



THE SCUTTLEBUTT

The Scuttlebutt is the official newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Shipwrights. Its objective is to promote, develop and further scale model shipbuilding, as well as study maritime subjects, including art, history and traditions.

August, 2023

Not Too Early to Get Ready for the October Exhibit.

Meeting Information:

Shipwrights meet the THIRD Saturday of every month at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd. Denver. Store opens at 9:00 am and meeting starts at 9:30.

The Next Meeting Will Take Place on August 19, 2023

Ralph Buckwalter will complete his demonstration sw of making grates using his mini table saw.

And remember our Arvada workshop.

It is held at the Arvada City Hall, Police entrance.
The address: 8101 Ralston Road.

This workshop is scheduled for the FIRST Saturday of every month beginning at 9:00 am

Next workshop: September 2, 2023

Officers:

Commodore.....Alice Sampson
Skipper.....Bob Fivehouse
First Mate.....Ralph Buckwalter
Purser.....Steve Lofshult
Clerk.....Jim Cuscaden

Committees:

Library: Bob Bunch
RMS History: Roger Hanson
Mentoring Program: Ralph Buckwalter
Scuttlebutt & Website: Martin Jelsema

Website:

<http://rockymountainshipwrights.org>



No Skipper's Log, But Please Read This Article Anyway

Skipper is spending August on Maine's rocky shores So your editor didn't hound him for a log entry this month because I was pretty sure I knew what he would have written. It was this:

Get your models ready for the October exhibit. It's not too early to decide what you will show and to fill out the entry forms. Remember, the models needn't be recent builds, nor do they need to be complete. Remember most of those attending will find new, old and unfinished models of interest.

You will find the entry form on our website – www.rockymountainshipwrights.org. There's a black menu bar under the top photo. The last entry there says "2023 exhibit entry form". Clicking on that tab will take you to the form. Just fill it out as instructed and scroll to the bottom to find the "Submit" button. That's it.

If you are entering a model you had in the 2019 and/or 2022 exhibits, you only need to fill in your name and the model's name and I'll use the old write ups – unless you want to refresh your old write up. Then fill in as much as you wish. Of course.

Be sure to fill out an entry form for each model you wish to enter. Multiple entries are encouraged.

Contact Martin Jelsema with any questions or concerns at martinjelsema@gmail.com or 303-242-5975.

Martin Jelsema, Editor

Minutes of the July 15, 2023 Meeting

Skipper, Bob Fivehouse called meeting to order at 9:31am. There were 18 members in attendance, including returning member: Scott Shilling

Treasury Report

Purser, Steve Lofshult, stated there was not too much activity. The club received \$24 from last month when a member who was leaving town brought his modeling tools and wood and donated it to the club. Members could "buy" items from his collection. Our savings account earned \$.23 Interest last month.

Old Business

Bob Fivehouse announced the date and agenda for the annual exhibit. The show will be October (20-22nd). Thursday 19th will be set up. The exhibit will be held during Rocker hours on Friday 20th, Sat 21st, Sun 22nd. Entry forms will be accessed from the club's website (www.rockymountainshipwrights.org). Members are encouraged to enter as many models as they care to whether the models are finished or "under construction".

Scanner – Bob looked into 3-D scanners and the cheapest was around \$800. It would be nice to see if someone knew how to use one or has experience with one so we could pick their brain for info.

Ralph Buckwalter knows someone who knows CAD so he is having him make his paddlewheel into a file that can be sliced by a slicing program to generate the file for the 3D printer.

Erik Collett is trying to get info from the library in Louisville about displaying our models there. So far he is not having much luck. He will start looking into the Highlands Ranch library as well. That library is run by the same person who schedules the Lone Tree Library.

New Business

Alice Sampson mentioned that there is a boat show at Grand Lake next weekend if anyone is interested. She also mentioned that she is on the board of the Boat School at Grand Lake and they have just created a new Folk School. This new school will concentrate on presenting different classes from Pottery, Photography, to model ship building. These classes would be paid classes so it is an opportunity for the club to make some money if there was interest.

Don Shattuck said he is using the MatterPort technology in his real estate business to build tours of home interiors to The MatterPort technology could also scan a ship model to make a 3D model. . Don would like some volunteers to see if he can use this technology to create a 3D ship model.

