

# CAROLINA MARITIME MODEL SOCIETY

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## **DECEMBER MEETING**

The December 3rd meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm, in the museum auditorium, with President Jim Brode presiding. Twenty-two members and four guests were present.

### **Results of Club Elections at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting**

Club Officer Elections were held at the December meeting. President Jim Brode and Vice-President Andy Fulcher were re-elected, by acclamation, for the 2017 calendar year. Congratulations to Jim and Andy and thanks for leading the club in 2017!

### **Annual Club Auction at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting**

The annual auction brought in \$101.00 for the club treasury. Thanks to everyone that brought in items for this event. Once again, we had a very nice selection of kit models, tools, books and magazines for participants to bid on. A big thanks to Andy Fulcher for stepping in to be our auctioneer as John Tilley was taken ill. We also wish a speedy recovery to John and hope he'll be with us at the next meeting!

### **Show and Tell**

Jim Gnozzio brought in his scratch built model of a 1950's head boat named *Captain Johnny*. The original boat was 75' LOA and Jim and his Dad would go fishing on the boat a lot of Sunday's when he was a boy. Jim said that his Mother demanded that he go to church before going fishing and his Dad would stop the car in front of the church and Jim would run up and touch the door and then they would go fishing!

Mike McCulley had on hand his Model Shipways kit model of the privateer *Rattlesnake*. The model is plank on bulkhead with a LOA of 28" and the scale is 1/64. The original was built in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1780 and was armed with twenty 6 pound cannons. On her first voyage she captured over a million dollars' worth of British goods. But, the HMS *Assurance* captured the vessel in 1783 and it was taken to England and into service in the British Navy and renamed *Commorant*. The next year she was renamed *Rattlesnake* when it was discovered the British Navy already had a *Commorant*.

Hank Strub brought in his 1/200 scale Trumpeteer model of the Iowa class battleship USS *Missouri* that Hank built as the USS *New Jersey* as it was outfitted during the Vietnam War. There were four of the Iowa class of Battleship that were built and all started out the same and then diverged over the years. Hank has scratch built everything from the 01 deck up and has been working on it for about a year to get it as it was during the Vietnam era. Hank said he has done a lot of research due to access on the Internet. Hank also recommended The Maryland Silver Company that has lots of Naval books and plans. Check out their website at: [marylandsilver.com](http://marylandsilver.com) or snail mail: PO Box 581, Craigsville, WV 26205

Andy Fulcher had on hand the model of the 23' Continental Chris Craft that he is finishing for a client. Andy says that "skill level and ambition are directly divergent" for him with this model. Once he had taken care of all the mistakes that were accomplished by the client he is finishing the model for he is now making his own mistakes! Andy had to rip out part of the bottom of the model at the bow since he did not read the directions that said not to fill in that area until a later point. To refill that area he used Balsa wood blocks even though it isn't the best to work with. Soon he will be removing the model from the building frame and will video it and make it available for viewing by club members. Andy said the original time frame to be done by Christmas of 2016 isn't going to happen and is now looking for some time in 2017 for completion. He is building it as he would like to have it done in case the client doesn't want to pay up and it ends up in Andy's collection of models.

Bob Hoernke brought it some "big boat" parts that he is working on for a T3 Tanker model that he is building and in the hull he has drilled eighty-seven holes to accommodate these parts. Bob also had a R/C model of a 1943 steam tug that was used in the shipyard that his Dad worked in. This type of tug was used to haul caissons from Phoenix, England. Bob hopes to have the tug completed and in working R/C order for the Model Expo, at the Wooden Boat Show, this coming May.

