



Connecticut Marine Model Society



THE BINNACLE



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To all, welcome to the first issue of **THE BINNACLE**, the new name for our newsletter. We have VP Tom Szabo to thank for our new name. Tom had suggested “The Binnacle” or “The Head”! It was decided The Binnacle would be more fitting. Thank you Tom.

Our Captain, James McGuffick called the crew to order at 1020 which included all on deck and via Zoom. Thank you to Dave Dinan who completed all the necessary registration forms for the conference in April. James will be seeking to find more vendors for the conference at the Port and Starboard on April 27. We gave a heartfelt thank you card to the Church for letting us to continue “docking there” along with increasing our donation to them.

Our guest speaker at the conference will be Club member Nick Damuck from Blue Jacket. He will discuss how they go about developing new model kits. As far as workshops for the conference, Rick Abramson will be presenting how he modified his 1/350 scale Trumpeter USS Arizona (BB-39) utilizing over 200 photo etched parts. . .not to worry, it won't be piece by piece. We are open to anyone who would like to put on a workshop. If you would like to do so, please contact James as early as possible.

Rick Abramson,
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PAUL GOLDBERG: The **Royal Yacht Duchess of Kingston** kit in 1/64 scale by Vanguard Models. Paul indicated there are 250 steps to construct this plank on bulkhead model. Paul attended the meeting via Zoom.



JOHN ELWOOD: Scratch-built model by Lou Chagnon of **CG-36418** a 36 foot USCG rescue craft. It is an identical model of the CG-36500 which played an incredible role in the rescue of 30+ survivors from the tanker Pendleton which broke in half and sank off Chatham, MA in a vicious winter storm in 1952. The 36500 was designed to carry 12! To date, it is considered by many to be the greatest rescue in USCG history.



AL SAUBERMANN: The **James A. Miller** in 1/192 scale, was a 3 masted schooner built in Essex, CT in 1854 on the Connecticut River.

The copper bottom plating will be all individual plates. . . .have fun Al!



RICK ABRAMSON: Revell 1/450 scale **Queen Elizabeth 2**. Model completely airbrushed with Tru-Color paints. The model represents how she looked after being converted from steam-turbines to diesel electric, and with penthouse staterooms added. The price per person for a penthouse was \$2000.00 PER DAY!

The QE2, as she was known, was built on the Clyde in Scotland by John Brown & Sons Ltd. Ironically, her conversion was done by Blohm & Voss Shipyard in Hamburg Germany where the Bismarck was built.

NEXT CMMS MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2024

AT

CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY CHURCH

EAST HAVEN

FROM

10 AM TO 12 PM