

FORECASTLE REPORT



Newsletter of the Chicago Tri-Club Association

December 2025

• Pizza Bash Order •

For those of you who missed the October and November meetings, but plan to attend the Holiday pizza bash, please contact Bob Filipowski by no later than December 10th with your choice of toppings and beverage.

Sally Visits San Diego

While on a trip to the West Coast, our Sally Nye was hoping to meet with some model ship builders who live in the San Diego area. Through Kurt Van Dahm's efforts, a meeting was arranged.

San Diego Ship Modelers Guild members Mike Lonnecker, Chuck Seiler, and Alex Roel met with Sally on the Embarcadero.

The fact that Sally is currently working on the *Philadelphia* couldn't have worked out any better. Chuck brought his model of the Valcour Island gundalow, and notes and techniques were exchanged.

Our shipmate was then given a personal tour of the Museum, which included the *BERKELEY*, the Museum Model Shop, the *SAN SALVADOR*, the *CALIFORNIAN*, the *SURPRISE*, and the *STAR OF INDIA*. The group wrapped up the day with a luncheon hosted by Mike.

We want to thank Mike, Chuck, and Alex for the kindness, and consideration they showed our member. Sally is a very special person, and we know she will look back on this experience with a great deal of fondness.



photos by Alex Roel

The NSD December 3rd Meeting



The December North Shore Dead-eyes virtual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3rd, at 7:00 PM. The ZOOM invite will be sent out a few days before the meeting.

The NRMS December 13th Meeting



The December 13th, Nautical Research and Model Ship Society meeting will be a Zoom virtual session only. The face to face segment has been canceled until further notice.

An invite will be sent out a few days before the meeting. Proceedings start at 7:00 PM, but you will be able to log on as early 6:30 PM.

Dan Cicero will discuss the career of the WWI German Raider, SMS *Emden*.



The MMS December 20th Meeting



The December face to face Midwest Model Shipwright meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 PM.

It doesn't get any better than our December Pizza Bash gathering. We will also feature another flea market, which will showcase books you have not seen yet, and a substantial selection of model ship kits.



Proceedings will begin at 7:00 PM, but you will be able to enter the building as early as 6:30 PM.

As usual, F2F Shipwright meetings are held at
The Dasom Community Church
501 S. Emerson Street
Mount Prospect, Illinois



42nd Annual Butch O'Hare Model Contest and Vendor Show

Although not as plentiful as other categories, model ships still held their own at the 42nd IPMS Model Contest and Vendor Show.

The big winner in our category was Sam Parent. Three of his models took Gold and one of them, the *Valkyrie*, won Best Nautical Award.



