



*Connecticut Marine Model Society*



# THE BINNACLE



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## MINUTES

Captain McGuffick with all hands on deck opened the meeting at 1005 with 21 in attendance and 2 via zoom. James informed us he is still working on contacting potential vendors for the April conference. Table requirements for displays are still uncertain since the cutoff date is April 15 for registering models. A junior category will be included in the displays with a certificate of recognition being given to those juniors for their displays. James will be looking into the possibility of a separate room for workshop presentations and the Officers' Meeting, at the Port and Starboard. Door prizes for the conference will be a drill press, sander and model of the Chas. W. Morgan. "Give aways" will be emery boards, clamps and mini-torches.

Dave Dinan indicated that he can still order additional CMMS shirts, but we need to order at least 10 Polo shirts. It was agreed that the club would order 3 for future members or giveaways.

James informed the group he will be out of state for the next meeting. . .VP Tom Szabo will be conducting the meeting. The closing meeting of the year will be held on June 8 at Twin Pines from 0930-1130.

Bob Siegler suggested that we in someway recognize the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CMMS.

At this point, James closed the business portion of the meeting and we moved on to show and tell.

Rick Abramson  
Secretary

## Officers

**President/Treas.: James McGuffick**  
**Vice-President: Tom Szabo**  
**Secretary: Rick Abramson**

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**H**OWARD WILLIAMS: **Experimental cigar shaped vessel** designed by inventor Ross Winans and first built in 1858. Propulsion was a midship propeller enclosed in a shroud. The vessel had 4 boilers. Winans presented his design to the USN and foreign countries. . .there were no takers! Model is 1/87th scale.



**R**ICK ABRAMSON: 1/400 scale model of the **N/S Savannah**. She was the first nuclear powered combination freighter and passenger ship. The model is a Revell 1959 issue. The ship was basically experimental and never designed to compete with fossil fuel ships. She was only in service for a few years, and she is currently on display in North Carolina.



**J** OHN FISHER: 1/700 scale **Kaiser Class WWI battleships**. Each model is a unique battleship of the class. All 4 models are scratch built. At the meeting, John discussed the differences between each of the ships, and his efforts to render each model to accurately reflect the original battleship including their unique bow crests.





**F**RANK SHURICK: 1:24 scale scratch built mid-section diorama of **USS Constitution**. Crew figures are 3D printed along with the four cannons. The second photo shows the beautifully detailed interior. Watch out HMS Java and HMS Gurriere!

WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT MARITIME MODELERS SOCIETY,

DIP OUR FLAG TO HALF-MAST IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOHN ELWOOD'S WIFE

LORRAINE ELWOOD

WHO ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST ON

FEBRUARY 12, 2024

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO JOHN AND HIS FAMILY..

MAY LORRAINE FOREVER REST IN PEACE

NEXT CMMS MEETING

MARCH 9, 2024

AT

CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY CHURCH

EAST HAVEN

FROM

10 AM TO 12 PM