

FORECASTLE REPORT



Newsletter of the Chicago Tri-Club Association

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● Scuttlebutt ●

Membership Has Its Benefits



Most of you are probably aware of the fact that the Nautical Research Guild has been offering an ongoing series of online workshops. These workshops feature experts discussing ship modeling topics in a live setting that includes detailed instruction and extensive Q&A.



A prime example of this is the just completed workshop that featured Mr. Ian McLaughlan, an authority on the history of sloops of war. This just completed presentation dealt with the sloop's development in the latter part of the 17th Century. This talk included a substantial amount of graphic images and watercolors, many of them done by the presenter.

These Workshops are FREE to NRG Members. Non-members can register for any workshop for a nominal fee, but why not join the Guild and have free access to all of them?. Members can also view free of charge previous workshops using the links provided on the NRG website.

● Piracy List Update ●

Please note that our Tri-Club Anti-Piracy List has been updated. Unfortunately, it has grown larger. The new document appears on page 4 of this newsletter, and will be featured in all future issues.

February Tri-Club Meeting Schedule

The NSD February Virtual Meeting Book Collector Software



Rick Szydelko is offering something a little different for the February meeting. Rick has a rather large library, so keeping track of the many books he has can be a daunting task. *Book Collector Software* is specifically designed for the book lover. This will be a very unique presentation.

Proceedings will begin on Wednesday, February 7th at 7:00 PM CST, but you will be able to log on at 6:30 PM. Invites will be sent out a day or two before the meeting.

The NRMS February Meeting



The Nautical Research and Model Ship Society's February 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 February 10th meeting. Proceedings start at 7:00 PM, but you will be able to log on as early 6:30 PM.

A Shipwright Hiatus



The Midwest Model Shipwrights will be in hibernation until April but do not despair! You can still get your monthly model ship fix by attending the

North Shore Deadeyes and Nautical Research and Model Ship Society gatherings. We hope you will support our two sister clubs during this shutdown.



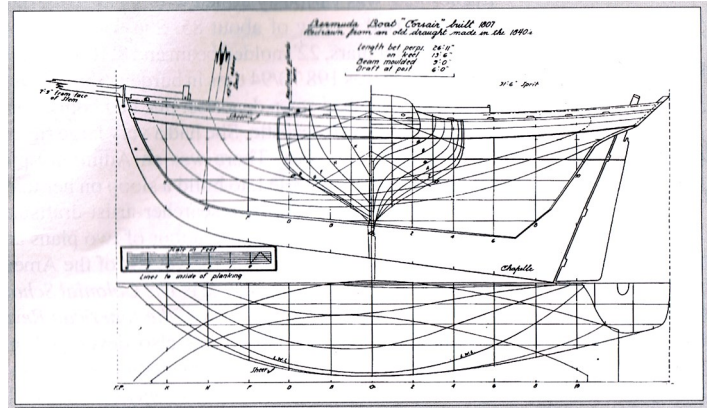
The Bermuda Boat *Corsair* by Dave Amstutz



In 1994, Clayton Feldman wrote a series of seminars on building the Bermuda boat *Corsair*, which was published in "Seaways Ships in Scale". For Dave Amstutz, it was love at first site. He decided to build a model of this handsome little vessel, which dated back to 1807.

The model is all cherry planking and some lighter strip wood, which was gleaned from a prior kit. All the blocks are also made from cherry.

Amstutz found out that during Feldman's research on this vessel, it was discovered that a model of this craft was once built by Merritt Edson. The piece was later sold to the State Department and subsequently presented to the King of Siam in 1967 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Originally drawn by Howard I. Chapelle, the plans are available through the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History, Division of Transportation.



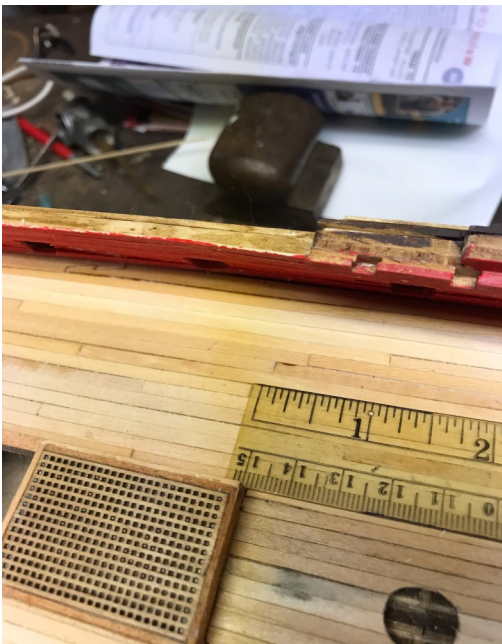


Confederacy by Ray Kroschel



If this outstanding model looks familiar, it should. The last time Ray showcased it was exactly one year ago.

While going through last year's files, these photos were discovered. They couldn't have surfaced at a better time.



• 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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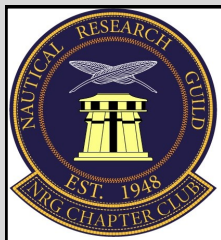
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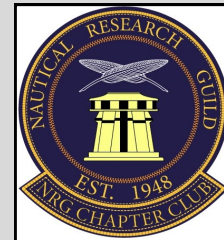
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