



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.

March 2024

In winter, I plot and plan. In spring, I move. Henry Rollins

Meeting Information:

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

The Next Meeting Will Take Place on March 16, 2024

Scott Schilling will lead a discussion on Standing Rigging. The presentation will include diagrams, naming of the stays, and a discussion on ladders.

And remember our Arvada workshop.

The workshop 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: April 6, 2024

Officers:

Commodore..... Bob Fivehouse
Skipper.....Martin Jelsema
First Mate.....Scott Shilling
Purser.....Steve Lofshult
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>

Meet Up Group

<https://www.meetup.com/rocky-mountain-shipwrights/>

Skipper's Log

Hi, Shipwrights:

So, it looks like there will be no diorama being built at the Veteran's Hospital. The Administration liked the idea but were reluctant to attempt to sponsor such a project. But that shouldn't discourage us from thinking "out of the box". Any ideas concerning ship modeling or nautical activities are encouraged.

Now about the April exhibit at Rockler. April 19, 20, 21 are the dates which means beginning setup and delivery of models can start Thursday 4/18 after 4pm. We will also need volunteers to staff the show. Within a few days, I'll send an email that includes the registration forms for model entries and to sign up for stints at setting up, monitoring during the show, and taking it down. Watch for the email and hear more at the March meeting.

Again, I'm encouraging you to bring in models and other items of nautical interest for Show and Tell. And remember, if the stairs at Rockler discourage transporting your model down the stairs, you can take photos and bring them to the meeting via a thumb drive so you can show and tell them via our computer/projector set up.

And just a couple of reminders. If you haven't paid this year's dues yet, please do so by the March meeting. After that date you will be removed from the roster and cease receiving the Scuttlebutt.

If you don't have a name badge yet, please see Rob Cuscaden. He will order yours. There's no charge for new members.

I wish you smooth modeling.

Martin Jelsema, Skipper

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.



Minutes of the February 17, 2024, Meeting

Our Skipper, Martin Jelsema called the meeting to order at 9:37am. Members stood at attention and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 14 in attendance, 2 new members Phil and Jeff, both attended the October show and expressed interest.



February 17th meeting - 14 in attendance, including two new members Phil and Jeff



Hugh Long and new members Phil von der Heydt and Jeff Peterson

Purser's Report – Steve Lofshult



Steve Lofshult gives the Purser's report while Skipper Martin Jelsema looks on

- January interest: \$0.24.
- RMS has \$7,600 between checking and savings.
- Auction payments have been settled.
- The topic arose about getting a better interest rate on RMS's balances.
 - Discussion on our legal form and what we can and cannot do.
 - Jay McKeown will research status and the club's options.

Announcements

- Rob Cuscaden is in charge of name tags.
- RMS still needs a Librarian.
 - **UPDATE** - Jay McKeown has volunteered to be our Librarian.
- Manitowoc WI show coming up May 17-19
 - Ralph Buckwalter is going and offered to take some models with him, if others are interested.
 - RMS sponsors “Modelers Choice” Award annually - \$100 support cost.
 - See below for more information.

RMS Rockler Gift Certificate Drawing – Scott Schilling

Old Business:

- Scott Schilling updated on the VA Diorama Project
 - VA Facilities team was ultimately not in favor of RMS’s idea of a diorama, as it would open up the floodgates for a multitude of other groups. They stated that, for them, it was best to not allow anyone to exhibit.
 - General discussion on options for displays
 - Eric Collett should be included in any plans.
- Martin Jelsema brought up the April 4/19 through 4/21 Rockler exhibit.
 - We need, ships, volunteers to man the exhibit and publicity.

New Business

- Hugh Long brought up a possible avenue for publicity on the website “MeetUp.com”
 - For \$75 to \$80 a year, RMS could advertise meetings and events for anyone looking for “model ship” activities.
 - Jay McKeown motion, Hugh Long second, vote passed.
 - See below for more information.
- There was general discussion on RMS Promotion in general – fliers & cards.
- Martin Jelsema brought up that the RMS website is still down.
 - Website company we paid \$30 a long time ago has been unresponsive.
 - Hugh Long motion, Martin Jelsema second, the vote passed for Rob Cuscaden to look for a hosting site that costs about \$10 a month.
 - Other opportunities for teaching/learning at regular meetings or Arvada Workshop.
 - Scott Schilling and Eric Collett will collaborate for topics/presenters.

