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THE SCUTTLEBUTT



The Canberra Model Shipwrights Society Quarterly Newsletter

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OBJECTIVES

To foster and maintain interest in building and constructing scale Model ships, boats, associated fittings, gear, equipment, armaments and relevant items and structures and the pursuit of excellence in this field.

Scuttlebutt \SKUHT-I-buht\, *noun*:

1. A drinking fountain on a ship.
2. A cask on a ship that contains the day's supply of drinking water.
3. Gossip; rumor.

Scuttlebutt in nautical terminology is a water fountain or water cask on a ship.

Water for immediate consumption on a sailing ship was conventionally stored in a scuttled butt: a butt (cask or small barrel) which had been scuttled by making a hole in it so the water could be withdrawn. Since Sailors exchanged gossip when they gathered at the scuttlebutt for a drink of water, scuttlebutt became slang for gossip or rumors.

The modern equivalent is the office water cooler, also a source of refreshment and gossip.

President's Message

Here is the first of the 2013 promised Newsletters, again thanks to Joe for his efforts. We are still in need of articles for this and future Newsletters and I would like to suggest that contributions can be as simple as a photo of the latest construction, a kit review, frequently asked questions and so on.

I have had recent correspondence from the Connecticut Marine Model Society which included a copy of their Newsletter. I hope to obtain permission to include this on our website in the Members Only section as it is an example of how contributions can be made.

A number of members attended the Queanbeyan Regatta on March 2nd and we had a small display showing some of our models and distributing flyers for the September Expo. The day is a fun event which was part of the Queanbeyan birthday celebrations and we were pleased to find a high level of interest from the public. There will be a few photo's in this edition showing our illustrious members hard at work!

I would like to encourage you to avail yourselves of the CMSS website. Recent material has been added and I thank both Jim Allen and Steve Batchelor for their continued efforts in maintaining the website.

As I have said a number of times before this is the window where anyone can see the CMSS and it is up to us to provide a top class site for a top class Society.

The AGM will be held on 16th April, so please remember to table any issues that you may wish to raise at the March meeting. Nominations for Committee Members and President will be welcome.

The Events Committee continue their hard work in ensuring preparations are in hand for the September Expo. As you are well aware by now, this is being held in the Belconnen Arts Centre as part of the Canberra Centenary celebrations.

Again we will welcome our Colleagues from the ACT Scale Modellers Society, the ACT Model Boat Club and Task Force 72. We are hopeful of holding on water displays which will add a great deal of interest to the weekend. The RAN, who also celebrate their centenary in 2013, will also be in attendance.

I am certain, with the diligence of the Committee, that this will be a top class event, but it needs all members to join in the effort. Models are obviously needed, as will be assistance to set up and dismantle and to guide the public on their tour of models.

Best wishes

Bob Evans

President

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Meetings

The Society will meet until further notice, at the **Hellenic Club, Matilda St. Woden** on the third **Tuesday** of each month, excepting December and January, commencing at 7.30 pm. Visitors are welcome.

Society Webpage

CMSS members are encouraged to visit our website at <http://www.canberramodelshipwrights.org.au>. Instructions for using this website are on the site itself where members will need to register. The webmaster will help you in any way possible.

We seek content for the website – everything from photographs of your models through interesting web-links and chat sites. If you haven't use the website lately, have a look now. CMSS is using email a lot more for communicating with members. That doesn't mean we have forgotten those who do not have access to a computer. You may find it an advantage to ask a friends or relative to be the email recipient for club information. Otherwise we will mail you all relevant material or call you if really important.

Editors Note

This is the first Newsletter for 2013 and it is packed with some good reading .

This issue is full of lots of enjoyable and informative information thanks to articles contributed by members.

Once again I would like to included a Member Profile in this addition however no one has come forward with any information . So for future additions I might have to press *gang* (*Formed body of personnel from a ship of the Royal Navy (either a ship seeking personnel for its own crew or from a 'press tender' seeking men for a number of ships) that would identify and force (press) men, usually merchant sailors into service on naval ships usually against their will*). someone for a profile in the next edition.

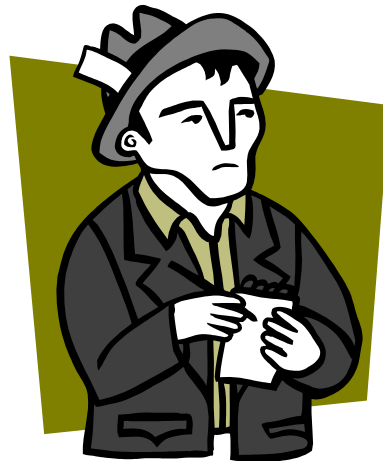
As reported in the "President Message" the year has started with a lot of activities that will hopefully continue through 2013.