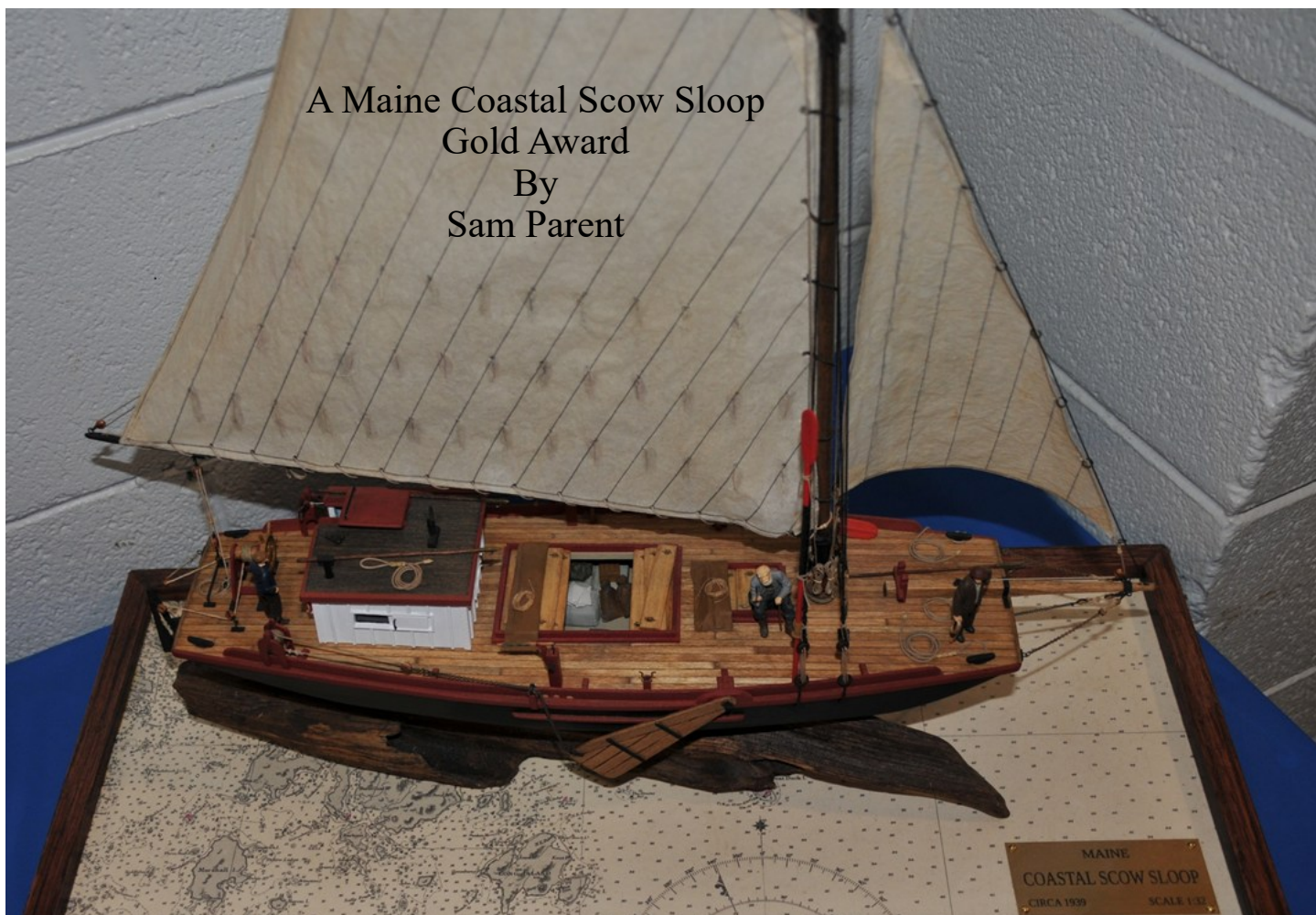
**Best Nautical Model
Sam Parent
Colonial Privateer Valkyrie**



Valkyrie
**A heavily bashed
Fair American kit
by
Sam Parent
Gold Award**



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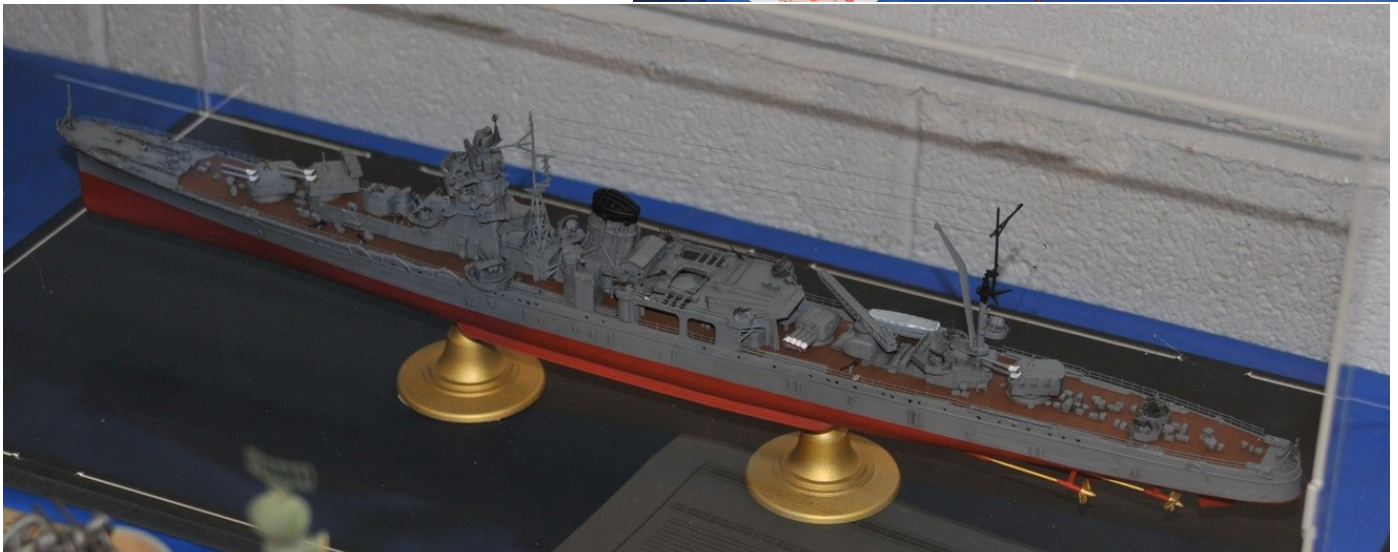




