

Connecticut Marine Model Society



THE BINNACLE



FEBRUARY 8, 2024

RICK ABRAMSON, EDITOR

MINUTES

VP Tom Szabo called the meeting to order at 1000 with 8 attendees.

Info was provided concerning the New London Ship Conference on April 26, 2025. The NJ club will be sponsoring this year's meeting. Raffle items will be requested along with items for a tag sale table. This will be the chance to sell off models/items that you no longer need, or will never get to build. Details will be forthcoming.

Tom will be putting together a flyer about the upcoming Northeast Conference in April. Dave Varholy will post them at various locations to help promote our Club as well as the event.

Registration forms for the Conference can be found on our website (you can use the link below). Registering by 3/10/25 is \$50; after this date, the price is \$55 and \$60 at the door. Howard will be getting in contact with Tom Ruggiero from the New Jersey club regarding refunds

There are still some members who still owe dues. Contact James if you are unsure if you've paid.

We wish James a speedy recovery after his surgery on Feb. 12. We also wish the best to Howard Williams' wife who is quite ill.

Tom closed the meeting at 1200.

Respectfully submitted.

Rick Abramson

Secretary.

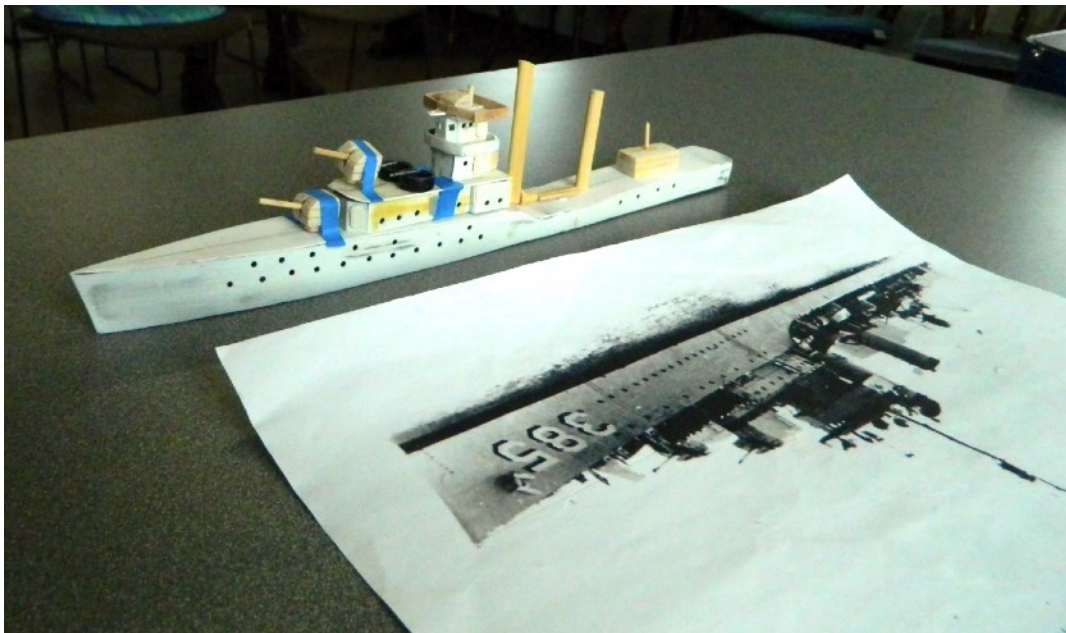
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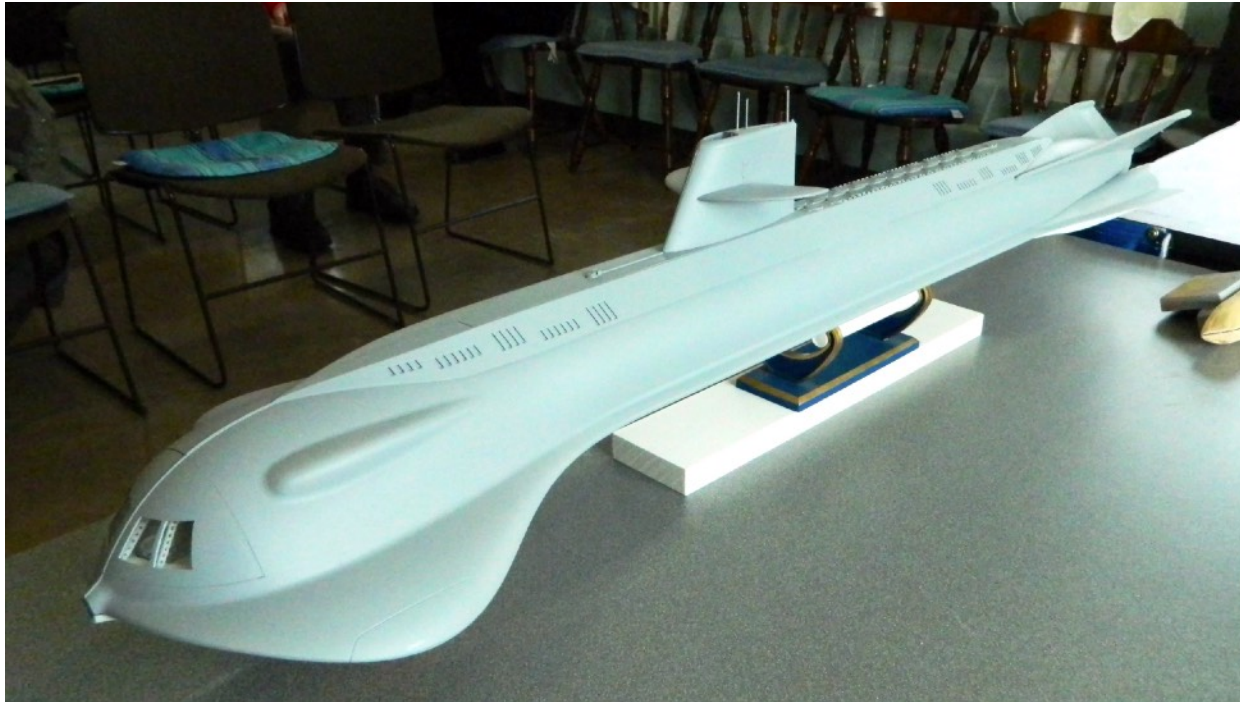
Howard Williams and his grandson Gabriel: In progress scratch-built destroyer model of the *USS Fanning, DD-385* in 1/72 scale. She was a member of the Mahan Class. Howard's father-in-law served aboard this ship. Luck was with the Fanning since she arrived in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 8, 1941! She was built in 1935 and decommissioned in 1946.



