhibit

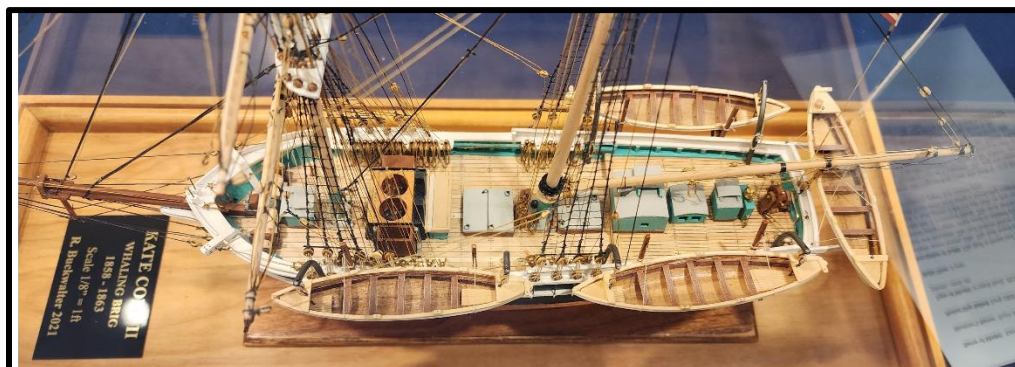
Below are pictures of the ship models on display at our October exhibit. Please let me know if any are listed incorrectly, as some models were not accompanied by plaques or are not included. If you would like a file of the pic(s) of your ships, please let me know (hlong222@comcast.net) and I will get it to you. Our visitor attendance totals were:

- Friday: 31 visitors
- Saturday: 83 visitors
- Sunday: 34 visitors
- **Total: 148 visitors**





The Modelers & their Models



Ralph Buckwalter
Black Prince, Fergus, and Lady Martha (middle)
SS Republic (bottom)

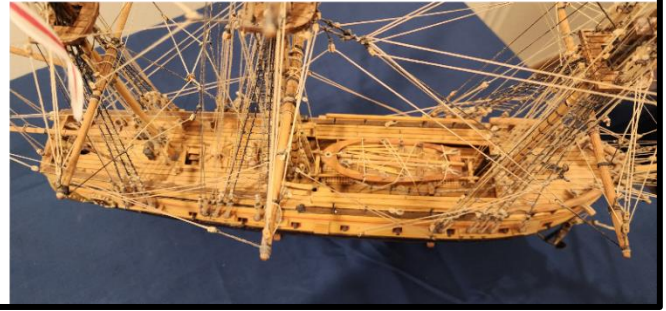
Kate Cory II (top)





