

FORECASTLE REPORT



Newsletter of the Chicago Tri-Club Association



May 2025

USS *Cobia* to be Dry Docked

In September, 2025, USS *Cobia* will undergo a needed dry docking. This essential maintenance will ensure the long-term preservation of this historic vessel by allowing a thorough inspection and cleaning of the underwater portion of the hull.



It's hard to believe that it has been nearly 30 years since *Cobia* was last dry docked. That occurred in the fall of 1996. This milestone project is crucial for keeping the submarine watertight and in prime condition for future generations. The submarine will be towed to Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding in Sturgeon Bay, WI, where it will remain for approximately four to six weeks before returning home to Manitowoc.

With an estimated cost of \$1.5 to \$2 million, this dry dock project is a major undertaking. Thanks to the generous support of the community and partners, over \$975,000 has been raised toward this goal but help is still needed to reach the finish line.

To learn more about the dry docking process and how you can support this important preservation project, please visit the Wisconsin Maritime Museum website.

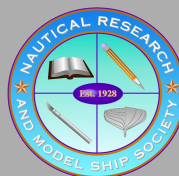
May Tri-Club Meeting Schedule

The NSD May Meeting



The May North Shore Dead-eyes meeting is a Zoom virtual meeting that will occur on the seventh of the month. The featured topic has not been determined yet, but a Zoom invite will be sent out a few days before the meeting.

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 10th meeting. Proceedings start at 7:00 PM, but you will be able to log on as early 6:30 PM.

The MMS May Meeting



It just so happens that the May MMS meeting doesn't occur until after the Wisconsin Maritime Museum's Model Ships and Boats Contest. Consequently, on Wednesday, the 21st of May, we will make an effort to present a PowerPoint featuring the models that competed in that contest.

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

The Dasom Community Church

501 S. Emerson Street

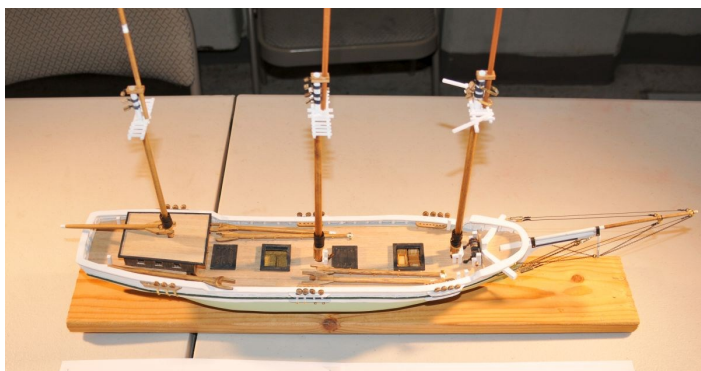
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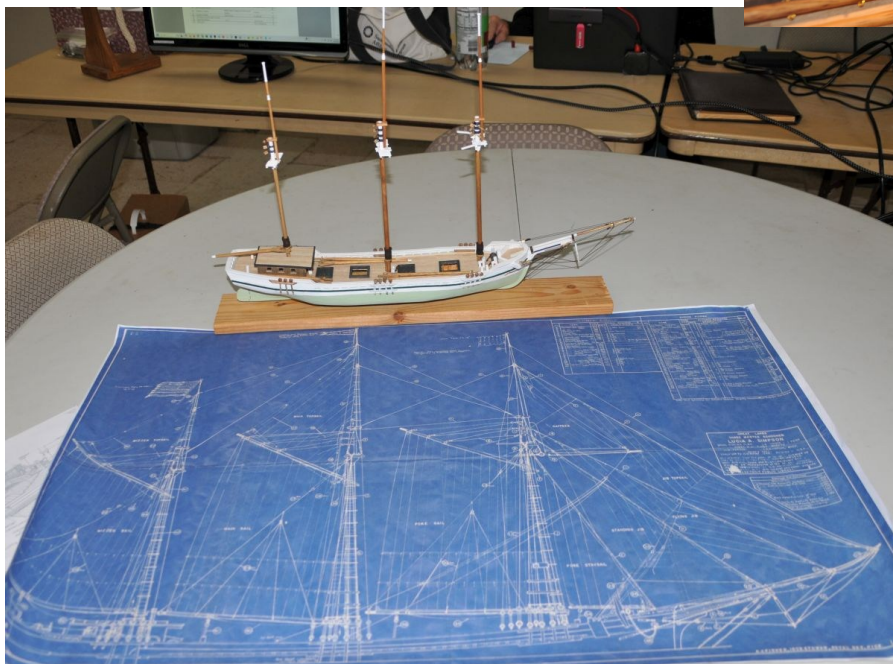
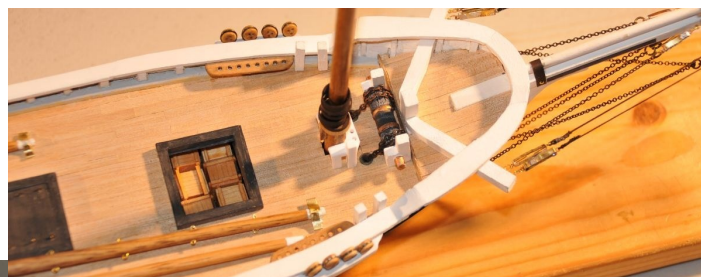
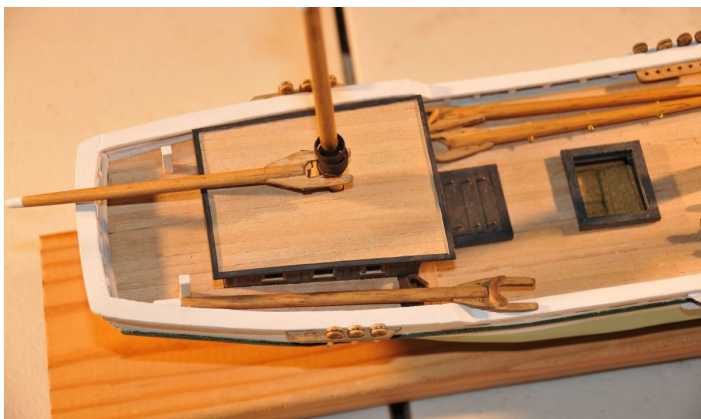
Ships on Deck