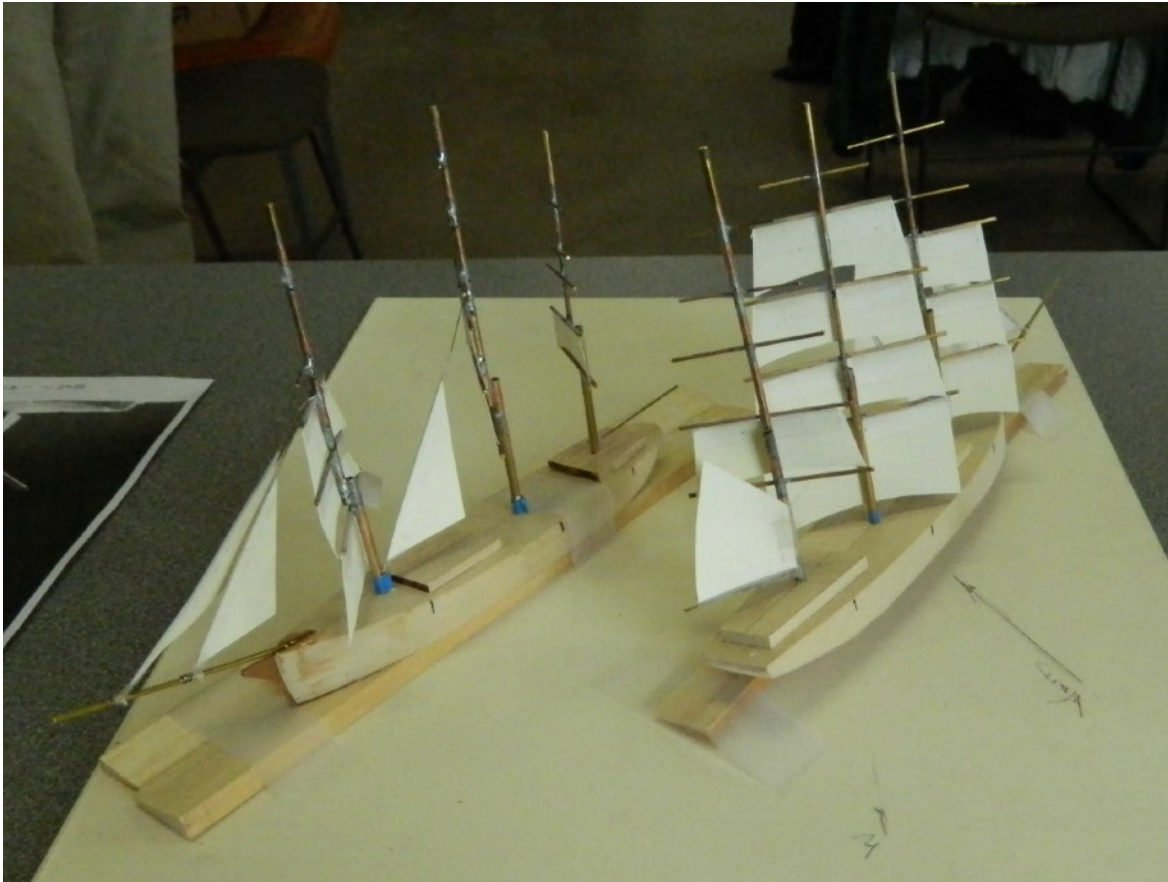
Dave Dinan: 1/350 scale in progress model of a *Canadian Flower Class Corvette*. Model is being scratch built from bass wood. Dave made the handle to facilitate ease of handling while building the model.



Rob Szczepanski: 1/8 scale model of Model Shipway's clipper ship *Flying Fish*. Prototype was built by Donald McKay. This model is a solid hull version.



Rick Abramson: Submarine *Seaview* from the movie and TV show Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. This model, 1/128 scale, was the prototype for the Moebeus kit. When Rick was given the model, it had been cut in half! It took a lot of sanding and "body and fender work" to make it whole again. It took approximately 2 years to accomplish it



Justin Camarata: *Chance Meeting*. Two brothers from Noank, CT, were both captains of sailing ships. During the summer of 1874 one captain was on a voyage from Liverpool to San Francisco. His brother was taking his ship from San Francisco to New York. Their courses intersected three miles south of Cape Horn. Although mid winter in these latitudes, the weather was relatively mild with westerly winds at 35 to 40 knots. Almost colliding, they passed close by on opposite tacks. They hailed each other and found to their amazement that the opposite ship belonged to their brother.

The models are to pose this meeting with painting to follow.

NEXT CMMS MEETING

March 8, 2025

AT

CHRIST AND THE EPIPHANY CHURCH

EAST HAVEN

FROM

10 AM TO 12 PM

Please Try to Attend