



## Minutes

President James McGuffick called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. There were 20 attendees including Kurt Tiefenthaler, a modeler introduced by Justin Camarata. James informed the membership that he had to leave early, and that VP Tom Szabo would take over. There was no "Zoom" at this meeting.

The Annual Northeast Ship Model Conference was discussed. The Peoples Choice Award (PCA) , will be continued and will be given in 3 categories with one winner per category. Those categories are Power, Sail and Other. Bob Siegler raised the possibility of having a Modelers' Choice Award. He suggested this award should be voted on strictly by participating club members and/or attending modelers. No decision was made. It was agreed that ballots need to be strictly tabulated to avoid any "issues" that have arisen in the past. Several other topics were discussed including giving Junior Awards to those under the age of 12. It was agreed that the entrance fee for attendees at the April, 2024 conference will be held at \$45.00/person for attendees, \$10.00 for general public admission, and no charge for those under 12. Model entry information will be entered on a separate page as in the past with the standard instructions. Various workshop suggestions were discussed. It was decided workshops should be scheduled to prevent one from overlapping another as has happened before. Both front and rear entrances to the "Port and Starboard" will be covered to ensure entry fees are collected. Raffle prizes were discussed, but no decision was made. James informed us that Nick from Blue Jacket Models will be the speaker at the conference. It was agreed upon by all that speakers should be limited to 30 minutes. Membership dues of \$25.00 will be due at the next meeting. Anyone not paying up will be **keel hauled!**

The December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a breakfast meeting at Twin Pines Diner.

Vice President Tom Szabo took over the meeting at 11:30. The meeting was closed at 11:50.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rick Abramson, Secretary

### Officers

President/Treas.: James McGuffick

Vice-President: Tom Szabo

Secretary: Rick Abramson

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**F**red Kerson brought in his 1/64 scale Victory Model kit of the HMS Fly just recently begun and now under active construction. Fred is currently working on the deck and framing. Time of construction to date, is only 18 days!

**J**on Meiers showed his Dutch sloop *Gunboat Number 2* that he is building. It is a Mantua kit at 1:43 scale. During the 1830's, Belgians revolted against King William of the Netherlands who deployed naval forces, including gunboats, to stop the rebellion. Lt. Jan Van Speijk commanded gunboat number 2 and patrolled the Scheldt River near Antwerp stopping and inspecting vessels leaving and entering the Port of Antwerp. Jon told us the story of

Van Speijk blowing-up and sinking his ship in a last-ditch effort to defeat a Belgian boarding party on February 5, 1831. Needless to say, a very unique looking model.



**R**ick Abramson presented two models, a.) Robert Fulton's 1802 steamboat Clermont, and b.) the USS



Thresher. The Clermont model was built from a 1960 ITC kit in 1:87 scale. It sold then for the outrageous" price of \$1.98! Rick purchased the model in 1978 and figured it was time to build it. The biggest challenge was determining what were the colors of the original Clermont. No photos exist of it, so he looked the model up on the web and found several models painted differently. Rick settled on this particular scheme “ *'cause it looked good! Besides, who's going to say it's wrong??* “

Rick airbrushed his model using Trucolor and Floquil paints.



The USS Thresher SSN 593, is a Blue Water Model 1:350 scale, cast in resin with plastic diving planes and rudders. The prop is photo etched. The USS Thresher was the lead boat of a new, super-sophisticated class of

fast attack boats. Tragically the Thresher was lost with all hands in April, 1963 off Portsmouth, NH in 8,400 feet of water due to the failure of a weld in a pipe between the outer and pressure hulls. After her loss, Adm. Hyman Rickover initiated the "Sub Safe" policy to be sure this would never happen again. Rick's Model was airbrushed with Trucolor paints



**H**oward Miller demonstrated his model of a carfloat, in HO scale. Carfloats were used extensively in New York Harbor by numerous railroads such as the New Haven, Pennsylvania, New York Central, Reading, etc. The floats were moved around by railroad owned tugs.



With the demise of industry and shifts in rail traffic patterns, all of these operations in NY Harbor are gone except for the NY Cross Harbor RR which is now the NY-NJ RR. The floating is between Bayonne, NJ and Brooklyn, NY.

Howard scratch-built his carfloat model from plywood, adding tracks and placing cars on it. He said he displays it on a shelf. Guess not enough water in his house to float it.

**E**d Petrucci showed us his scratch-built Santa Maria.

Needless to say, another outstanding model by Ed. His 1:96 scale model was built in 1990. Ed Used Marine



Models plans to construct the model. Ed made the sails from cloth and decorated them accordingly. I believe we all know the story of the Santa Maria.



**K**aj Gartz discussed his 3D printed stern section in 1:125 scale of the US Coast Guard ice-breaker Storis. Should be interesting to see how he makes the rest of the hull.

Hope we get to see his progress on this unique model.



## **Next meeting CMMS Meeting**

**November 11, 2023**

**at**

**Christ and the Epiphany Church,**

**East Haven**

**from**

**10 am to 12 pm**