

FORECASTLE REPORT



Newsletter of the Chicago Tri-Club Association

February 2025

NRG Photographic Contest



The Nautical Research Guild is proud to announce that there will be a Photographic Ship Model Competition in 2025. The last NRG model photo competition was held in 2021.

All files must be submitted on-line. Each entrant will receive a written review of their model. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded for First, Second and, Third place models in three categories: Novice, Apprentice, and Master. A Best of Show medal will also be awarded to the best Gold medal winner.

The competition is open to all NRG members in good standing. If you are not currently a member, there's still plenty of time to join.

Entry fee will be \$30 per model entered. Entries can be submitted starting on Monday June 16, 2025. Submittals must be made before or by Thursday, July 31. Winners will be announced at the Annual Member's Meeting. Entry details will be made available soon.



Deadeyes & Shrouds

The January MMS presentation focused mainly on how to maintain a consistent gap between the upper and lower deadeyes when rigging your model.

Four techniques were discussed with each procedure's advantages and disadvantages being noted. Right and left laid shrouds were illustrated, along with how the port and starboard rigs differed from each other.

The membership also learned an interesting fact about shrouds. Size for size, 3-strand rope is not as strong as 4-strand. Yet it is preferred over the 4-strand variety. The reason being that it is resistant to stretching, a key requirement for shrouds and stays.



February Tri-Club Meeting Schedule

The NSD February Meeting



As most of you know, the January meeting was cancelled due to the fact that this meeting fell on January 1st. The inaugural 2025 gathering will be held on February 5th. The featured topic has not been determined yet. The ZOOM invite will be sent out a few days before the meeting.

The NRMS February Meeting



For February, the Nautical Research and Model Ship Society meeting will be a hybrid session. The face to face segment will be held at 237 S. Lincoln Street, Westmont, IL. Kurt Van Dahm requests that those who plan to attend in person let him know so they can be accommodated.

For those preferring to attend the virtual version, an invite will be sent out a few days before the February 8th meeting. Proceedings start at 7:00 PM, but you will be able to log on as early as 6:30 PM.

The MMS February Meeting



The February meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 19th and will be a virtual gathering.

Joe Lorenzo, President of the Model Shipwrights Guild of Western New York, will be our guest speaker. He will share his techniques for rigging canons. To do it properly is not always a simple task. Joe will explain some of the things that have gone well for him, and some, not so much. This promises to be an excellent presentation. Proceedings will begin at 7:00 PM CST, but you will be able to log on as early as 6:30 PM. Hope you can make it!





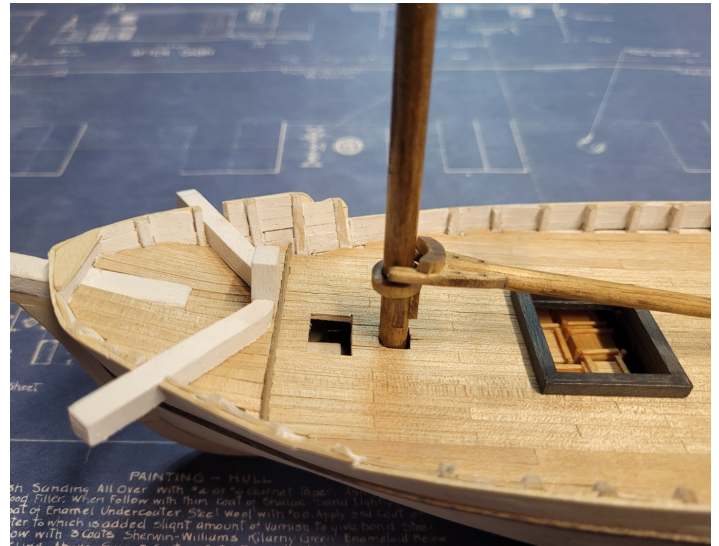
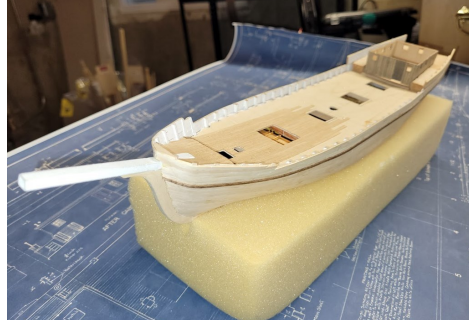
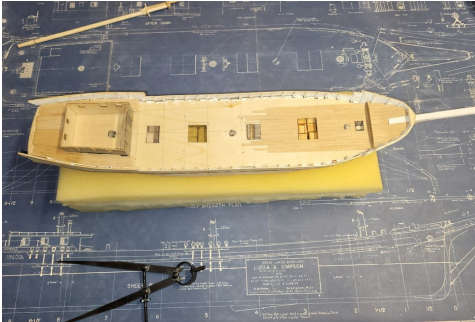
Ships on Deck



Lucia A. Simpson

by Dan Pacholski

The masts are taking shape and most of the main deck is now planked. Once that's completed, the stern cabin and the remaining companionways need to be finished. Then the remaining deck fittings and finally the rigging....





