

Connecticut Marine Model Society

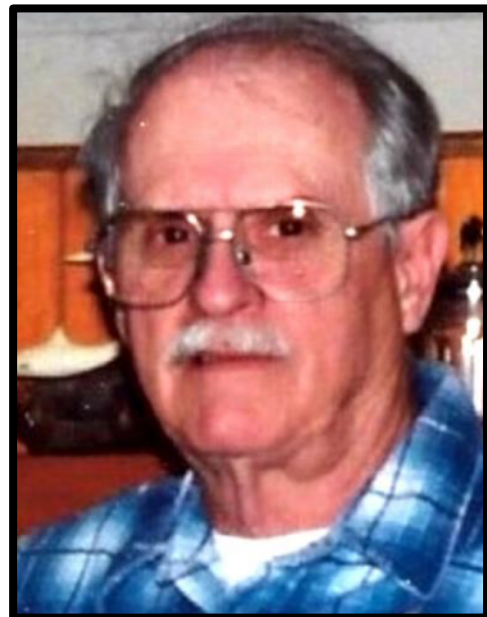


April 15, 2022 Newsletter



Dick DeWick passed away on March 24, 2023 at the age of 96. He was one of the founding members - over 50 years ago - of the Connecticut Marine Model Society, now the oldest marine modeling club in New England, and he remained active until just before his death. Dick had a passion for sailing that began when he was a young boy and worked on his family's commercial schooners, *Ellie* and *J. Loyd Hawkridge*. He also owned a 48' schooner named *Starlight* at one point. At club meetings Dick would add his wealth of first hand knowledge to discussions and also regale us with his personal experience adding to everyone's enjoyment of our shared passion. Our club was enriched by his presence and his contributions, and he will be greatly missed.

IN MEMORIAM



Richard 'Dick' DeWick
Jan 15, 1927 - Mar 24, 2023

Minutes

April 15, 2023 meeting of CMMS was held at the Christ and the Epiphany Church in East Haven from 10 am to 12 pm. Eighteen members were present. President Fred Kerson presented the Wiser Award to Mike Jantsch. Vice-President James McGuffick announced that our June 10th meeting will be held at the Twin Pines Restaurant & Diner in East Haven, in the same room as before. Please bring you models through the back door, we will have signage. Members who paid \$40 for the Joint Conference using the original form before a corrected version was issued raising the fee to \$45, can pay the additional \$5 in cash at the entry table at the conference.

Officers

President: Fred Kerson

Vice-President: Jame McGuffick

Treasurer: James McGuffick

Secretary: Mike Jantsch



Ed Petrucci gave a demonstration of his process for making sails using two-ply Silkspan. Ed applies white Elmer's Glue using a glass surface to laminate the two sheets of Silkspan to assure smooth, flat sails. Stitching is simulated with pencil and he uses patterns for shaping his sails,



trimming with a razor blade. He brought in two examples of sails he made that were mounted on his models of *America* and *Phantom*.



Eric Hirsh showed his in-progress build of an HO scale double hulled steam boat active on the Missouri River from 1867- 1882. This remarkable ship had two hulls, each with a separate steam engine and an independent paddle wheel. Eric created his plans from four photographs.

Howard Williams returned with his model of the *Santa Maria* - Columbus' flag ship of his 1492 voyage - now complete with mounted sails. Howard presented his build of this iconic 1:64 scale, 1970 Scientific Model Kit at our March meeting and noted that he was planning on adding sails that came with the kit. Last month he pointed out figures he added to give his model human context. The added sails definitely add a dynamic feeling to his model giving it a sense of movement and with the figures a sense of life. Figures and sails seem to open a window to the imagination.