Show and Tell



Scott Schilling gave an update on his ZHL San Felipe.



Martin Ters gave an update on his Sultana build



Jay McKeown gave update on his USS Constellation build

Presentations by Fred Bell and Ralph Buckwalter

- Group learned about mini lathe working and lathe replicating tools.



Fred Bell and Ralph Buckwalter demo two different mini-lathes



We Need More Models for the April Exhibit!!

As announced in January's Scuttlebutt, we are holding another exhibit, this one in April, from the 19th to the 21st.

We need models!

If you are planning to display one or more of your models – finished or under construction- please register it/them as soon as possible. The registration form will be sent out separately from this issue of the Scuttlebutt.

Exhibit Background and Information

Members will need to identify their model(s) for display. There is no limit to the number of models a member can place in the show. "Under construction" models are encouraged as well as any completed models that have been on display at previous shows. The room will hold a total of 50 models. Please complete a separate form for each model you plan on displaying. Keep an eye out for an email from martinjelsema@gmail.com and return completed forms to our Skipper. He will then format them and have them printed prior to the show. The show will take place in the basement of Rockler. It will be open to the public from Friday morning through Sunday afternoon, April 19th through 21st.

At the March meeting and April workshop, flyers will be available for members to distribute to hobby shops, libraries, club houses in developments and apartment complexes. Rocky Mountain Shipwrights will contact various event directories on the Internet as well as the appropriate social media and local TV stations and news outlets. (We still need a member to become the club's publicist.)

Exhibit set up (setting up, arranging tables, and placing covers on them) takes place on Thursday afternoon. The blue cloth covers are stored in our gear cabinet, as are all the items to populate the “greeters” desk. We will need four or five members to help with this from 4pm to 5pm.

The “greeters” station will be set up at the bottom of the stairs. On the desk will be the following:

- A fishbowl for donations
- A clicker tool for counting visitors and paper to record the end of day results.
- Meeting information cards
- New member applications and recruitment signage
- Ballots for “Members Choice Award” and a ballot box.

During the exhibit at least two member volunteers are needed to be on hand to greet visitors, answer questions, and provide membership information. Additional greeters are welcome. There are three shifts on Friday and Saturday and two on Sunday. A schedule will be passed around at the March meeting and April workshop, and through the April Scuttlebutt.

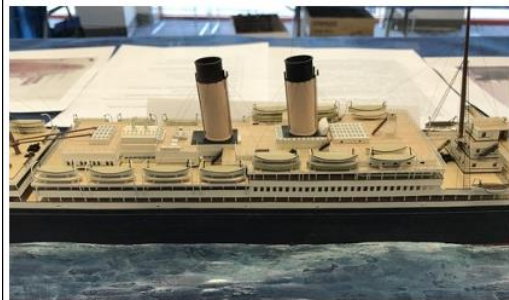
On Sunday afternoon, Rockler closes at 4:00pm, therefore, our exhibit will begin shutting down around 3:30. Members can begin to pick up their models at that point. Again, volunteers will be needed to remove the blue covers and fold up tables. It is OK for you to leave your model(s) overnight if a Sunday night removal is not possible. Once the clean-up is completed, the Modeler’s Choice winners will be announced. Then we will retire to a to-be-announced pizza joint to celebrate another successful exhibit.

If you have a model that is difficult to transport to Rockler, contact the Skipper to arrange transport.

Manitowoc Ship Model Contest

The 46th Annual Midwestern Model Ships & Boats Contest & Display is fast approaching. It is from May 17th through the 19th in Manitowoc WI. Please see [Manitowoc Model Ship Contest](#) (or ask Ralph Buckwalter) for more information.