Lucia A. Simpson
by Dan Pacholski



Scratch built hull is completed. Tanganyika, weathered with bleach was used for the deck. Chainplates are ready for the shrouds.





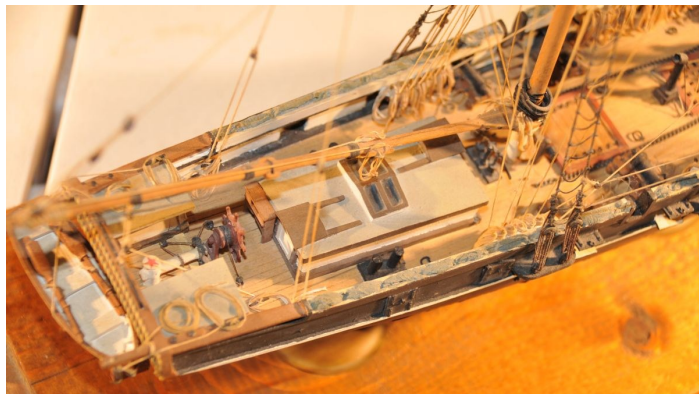
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Pamela Ruth AKA Roger B. Taney

by Don Purney

The model was named after Don's wife.



A Glass Model in a Glass Bottle





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Great Lakes Schooner *Denis Sullivan* (Scale 1:182)