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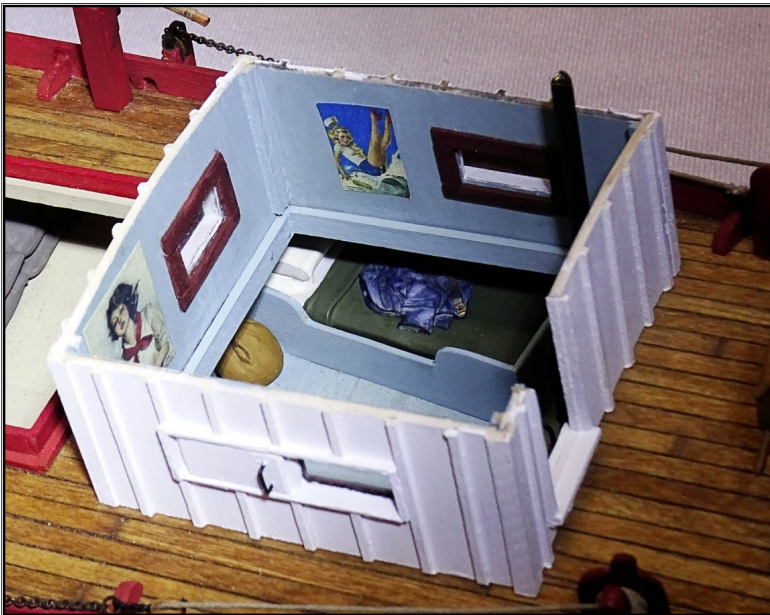
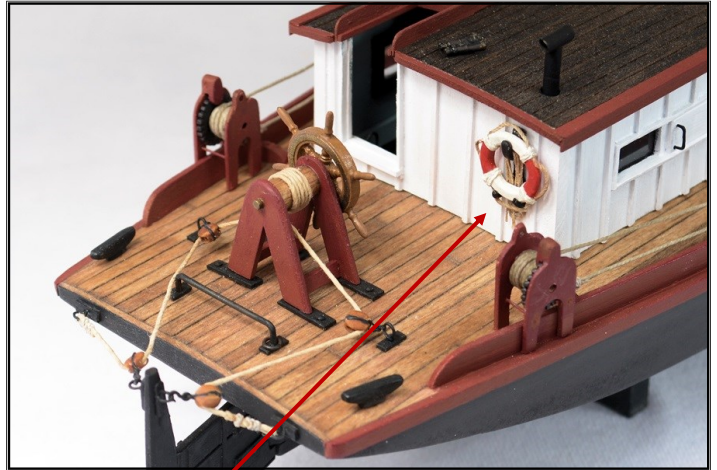


Maine Scow Sloop

by Samuel X Parent

Although, originally, not a very complex model, the number of extra details that have been added make this scow a visual treat!

Well done, Sam!





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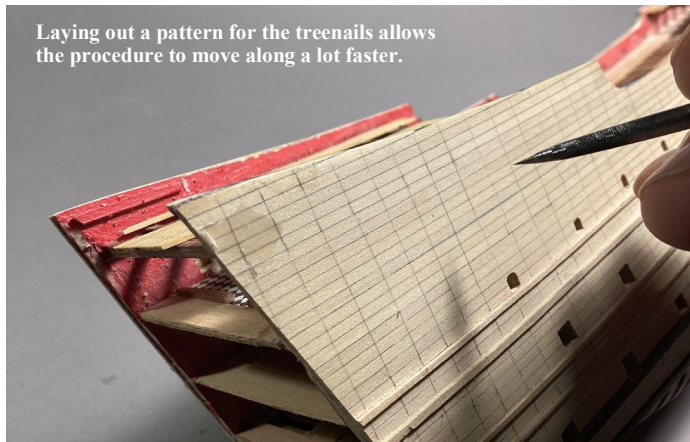
Britannia