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HM Sultana by Richard Romaniak
Silver Award





British Ships on Deck

BY
Dan Pacholski



While on vacation in Great Britain, Dan Pacholski was able to fit in visits to three iconic British vessels that are now museum ships. Here is a photo essay of these magnificent vessels.

HMS *Warrior*





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HMS *Warrior*



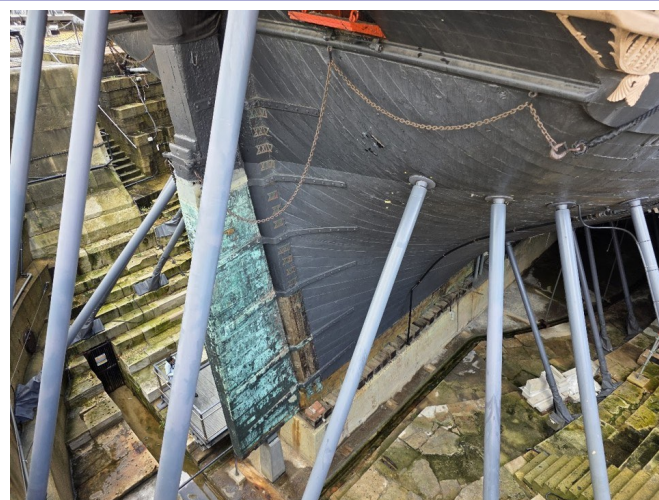


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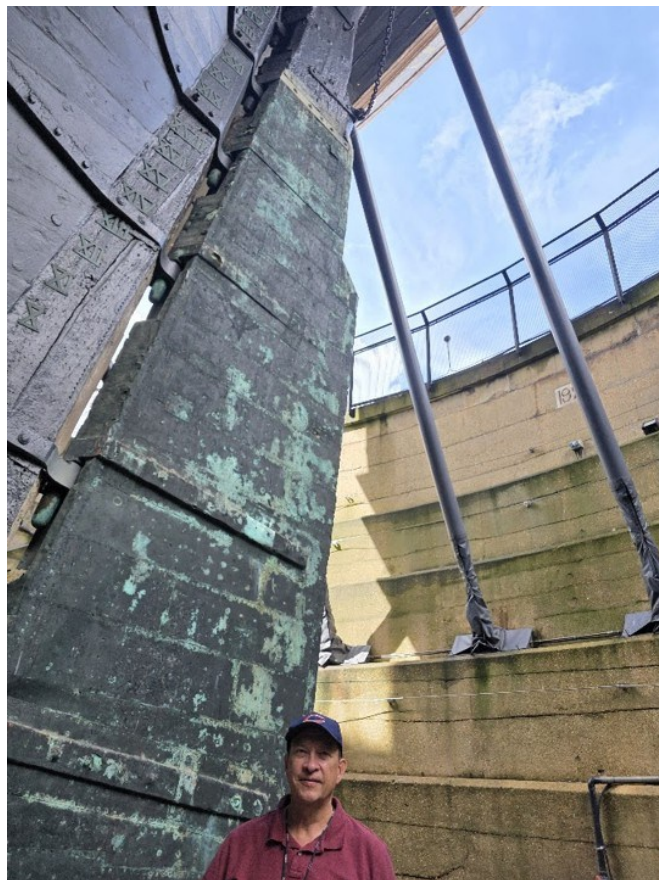
HMS *Victory*



The rudder is enormous!!!!