by Ken Goetz





Ships on Deck



Maine Scow Sloop by Samuel X Parent

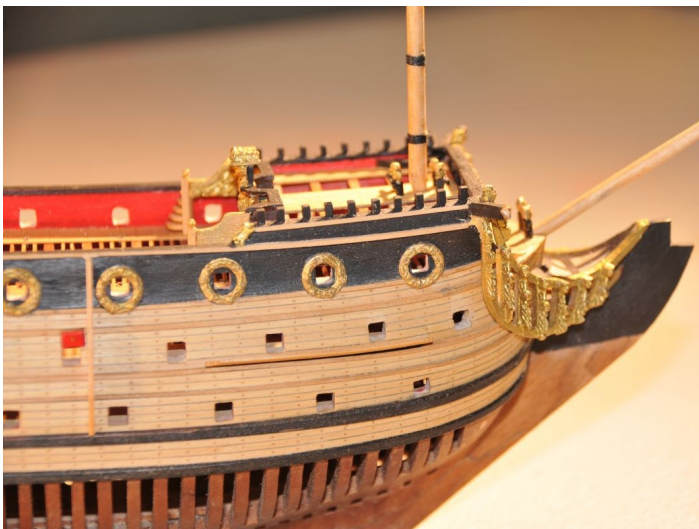
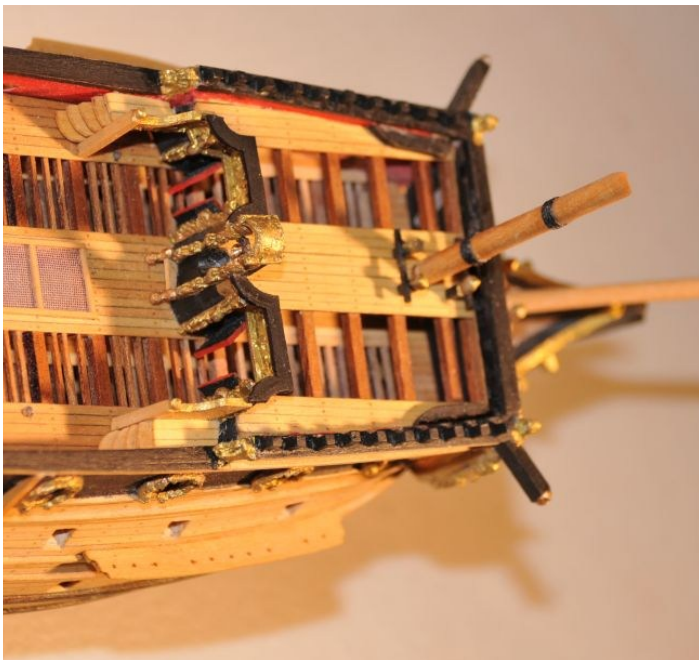




Ships on Deck



HMS Britannia by Gus Agustin





Ships on Deck



HMS Britannia—1682 (Continued)

by Gus Agustin

The model is about 85% completed. Gun-port lids, capstan, figurehead, transom, and other minor fittings are still needed to finish the model.

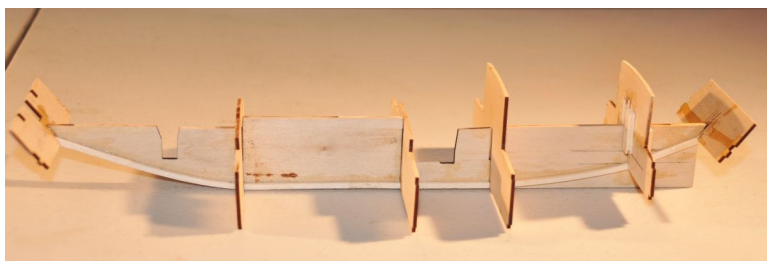
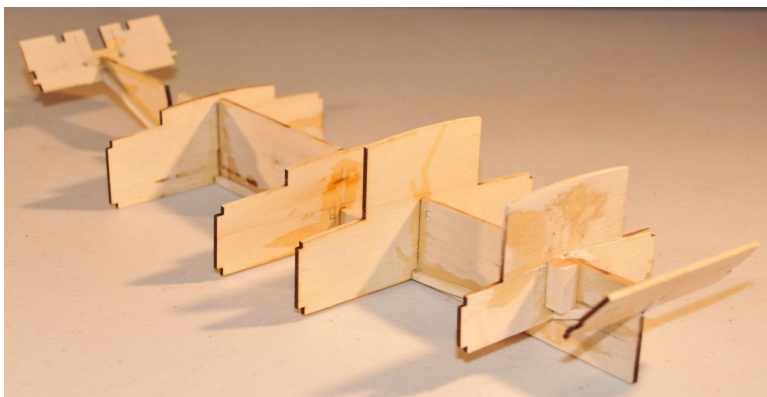


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San Francisco Bay Scow

by Kurt Van Dahm



At a scale of 1/48, this Midwest kit is now produced by Model Shipways.