by Gus Agustin

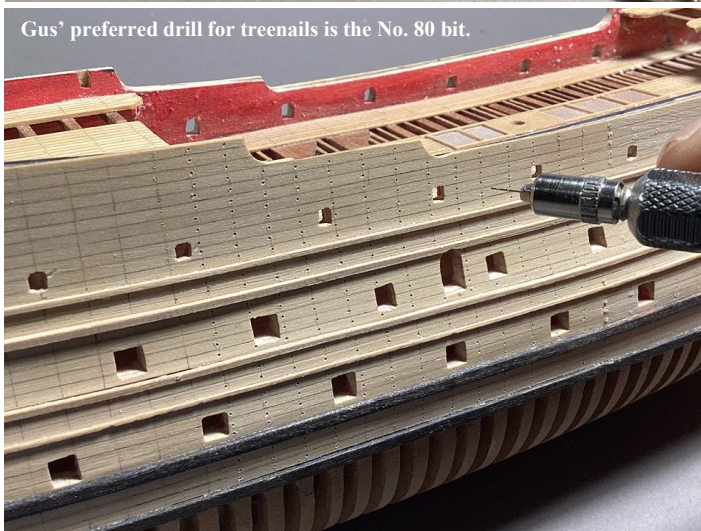
Gus was unable to submit updated photos of his *Britannia* for the January issue, so here are a few shots from last month. Since the January Report, Gus has done extensive hull planking and tree nailing. Supposedly, over 3,000 tree nails were applied to the exterior of this impressive hull!



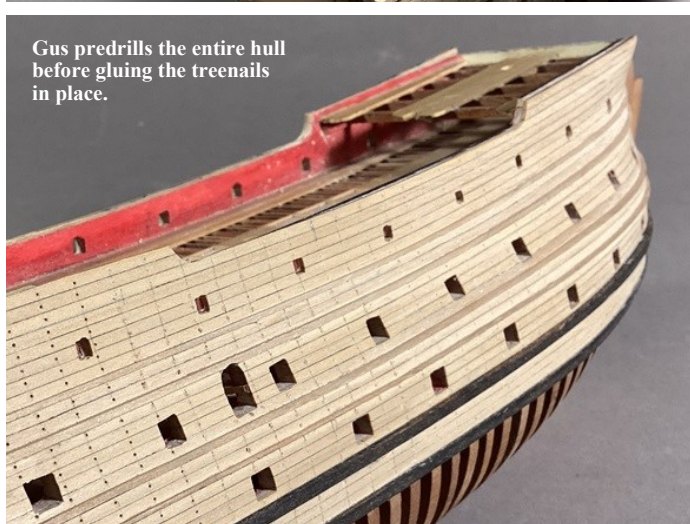
Laying out a pattern for the treenails allows the procedure to move along a lot faster.



Gus' preferred drill for treenails is the No. 80 bit.



Gus predrills the entire hull before gluing the treenails in place.





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Fair American

by Don Purney



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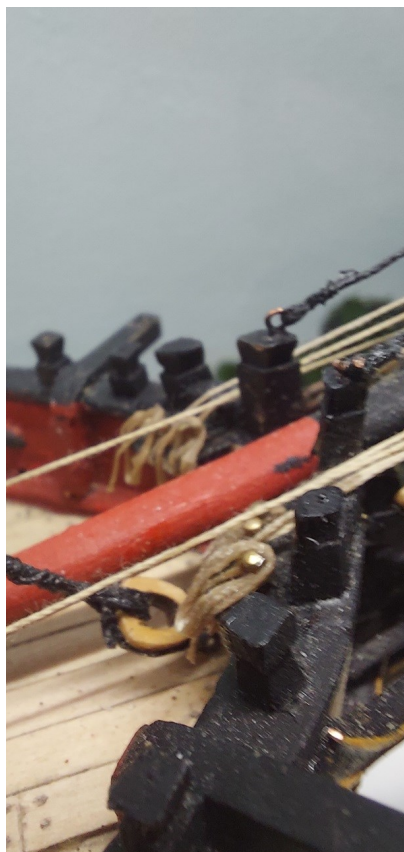


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Chesapeake Bay Flattie

by Dave Amstutz

Dave has been suffering from some neuropathy in his hands. Unfortunately, this has made modeling more of a chore than a pleasure. Amstutz decided to try something a little less demanding. This *Flattie* by Model Ship Ways is an excellent alternative. Hang in there mate!.



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Roger B Taney

by Ray Kroschel



Ray's Roger B. Taney has come a long way since the December, 2024 meeting.
Looking good Mate!

• 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) selling for companies that pirate.

CN	ZHL
CF	RealTS
shi hai	Snail Model
4H Model	XinFeng
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
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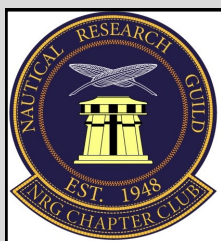
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