

FORECASTLE REPORT



Newsletter of the Chicago Tri-Club Association

October 2025



The Nautical Research Guild®

NEW VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

10:30 AM – CENTRAL

Researching & Building a Model of the Trireme *Olympias*

By Richard Braithwaite

The NRG is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

In late 480 BC, Xerxes the Great, the Persian King, sitting on a golden throne, watched the destruction of his fleet. Two hundred Athenian (and allied) triremes destroyed six to eight hundred triremes assembled by the Great King. The "wooden walls" protected Athens.



Zoom Link Information

Topic: NRG VIRTUAL WORKSHOP -

Time: Oct 11, 2025 10:30 AM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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October Tri-Club Meeting Schedule

The NSD October Meeting



The October North Shore Deadeyes virtual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1st, at 7:00 PM. The ZOOM invite will be sent out a few days before the meeting. The featured presentation is *The Development of Naval Guns part 3*.

The NRMS October Meeting



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

The MMS October Meeting



The October face to face Midwest Model Shipwright meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00 PM.

We will be featuring the next phase of our 2025 Tri-Club flea market, compliments of Coleman Seskind. This flea market will feature a considerable number of books, kits, tools, and plans.

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

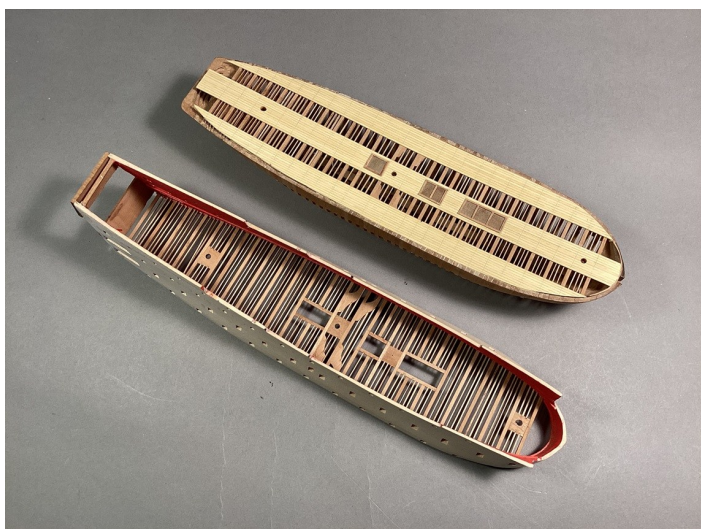
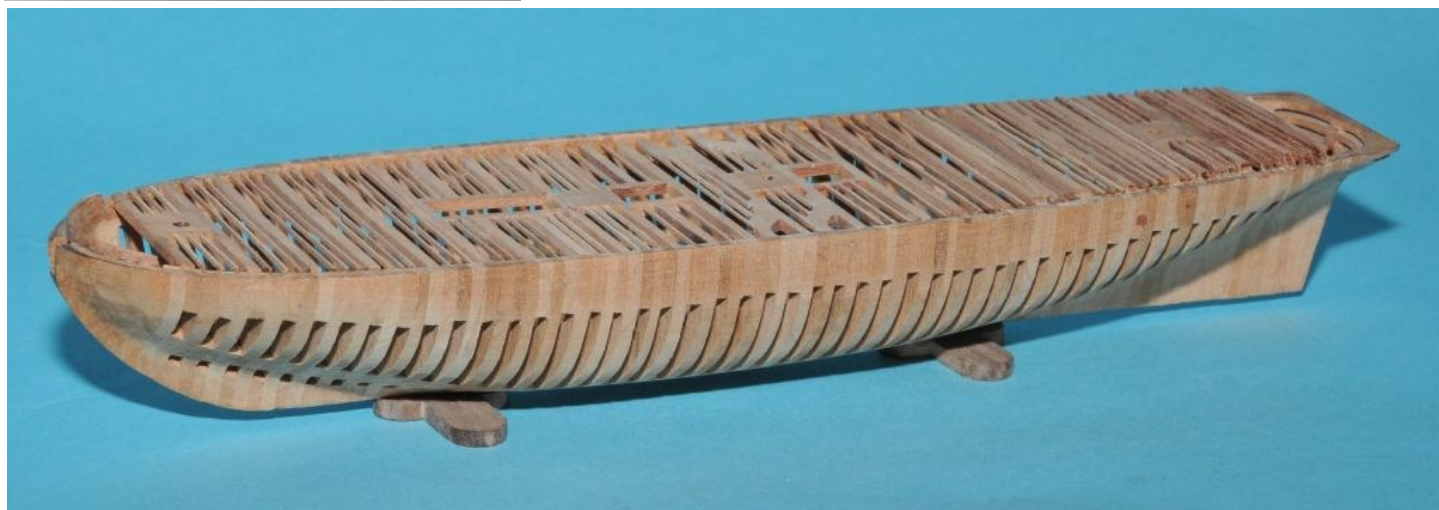
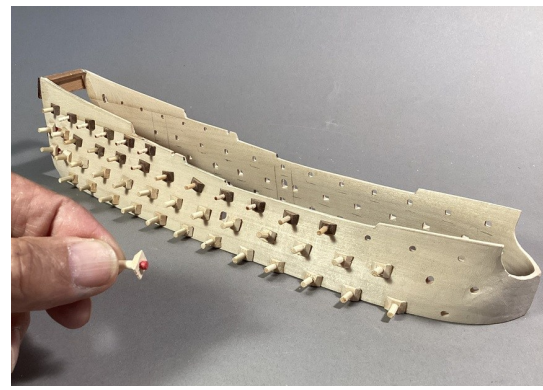
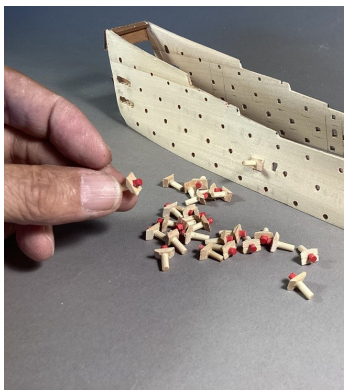
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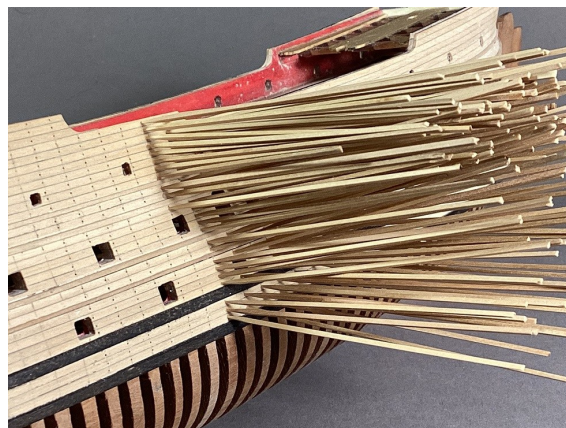
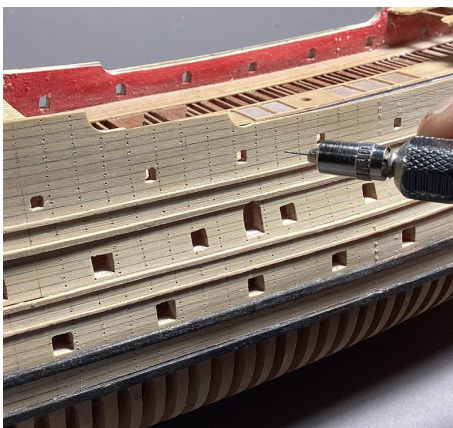
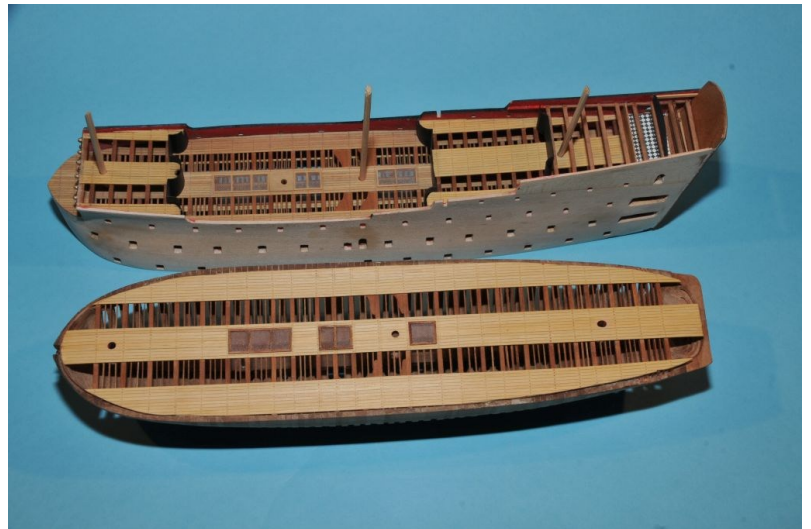
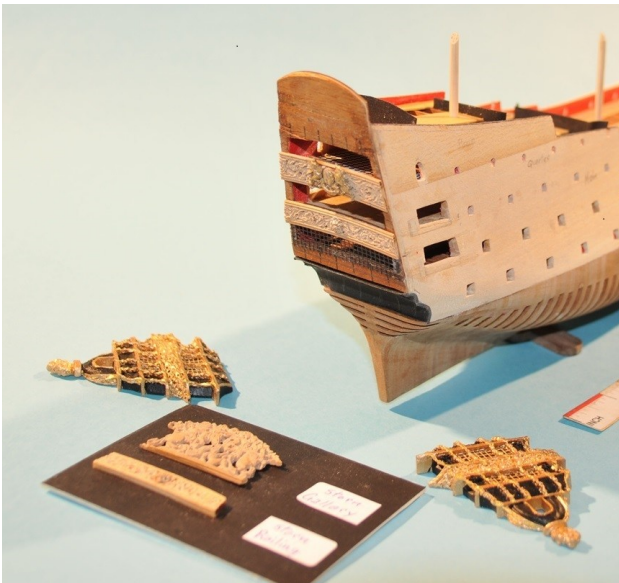