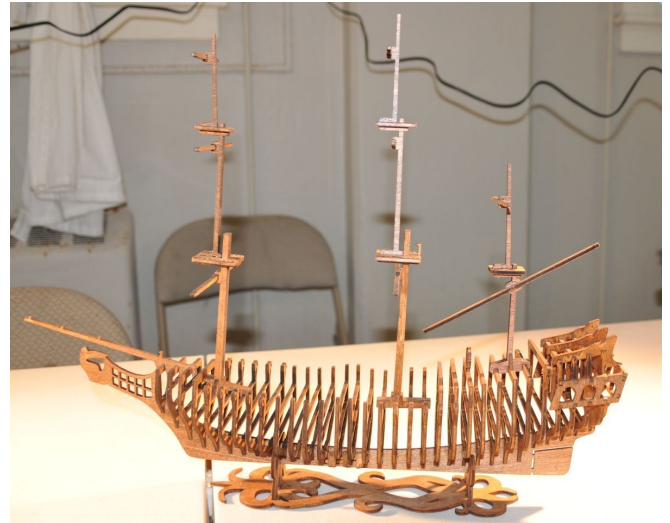
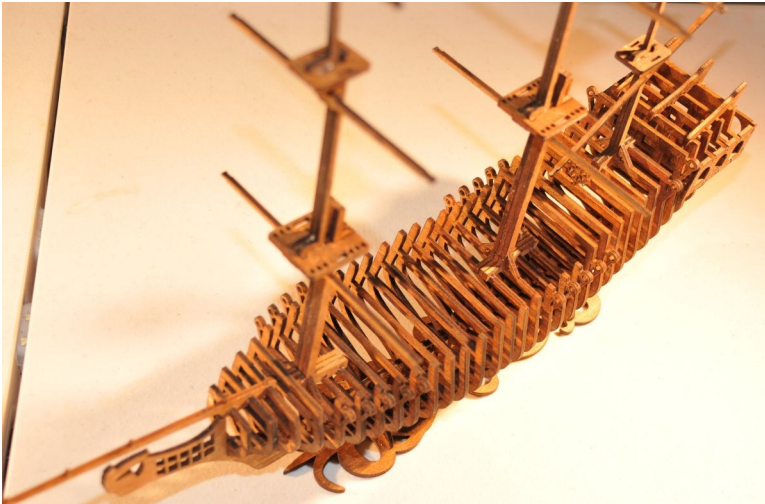


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Laser Cut Pirate Ship -*Black Pearl*

by John Hirsch



Laser Cut North Woods Scene



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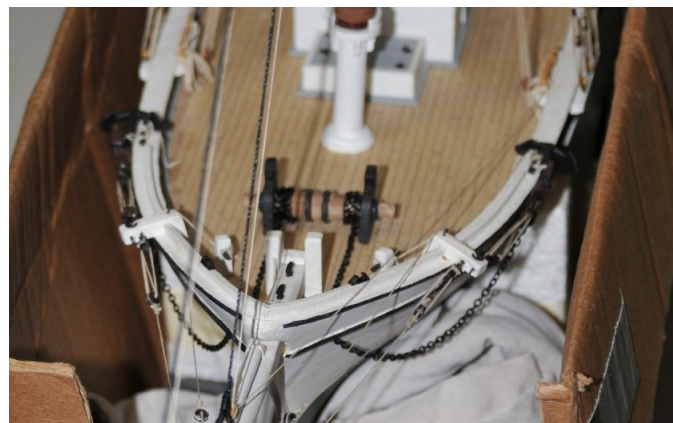
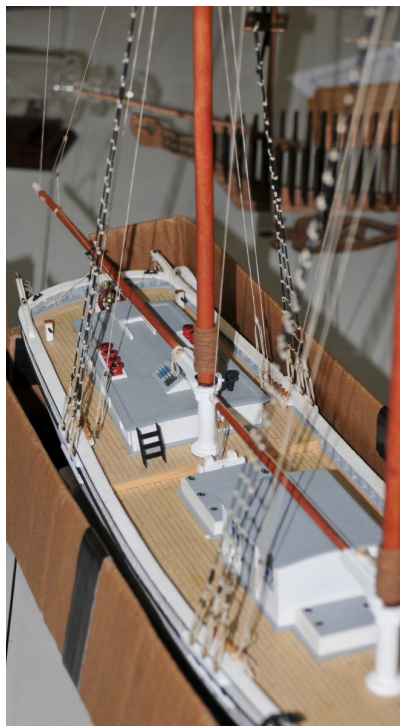
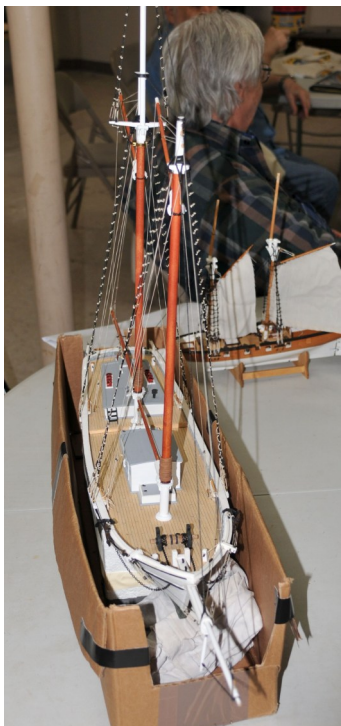


