



Newsletter of the Chicago Tri-Club Association



May 2024

• Bob Friedman •

It is with deep sadness that we learned of the passing of Bob Friedman, one of the truly special individuals in our hobby. Known especially for founding SeaWatch Books, Bob made it possible for some remarkable model shipbuilders to have their works published. These individuals included David Antscherl, Greg Herbert, Ed Tosti, Grant Walker, Allan Yedlinsky, and Ab Hoving.

Other achievements included being a 50 Year NRG Member and recipient of the NRG Lifetime Achievement Award. One lesser known fact is that Friedman was president of the Midwest Model Shipwrights for a number of years prior to relocating to Oregon due to poor health.

With heavy hearts, we bid our shipmate farewell. May his seas be calm, and the wind always at his back. Bob Friedman will be greatly missed.

• NRG Workshop •

If you use an air-brush or are considering purchasing one, you will want to attend this NRG Virtual Workshop presented by Kurt Van Dahm on Saturday, May 4th at 10:30 AM CDS. It will present the basic knowledge one needs to pick out an airbrush depending on the intended use, as well as the accessories that you may need.

Kurt has presented many demonstrations of Badger brushes and paints at meetings of the NRG as well as the IPMS and other model shows. Attendance is open and free to all NRG members. If you are unable to watch the live presentation, a recording of the presentation will be posted to the NRG website shortly after the live event.

In addition to this workshop, during the month of June there will be a 2-part Virtual Workshop presented by Ron Neilson and Tom Ruggiero on the subject of realistic sail making using Silkspar. More details will follow as the time approaches!

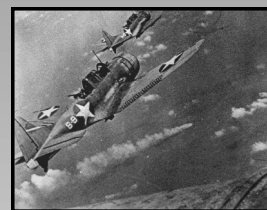
May Tri-Club Meeting Schedule

The NSD May Meeting The Battle of Midway

The May North Shore Deadeyes virtual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 PM.



NSD President, Rick Szydelko, will be treating us to part 2 of a video on the Battle of Midway. A ZOOM invite will be sent out a few days before the meeting. You will be able to log on as early as 6:30 PM.



The NRMS May Meeting



For May, 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 May 11th meeting. Proceedings start at 7:00 PM, but you will be able to log on as early 6:30 PM.

The May Shipwright Gathering Masts & Spars

It would be safe to say that Toni Levine has become an authority when it comes to fabricating masts and spars. So much so that she has designed a mast-making tutorial kit, which will soon be available through the NRG.

Toni's presentations are always well done and very informative. This one will be somewhat unique, since it will include a PowerPoint and round table demonstration. We will meet on Wednesday, May 15th. Doors will open at 6:30 PM

