



May Report



(above) Our display at The Nautical Museum during the Wooden Boat Show in Beautiful and historic Beaufort. We had over 40 models on display! The three closest models are a fishing schooner, an armed barque and another fishing schooner.

The Wooden Boat Show was held on May 6th in Beaufort, N.C.

This annual showing of wooden boats from kayaks to runabouts was cancelled during the Covid crisis but has returned with a better showing of vintage craft and related accessories.

The Museum was open for model display during the show, with better signage and access to the 40 plus models that were presented for display.

Sailing brigs and cutters were among some of the Beaufort members projects along with John Vangs' half hull models which was truly remarkable. You can find John at the hobby room across the street in the boat building shed most any day working on a half hull model.

New Bern Maritime which supports the Beaufort Modelers Club displayed the restoration project of the U. S. S. North Carolina, (BB55) which is an 80-year-old model that came out for marketing a year before the ship was actually launched.

During the show, I met a retired gentleman, D.K. Kirkpatrick from Washington N.C. and as usual a conversation began about his military career, but more important the conversation shifted to his father-in-law who recently passed away. Seems that he had just received some WWII mementos which came from the Pacific theater. D.K. revealed that his FIL was in the navy and his ship was moored alongside the Missouri and witnessed the signing of the surrender from the bridge of his ship, the light cruiser U.S.S. Pasadena.



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D.K. went on to state that each member of the surrender received a card with a Japanese Flag printed in the background and the sailor's name stating an eyewitness to the surrender. They also had a choice of receiving a sword or rifle, but the Navy mailed them home rather than to distribute them because McArthur did not want any incident after the surrender.

About that time my light bulb came on and I remembered that Tom Werner, owner of the North Carolina model told me his dad served on the Pasadena and was at the surrender! I told D.K. about this and about that time Tom walked in to see the progress of the model (which he and his family were thrilled at the repairs to date) and the next thing I know I was introducing D.K. to him and they begin to relate the same stories about the surrender and where their dad's served on the ship.

Talk about a small world, that made participation in this show more than worthwhile because of the history these two shared about WWII and their dads on the same ship. Come to find out, D.K. lives in Pamlico Plantation which is on Broad Creek outside Washington and just so happens that he is directly across the Creek from where I keep my sailboat moored.

When you have experiences like this regarding Naval history it makes the time and sacrifice worth every penny.



(above)
Wall display of John Vang's half hull models which are second to none.



(above)
Models of a new type of power boat being built in Beaufort by Jim Morse's Company featuring a unique design in the bow and stern.



(above)
Colorful model of a Bay of Biscay Tuna Trawler, Marina II.



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Last weekend, the R/C Modelers from the Wilson Rocky Mount Area had a trial run of their 1/96 warship models in Rocky Mount, N.C. Since we are beginning to see an interest in Radio control, I am reestablishing contact with this group as they have been dormant from meetings during the Covid crisis.

The following pics are from last weekend, and I will post their next scheduled run for any interested member who wants to visit them. As you can see their work is outstanding and I hope to get them to visit us in the future for show and tell and building tips for R/C models.



(above)

One of the Frigates, and a bow shot of a Viet Nam era LST built by Charles Lamm. This was a support ship for the River Theater which included helicopters for air support. I think Charles served on this ship.

(below)

The fleet is out on Patrol. The club builds to a standard 1/96 scale. They usually run in flotillas of four vessels due to the size of the lake.





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(above)

Progress continues on the 80-year-old model of the BB-55, North Carolina restoration project.





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Meeting Schedule for Carolina Maritime Model Society 2023

Schedule for the calendar year 2023:

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

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

All meetings start at Noon, at the Shop Class building, in New Bern.

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An English, a French, a Spanish, and a German person sat in the back of a club. The guy on stage asked if they can see him.

They said: "Yes, oui si ja."