Michael Caramia

Rattlesnake



Jim Cuscaden

HMS Victory

Rob Cuscaden

3D Printed War Gaming Pieces & Viking Ship



Jim & Rob Cuscaden

HMS Vanguard

Bob Fivehouse

Miltiades



Medic



Adriac



Guthie



Minnewaska

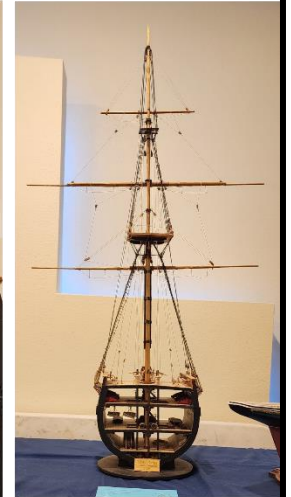
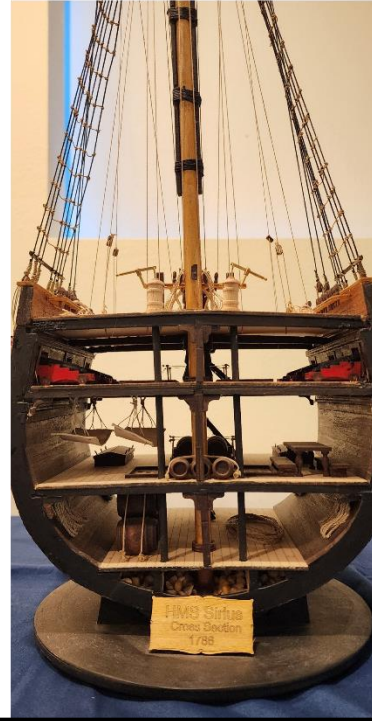
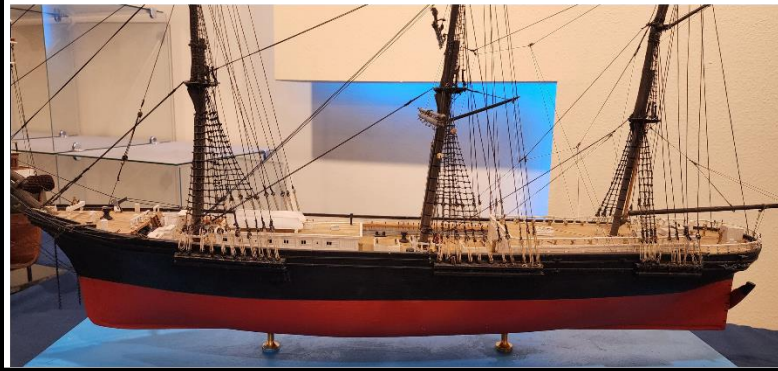


Lismore Castle



Larry Hamil

Red Jacket Clipper



HMS Sirius
Cross Section 1786

Dan Hart

King of the Mississippi

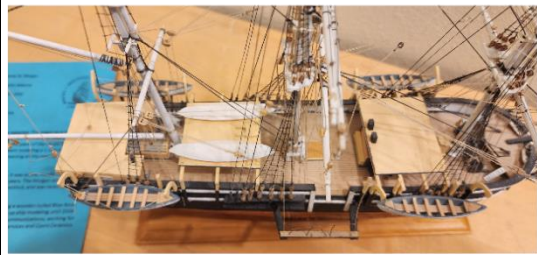


The Swan

Martin Jelsema



CSS Alabama



Charles W. Morgan



Ranger



Harvey

(Phil von der Heydt - rigging)



John Lamb

New Bedford Whale Boat



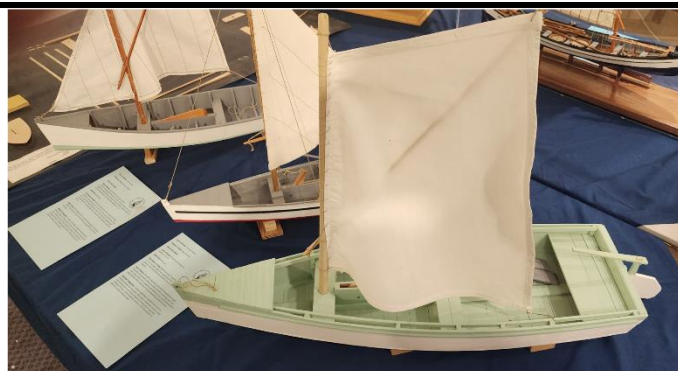
Hugh Long

Bluenose

Steve Lofshult



Spritsail Skiff



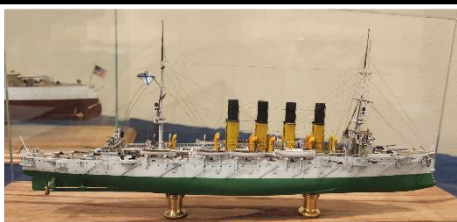
Flatiron Skiff (14')



