



New Bedford Whaleboat by Ken Sykes

Ken Sykes' first effort in model shipbuilding was not an easy one. He chose the New Bedford Whaleboat, c. 1850 -1870, by Model Shipways, which is considered an advanced kit. This model, at a scale of $\frac{3}{4}''=1'$, measures 24" in length. The kit uses a plank-on-frame method of construction. The hull planks, oar and paddle blades, tubs, casks and rudder are laser cut basswood. Scale whaling gear gives this kit remarkable detail. Photo-etched copper fittings include harpoon, lance and cutting spade heads, knife blades, oarlocks, and mast hinge hardware. This model won the Blue Ribbon at the 2015 Texas State Fair in the Crafts Category!