The transom is so impressive!





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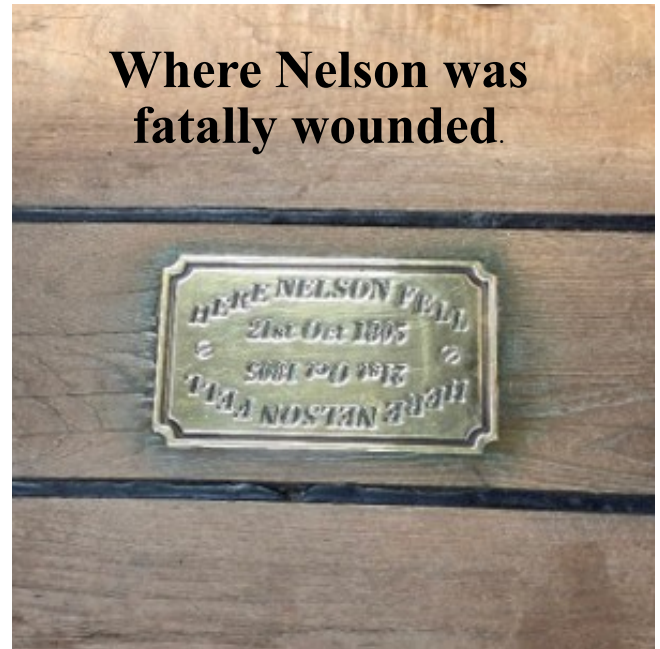
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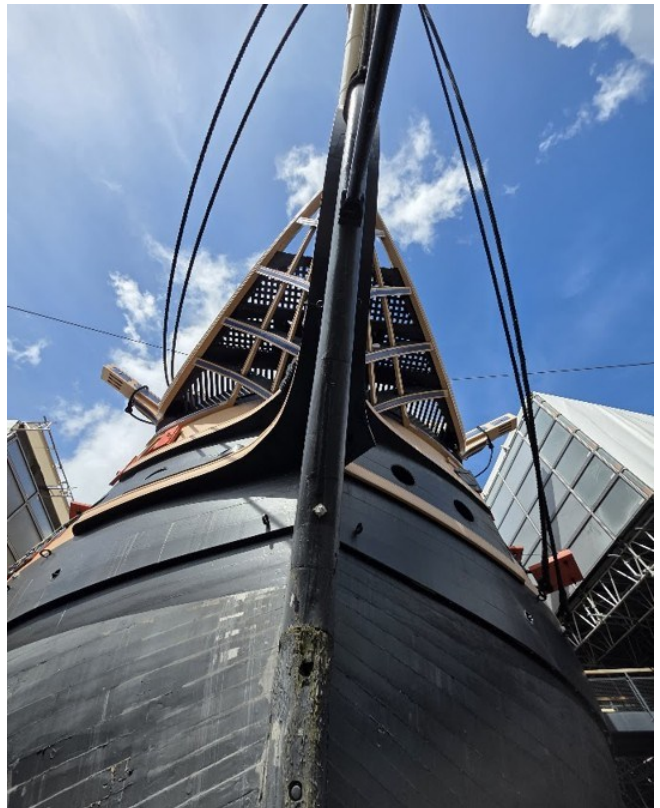
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Where Nelson Died