Hampton Flattie

Jay McKeown

IRN Varyag



USS Ticonderoga CV-14



USS Missouri BB-63



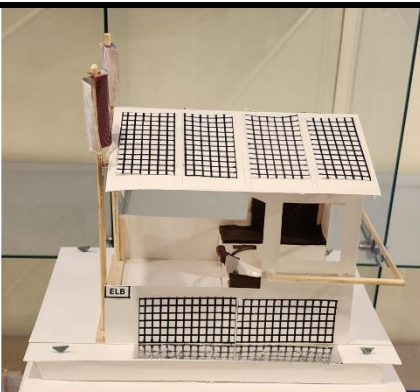
IJN Mikasa 1904



Prince De Neufchatel

Marv Olson

ELB



SUN & WIND POWERED CATAMARAN
Length 12 ft., Width 8 ft., Draft 9 inches
Engine: Cordless Electric Drill
Steering by shaft / tiller
Solar panels: 12 - 100w.
Wind: 2 - 500w. turbines

Banks Dory



Mark Persichetti

Spanish Carrack

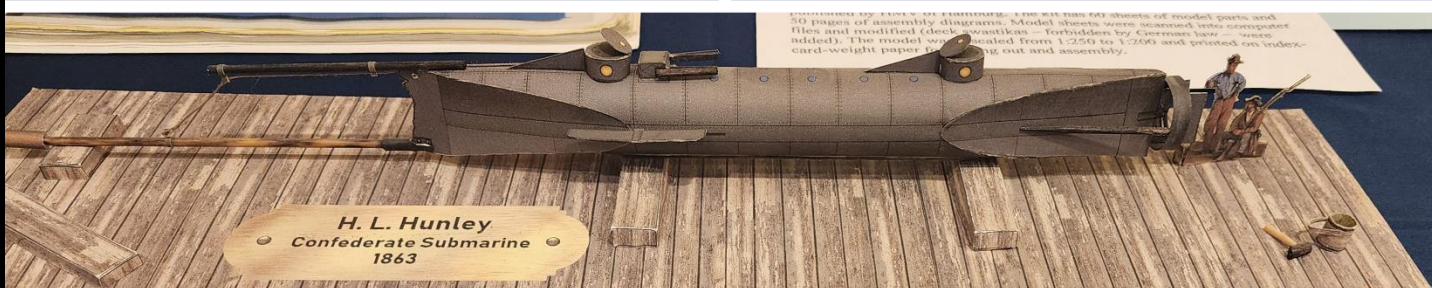
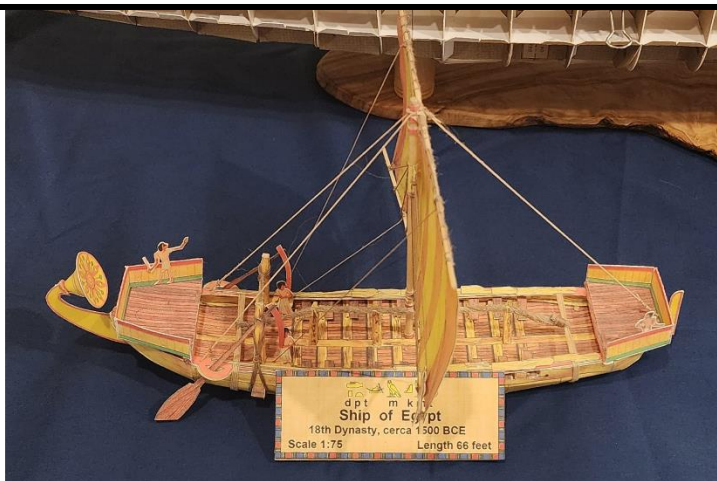
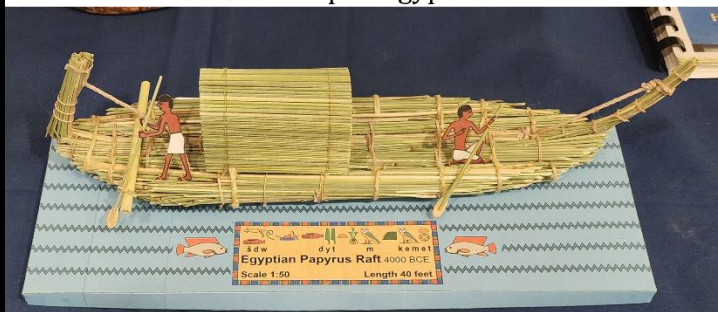