Last year Ralph and Bruce Bollenbach attended, and Ralph won a Silver medal for his Volunte, while Bob Fivehouse’s Adriatic won a Gold medal. Our club sponsors the annual “Modeler’s Choice” award which was won last year by Gary Kosiork for his 3-foot model of the USS Hornet.



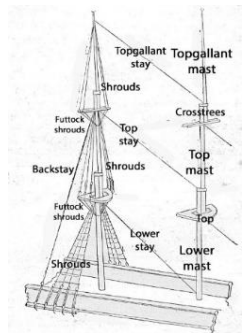
Bob Fivehouse’s Gold winning scratch-built Adriatic



Ralph Buckwalter’s Volute won a Silver

March’s Meeting Presentation

Join us at Rockler’s on Saturday March 16th for a presentation by Scott Schilling on Standing Rigging. The presentation will include diagrams, naming of the stays, and a discussion on ladders.



Shipwright's Workshop March 2, 2024

Saturday was a great Colorado day, and the attendance of the workshop reflected it. Eleven members plus Carol Phillips from the women's auxiliary.

Attendees: Ralph Buckwalter, Brian Davies, Martin Jelsema, Steve Lofshult, Hugh Long, Jay Phillips, Jim and Rob Cuscaden, Charlie Krinsky, and Erik Collett plus Carol.



Charlie Krinsky is working on the Club's group build; a small-scale, knock-off version of a schooner named the Harvey.



Brian Davies working on a scratch-build of the 20-gun brig Eagle.

Hugh Long used his time at the workshop to draw the waterline on his Bluenose.



MeetUp.com

At the 2/17 meeting I was talking to Phil, a new member, and asked him how he found us. He said that during COVID, a friend of his gave him one of our cards and now a couple of years later, he thought he'd give us a try.

My story is similar but instead of a card, I called Rockler as I had been to one of the RMSW's shows over 20 years ago Don't forget we're having another show this April. The Rockler employee gave me enough info to track down the club.

Both of these stories make me believe that there are probably a number of modelers in the Denver area that don't know that we exist. Word of mouth is great but there has to be another way. That got me thinking about Meetup.com.

For those that don't know what Meetup is, it is an online platform for hosting and organizing in-person or virtual activities, gatherings, and events based on interests, hobbies, and professions.

It's free to join, and I've been a member for years. I feel it's a safe way to find activities that I enjoy. I even use it while I'm in Mexico. After discussing it during the meeting, I was given the go-ahead to set up the club in meetup and add our events.

To find us, go to www.meetup.com, and search for Rocky Mountain Shipwrights or go to <https://www.meetup.com/rocky-mountain-shipwrights/>.

The screenshot shows the Meetup group page for "Rocky Mountain Shipwrights". At the top, there is a search bar with "Search events" and a location filter set to "Denver, CO". The group's profile picture is a large wooden model of a three-masted sailing ship. To the right of the photo, the group name "Rocky Mountain Shipwrights" is displayed, along with the location "Denver, CO, USA", "3 members · Public group", and "Organized by hugh". There are buttons for "Edit group info" and "Share" with social media icons. Below the profile information, there are tabs for "About", "Events", "Members", "Photos", "Discussions", and "More". A "Create event" button and a "Manage group" dropdown are also visible. The "About" section is expanded, showing the text: "What we're about: Welcome to Rocky Mountain Shipwrights Meetup! Our group is dedicated to bringing together hobbyists and enthusiasts to promote, develop, and further scale model shipbuilding. We build many types and sizes of model ships - from Egyptian barges to WWII destroyers, from ships in bottles to all-paper models, and from miniature liners to four-foot men of war. Whether you're a seasoned boatbuilder or just starting out, join us for meetups, workshops, and events where you can connect with like-minded individuals and share your love for all things nautical. Let's set sail on this exciting journey together!". The "Organizer" section shows a profile for "hugh" with a "Message" button. The "Members (3)" section shows a profile for "hugh" and two other members.

You'll find links to our meetings and workshops and have the ability to RSVP and download them to your calendar. Our next event is for the 3/16 meeting.