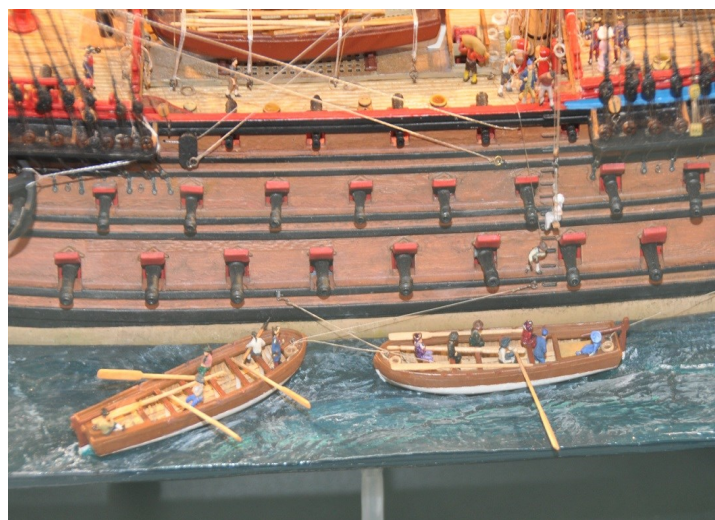


The Dasom Community Church
501 S. Emerson Street
Mount Prospect, IL



Royal Louis 1778

A hybrid wood/plastic model.
by Richard Romaniak