Venetian Galleass

Jay Phillips

Egyptian Papyrus Raft

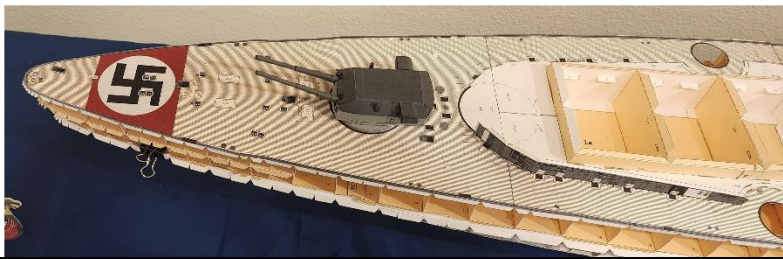
Ship of Egypt



H.L. Hunley



Bismarck

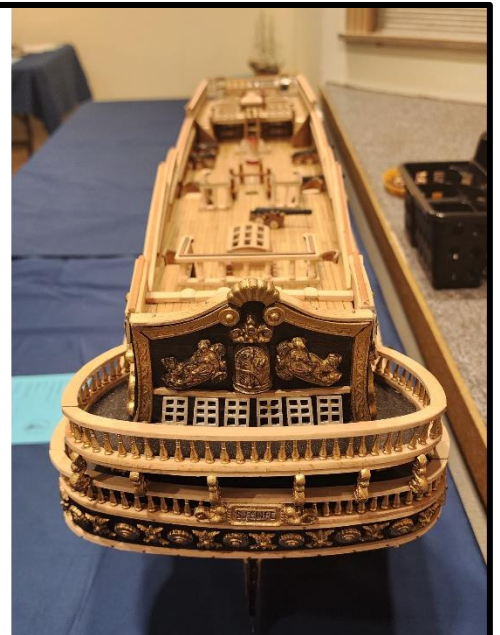


No Information – If this is yours, let us know so it/you get the recognition it/you deserve.

Scott Shilling



Montanes



San Felipe



Jon Sorenson

Bluejacket Skiff

Skiff

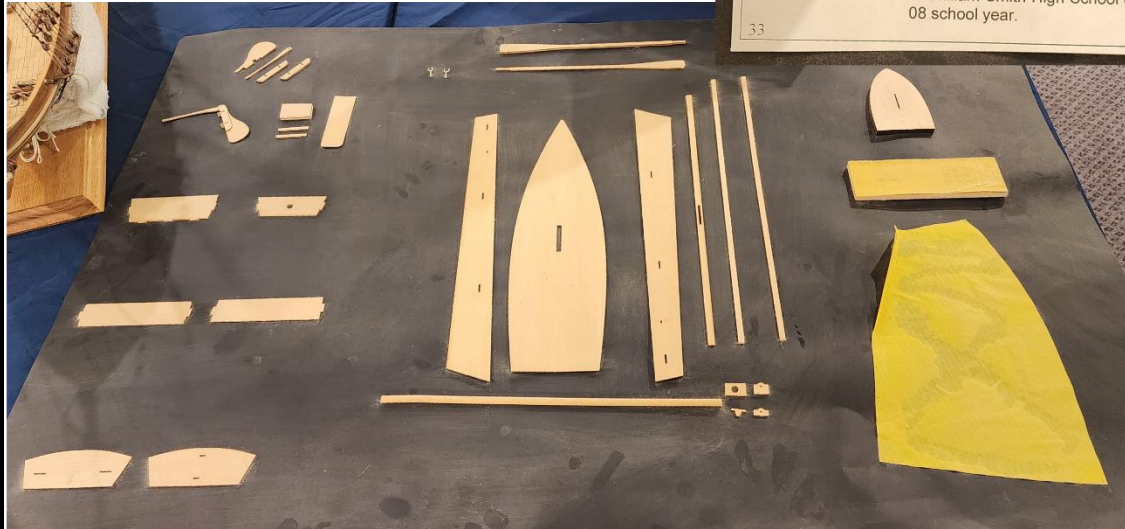
Model Builder
Ship Type:
Scale/Size:
Model Class:
Materials:
Build Time:
Description:

