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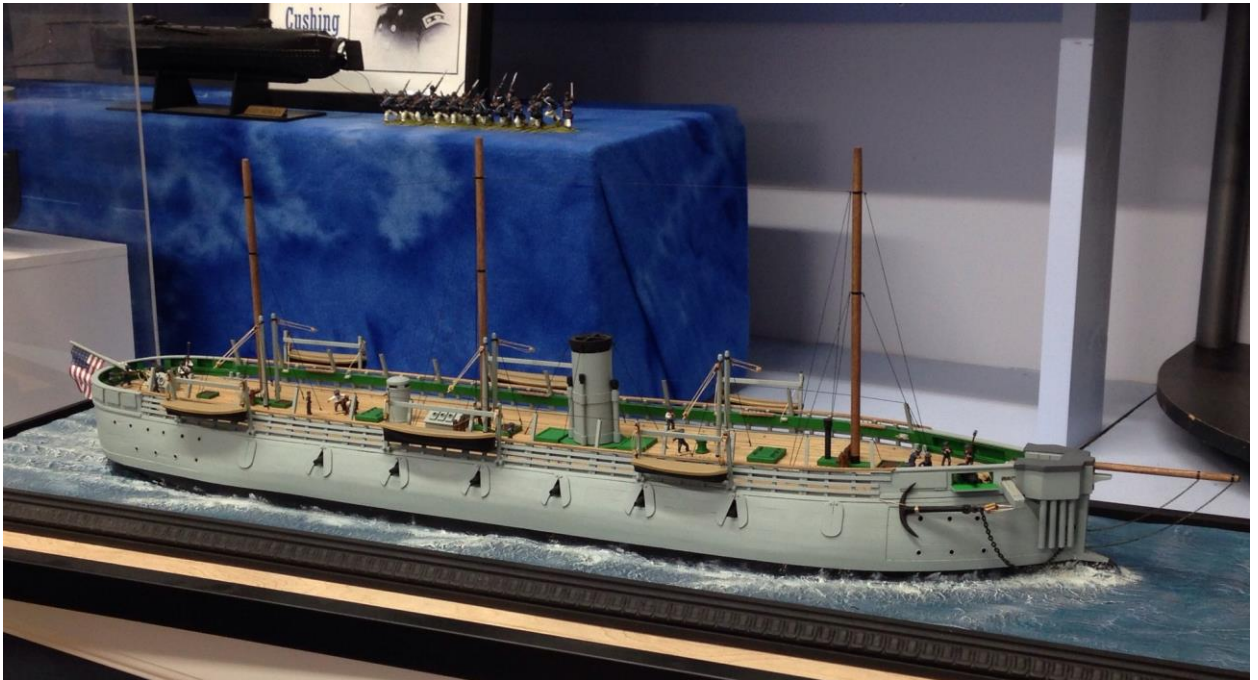
**9:00 to 12:00 AM**

## **Twelfth Meeting**

### **Model Shipwright Guild of Western NY**

#### Meeting Agenda:

- Greeting and Introductions 0 min  
*Leonard, Tim, Mike K., Bob, Lacy, Chuck and Joe were present at the meeting. Prior to the meeting we were treated to Tim's museum model of the USS New Ironsides on display now. Tim's work was featured in Ships' in Scale in recent past issues. It's a beauty!*



- Analysis of a North Carolina Sharpie: Lacy Smith 35 min  
*Lacy displayed his model bought at auction just outside Canandaigua NY for our enjoyment. It is truly a magnificent model by all measure even though it is in need of repair. The model is about 26 inches long and is completely scratch. Hull and deck fittings are all boxwood of selected grain. All fittings are hand made of what looks like blackened brass. Some fittings are just incredible such as the working double block. It is made of boxwood and brass. The pulleys are extremely accurate and finely crafted. The boom jaw has, what appears to be, simulated bolts for the lift lines. The cabin has operating windows. The joinery is magnificent. Even the simulated (Lacy thinks) trenails are extremely well positioned. The list goes on and on.*

*Now here is Lacey's dilemma. To restore this model would challenge and consume Lacey. He is not sure it is worth it as he has "miles to go before he sleeps" and he has halted his other projects to pursue this one. So at this point he may look for a good home for it. One option is to donate it to the Chesapeake Bay Museum at St. Michaels, MD. In the meantime I have agreed to try and contact Rob Napier (a distant connection when he lived on Cape Cod) and ask for assistance in learning more about the model and his recommendation.*



- The English Cutter Cheerful: Joe Lorenzo 20min  
*Joe has completed assembly of the bulkheads to the false keel applied the keel and faired the hull save the stern. Gun port framing is under way. All latter components mentioned are boxwood. The gun port sills and lintels are all unique and their shapes are as well. Joe finally settled on using his Unimat sanding attachment to "dial in" an exact fit for the sills. Once the sills were fit they have to be glued. In and follow the batten lines previously marked on the bulkheads. The placement was facilitated by running a temporary batten perpendicular to one of the bulkheads just below the sill point of placement. This not only ensured exact location but also leveled the sill to the horizontal. He has assembled all the stern elements but has not secured them. They have to follow the contour of the aft bulkheads and hence are easier to fashion off the model. Joe awaits boxwood sheets from Crown Timber Yard so in the absence will move onto other deck elements. A*

*couple of assembly problems were encountered. The most troublesome was that the rear keel element broke off during sanding. It was not sanded to remove char and it is likely the bond was weak when glued using CA glue.*



- Modeler's Tools and Jigs/All: 30min

*A number of members brought in tools and it made for a lively discussion and proved of interest.*

*We will do it again in the future. Some of the tools and jigs brought in were:*

*(2) Seizing jigs one from Ships Ahoy and the other from Syren Ship Models*

*Several rigging homemade tools*

*(2) Proportional dividers. They have gotten really expensive...now about \$100.*

*(2) Lee Valley miniature planes (a block and shoulder plane)*

*Several sanding blocks for hull fairing*

*Lee Valley miniature scrappers which are quite effective in removing material and leaving a near glass finish.*

- Face book vs. an MSG Web Site: All 15min

*This was a very productive session here are the capsule results of the discussion:*

- ✓ *The group, both present and away, has voted to use the web site as our promotional venue.*
- ✓ *We will "take down" the Face book page sometime after the web page is launched.*
- ✓ *We are likely to add some "periodic updates" such as a monthly update of historic interest to the site as well as classifieds and affiliations.*

- ✓ *We will acquire a domain name and formally launch the web site once we have made further updates. This is likely over the next month.*
- ✓ *We will keep our current logo but may enhance it.*
- ✓ *We have agreed to fund the start up cost which will be around \$200.*
- ✓ *We are currently exploring funding methods. There is a possibility that our membership will be asked to contribute either monies (around \$20 each) or through sale of some member donation items.*
- ✓ *We may help the Society by updating its web page as a thank you for the support they give us.*
- ✓ *We will have a training session at a meeting as soon as possible that will allow members to add pertinent data and items.*

- *The December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Open House: All 15min  
We will provide support to the Anderson Alley holiday event 12/2 and 12/3. Tim will be at the museum and I will man the table on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6 to 9 PM. I am asking someone to assist me for that slot.*

*We need 2 to 4 volunteers for Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12 PM to 4PM. I am thinking right now that the period is divided into 2- 2 hour slots.*

*We will be demonstrating and interacting with interested folk that stop by. Please help out.*

- *The Model Donation Next Steps: All 10min  
After the meeting we examined some of the kits and sold 6. There are still some bargains there. Please contact me for what is left and cost. I will begin trying to sell them on e-bay and MSW very soon. We are thinking of raffling off one at the holiday event.*