The screenshot shows two upcoming events for the Rocky Mountain Shipwrights group. The first event is "Rocky Mountain Shipwrights - Monthly Meeting" on "SAT, MAR 16, 2024, 9:30 AM MDT" at "Rockler Woodworking and Hardware - Denver, Denver, CO". It has 1 attendee and a "You're going!" button. The second event is "Rocky Mountain Shipwrights - Monthly Workshop" on "SAT, APR 6, 2024, 9:00 AM MDT" at "Arvada Police Department, Arvada, CO". It also has 1 attendee and a "You're going!" button. Both event cards include a "Manage" dropdown and a "See all" link.

Meetup currently doesn't have a good tag for what we do but if you search for modeling, hobbies, crafts, or woodworking, you'll find us. I've requested "model building" be added to their list of tags/topics. Let me know if you have other meetup tag/topic ideas and I'll request they be added to help others find us. I've included "Modelling" in our group interests which sounds accurate BUT their modelling is about being in front of a camera or on the catwalk...

Our group has only been active a very short time, but we've already attracted 2 people to join the group.

Rockler Guild Discounts

All guild discounts were reset on Monday, March 4th. For those members with guild memberships, please present your proof of active guild membership for your discount to be re-activated onto your account.

Rockler associates have been instructed to only apply the guild memberships back onto the accounts of those members who present their cards. Once you do this – guild membership discounts will be saved onto your account and active throughout the rest of the year.

Ship Model Society of New Jersey Book Sale

Commodore Bob Fivehouse recently received an email from the Ship Model Society of New Jersey (SMSNJ) asking us to let our members know of their book sale.

One of their early members, Charlie Cozworth moved to Pennsylvania and is in the process of downsizing his collection of Ship Model and Nautical reference books. He is an excellent modeler and several of his scratch-built models are in museums in Houston, Texas. Below is a list of his books that are for sale. The list includes costs and instructions for payment etc.

And while you're at it, take a look at their [website](#) too.

- 1) Please contact me at ccozewith@gmail.com if you would like to purchase a book or need more information.
- 2) Book condition ranges from very good to like new. Contact me if you need specifics.
- 3) Photos of book covers and a summary of contents for almost all of the books listed below can be found by typing the title into the search box at amazon.com
- 4) Total cost of all books is priced less than the lowest price I could find on the internet
- 5) Shipping in U.S. only.
- 6) Payment by check only.

Title	Author	Book Price	Shipping	Total Cost
American Small Sailing Craft	Chapelle, Howard	20	5	25
Atlantic Sail	Morris, Roger	10	6	16
Before the Ironclads	Brown, D.	6	6	12
China Tea Clippers	Campbell, George	5	5	10
Cogs, Caravels, and Galleons	Gardiner, Robert	25	6	31
Fast Sailing Ships	MacGregor, David	15	6	21
French Warships in the Age of Sail	Winfield, Rif and Roberts, S.	20	7	27
Galleons and Galleys	Guilmartin, John	4	6	10
HMS Trincomalee (paperback)	Davies, W. and Mudie, M.	5	5	10
HMS Warrior	Lambert, Andrew	10	6	16
Merchant Sailing Ships	MacGregor, David	6	6	12
Pacific Sail	Morris, Roger	6	6	12
Prisoner of War Ship Models	Freeston, Ewart	6	6	12
Rigging Period Ship Models	Petersson, Lennarth	25	5	30
Ships and Shipping in Medieval Manuscripts	Flatman, Joe	9	6	15
Ships of the American Revolution and Their Models	Hahn, Harold	4	5	9
Spars and Rigging (paperback)	Murphy, John & Jeffers, W.	4	5	9
The Building of Boats	Birt, Douglas	4	6	10
The Colonial Schooner	Hahn, Harold	5	5	10
The Earliest Ships	Gardiner, Robert	7	6	13
The Hermoine	de Fontainieu	15	6	21
The Heyday of Sail	Gardiner, Robert	15	6	21
The Line of Battle	Gardiner, Robert	4	6	10
The Marine Art of Geoff Hunt	Geoff Hunt	7	6	13

