



April Report



(above) A shot revealing the interior of the hull of Jim Brode's Seabrooke showing how he tied all the bulkheads and keel together and added reinforcements where needed. More photos of this fine project on the following pages.

April Newsletter, NBMMG

Meeting was called to order By Jim Gower at 12 noon on April 13th , 2024. There were 8 members were present:

Jim Gower,

Jim Brode,

Dave Mahoney,

Roger Brown,

Andy Fulcher,

Steve Michel,

Michael McDougall,

with a new member joining us, Don Clayton.

Don met us at the Train Show in New Bern in February and expressed an interest in attending a meeting. Don is restoring a Cris Craft Cabin Cruiser, 1949 model. Welcome aboard Don!

The ECPM Model Expo in July in Havelock, N.C. is on track for July 20 and 21, 2024 at the Havelock Convention Center. We have voted to sponsor a table for this show as this club has always given us a table to promote the

NBMMG. Jim Gower will coordinate with their rep to pick a table, maybe a table that has ship models? LOL. We will set up our table Friday afternoon and the show starts at 9:00 Saturday morning. The venue is much the same as before, with vendors, raffle of models of all types throughout the day, and will have a give away table of old models, some finished kits and some unfinished.

The NBMMG Exhibit at the Battleship North Carolina, August 10 and 11 will have the following groups represented, the NBMMG, Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers, N.C. Model Ship Builders, and the Wilmington Plastic Models. There will be members from each club present to help answer questions from the viewing public and help promote modeling in general. The theme for this exhibit is: The Fleet is In, and all graphics and advertising
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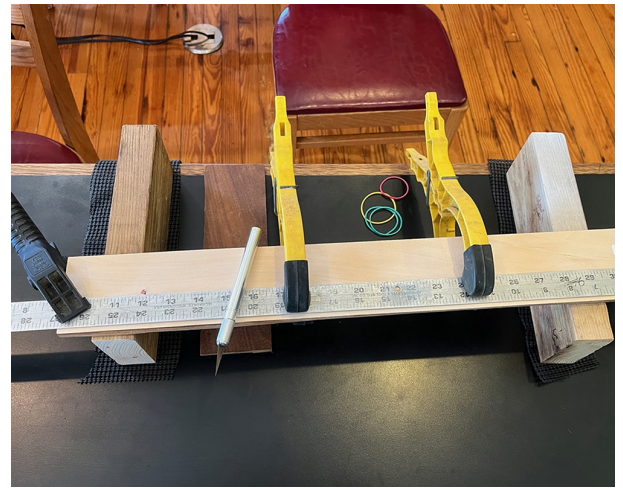
is being handled by the staff at the Battleship. What an exciting opportunity for our group and the other groups to be asked to exhibit models aboard the Showboat! A meeting is scheduled for early May to review the table layouts, and list all models that are scheduled to be there. On a positive note, regarding model building, "Our State" magazine has done 2 interviews with Jim Gower in regards to the number 32 paint scheme that is currently on the N.C. The article will parallel building models as a hobby and memories of the N.C. coming up the Cape Fear River in October of 1961 for her home in Wilmington, N.C.

Our show and tell began with Jim Brode offering a simple jig (which can be taken down and set up in a matter of minutes), for cutting deck planking. It uses 2 blocks with a hardboard under for stability, along with 3 large clamps and a straight edge. After you have ascertained the width of the cut you use a number 2 Exacto blade and make your cut. Jim demonstrated the proper angle both horizontally and vertically to hold your cutting tool so as to cut even and straight strips.

Jim also presented the work in progress of the fishing vessel Seabrooke, which is supposed to air on the Deadliest Catch this season. One of the Beaufort Club members sons is currently working on the boat.

Steve Michel also demonstrated a simple jig for model layout and hull/keel forming. It comprises of a hardwood board mounting, and clamps constructed from bolts, washers and thumb screws to hold the initial hull in place. Notice the 12-, 14-, and 16-inch spacings with a hole if you are building that length or need extra reinforcing for your model's hull.

Don't forget the Beaufort Wood Boat Show on May 4th, along with some models on exhibit in the museum's auditorium.

