

**December 8, 2018**

**9:00 to 12:00**

## **Model Shipwright of Western NY**

### **Minutes**

**(MSWNY)**

#### Meeting Agenda:

- Greeting and Introductions 15 min

*In attendance: Chuck, Jim, Mike, Lacy, Rusty, Tom, Don, Joe and we welcomed a new member Matthew F. We are all happy to have you join us Matthew!*

- Business: All 30 min

Getting Ready for January display and workshop at the Strong Museum:

- Some venue details

The event will be 1/12 and 1/13, opens at 10 AM and closes 5 PM (Saturday) and 4 PM (Sunday). We can set up the eve before or early on the event day. Three tables will be provided. "Passer By" barriers will be provided. Chuck will provide easel stands for signage.

- **Who wishes to participate**

*So far Mike, Lacy and Joe have volunteered. Anybody else signing up even for a few hours either day????*

*As of the meeting in addition to Mike, Lacy, Joe and Chuck Len and Jim and Tom will participate. In early January we will get a time slot sheet out for sign up.*

- **What shall we display**

*We will work this out by December meeting. For thought starters I am thinking of bringing the Essex model and will demonstrate the hull building using my platform jig I had shown some time ago. It is thematic since it was built to deter high seas and Mediterranean piracy. Mike is*

*bringing one of his models and will demonstrate rigging techniques. Lacy will be bringing the Lexington and most likely the Philadelphia Gun Boat. His working will be on the Lexington masting and rigging. Mike plans on 2 models one for display and another for demonstration of rigging.*

- **Signage**

Chuck and Mike are going to work on some backdrop signage that will be useful even after the event. Cost estimates are that it will run about \$40. Chuck has agreed to work on the signage and is looking at 2 24 X 36 signs with our logo of the Ontario and what we have on our brochure.

Chuck will also supply a larger monitor and laptop for the short running slide show of Essex.

Chuck will also print up some more pamphlets for distribution there. Chuck is to work on this before the event.

*Topics for future meetings:*

- *Open slots in the schedule*
- *Further signup*

*Not discussed.*

*Filling out the signup sheet for the PBR sub assemblies.*

*Not discussed.*

*Events/Visits for the coming months. Mike has been reaching out beyond our doors to determine if there is interest in a demonstration/display of our works at a local venue. Mike will update us and we will take it from there. Chuck and Joe to visit sometime in January and arrange a display date for late winter/early spring.*

*Do we have a volunteer to write an article for the +55 Magazine? Chuck anything to report here? Not covered.*

*Web Site Notice (The web site and domain have been preserved.):*

- *Auto renewal on 11/15 of domain name for 2 years. Cost \$47.15.*
- *Auto renewal of web site on 11/15 for 1 year. Cost \$168.*