Also included is a update about last years Expo as a prelude to the happenings for the Expo 2013. So get involved in any way you can for this years Expo as part of Canberra's centenary celebrations.

So I want to wish new year welcome to all members and I hope you enjoy treading this newsletter as much as I have producing it.

Joe Allen

Editor



Annual General Meeting

Members are reminded is hereby given that the **Annual General meeting** of the Society will be held at the **Hellenic Club, Matilda St. Woden** on **Tuesday 16 April 2013** commencing at 7.30pm.

All positions for committee will be vacant and we seek nominations from interested members to fill these positions.

CMSS Xmas Party 2012 - By Max Fitton

Another Xmas party bites the dust but not before many stalwarts gathered together at Strathnairn in anticipation of another festive season. Him who organised the venue – Ray, was not able to attend, which was all very sad because he was unwell at the time. He is also the scheduled photographer hence the lack of images. No others thought to bring their camera and unlike the youth of today no-one gave a thought to the use of the camera in their phone – what camera, some might have said. (No photos are taken because if you want a fantastic occasion- come and look for yourself! -Bob)

Everyone who came brought something to eat and/or drink with them, so the table was packed with goodies long before the BBQ was lit.

Another missing person was Joe, not forgetting Raija, so our President, Bob, became acting chef. I've got a feeling that the power behind the throne, Liz, was quietly organising things in the background. In fact, she had done a lot of organising before the event, which made everything run so smoothly. Nothing got burnt and the sausages were cooked to perfection.

Apart from those already mentioned, members there were Robert and Elizabeth, Bruce and Brigitte, Dave and Kath, Max and Pam, Colin and Barbara and Liam.

It was a lovely get together and everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The only sad thing was that so many members chose or were unable to come along. It was a really worthwhile and enjoyable outing.



Max

Donation of Plans & Posters to the CMSS — By Stephen Batcheldor

A donation of a large number of ship plans and posters was made to the Canberra Model Shipwright Society at the February members meeting by former member John Cottee. John was a founding member of the society and he has kindly donated his collection of ships plans and posters for the benefit of other CMSS members.

The donation was accepted on behalf of the members by society president Bob Evans. Bob thanked John for his generous donation and assured him that the items would be put to good use by the members. All items will be catalogued in the near future and then added to the society's library so that they can be borrowed by members.



Building the Jylland — By Bob Evans

The Billings kit of the Jylland has sat in my store for I don't know how long; in fact it comes from an ever increasing store of unbuilt kits which my family now refers to as their inheritance. I remind them that Noah, obviously also a maritime person, lived to be 600, therefore it is quite likely I will need to add to my collection.

The Jylland is the world's last steam propelled sailing frigate and in the 1890s the ship was reduced to stationary use and barely escaped scrapping in 1908. It was, however, decided to preserve her and she was towed to Ebeltøft in 1960. The hulked frigate further deteriorated until she was placed in dry dock in 1984. Restoration proved to be a major task; over 60% of the timber had to be replaced in addition to the rigging, armament, engines and loose gear.

A huge range of photographs are available on the internet and this assists greatly in the build of the model.

It is also considerably disappointing to find that, despite the wealth of available material, much re-working is required, especially as the vessel is Danish, as is Billings, which should, one would think, make accuracy a given.

The kit is the traditional plank on frame construction with laser cut keel, frames and decks which fit together quite well.

Only the stern area provides any problems with planking, however steaming and gentle bending produce the required result. The interesting feature for me was the propeller arrangement which could be raised into the hull to reduce drag when only under sail. This is not represented on the model, a coarse brass propeller is supplied which simply rests in the stern frame.

I modified this area considerably; reworking the propeller blades and creating the tunnel and fittings that constitute the lifting arrangements. Hindsight suggests that I should have considered this part of the build at the outset and incorporated the required modifications into the keel and frames before construction.

There are other areas that require considerable work after the hull has been completed:

The stern widows are represented by decals which is simply ridiculous. This is a relatively straightforward area to improve, cavities were cut in the solid stern blocks, windows fitted and glazed.