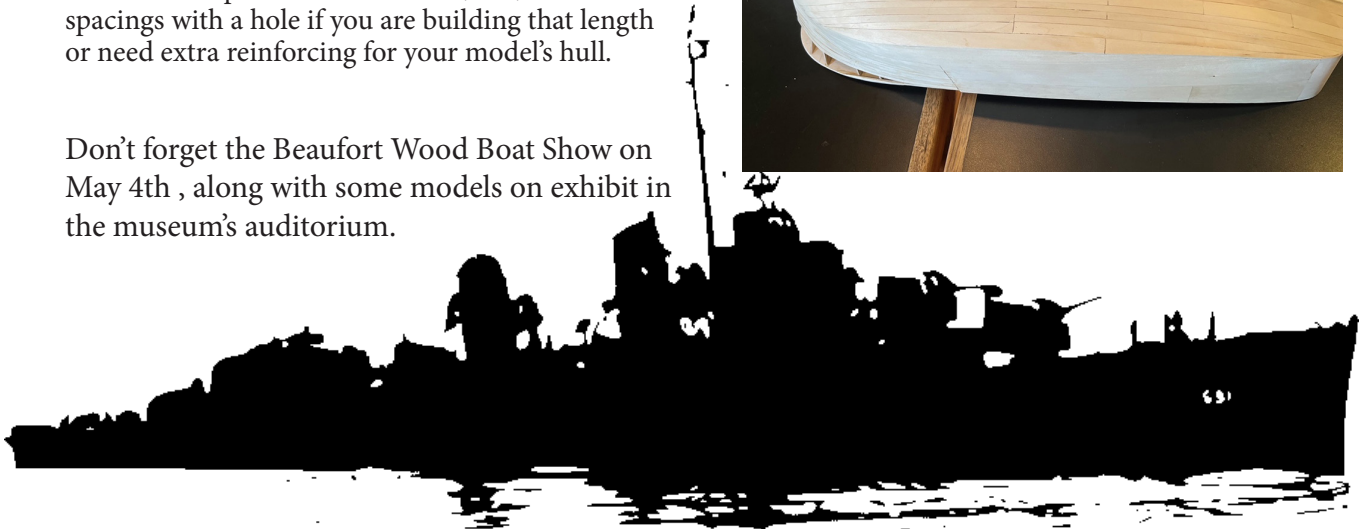


(above) Jim Brode's jig with stabilizing wood block and clamps in place.



(above) The above deck view of Jim Brode's Seabrooke, fishing boat..

(below) The Seabrooke hull bottom and the nice curvature of planking acheived.





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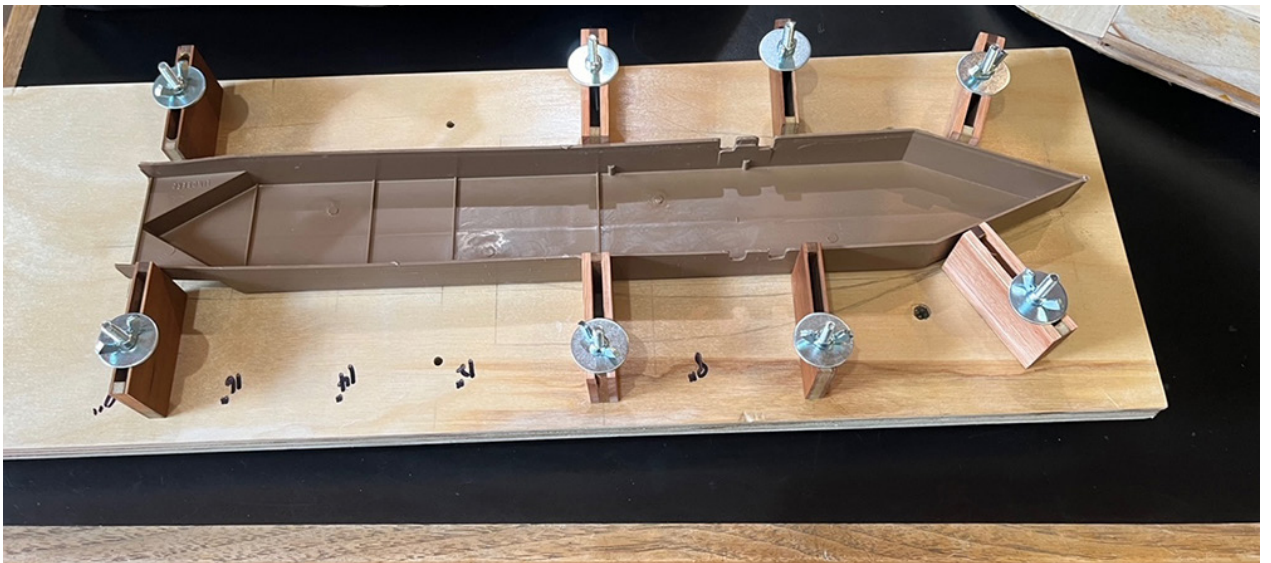
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(above) Steve Michel presented his in-work progress of the New York Central Tug which he plans to R/C. This view reveals a sturdy interior shot of the boat with room for all of his electronics.