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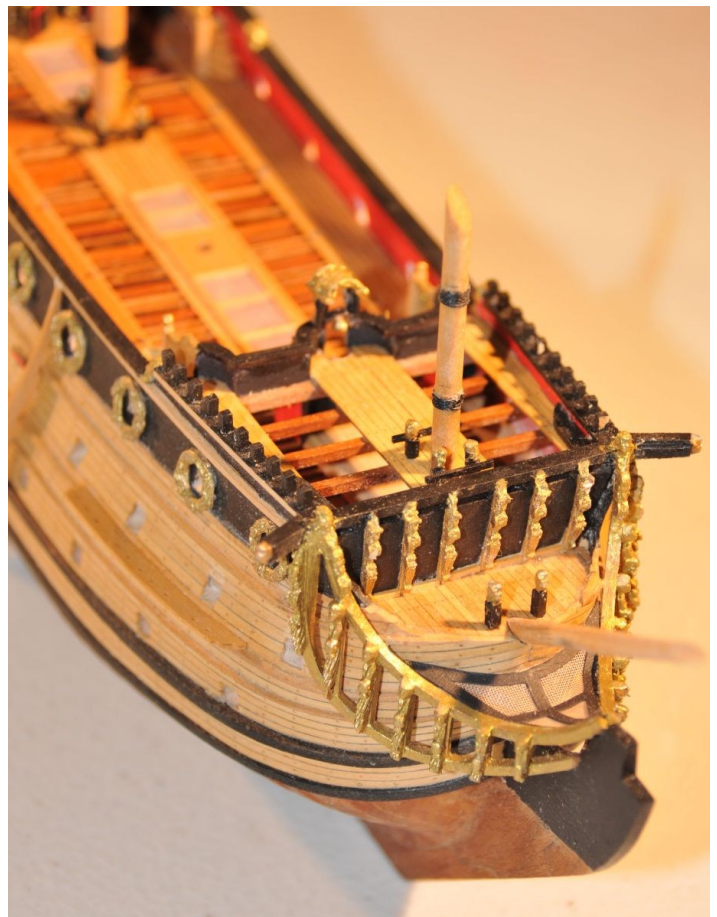
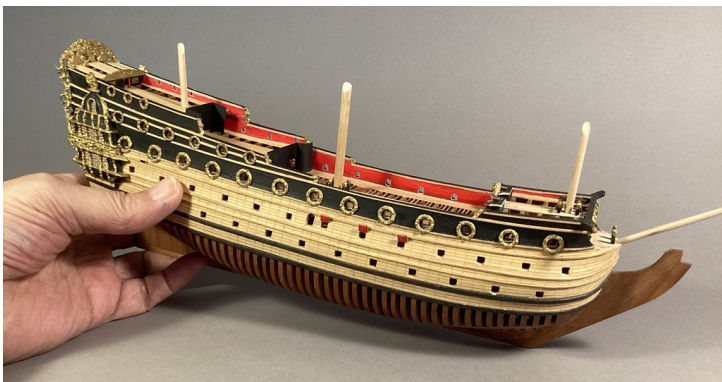
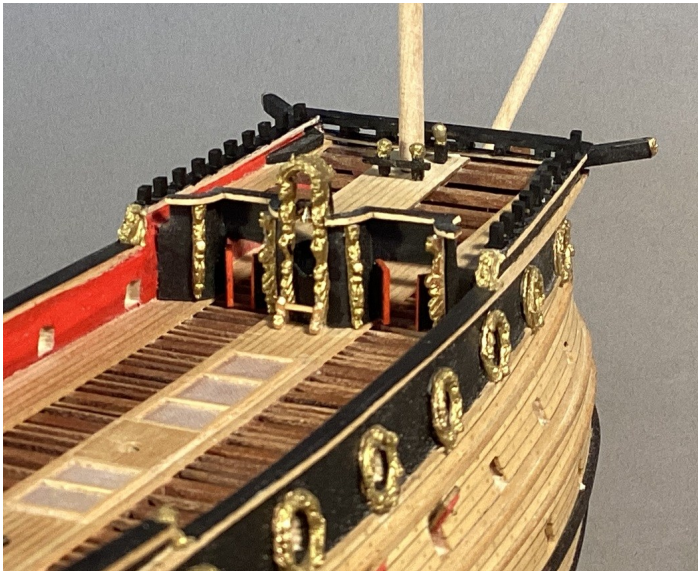