Student
Skiff
1"=1'

Kit from Bluejacket
Wood
40 hours

This skiff was built using a Bluejacket kit provided by Jon Sorenson, a RMS member. Jon worked with the students of William Smith High School every Friday during the 2007-08 school year.

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Chuck Stroble & Junior



Phil von der Heydt



USS Kearsarge



Sanson

HMS Terror



Harvey
(Martin Jelsema - Hull & Spars)

Modeler's Choice Award

After a three-year hiatus we have reinstated the Modeler's Choice award. During the show, every member was encouraged to vote for their top three model choices. The winning model will be featured on the Modeler's Choice plaque and the builder will receive a \$25 Rockler gift card.



Each vote was converted into points based upon the following criteria: a 1st place vote equaled 3 points, a 2nd place vote was equal to 2 points, and a 3rd place vote equaled 1 point.

The top three models were:

- 1st Place: Montanes by Scott Shilling
- 2nd Place: CSS Alabama by Martin Jelsema
- 3rd Place: SS Republic by Ralph Buckwalter

Congrats to everyone who entered a model in the show, keep up the excellent work.

October 2024 Modeler's Choice award

1st Place: Montanes by Scott Shilling



2nd Place: CSS Alabama by Martin Jelsema



3rd Place: SS Republic by Ralph Buckwalter



New Members

We added four members during the show. They are:

Terry Duffin – Terry is interested in CNC Routers, 3D Printing, and general woodworking.

Dan Hart – Dan attended the 10/5 workshop and decided to enter two of his completed models in the exhibition. They were The Swan and the King of the Mississippi.

Mike Reiland – Mike attended the show and joined the club as it seemed something his grandson would enjoy as he got older.

Bob Tucker - Bob attended the 10/5 workshop and was fairly sure he would be starting the Black Prince but decided to begin his foray into the hobby with the Model Shipways Shipwright series instead. Smart choice Bob!

Workshop – November 9, 2024

Due to the epic, slow-moving, five-day November snowstorm (quite possibly the largest for the Denver metro area in nearly 30 years), last Saturday's workshop was cancelled. Hope to see you next month on December 7th.



Get Your Swag

- For polo shirts, caps, and vests, ask **Scott Shilling** at any meeting.
- For name badges, ask **Rob Cuscaden** at any meeting (free for new members).



2025 Officer Openings & Nominations

It is that time of year again as we are looking for our 2025 Officers. This is a great opportunity to help the club and advance the hobby. During the short meeting before the auction on November 16th, Ralph Buckwalter, nomination chairman, will ask members to stand for nomination for the following positions: Skipper, First Mate, Purser, and Clerk. The election will occur at the meeting on December 21st. Here are the responsibilities for each post as defined in our by-laws:

President/Skipper

- The President/Skipper shall have general supervision of the Club and its functions, preside over meetings of the club and the Board of Directors, call any special meetings, and appoint committees as required herein or as deemed appropriate, including appointment of an editor of the monthly newsletter ("Scuttlebutt").

Vice President/First Mate

- The Vice President/First Mate shall preside over the meetings in the Skipper's absence and shall organize a program for the regular meetings of the Club. If possible, program topics are to be announced in advance in the newsletter.

Treasurer/Purser

- The Treasure/Purser shall maintain the membership list of the Club, shall receive, and disburse the Club's funds as authorized and shall maintain a bank account for such purpose, as well as the financial records of the Club. He/she shall report periodically to the membership on the balance of any bank account. In addition, once yearly, an audit of the accounts will be conducted in concert with competent and responsible club members. To reserve/protect our sole usage of the Rocky Mountain Shipwrights Club name the Purser shall renew the registration/certification with the Colorado Secretary of State every two years.