Colonial Schooner Sultana

by Richard Romaniak





Fair American

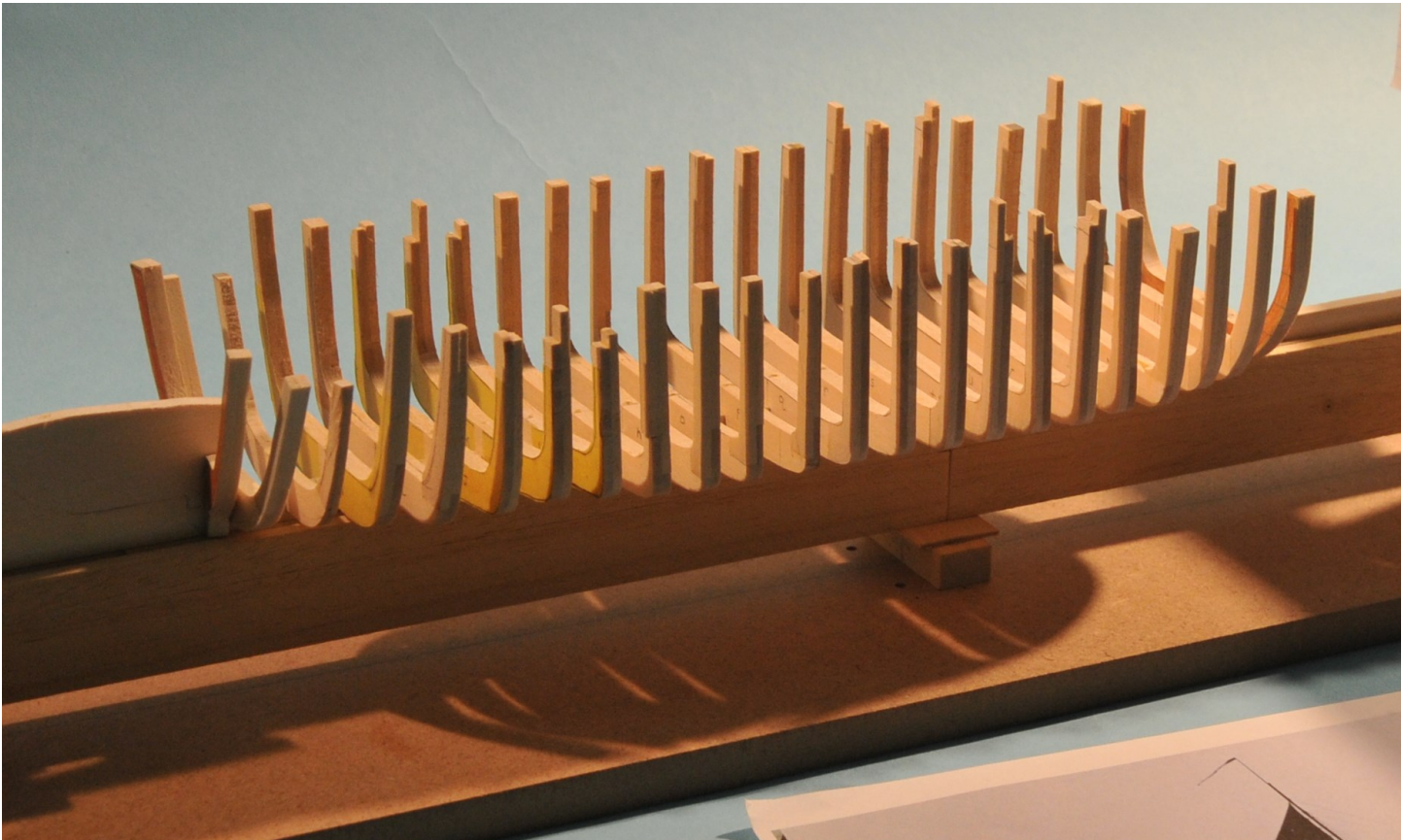
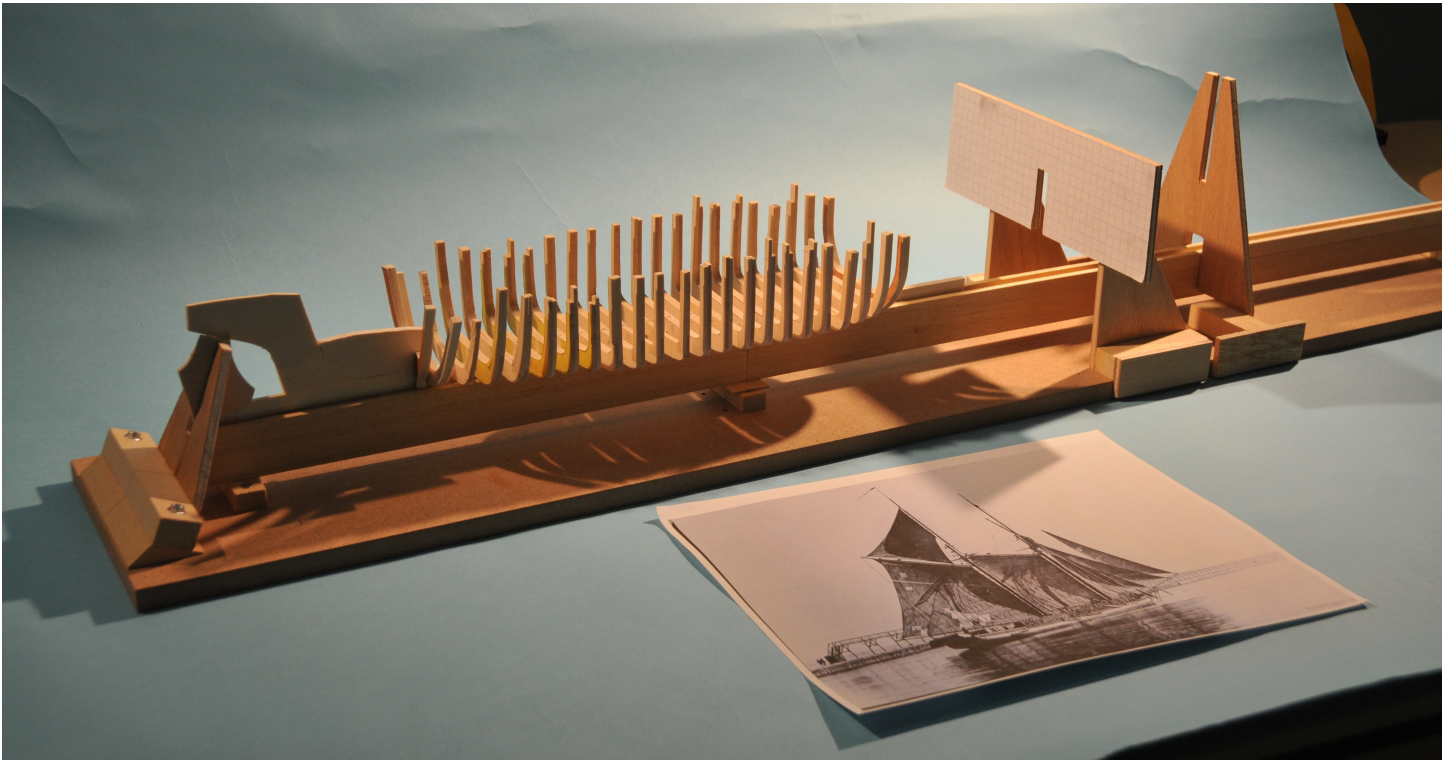
by Don Purney





