



New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild.

April, 2023



(above) Steve Michel presented his Blue Devil Destroyer by Lindberg, based on the 1943 U.S.S. Melvin, DD680 a Fletcher Class destroyer.

The April meeting was called to order by Jim Brode with 8 members present.

Existing business was chaired by Jim Gower regarding the new website. Our domain has been purchased and we are ready for input from the members as to content which is proposed to include the following:

- Name of Website is our logo which is the NBMMG with the Anchor next to the name.
- Will include a list of current projects with pictures.
- Proposed to have a “Sell, trade or buy” section for all to participate.
- List of suppliers who furnish modeling supplies, names addresses and phone numbers.
- Members directory, addresses and emails, which will be on a separate locked page, accessible only to members.
- It is proposed to include a copy of the monthly newsletter and articles of interest regarding model boating, history of the ship(s) that are of interest to our modeling group.

After a general discussion, Jim was given the go ahead to come up with a format to include the above mentioned topics with Alan Welch who will design and layout the site.

A discussion on contributions to help defray the cost of the website was approved, and donations will begin at our next meeting in May. Jim reminded the group that the ongo-



(above) Our logo will grace the soon to be created website.



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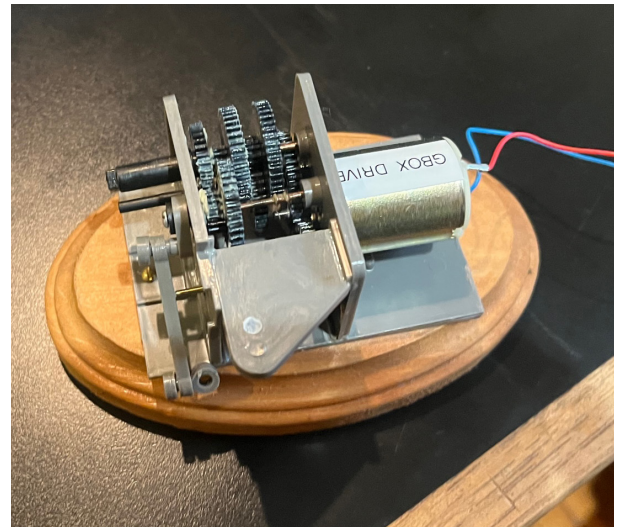
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ing restoration the 1940 model of the U.S.S. North Carolina was on track to be completed by end of May and a donation from the owner will enlarge our account. Jim suggested that we appoint a treasurer and set up an account once this project is completed and the model turned over to the owner.

Jim Brode reminded the group that the Maritime Museum in Beaufort will hold its Wooden Boat Show on May 6th in Beaufort. He asked members to bring any models under construction or completed, for a display inside in the Museum's auditorium.

Steve Michel presented his Blue Devil Destroyer by Lindberg, based on the 1943 U.S.S. Melvin, DD680 a Fletcher Class destroyer which had a displacement of 2,050 tons at 376 feet in length. This model is radio controlled, and has 75 brass stanchions with 24 gage wire for the railings throughout the ship. Nice work Steve.

Dave Mahoney presented the first stage of superstructure repair on the North Carolina, and as usual great work is being accomplished on this 80-year-old model.



(above) The heart of Steve's Destroyer, the motor and gear box that drive the ship and articulate the turrets.

(below) Another angle of USS Melvin.





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Adam Campbell presented color photos of Danish fishing vessels he recently took while on a work assignment in the area, plus copies of a Viking Ship that was unearthed along with 4 others at a location close to an old seacoast fortress. It was determined that these ships were scuttled in then the existing harbor to prevent invading armies from using the port. Adam also noted that the 5 ships excavated were used for different functions. Fishing, trade and warships were just a few functions mentioned.

(above left and right) Several of Adams photos of Danish fishing boats tied up in harbor