Scroll work on the stern is also represented by decals, again not acceptable but it has provided for me a problem which I haven't yet overcome. If woodcarving in miniature is your forte, then please let me know! I have proven to have nil expertise in this area and sought advice from Janos at the last EXPO. Despite Janos' advice when asked how to do woodcarving of "you just do it" I'm afraid to say that the results resembled absolutely nothing like what they were supposed to. More ingenuity will be needed!

The ubiquitous decals are also used in the kit for the lower gun ports and the deck skylights which is just appalling. I have installed cannon and fitted gun port lids from plastic card using photos as guidance. Deck skylights have also been reworked. I included a galley below the sky light with the galley chimney. Not much to show for my efforts, but I know it's there! Cut outs in the deck such as this require sub decks to be installed, but this is quite straightforward.

The fo'c'stle is also abysmal, being represented by a solid deck with strange grating markings on it. It is not difficult to create a better representation of this area by using real gratings and constructing

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the interior as available photos show quite a lot of detail in this area.

The funnel is an unadorned brass tube. I have plated this with thin card and added an inner tube. Maybe this is not accurate, but I thought better than having nothing but a huge hole.

The list goes on, compasses are not as supplied in the kit, and lifeboat davits likewise need replacing. On the subject of lifeboats, these are provided as plain plastic moldings, they will benefit greatly by planking with thin strips (I used masking tape) adding frames and some interior fittings.

The aft bulkhead, under the poop deck, has no detail at all. Again I have used plastic card to recreate this area as best I can from the photos.

Going back to woodcarving, the supplied figurehead is a lump of fairly shapeless plastic representing nothing in particular (I believe the same piece is provided in the Cutty Sark kit). With no skills to help me I have managed to rework the supplied item into something vaguely like the real thing.

With modifications along the lines of those I've mentioned an interesting model can result. I am currently engrossed in my favourite occupation (not!) of rigging. Ratlines in particular seem to give me as much grief as woodcarving so the project goes back into the cabinet to await further inspiration.

It will be completed by September!



Photo 1: Shows the stern area and hammock rack covers on the main deck. The top of the propeller lifting gear is seen on the poop deck.



Photo 2: Completed hull planking. Replacement gratings on the foc's'le can be seen as can the bulkhead under the poop deck. The two openings in the hull are where I have installed sub decks for the galley (forward) and the other is below an open hatch.

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Photo 3: Modified funnel. I have added holding down bolt heads on the casing as these are quite prominent in photos.



Photo 4: A view of the stern area and the start of the copper plating.



Photo 5: Modified propeller and plastic scratch built channels for the lifting arrangement. This would have been much better completed before the hull was planked.



Photo 6: Scratch built replacement rudder and the kit supplied version. The standard of available photos of the real vessel is excellent.

Building the Jylland - Continued



Photo 7: Propellor and lifting channels installed. Extensive work was required in this area, made more difficult by my lack of planning.



Photo 8: The bow sprit. Modified to be more like the actual than the kit version.



Photo 9: Lower gun ports being fitted. This is how they appear in photos. The spares box provided cannons, the kit does not run to this. Historical accuracy is not guaranteed!

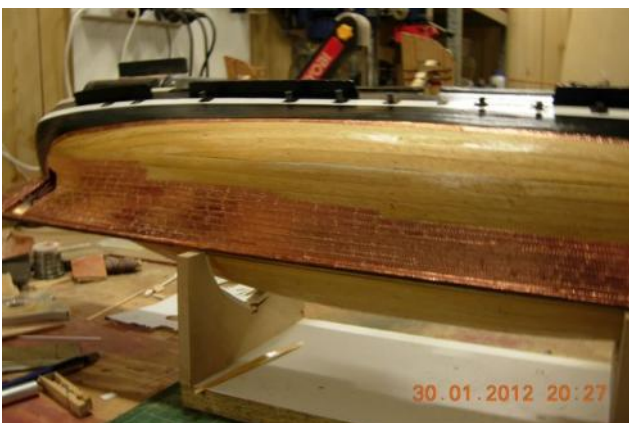


Photo10: Copper plating under way. This can be as tedious as rigging!

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Photo 11: Progress to date. The boats are to be rigged and rigging needs completion.



Photo 12: Seen from forward. The opened up foc's'le can be seen in this shot.

CMSS Expo 2012.— By Joe Allen

In the December newsletter there was a an update on the happening for the CMSS Expo for 2013. As you would have read that as this year's expo in part of the Canberra Centennial celebrations the plan is to make it bigger and better than the 2012 expo. The only way that the events committee can achieve this is for the CMSS members to get behind them and help. So far there has been few provisional registration form received as yet from members. So don't forget to register your models and if there is anything you can do to assist with the expo then let Max Fitton know. Hi contact details are below:

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It was remiss of me that I have not included any details of the CMSS Expo in 2012 in the last newsletter for those members who were not able to attend. So here are some details of the expo and don't forget that there are plenty of photos uploaded to our website at www.canberramodelshipwrights.org.au.