**Where Nelson was
fatally wounded.**



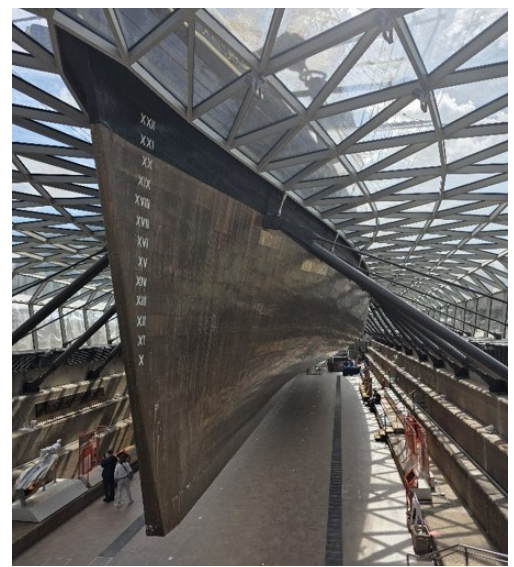


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The Clipper Ship *Cutty Sark*



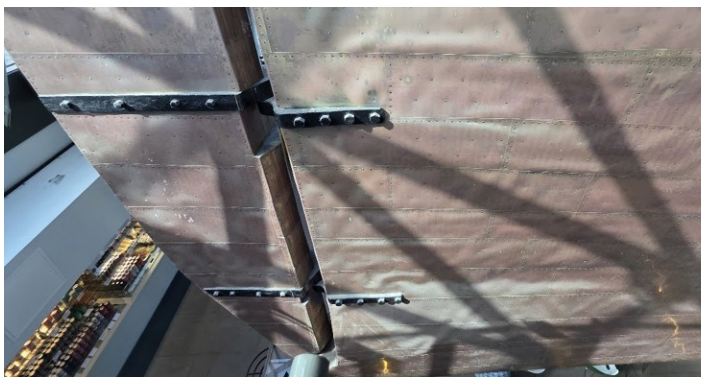


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The Clipper Ship *Cutty Sark*



• Tri-Club Anti-Piracy Policy •



Here is a list of banned companies that have been pirating and duplicating kits, books, and plans from reputable manufacturers.

Quite often these disreputable companies offer their products at what appear to be reasonable prices, but these items are often poor in quality. Many of them do not have websites. They market their illegal products via the Internet on sites such as eBay.

If you are contemplating your next project, please check this list. If you are not sure, discuss it with Kurt Van Dahm before you commit to a purchase. For easy reference, this information will appear in all future issues of the *Forecastle Report*.

DryDock Models and Parts (Canada) sells for companies that pirate.

CN	ZHL
CF	RealTS
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Moxing	Crown JD Model
Microcosm	JD Model LHQK
WN	Huasong
Jaocdoen	Shi Cheng
SC	woodenkit (Russian MFG)
DUJIAOSHOU	YengFan
LHQK	Unicorn Model
Master	YQ (YaunQing)
	Modelship Dockyard (China)

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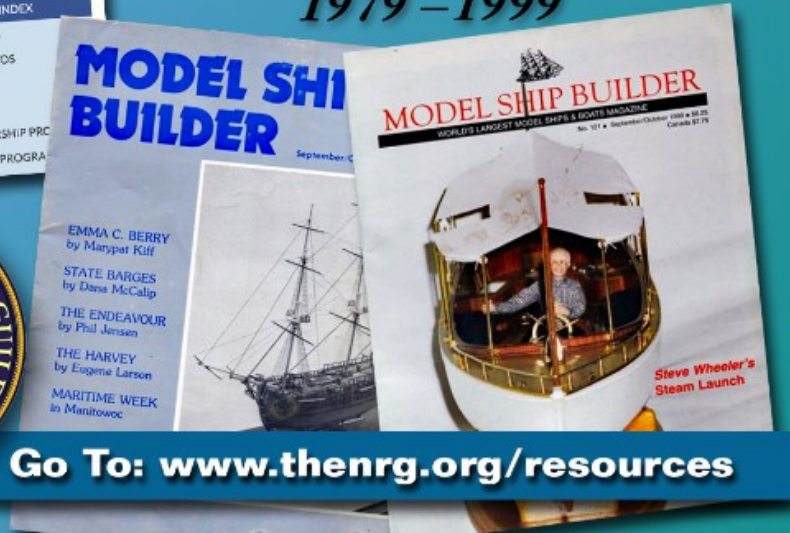
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