Secretary/Ship's Clerk

- The Secretary/Ship's Clerk shall maintain any official records of the Club including minutes of the monthly Club meetings.

The following is a current list of candidates for the club officers for 2025. Please note, we are still in need of a clerk. If you are interested in any of the positions, please contact Ralph at rkbuckw1657@gmail.com

- Commodore- Martin Jelsema
- Skipper - Phil von der Heydt
- 1st Mate- Jay McKeown
- Purser- Scott Shilling

Auction

Our auction will be on November 16th, following a very abbreviated meeting.

We have a number of great items (see below) but are still looking for more. I am sure there are a lot you whose eyes have been bigger than your available time and you have some great stuff that you would like to get rid of.

Seller pre-registration

Each item/lot you wish to auction off must be accompanied by a Lot Description Form. These forms are being distributed along with the November Scuttlebutt mailing. Up to three items can be registered on a single page. Fill in your name and item description for each lot. A lot may be a "bundle" of items (three books for instance) or a single item. For sheets with multiple items, it is best to print out the sheet and then cut the page into three separate forms. Fill in the lot description for each lot. Bring the completed forms along with the items to the auction between 9:00am and 9:30 on November 16. **NOTE:** there will be blank forms available if you have last-minute items to sell.

LOT DESCRIPTION FORM

SELLER'S NAME: _____

LOT DESCRIPTION:

LEAVE THE FOLLOWING THREE ITEMS BLANK. THEY ARE FOR AUCTION ADMINISTRATION

Lot Number: _____

Winning Bid Amt: _____

Winner's Paddle Number: _____

Lot Registration Process

Upon arriving at Rockler, find the check-in table. There each lot will be assigned a Lot Number that will be recorded on the Lot Description Form. If you wish to place a reserve on a lot, (i.e., designate the lot must be sold for more than the designated reserve amount.) tell the in-take person who will record the amount on a reserve list for the auctioneer. Once registered, the lots and their forms will be placed on the review tables for potential bidders to review.

Bidder participation

At the bidder participation table, potential bidders will be assigned a unique numbered bidding paddle to be used to indicate you are bidding on the current lot. Raise the paddle to participate at the current auctioneer's call; lower the paddle if you no longer wish to participate. You may re-enter the bidding again by raising the paddle. If a lot has a reserve designation and the bidding has not reached that reserve, the auctioneer may ask

the lot owner if they wish to cancel the reserve and accept the last bid. Once a winner is declared that person will take possession of the lot. The accompanying Lot Description Form will be updated with the winner's paddle number and the purchase amount. The purser will use the information to consolidate all purchases into statements for each winner. Those statements will be distributed at the December meeting/Christmas party. Any winners not attending will receive their statement by email.

Non-member participation

Any non-member who participates and wins a lot must pay for their purchase in cash or by check at the meeting.

As for a sneak peak of some of the things we have available, we have a really nice set of power tools from Festool (donated to the club by Harry Hamil's widow Susan) as well as equipment from a few other manufacturers. Many of these tools may not be ideal for model ships, they are excellent wood working tools. Hopefully, we will be able to share the minimum bids for these items in the Scuttlebutt.

Festool	CDD 12 FX/MC 15 Plus (USA)	Cordless Drilldriver
Festool	TS 55 EQ-Plus USA 120v	Plunge-cut saw
Festool	ROTEX RO 150 FEQ-PLUS USA	Gearred eccentric sander
Festool	DOMINO DF 500 Q-PLUS USA	Dowel mill plus DOMINO DS 5/6/8/10 1105x bits
Festool	OF 2200 EB-Plus USA	Router plus Accessory Kit
Festool	PSB 420 EBQ-Plus USA	Jigsaw plus Accessory Kit
Powertec	OS1000	Oscillating Spindle Sander
Delta	40-570	Scroll Saw
PROXXON	MF 70 LU-6868 Wecker	MICRO Mill

Website Password

Club members have access to the archive of the Scuttlebutt on the website. This portion of the [website](#) is locked to members only. If you cannot access them, please let me know and I will get you your password.