I hope that you will enjoy, all be it a bit late.

The Canberra Model Shipwrights Society hosted the 2012 Scale Model Ship & Boats Expo over the weekend of the 18th & 19th August at Mt Roger Primary school.

The Expo continued to be a resounding success with well over 100 models and other items on display in two separate rooms. Although the attendance was down in 2012 with approximately 400 people over the weekend the event taking were almost as good as the year before with \$1,563 over the weekend.

The Expo included displays by ACT scale Modellers, Act Model Boats and Task Force 72 Fleet Bases. Once again last years expo delivered a diverse and wide range of model ships and boats for the people to enjoy.

The Events Committee should be congratulated for once again putting on a top rate exhibition.

The expos was officially opened by Senator Gary Humphries on the Saturday to a attentive audience.

Once again the CMSS expo displayed an outstanding quality of models and which only goes to show the skills of many model makers that are around.

What was interesting in feedback from the public was that they appreciated the work of all modellers with the total number of votes received from the public was 1220 (on a 3, 2, 1 weighting).

What really stands out is that the CMSS Expo caters for all the public interest and the model diversity is much appreciated.

Winners of the raffle were:

First Prize: Soclaine Kit," Yann et Gael, Langoustier De Camaret 1927" was Willaim Okill , Melba, ACT (William lives near Mount Rogers Primary School and has attended all our Expos there).

Second Prize: Art Book on Ships (donated by Liam Mclean) was David Hobday, of POINT LONSDALE VIC 3255. Note: David was artist in residence at the Glassworks in August 2012. His speciality is working in glass medium and he has a particular interest in subjects relating to the sea. He also has an interest in model power/steam boats.

Third Prize: Artesania Latinia 'San Juan Nepomuceno's Cutter, 1765" was Greg McHugh, from CHISHOLM ACT. We believe that Greg was at that time building a model of the Japanese Carrier Hiryu (or one of the other carriers) and was to be radio controlled.

Fourth Prize: Wood working kit by Alpha Abrasives Inc. (Canada) was Bernie Williams, Hawker.



Connecticut Maritime Model Society (CMMS)

Recently our President, Bob Evans, received a newsletter from the Connecticut Maritime Model Society (CMMS) which was full of some very interesting material and great photos of models.

The CMMS are a group of enthusiastic ship model builders from Connecticut and is a chapter of the International Plastic Modeling Society (IPMS). They build models from scratch or from kits in both wood and plastic.

You can visit the CMMS website at www.ctshipmodels.org

Queanbeyan Regatta 2012—By Joe Allen

The Annual Queanbeyan Regatta was held on the 2nd March 2012 and this year the Society was invited to attend the regatta with a display of Models.

So a number of CMSS members brought along some models and we set a very good display. Once the regatta got underway and we moved our display a bit closer to the action we had a steady stream of visitors to the display in the 4 hours that we were there. We even got a visit from the Queanbeyan Lord Mayor, Tim Overall (as seen in the first photo).

The weather was a bit windy which also caused a couple of the models with sails to actually set sail at times. All in all it was a good day to promote the Society and our 2013 Expo and to have some fun at the same time.

Here are some photo of the day.



XMSS Expo 2013

Expo 2013 is an annual exhibition of model ships built by modellers from Canberra, New South Wales and Victoria. Entries are also being sought from modellers in other States on this special occasion of the Society's silver jubilee and the centenary of Canberra. Models on show will vary from static models of period ships of different sizes and eras to warships of more modern vintage, inside the Centre, and radio controlled vessels on show in the waters of adjacent Lake Ginninderra. Expected models will also include a stand from the Royal Australian Navy who are also celebrating their centenary this year

Where: Belconnen Arts Centre, 118 Emu Bank Road, Belconnen

When: 21st and 22nd September 2013

Opening times:

Saturday 21st September – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 22nd September – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact: Max Fitton, 0429 602 597, seagoon@netspeed.com.au or P. O. Box 158 Fyshwick ACT 2609



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HMS Trincomalee (pronounced Trinko-m-lee) 1817 - by Ray Osmotherly

I would like to offer my apologies to Ray. Somehow the below picture of the HMS Trincomalee was missed out from his article in the last newsletter.