(below left) The skeletal remains of the recovered longship

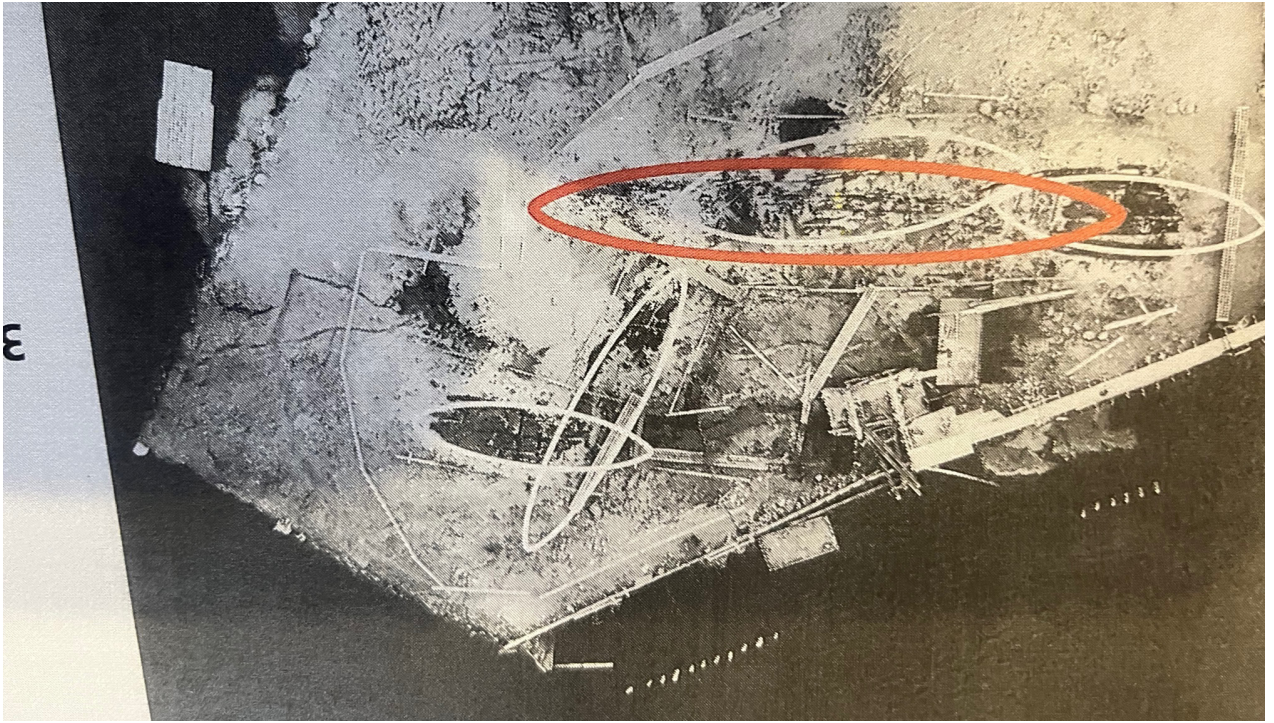
(below The model recreation of the longship displayed beside the actual remnants





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The small longship

Wreck 5 is a smaller warship, possibly of the snekke type.

The ship was built of Danish oak, ash, and pine, partly by reusing timber from other ships. With 13 pairs of oars and about 30 warriors, it belonged to the 13-sessers, the smallest longship in a war fleet. Along the sheerstrake there are fragments of the shield-rack, on which shields were placed, and on the sixth strake on the port side aft, carved decoration can be seen.

The ship was ideal for sailing in Danish coastal waters and through the short, choppy waves of the Baltic. An average speed on longer voyages would have been 6-7 knots in favourable winds, with a top speed of about twice that. *Helge Ask*, a reconstruction of *Skuldelev 5* built by the Viking Ship Museum, is on display at the museum harbour.

(top)- Aerial view showing approximate locations of the ancient wrecks

(above)- The museum's write-up on the long ship, apparently a warship

Adam also presented our club build, (which we have not worked on since Adam was overseas on business), which is a 566 Kadet kit by Dumas. The group discussed various ways of attaching the wooden floor inside a styrene hull using super glue, gorilla glue or going to the extreme with a diluted mixture of white glue.