It's Mexico Season

If you read the Scuttlebutt, you know I travel to Mexico quite a bit, and that "bit" is right now. I will still be writing the Scuttlebutt, but I will be relying more on info I get from a couple of people. This year I am looking for a couple of additional people to become my field reporters. I will attend every meeting and workshop when I am in town, but I know I will be missing a large number of them.

If you are interested in helping, even for only a specific meeting or workshop (or two), please let me know and we will coordinate our calendars.

I am looking for someone who can jot a few notes down on the show n' tells and presentations at the meetings and at the workshops, I am looking for "what" everyone is working on. **Jay McKeown (clerk) takes great minutes** of the meetings, and we have a **great photographer in Jay Phillips**, so you will not need to take pictures. Simple notes and names and I will do the rest.



Sources of Tools, Supplies & Services

Rocky Mountain Shipwrights is not affiliated with any of the companies in the lists below (other than the fact that we meet on the **3rd Saturday of each month at Rockler**).

The first list is of selected on-line suppliers. The second list is of local suppliers of goods and services that could be of value to ship modelers. And the third list is of additional resources. **These lists can be thought of as incomplete.** If you use or have discovered others, please email them to hlong222@comcast.net and they will be added to the lists. With your contributions, we can make these lists a more comprehensive and valuable resource.

Online Suppliers

Nautical Hobby Shops

[Ages of Sail](#)

Kits, parts, plans, supplies, and tools.

[Blue Jacket Shipcrafters](#)

Kits, parts, plans, supplies, and tools.

[Cast Your Anchor](#)

Kits, supplies, and tools; based in Canada so shipping is a little longer.

[Model Expo](#)

Nautical hobby shop, extensive ship kits, parts, tools, and supplies

[Modelers Central](#)

Kits, supplies, plans, and tools

[Seaworthy Small Ships](#)

Kits are geared towards new and younger modelers.

[Syren Ship Model Fittings and Supplies](#)

Ship model kits, parts, and scale fittings.

[Wooden Model Ship Kit](#)

Ship model kits, parts, and scale fittings.

Tools

[Byrnes Model Machines](#)

Top of the Line micro saws, sanders, etc.

[Contenti Jewelry Supply](#)

Jewelry tools, fair prices on hand tools, cheap and quality versions of most tools.

[MicroMark](#)

Small tool specialist; lots of tools, some ship kits, and ship modelling supplies.

[UMM-USA](#)

Modeling tools for plastic and wood models

[Razor Blade Company](#)

Many types of cutting blades and handles

Materials

[Cards of Wood](#)

Thin veneer and plywood

[Constantines's Wood Center](#)

Wood veneers plus Rockler-like tools and supplies.

[National Balsa](#)

Wood supplier, airplane centric but good stock of dimensional strips, sheets, and substantial number of blocks in many types of wood, does have a \$50 minimum order.

[Northeastern Scale Lumber](#)

Wood and fabricated wood for models, doll houses and railroad layouts

[Saunders Midwest Products](#)

Balsa, basswood and more – strips, sheets, and dowels. Also, beginner boat kits

Parts

[Flags of the World](#)

Info about all types of flags but not a source of nautical modeling flags

[I.T. Sitek Props](#)

Scale model ships propellers.

Graphics

[Shapeways](#)

3d printing company, many parts for units ranging from complete ships to figureheads. Also does custom work.

Local Sources

[ABC Imaging](#)

77 Klamath St. Denver
303-573-5757
Large & small format copying, B&W printing

[Art Parts Creative Resource Center](#)

3080 Valmont Road, Boulder
720-379-5328
Contributed used arts stuff you get for cheap, from chalk to sewing machines, and more.