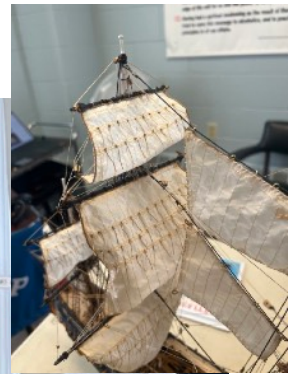
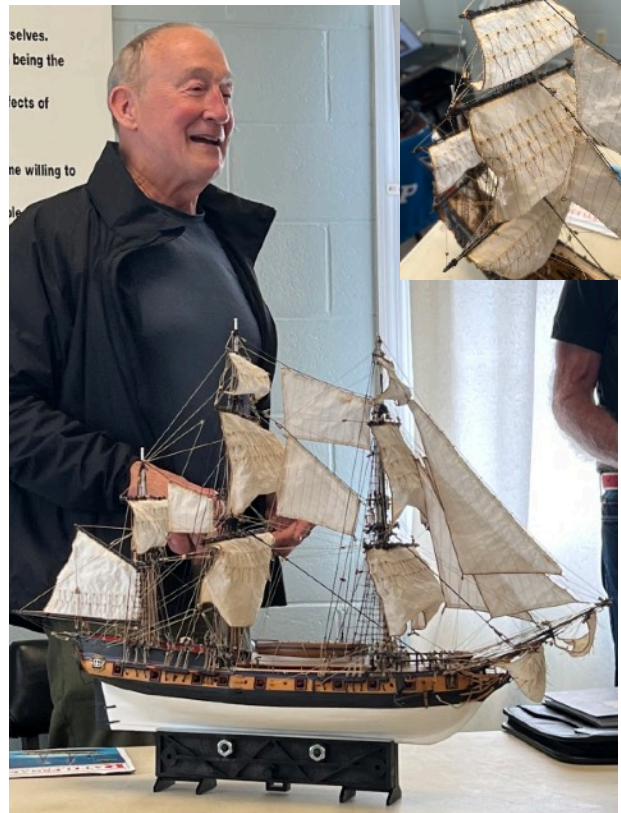




Fred Kerson presented his 1/24 scale Model Shipways model of the U.S. Navy steam launch of 1864 *Picket Boat Number One*. This small vessel used a spar torpedo to sink the Confederate ironclad *Albemarle* in a daring and famous attack at Plymouth, NC. Fred was aided in his construction by Duff Griffith when he was still alive. The planking with its unique weathering is clearly recognizable as Fred's special contribution! Also, Fred creatively added a field artillery piece to augment the launch's fire power.



Jon Meiers brought his beautifully detailed *Rattlesnake* back to show her in full sail capping off our meeting that seemed to focus on sails - completely unplanned! At the last meeting Jon spoke about how he and his wife were collaborating on making and mounting these sails. Today we were able to see the results of that collaboration. It is notable that Jon has been very careful to make his sails with lines that are placed true to their function. This assures that when one looks at a sail and its lines on his *Rattlesnake* one can be certain that each line would be able to function as intended on the actually ship. Not an easy thing to do on a fully rigged brig!





Paul Goldberg showed the progress he's made on his *H.M.S. Royal William*, a Euromodel Kit (1/72 scale) of this 18th century First Rate iconic English warship. Paul is building her as an Admiralty style model revealing her framing. The scroll work is cast requiring careful painting and assembly. Paul has reached the point where he is ready to build the masts and do the rigging. The model is quite large and when finished will be over a meter in length and nearly a meter in height! When examined closely it is possible to really appreciate Paul's extraordinary workmanship and attention to every detail! Given her weight and size, transporting her to our meetings will become risky and difficult so it was a wonderful opportunity to see this outstanding model. Paul noted that he hopes to have her finished by next years Joint Conference. Can't wait to see that!



Next Regular CMMS Meeting

Saturday May 13, 2023
10 am to 12 pm

Christ and the Epiphany Church
East Haven

Saturday, April 29th



The New York Shipcraft Guild

IS PROUD TO HOST THE
40TH ANNUAL NORTHEAST JOINT CLUBS

SHIP MODEL CONFERENCE AND SHOW

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

7:30 am:	Host club (only) and Vendor Set-up
8:30	Registration opens, Model display set-up
9:00	Breakfast opens, People's Choice voting begins
10:00	First Table Top Demonstration session
11:00	Second Table Top Demonstration session
11:00	Club Officers Meeting
12:00 pm	Buffet Lunch opens.
12:30	People's Choice Awards voting closes.
1:30	Memoriam for those who have passed over the bar
1:35	Conference History and Longest Attendee award
2:00	Speaker: Kroum Batchvarov, marine archaeologist 'Shipwrecks of the Black Sea, 500BC to the 1600s)
3:00	Awards Ceremonies and Raffle drawing
3:30	Breakdown