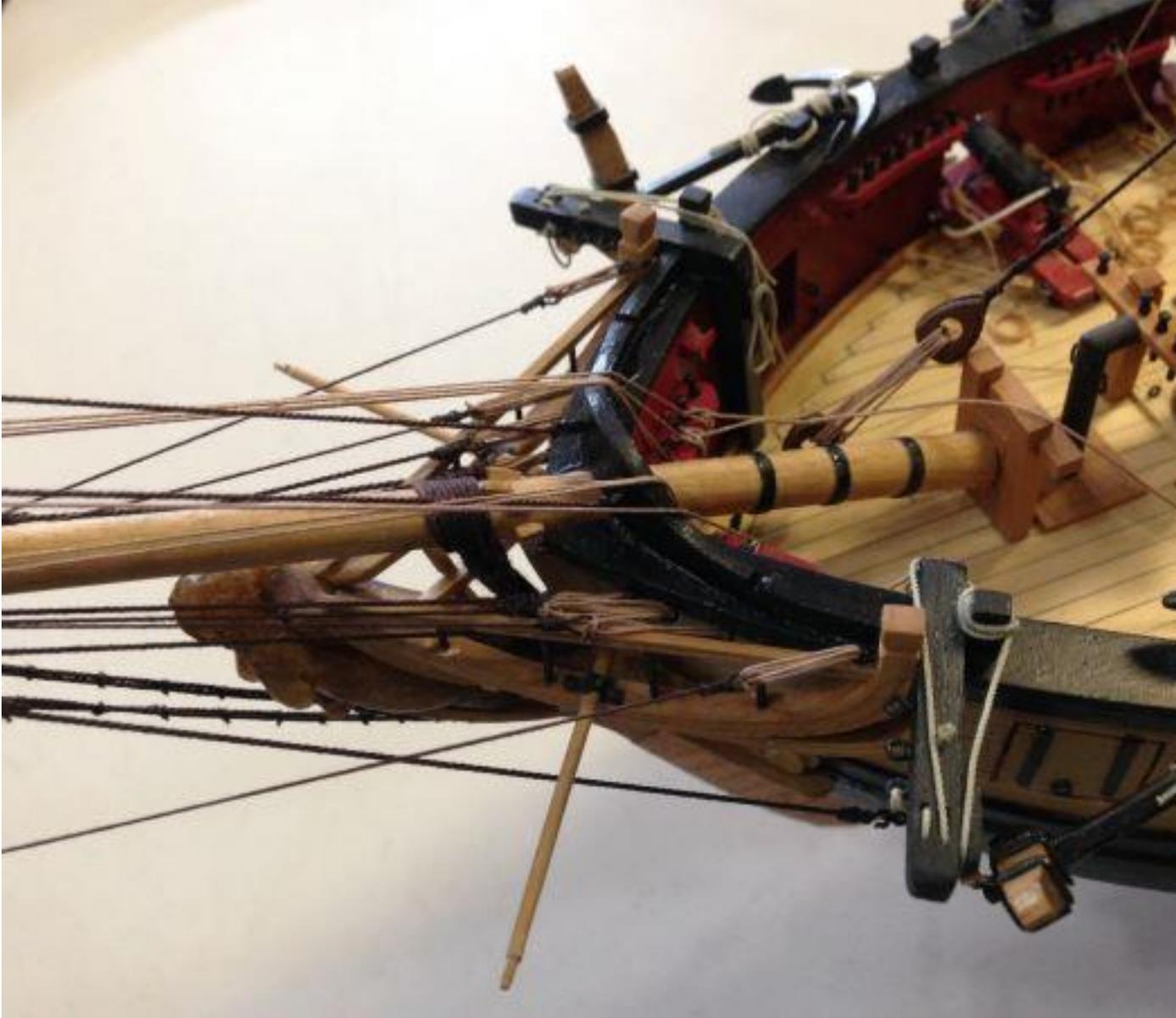
*Current Budget (These funds \$57.85 can be used for the signage)*

○ *Re-rigging Syren: Rusty* *25 min*

*Rusty as you know had a mishap during his move and his Model Shipways, Syren, had its rigging torn asunder in a “raging storm” (well not exactly but it sounds better). Rusty will spend some time discussing this difficult task both from a disassembly to the re-rigging process. I do not think we have seen Syren so this will be a treat.*

*Rusty did not disappoint his restoration of the model is exquisite! He has yet to complete all running rigging but work to date is done in his usual high standard. This model is a scratch version of the kit offered by Model Shipways and is in many ways more detailed than the kit. The model was done about 10 years ago so aside from the drawings supplied by Chuck Passaro pretty much everything is scratch including cannon, many fittings and the like. The hull is a coppered bottom which lends even more grace to this vessel.*