Tim Brown brought up a new series on YouTube on Shipwrecks and asked if we would be interested in seeing one in a presentation. The idea was favorable to the members in attendance.

Show N Tell

Steve Lofshult displayed his Hampton Flatty. Typically built starting in the 1840's from Long Island down to the Carolinas, these boats had a sharp pointed bow and a flat bottom. The rise in popularity of these boats was due to the increase in the demand for shellfish along the East Coast of the US.

The boat was built either by using the standard plank on frame method or they would bent long planks around a "mold" and then add the bottom and the bracing inside. This second method was relatively cheap to build the boat and one could do so for \$150.



This class of boat would eventually evolve into the Skipjack class of boat.

Presentation

Ralph Buckwalter did a demonstration of three different types of miniature saws.

The first saw was owned by Bob Fivehouse and it is a 2" Preac saw with a 1/3 horse power motor.

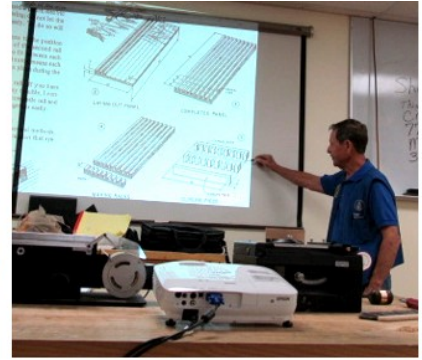
The second saw was the saw owned by the club and it is a Jim Burns saw with a 4" blade and again with a 1/3 horsepower motor.

The final saw was Ralph's own MicroMart saw which has 4" blades and the 1/3 horse power motor.

Ralph then discussed changing the blades on each and how in some cases it is difficult to get to the Allen bolt to release the blade. He also stressed that locking the blade in place was very important while making small cuts and that locking the guides in place while cutting is also important.

He also talked about the differences between a cutting vs slotting blade where the Slotting blade made an even cut while the cutting blade had offset teeth.

He then ended the presentation talking about different methods to make grates. To be continued next month



Respectfully submitted, Rob Cuscaden, Acting Clerk

Shipwright's Workshop August 5, 2023

Summer doldrums and activities affected this month's workshop. But those who attended were glad they did. Only seven members – BUT! Our northern Wyoming member, Tom Scheerer, brought two models down for display at the October exhibit (Ralph volunteered to store them until then).



Steve Lofshult

Ralph Buckwalter



Tom Sheerer



Brian Davies



Martin Jelsema



Tim Brown



Tom Sheerer

Jay Phillips

Robert Schneider Dies

Anyone joining Shipwrights later than 2015 probably never knew Bob Schneider. Bob was a regular at the workshops in the early 2010's. He might have been the first plastic kit modeler at that time. Bob died recently. His family has donated tools and kits to the club. They will be available at the next meeting to anyone who wants them. Donations to there are welcome.

Our sympathies to Bob's family, and our thanks for the donations.

Get Your Gear

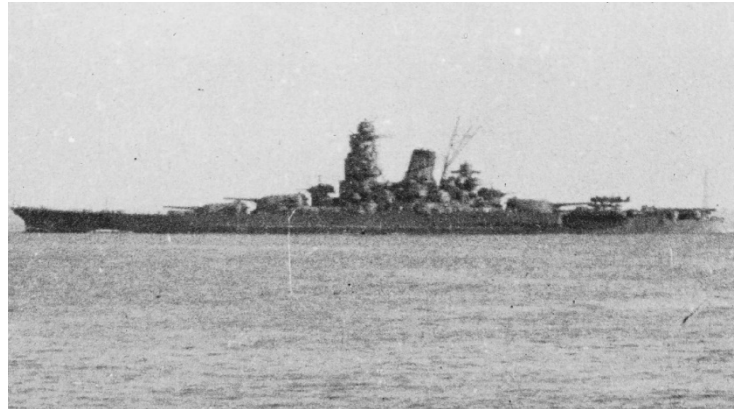
- For polo shirts and vests, ask Steve Lofshult at the next meeting.
- For caps, ask John Lamb at the next meeting. (They are back in stock)
- For name badges, ask Rob Cuscaden at the next meeting.