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Gus Agustin's *Britannia* continues to work its way towards completion. In fact, the only primary piece left is the very ornate figure head. A remarkable example of the *Britannia* is on display at the Annapolis Naval Academy Museum. Gus is waiting for some reference material that will give him the information he needs to carve one.

This model now sports something that is relatively rare on Gus' models, canons! Although difficult to see, Agustin applied a grey wash to the guns, which emphasizes their details.

The lanterns on the right are only a fraction of the examples that Gus made before he was satisfied with a set that provided the correct scale and shape.





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The No-Name Battery Powered Airbrush by Toni Levine



While at the 2025 International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS) National Convention, Toni Levine discovered this portable airbrush with cordless micro-compressor. Known as the “No-Name”, the unit is battery powered, and can be recharged via USB.2 batteries. It allows you to adjust air pressure for full control over your painting.

The unit has an **auto on/off function**. You don't have to press the power button. Just use the airbrush as you would use any other double-action airbrush. Press the trigger down for air, and the cordless compressor will automatically start. Pull the trigger backwards, and paint flow will join the air. It comes with 2 batteries so one can be charging while you're using the second one for non-stop work. When fully charged, it will constantly run for **over 30 minutes**. It will deliver static pressure up to 32 PSI. When operating, it delivers **8-9 LPM** with a max pressure of **20-25 PSI**.

It has an LED indicator to show the charge level, which means a low battery won't surprise you. The compressor by itself weighs in at **7 ounces**. The compressor can be used for long periods without over-heating.

• 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*.

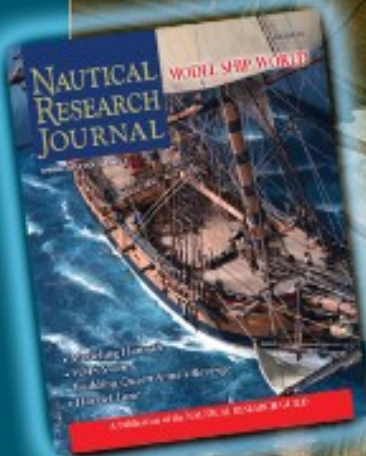
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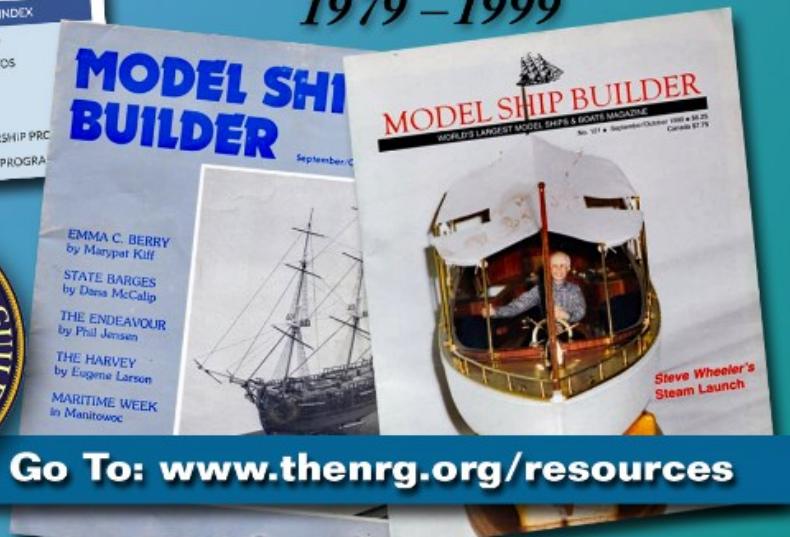
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