[Austin Hardwoods of Denver](#)

975 W Mississippi Ave, Denver
303-733-1292

Colpar/Hobbytown – two locations

[Aurora Location](#)

1915 S Havana St, Aurora, CO
303-341-0414

[Lakewood Location](#)

3355 S Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO
303-988-5157
Good local hobby shops, some wood ship kits, lots of supplies and tools.

[Guirys](#)

Multiple locations
303-412-6522
Art supplies and house paints

[Hobby Lobby](#)

Multiple locations
Arts and craft supplies

[Laird Plastics](#)

10004 E 45th Ave, Denver, CO
866-292-9090
For plastic case covers ask for Tom

[Meininger Art Supply](#)

499 Broadway, Denver
303-698-3838
Paints, brushes, tools, papers and more

[Michael's](#)

Multiple locations
Arts and crafts supplies

[Plasticare](#)

4211 S Natches Ct Suite K, Englewood, CO
303-781-1171
Plastic supplier/resin with customer shop. can do acrylic fabrication & laser engraving.

[Reynolds Advanced Materials](#)

3920 Grape Street, Denver
303-399-0202
Clays, resins, silicone, and lots more

[Rocky Mountain Train Supply](#)

6060A W 55th Ave, Arvada, CO
303-456-6702
Only train shop in Denver, broad selection of supplies, strip wood, details, scenic supplies.

[Rockler Woodworking and Hardware](#)

2553 S Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO
303-782-0588
Home base for wood, tools, and supplies

[Thinker Tinker Workshop](#)

3735 Ames St. Wheat Ridge, CO 80212
303-748-9180
A building and creative space for all ages

[Woodcraft of Colorado](#)

6770 S Peoria Street, Centennial
303-290-0007

Selected Informational Resources for Model Builders

[Model Ship Builder](#)

This website has a popular forum with over 1900 members and an extensive group of building logs. They also sponsor group builds and provide an opportunity for members to place articles. In addition, archived issues of "Warships and Workboats" and "MSB Journal" can be accessed here.

[Ships of Scale](#)

This website provides a forum and build logs from around the world, though it is an English language site headquartered in the USA. It was never associated with the now-defunct *Ships In Scale* magazine (whose intellectual properties were acquired by the Nautical Research Guild).

[Nautical Research Guild](#)

Official website for this premier ship building organization. There are articles, links, and NRG news.

[Model Ship World](#)

This large comprehensive site is now operated by the Nautical Research Guild. It is a major forum with build logs and plenty of responses to modeler's questions. Also access shop notes, tips, techniques, and research.

[John's Nautical & Boatbuilding Page](#)

This site includes mostly life-size boat building material, but its self-proclaimed "Mother of All Maritime Links" can be helpful.

[Bottled Ship Builder](#)

This is a forum that is all about ships in bottles and miniature buildings. There is a lot of information on the site for anyone interested in ships in bottles and miniatures.

[Model Ship Building Secrets](#)

This is an English blog with a directory, "50 of the Best Model Ship Building Sites".

[DeAgostini Model Space](#)

A British commercial site selling kits and tools with a forum filled with build logs of large models.

[Arsenal Modelist](#)

Olivier Bello's ship modeling site features forty-three short tutorials, closeups of his fine work and building logs.

[Wooden Ship Modeling for Dummies](#) (aka Naval Model Making for Dummies)

The site contains illustrated photos (three thousand) and videos (two hundred). However, unless you pay to subscribe, you may only access a limited amount of this instructional material. Those unrestricted tutorials are certainly worth exploring.



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Annual membership includes our world-renowned quarterly magazine, *Nautical Research Journal*, which features photographs and articles on ship model building, naval architecture, merchant and naval ship construction, maritime trade, nautical and maritime history, nautical archaeology and maritime art.

Other benefits include discounts on annual conferences, ship modeling seminars, NRG products and juried model competitions which are offered exclusively to Guild members. We hope you will consider joining our ongoing celebration of model ships and maritime history.

For more information contact us at: www.thenrg.org or call 585 968 8111