The Japanese Battleship Musashi , Sister Ship of the Yamaato

In March 2015, following years of meticulous historical research and seafloor terrain analysis, a team led by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen announced that they had found one of the most impressive battleships ever built, the Imperial Japanese Navy's *Musashi*. It had been sunk at the Battle of Leyte Gulf, one of the largest sea battles in history. The complete story can be seen at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_battleship_Musashi



Thanks to Ralph Buckwalter for calling our attention to this story.

Some Paintings By the Marine Artist, Charles Vickery (1913-1998)

The Brigantine Gallery in Downers Grove IL sells his prints, including the ones below from their website:

<http://www.vickeryart.com/vickery/posters/posters.html>



Victory At Trafalgar



Joy of the Lifting Fog



Weather Be Damned



Rouse Simmons

Ten of the Most Famous Women Pirates

The following article is from [10 of the World's Most Famous Female Pirates - WorldAtlas](#)

By definition, a pirate is an individual who commits a robbery or an act of violence by boat or ship on another ship that usually has valuable cargo. Despite being a field dominated by men, there have been some famous women in history who have made their way into the history books. Most female pirates did not go by the designation of “pirate” even though their actions were synonymous to piracy. Some female pirates, such as Anne Bonny and Mary Read, decided to dress up and act like men.

10. Æthelflæd

Also known as the Lady of Mercians, Æthelflæd lived between c. 870 and June 12, 918. Daughter to the king of the kingdom of Wessex (Alfred the Great) and Ealhswith, this woman ruled Mercia from 911 until she passed away. Æthelflæd was born in a time when the vikings were at the height of their attacks on England. In the 890s, Æthelflæd, together with her husband, played a key part in rebuffing viking attacks. After her husband became ill, she assumed most of the leadership roles of running the kingdom.

9. Jeanne De Clisson

Also known as the Lioness of Brittany and Jeanne de Belleville, Jeanne de Clisson was a Breton privateer who lived between 1300 and 1359 and was a pirate for 13 years. Born in Belleville-sur-Vie in the Vendee, this woman plied the waters in the English Channel hunting down French ships with a fleet of three ships that was known as the Black Fleet. Her fleet would murder almost everyone leaving few survivors to spread the news. Initially, her allegiances were French but those changed after the French King murdered her husband.

8. Elise Eskildsdotter

Elise Eskildsdotter was a Norwegian noble who died in 1483. Elise’s parents were Eskild Ågesen (a knight) and Elisabeth Jakobsdatter Hegle. Later on, around 1420, she got married to Olav Nilsson. Her husband was part of Norway’s ruling council that was known as the Riksråd. After his country made peace with the Germans in 1453, he continued attacking their ships against the king’s desires, which was why he was dismissed in the same year. In 1455, he was assassinated together with his son and other people, which led to Elise taking up arms against the German merchants. She was also against Danish rule, causing her to lose her home there.

7. Grace O'Malley

Also known as Gráinne O'Malley, Grace O'Malley was born around c. 1530 and died around c. 1603. As a child, Grace shaved her head and dressed as a boy to sneak aboard her father's ships. Later, Grace took up the position as the lord of the Ó Máille dynasty when her father, Eoghan Dubhdara Ó Máille, passed away. She was an active leader who took over matters to do with both sea and land. Although twice married, Grace was regarded as a Queen with castles, ships, and followers of her own.

6. Sayyida Al Hurra

Born with the name Lalla Aicha bint Ali ibn Rashid al-Alami, Hakimat Titwan, Sayyida al Hurra was a Tétouan queen between 1515 and 1542. In the early stages of the 16th century, she became a pirate queen. Sayyida

lived from 1485 until her death on July 14, 1561. Most historians agree that she is one of the most crucial women in Islamic history. Her pirate life was carried out in the Mediterranean Sea where she had an alliance with the Turkish corsair Barbarossa of Algiers.

5. Jacquotte Delahaye

This woman was a pirate who plied her trade in the Caribbean Sea in the 17th century. Jacquotte is an important figure in history because she was among the few women who carried out piracy at that time. However, some debate still exists over whether or not she existed. The only account of her activities comes from a French fiction writer known as Leon Treich.