*A Close up of Syren bow detail*

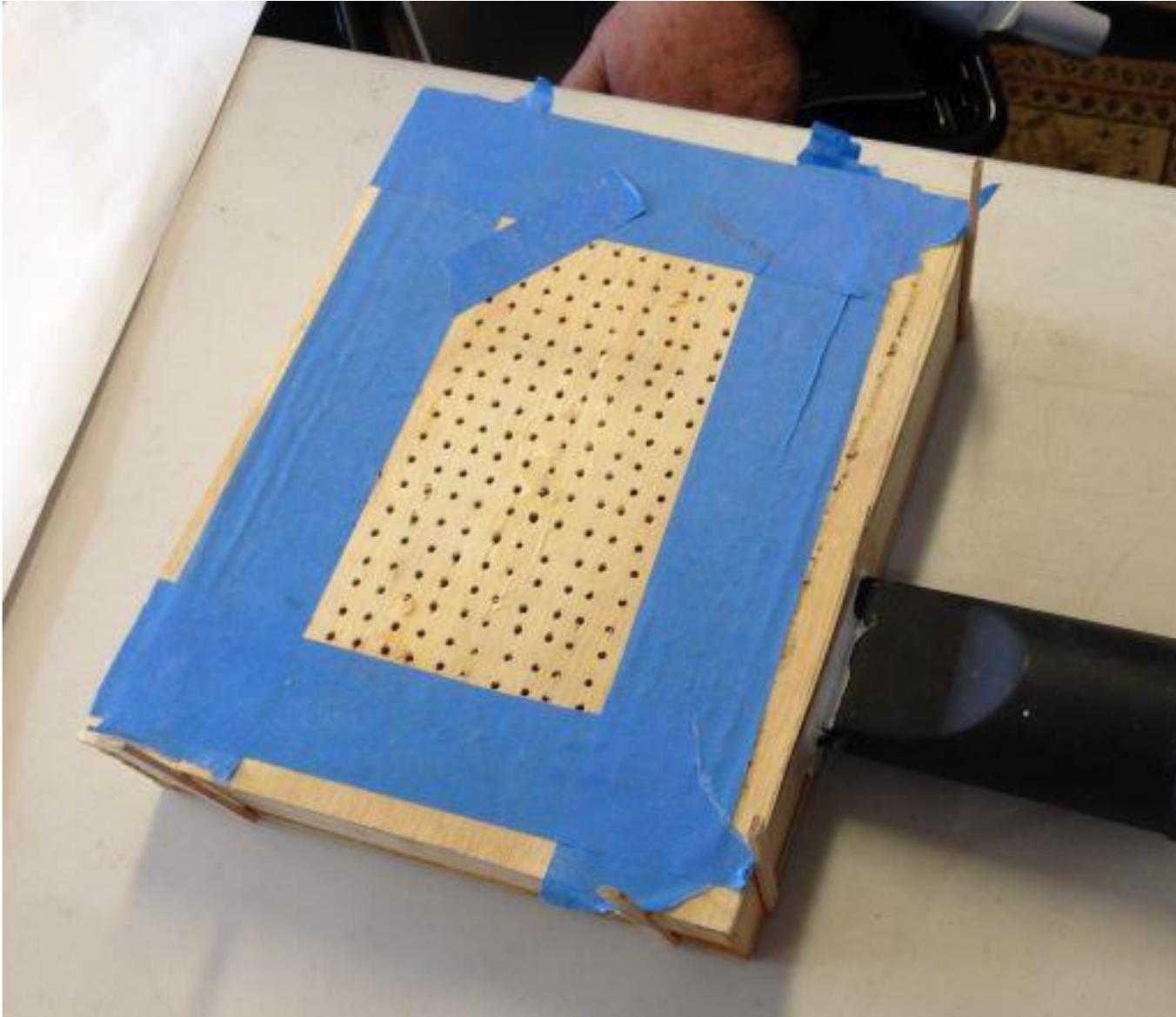
○ Vacuum Forming Discussion/Demo: Bill

30 min

*Bill has found need to form some small lifeboats for his Sassacus Class, double ender, Civil War model which is nearing completion. He will reveal the process through an actual demonstration. Another candidate for our shop notes Bill!*

*Bill treated us to some photos of his beautiful and FINISHED model of the Civil War Agawam. Unfortunately, we will have to wait until it is in the Military History Society Museum. In the mean time I will be posting his work on our web site. He has added some very realistic detail to the deck using scale figures. It is again a testimony to Bill's research, build and presentation skills.*

*Bill then spoke to the replication of 4 lifeboats he made for Agawam using a vacuum forming process. He started with a shop made vacuum forming box that he planned to attach to his shop vacuum. Using 1/32 styrene sheet he preheats the material in a dedicated toaster oven. The heated sheets are quickly transferred to the vacuum box using a carrier as the material at this point exhibits quite a bit of sag. Bill has added registration stakes for the carrier frame. The jig does the rest and I might add does a great job thereby simplifying the fabrication process. He brought in some tryout failures which were largely due to snagging the material from oven to vacuum form. Nonetheless his finished products on the vessel are quite good.*



*The shop built vacuum box with shop vacuum attachment.*



*The finished test subject. Note what happens when the material sags and gets snagged.*

○ *Another New Tool: Joe*

*10min*

*Joe has been working on Cheerful for the last few weeks and has concentrated on planking the area above the wales. He admits to having rip off the existing planking for a start over. It is not any easy task as error creep in materials and workmanship have caused some set back. During the*

*process he discovered a new measuring tool he would like to share with the group and discuss some of its advantages.*