Bill Mitchell told us about the restoration he did on a model of the 1837 side wheeler SS *Sirius*, the first ship to travel across the Atlantic Ocean under steam power alone. The 1939 film "Rulers of the Sea" tell the story of early steam powered travel across the north Atlantic. The SS *Sirius* was also featured on the cover of Model Boats, in April 1978. Bill said that he had to do a lot of cleaning and some repair. The model was then donated to a Museum that deals with stamp collecting. Bill had on hand his Model Shipways kit model of the 1:24 scale 21ft English Pinnace. The model is plank on frame construction and was designed by Chuck Passaro. Bill said that English warships carried these small boats as a ship to shore craft for the Captains and that the individual Captains paid for construction and decoration. Bill made a small case for the completed model out of doll house framing and liked this model as it had no rigging. Bill also brought in his Model Shipways kit model of the 1:16 scale New Bedford whaleboat. This kit is also plank on frame construction. Between 1720 and 1920 over 60,000 whaleboats were built and used for the American whaling industry.

Richard Presley brought in his latest scratch-built whaleboat model. The model is very detailed with all the appropriate rigging and gear that would have been found on a full-sized whaleboat, right down to the little compass, oarsman shotgun, lanterns and knives that would have been used to cut

lines to get clear of a whale if needed. Richard has so far built fifteen whaleboat models of different sizes and scale and all have been as accurate as possible. Richard said that an invaluable asset in doing his model work has been the book, *To Build a Whaleboat* by Eric A.R. Romberg, Jr.

Glenn Darst had on hand his scratch built fishing boat model *Three Boys* based on a fishing boat he fished on as a boy. Glenn used pictures of the actual boat to build the model and that boat was used until 1950. The boat's hull number will be the combined birthdates of Glenn's three sons. The hull of the boat is mahogany. Glenn ordered scale fishing rods for the model from miniatures.com the web site for Hobby Builders Supply. Their phone number is: 1.800.926.6464 and snail mail address is: 2388 Pleasantdale RD; Atlanta, GA 30340.

### **WW I Submarine Model Being built in Watercraft Center**

Jim Brode is currently building a 1:24 scale model of the WW I U-boat that came to the east coast of the United States in 1918 and sank the Diamond Shoals lightship (LV-71). The remains of the lightship were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2015. The model that Jim is building, as well as a model of the lightship, will be displayed together at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Cape Hatteras, installation is expected during the spring of 2018. Jim frequently works on the model early mornings at the Watercraft Center. The U-boat model is directly in front of the visitor's gallery on the Watercraft Center work floor.

### **Model of the Month**

Mike McCulley's United States Brig *Niagara* is the current "Model of the Month". She was built in 1813, is a wooden-hulled snow brig and was the flagship of Oliver Hazard Perry in the Battle of Lake Erie. The *Niagara* is one of the last remaining ships from the War of 1812 and is normally docked behind the Erie Maritime Museum in Erie, Pennsylvania.

### **Bring A Model and A Friend to The Next Meeting!**

If you haven't been to a meeting before, or if you haven't been in a while, try to come to the next meeting on May 21 and bring a model! It can be a model in any phase of construction or one that has been finished and sitting on the fireplace mantle for years. Bring it in, have it photographed, and tell the members about it.

If anyone has a friend, relative, or acquaintance interested in modeling please let him or her know about the club or, better yet, bring them to the next meeting. Join the Friends of the Museum at any level and become a member of CMMS for an additional \$5.00.

Remember that the Carolina Maritime Model Society *is* its membership!

### **Meeting Schedule**

CMMS meets eight times a year at 2:00 p.m. on the last Saturday of the month, with certain exceptions. Meeting schedule for 2017: January 28, February 25, March 25, April 29, May 20, September 30, October 28, and December 2 (combined November and December meeting).



Figure 1: Fishing boat hull built by Jim Gnozzio (photo courtesy Bill Mitchell)



Figure 2: USS New Jersey (BB-62) built by Hank Strub (photo courtesy Bill Mitchell)



Figure 3: Whaleboat built by Richard Presley (photo courtesy Bill Mitchell)



Figure 4: Items donated for Club Auction 2016 (photo courtesy Bill Mitchell)



Figure 5: Chris Craft Hull rebuilt by Andy Fulcher (photo courtesy Bill Mitchell)



Figure 6: Three Boys model built by Glenn Darst (photo courtesy Bill Mitchell)



*Figure 7: Rattlesnake model built by Mike McCulley (photo courtesy Bill Mitchell)*