The Mastng and Rigging of English Ship of War 1625-1860	Lees, James	45	6	51
The Naval War of 1812	Gardiner, Robert	4	6	10
The Sloop of War 1650-1763	McLaughlan, Ian	20	6	26
The Story of Sail	Laszlo, V. and Woodman, R.	8	7	15
The Whale Boat (paperback)	Ansel, Willets	8	5	13
Tidewater Triumph	G.M. Footner	7	6	13
Voyages	Miller, Gordon	5	6	11
Anatomy of a Ship Series				
CSS Alabama	Bowcock, Andrew	70	6	76
Endeavour (German Text)	Marquardt, K.H.	40	5	45
The 74 Gun Ship Bellona	Lavery, Brian	25	5	30
Bounty (German text)	McKay, John	25	5	30
The Frigate Diana	White, David	35	5	40
The Royal Yacht Caroline	Bellabarba, S. and Osculati, G.	30	5	35
The Schooner Bertha L. Downs	Greenhill, B. and Manning, L.	15	5	20
Tudor Warship Mary Rose (paperback)	McElvogue, Douglas	12	5	17
The Hudson's Bay Company Steamship Beaver (book only)	John McKay	7	5	12

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 1st list is of selected on-line suppliers. The 2nd list is of local suppliers of goods and services that could be of value to ship modelers. And the 3rd list is of additional resources. **All of these lists can be thought of as incomplete.** If you have discovered others, please email them to me at hlong222@comcast.net and I'll add them 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

[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, good 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' Wood Center](#)

Wood veneers plus Rockler-like tools and supplies.

[National Balsa](#)

Wood supplier, airplane centric but good stock of dimensional strips, sheets, and large 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

[J.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

<https://www.abcimaging.com/denver>

Large & small format copying, B&W printing

Art Parts Creative Resource Center

3080 Valmont Road, Boulder
720-379-5328

<https://www.artpartsboulder.org/>

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

<https://austinhardwoods.com/>

Colpar/Hobbytown – two locations

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

<https://www.hobbytown.com/aurora-co/l45>

3355 S Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO
303-988-5157

<https://www.hobbytown.com/lakewood-co/l44>

Good local hobby shops, some wood ship kits, lots of supplies and tools.

Guiry's

Multiple locations
303-412-6522

<https://www.guirys.com>

Art supplies and house paints

Hobby Lobby

Multiple locations

<https://www.hobbylobby.com/>

Arts and craft supplies

Laird Plastics

10004 E 45th Ave, Denver, CO
866-292-9090

<https://lairdplastics.com/denver/>

For plastic case covers ask for Tom

Meininger Art Supply

499 Broadway, Denver
303-698-3838

<https://www.meininger.com/denver-location/>

Paints, brushes, tools, papers and more

Michael's

Multiple locations

<https://www.michaels.com/>

Arts and crafts supplies

Plasticare

4211 S Natches Ct Suite K, Englewood, CO
303-781-1171

<https://www.plasticareinc.com/>

Plastic supplier/resin with customer shop. can do acrylic fabrication & laser engraving.

Reynolds Advanced Materials

3920 Grape Street, Denver
303-399-0202

<https://www.reynoldsam.com/denver/>

Clays, resins, silicone and lots more

Rocky Mountain Train Supply

6060A W 55th Ave, Arvada, CO
303-456-6702

<https://rockymountaintrainsupply.com/>

Only train shop in Denver, good selection of supplies, strip wood, details, scenic supplies.

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

2553 S Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO
303-782-0588

<https://www.rockler.com/denver-store>

Home base for wood, tools and supplies

Woodcraft of Colorado

6770 S Peoria Street, Centennial
303-290-0007

<https://www.woodcraft.com/>

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’s a major forum w build logs and plenty of response 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 building. there's 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 43 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 (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.



THE NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD

“ADVANCING SHIP MODELING THROUGH RESEARCH”

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