(above) shows the outer skin covering of the hull. Now the fun begins on sanding and filling and sanding and filling and a few bottles of that mountain elixir!



(above) Steves' simple jig for model layout and hull/keel forming. It comprises of a hardwood board mounting, and clamps constructed from bolts, washers and thumb screws to hold the initial hull in place. Notice the 12-, 14-, and 16-inch spacings with a hole if you are building that length or need extra reinforcing for your model's hull



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HMAS Melbourne's Collision With USS Frank E. Evans

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(above) HMAS Melbourne in happier times. Melbourne was laid down for the Royal Navy as the lead ship of the Majestic class in April 1943, and was launched as HMS Majestic (R77) in February 1945. At the end of the Second World War, work on the ship was suspended until she was purchased by the RAN in 1947.

When we think of Australian maritime disasters, we recall the collision between the aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne and the destroyer HMAS Voyager on 10, February 1964. During night-time exercises in Jervis Bay, Melbourne collided with Voyager, cutting her in half and sinking her with 81 officers; crew and a civilian worker losing their life. In its manoeuvres in the darkness, the Voyager inexplicably crossed the bow of the carrier.

Incredibly, a few years later, there was another collision and sinking involving Melbourne when she accidentally cut the US destroyer the USS Frank E. Evans in half on June 3, 1969. It was almost déjà vu.

The vessels were participating in night-time war games in the South China Sea when Melbourne announced it intended to turn around so aircraft could be launched into the wind. After the earlier collision, Melbourne always instructed all supporting ships to turn away from her to avoid collision.

The turn put Melbourne on a collision course with the much smaller Evans. The Australian ship signalled repeatedly by radio and siren blasts but the Evans did not respond. Worse still, when they finally came to be face to face, both vessels steered to avoid a collision, but in the same direction. The night-time collision

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(above) After one of her destroyer collisions showing the damage to HMAS Melbourne's bow. Two tragic incidents for a ship showing such potential.

cut the destroyer in two, killing 74 American sailors.

These incidents, along with several minor collisions, shipboard accidents and aircraft losses, led to the belief that Melbourne was jinxed

Melbourne was paid off from RAN service in 1982 and sold for scrap in 1985 and towed to China for breaking. The scrapping was delayed so Melbourne could be studied by the Chinese military as part of a secret project to develop a Chinese aircraft carrier. ■

-Tom Wolf



(above) Frank E. Evans stern section still afloat after the bow section went down.



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Meeting Schedule for New Bern Maritime Model Guild 2024

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

May 11th,

June 8th,

July 13th

(DownEastCon July 20)

August 10-11,

(NBMMG Exhibit BB-55)

September 14th,

October 12th,

November 9th,

December 14th,

Meeting dates for the Carolina Maritime Model Society in Beaufort:

All meetings start at 2:10 pm, in the
Museum's Auditorium.

North Carolina Maritime Museum

315 Front Street

Beaufort, NC 28516

May 4th,

(Wooden Boat Show)

June 1st.

(July - August closed)

September 28th,

October 26th,

November combined with December,

December 7th,

And don't forget,
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and on facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/nbmmgnc>

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