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Great Lakes Schooner Challenge

by Coleman Seskind and Keith Zeilenga





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The Whaler *Kate Cory* by Don Purney



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Cutty Sark by Bob Falk



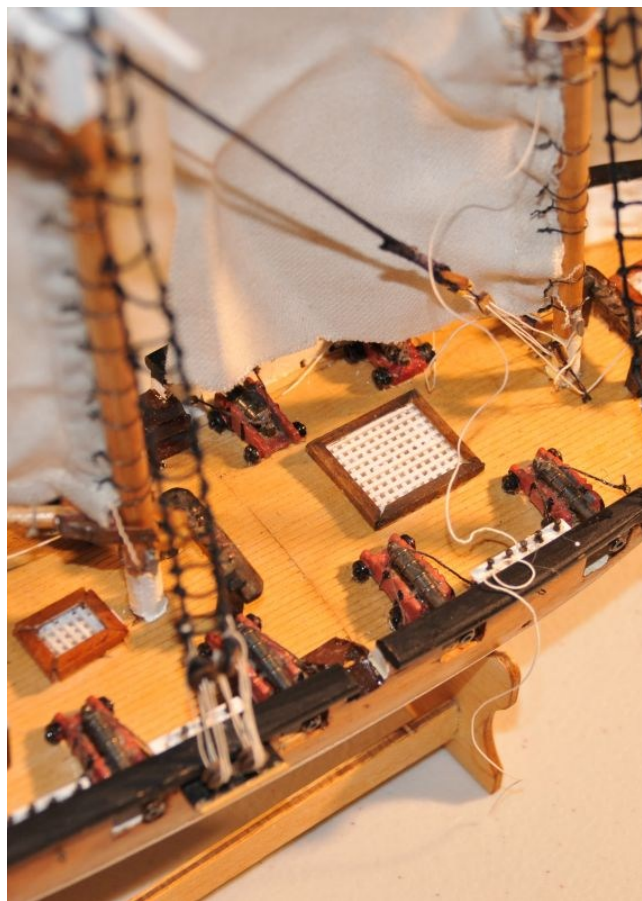
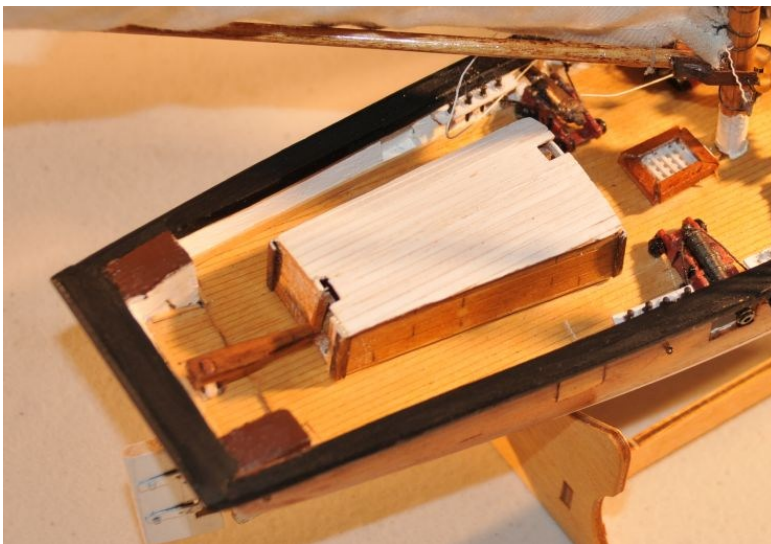
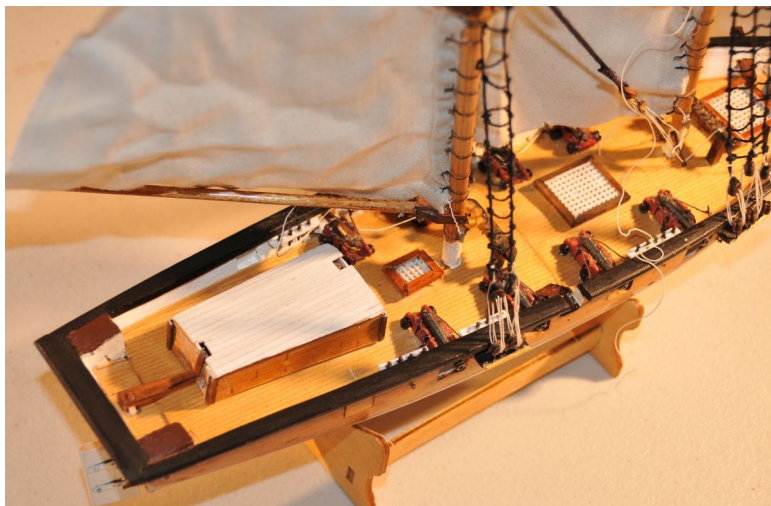
Our newest member, Bob Falk, is starting his model ship building career with a model familiar to many of us. The *Cutty Sark* kit by Scientific brings back many pleasant memories when we were building one of this companies numerous solid hull kits at the kitchen table. We look forward to seeing this handsome ship take shape!