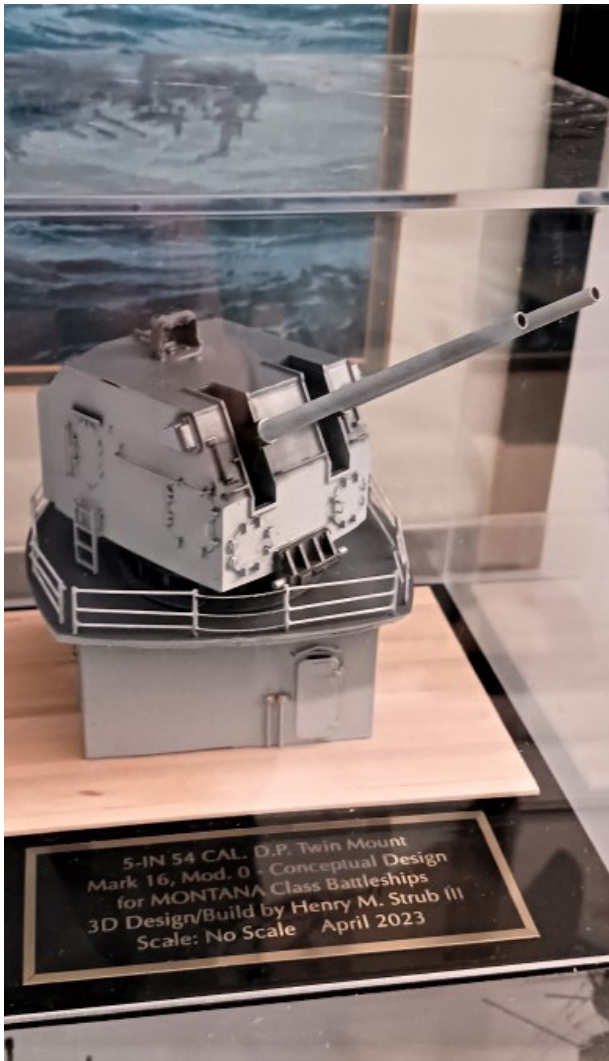
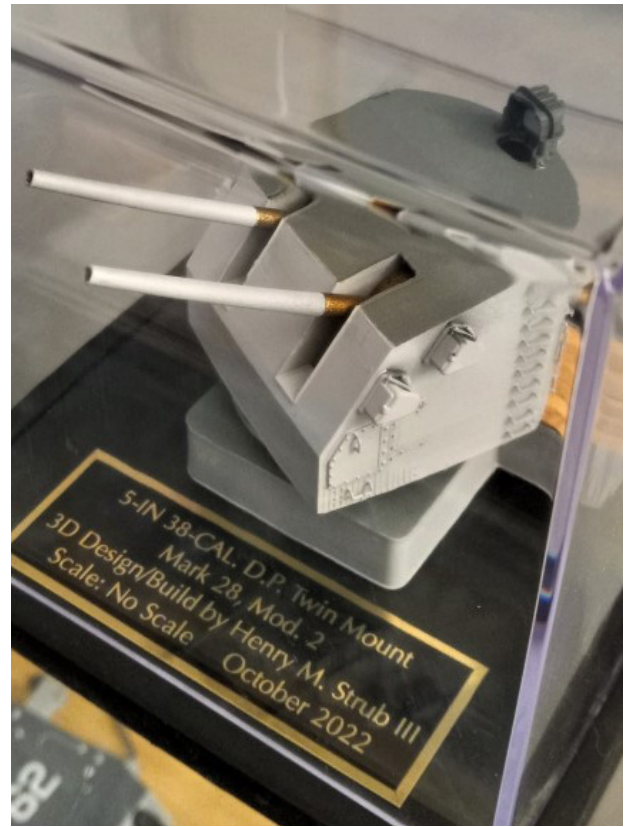
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Hank Strub, who is one of our out-of-town members, sent in some pictures of several 5-inch 38 cal gun mounts he has made with his 3D printer. He has given a brief descriptors of each gun mount in the photographs.

Upon conclusion of the show and tell the group decided to meet on its usual Saturday meeting date of May 13th.

The meeting was then adjourned.





The Cruise of 1798

A SALUTE TO THOSE SAILORS....
A little known tidbit of Naval history

The U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides), as a combat vessel, carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (I.e. Fresh water distillers).

However, let it be noted that according to her ship's log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum."

Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping."

Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum.

Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550

pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On 18 November, she set sail for England. In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whiskey distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn.

Then she headed home.

The U.S.S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whisky, and 38,600 gallons of water.

"GO NAVY" !!!



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Meeting Schedule for Carolina Maritime Model Society 2023

Schedule for the calendar year 2023:

MAY 6
June 3,
September 23,
October 28,
December 2
(combined November/December meeting)
All meetings start at 2:10 pm, in the
Museum's Auditorium.
North Carolina Maritime Museum
315 Front Street
Beaufort, NC 28516

Meeting Schedule for the New Bern Maritime Modeler's Guild 2023

May 13,
June 10,
July 8,
August 12,
September 9,
October 14,
November 11,
December 9.

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