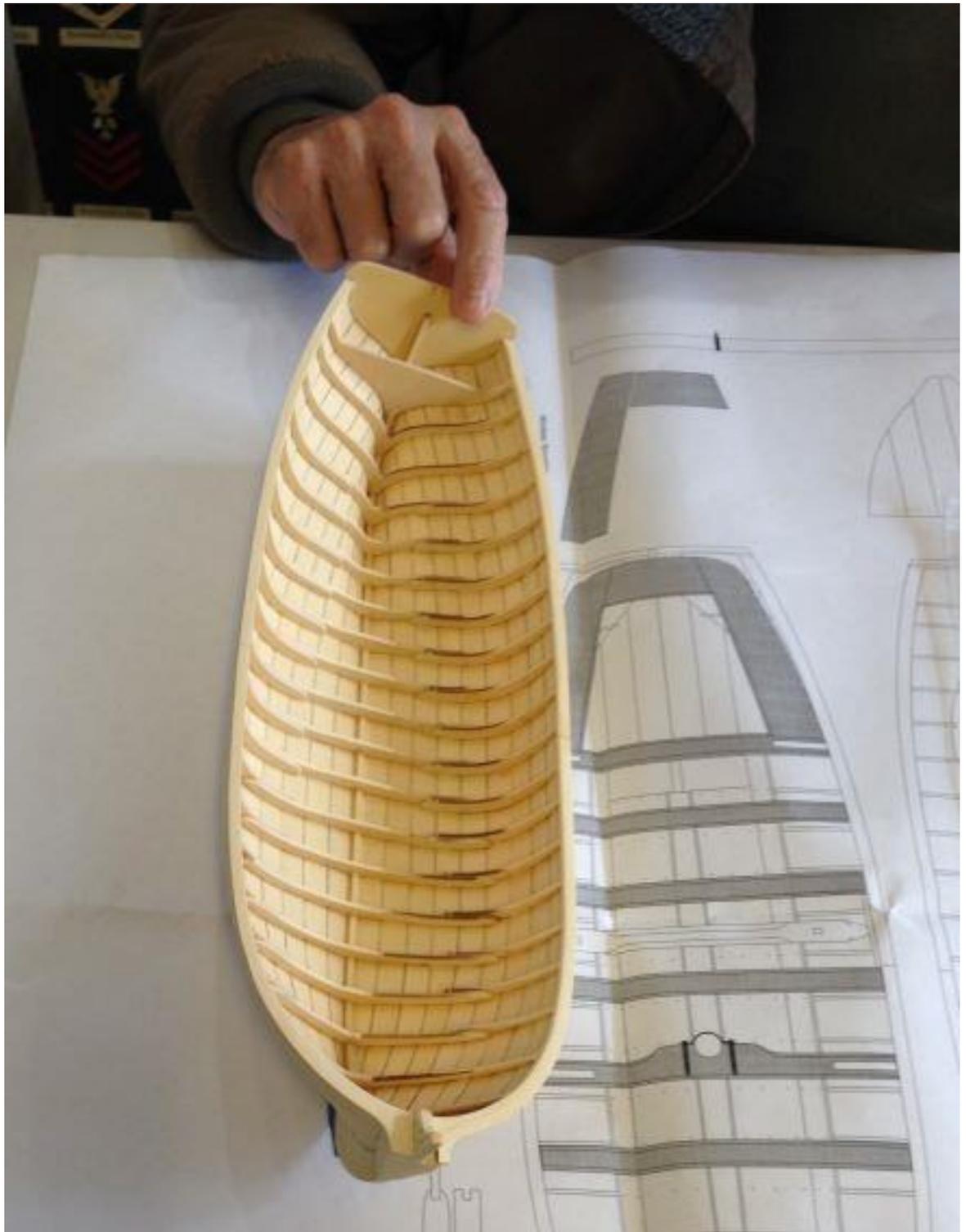
*Joe had a short demo an explanation of his newest measuring tool from Igaging. Its attributes are it easily measures, holds measurement if wished and even displays delta readings from an assigned reference. Examples of use are obvious but shines when determining planking height, sheet thickness variation and the like. It seems to be handier than a digital caliper as one can use it with one hand and manipulate its measurement of long material without constant readjust of a traditional caliper.*



- The Medway Longboat by Syren: Rusty

This was an unscheduled but very welcomed subject to close the meeting. Rusty has started his group build of this vessel and as shown it is a delightful and rewarding project. It is constructed of Alaskan yellow Cedar and makes into a beautiful model.

Once again his work to date is a study in excellent execution. More to come as this model progresses.



The hull of the Medway Longboat nearly completed

- A Ship Building Lesson: A Video 25min

*One can learn a good deal from the those who build real ships and boats.  
Witness an interesting and informative lesson on preparing the keel for  
steam bent frames.*

*Time did not allow for its viewing.*

- No meeting January 12 as we will be participating  
at the Strong Museum events.