Ships on Deck



Roger B. Taney
by Ray Kroschel



• 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*.

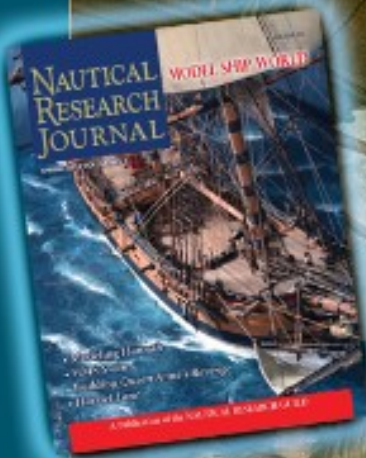
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LHQK	Unicorn Model
Master	YQ (YaunQing)
	Modelship Dockyard (China)

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● NRG Ship's Store ●

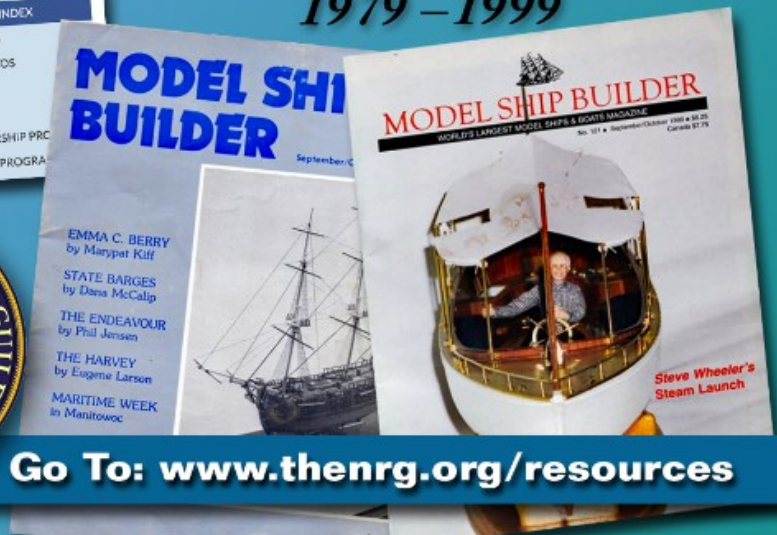
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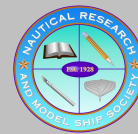


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