4. Anne Bonny

Anne was an Irish pirate who plied the Caribbean. Interestingly, for one of the most famous female pirates in the world, her dates of birth and death are unclear. However, historians estimate that she lived between 1697 and April 1782. What little information we know about her is contained in the book titled "A General History of the Pyrates," which was written by Captain Charles Johnson. Bonny is said to have been born in Old Head of Kinsale in Ireland. She married pirate John "Calico Jack" Rackham and became a member of his crew. Later, she met and befriended Mary Read (see below). In October 1720, she was captured and sentenced to death although her punishment was stayed due to pregnancy. Eventually, she was released after giving birth.

3. Mary Read

Born in 1685, Mary also went by the name Mark Read. Together with Anne Bonny above, these two are arguably the most famous female pirates. Read spent her childhood disguised as a boy working on ships. She married a Flemish soldier and upon his early death, she once again took up her male clothing and headed to the West Indies. When the ship was attacked by pirates, Read willingly joined. She later met Anne Bonny and her husband Calico Jack and the three joined together. The two were later arrested and Mary died on April 28, 1721 while in prison.

2. Ching Shih

Also called Cheng I Sao, Ching Shih was a pirate who once plied the China Sea during the time of the Qing Dynasty in the 19th century. History books state that she was once in command of 300 Chinese ships and a sizeable number of pirates (between 20,000 and 40,000). The pirate army consisted of several kinds of people including men, children, and women. Ching was born in 1775 and died in 1844 at an age of 68 or 69. During her time, she fought major nations like Portugal and England.

1. Charlotte Badger

Charlotte was born in 1778 in Bromsgrove, England and died in 1818 (or after). She was born to Thomas and Anny Badger (a poor family) and was baptized on July 31, 1778. To make ends meet, she used to engage in criminal activities, which was why she was caught and sentenced to seven years' worth of penal servitude in Australia. While in Australia, she and another woman staged a mutiny aboard a ship. She apparently settled in a Maori village in New Zealand with her daughter. She is remembered as being one of the first white women to settle in New Zealand and the first female Australian pirate.

Selected Informational Resources for Model Builders

Modelshipbuilder.com

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. www.modelshipbuilder.com/.

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 now-defuncted *Ships In Scale* magazine (whose intellectual properties were acquired by the Nautical Research Guild). <https://shipsoscale.com/sosforums/>

Nautical Research Guild

Official website for this premier ship building organization. There are articles, links, and NRG news. <http://www.thenrg.org/>

NRG's Model Ship World

This large, comprehensive site is now operated by the Nautical Research Guild. It's a major forum w build logs and plenty of response to modeler's questions. Also access shop notes, tips, techniques and research. <https://modelshipworld.com>

FAQ for Ship Model Builders (by John Kropf) This is a model ship building site which answers all sorts of questions about ship modeling. Many of the links do not work. <http://sites.google.com/site/shipwrightsfaq/>

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. <http://www.boat-links.com/>

Bottled Ship Builder This is a forum that is all about ship in bottle and miniature building. there's a lot of information on the site for any one interested in ships in bottles and miniatures <http://Bottledshipbuilder.com>

Model Ship Building Secrets This is an English blog with a directory , "50 of the Best Model Ship Building Sites" <http://www.modelshipbuildingsecrets.com/resources.html>

Modeler's Central – An Australian commercial site that features a blog with many modeling tips as well. <https://www.modelerscentral.com/>

DeAgostini Model Space A British commercial site selling kits and tools with a forum filled with build logs of large models <http://forum.us.model-space.com/>

Arsenal Modelist – Olivier Bello's ship modeling site featuring 43 short tutorials, closeups of his fine work and a building log. <http://www.arsenal-modelist.com/index.php?page=accueil>

Wooden Ship Modeling for Dummies (aka Naval Model Making for Dummies) contains illustrated photos (3000) and videos (200). However, unless you pay to subscribe, you may only access a limited amount of this instructional material. Those unrestricted tutorials are certainly worth exploring. <https://shipmodeling.ca>



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