Great Lakes Schooner

by Dan Pacholski





Dutch Flute
by Ray Kroschel





HMS Lizard

by Gus Agustin

Scale: 1/16" = 1'





HMS Royal William

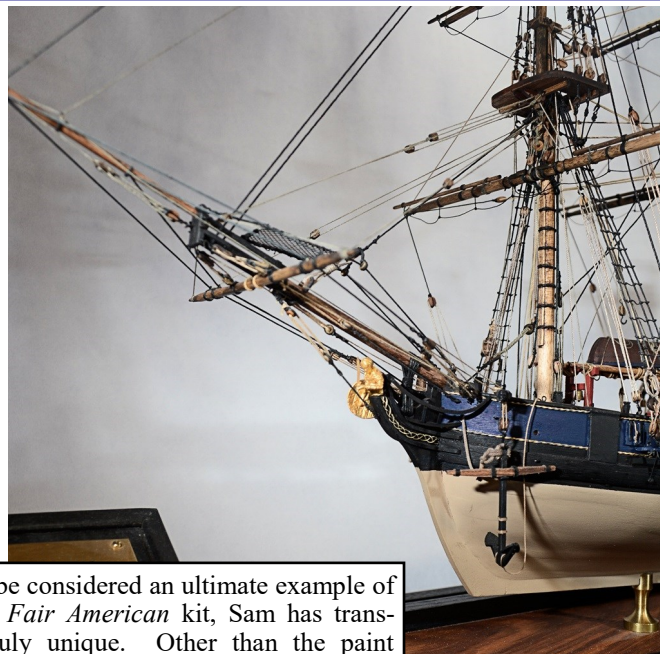
by Gus Agustin

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Valkyrie 1777 by Samuel X. Parent



Sam Parent's *Valkyrie* can be considered an ultimate example of kit bashing. Formerly a *Fair American* kit, Sam has transformed it into something truly unique. Other than the paint scheme and decoration, it's the mainmast that makes this model special.

Parent transformed this mast into something you don't see often, a "snow" rig. A spencer mast is located close abaft of the main on which a loose-footed trysail is set. This configuration does not utilize a boom.





Last, but Certainly Not Least!

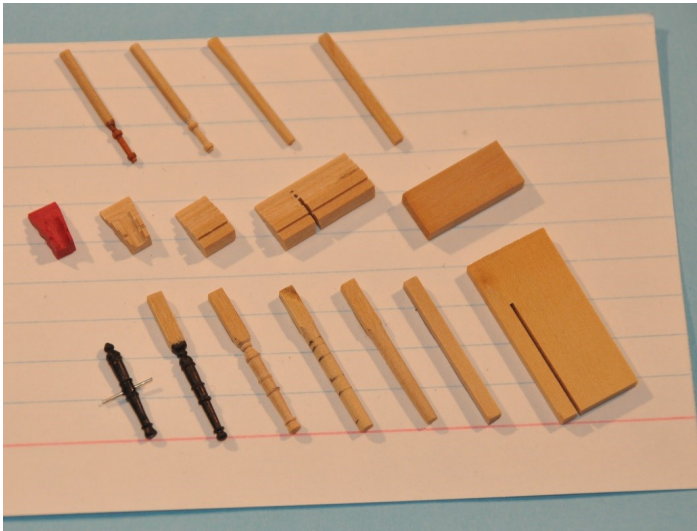


Miniature Deck Guns

By Gus Agustin

Gus plans on building a 100 gun Ship of the Line. He's not sure which vessel or nationality it will be, but it should be impressive. In order to keep his "motor skills" sharp, he has decided to start with the canons ... all 100 of them!

Here is an example of how he does it.



In the case shown below there are three canons. The largest is 1/2" long. The middle canon measures 3/16" from cascabel to muzzle, and the smallest piece on the left is barely 1/4" in length!



Golden Hind

By Kieth Zeilenga



• 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
	Modelship Dockyard (China)



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