

FORECASTLE REPORT



Newsletter of the Chicago Tri-Club Association



June, 2023

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The Wisconsin Maritime Museum's annual model ships and boats contest.

It's difficult to say how much of an impact the pandemic had on the Manitowoc contest. However, there were some noteworthy occurrences concerning this year's edition of the longest running competition.

For the first time in the contest's history, card and paper models were allowed to compete, and they scored well. In fact, the entire line of models on display accomplished something unique. All the winning models received Gold or Silver medals. No Bronze medals were presented at the awards dinner! The three judges who were contest veterans, were equally amazed by the results. Is it possible that COVID 19 allowed contestants an opportunity to hone their skills, and raise their work to another level? The results certainly speak for themselves. See pages 2 through 7 for a visual recap.



The May Pizza Bash



During the dark days of the pandemic, club president, Bob Filipowski, promised that there would be a pizza bash as soon as the Shipwrights could resume face to face meetings. For the May meeting, he kept his promise. With 20 members in attendance, a total of 11 pizzas of various sizes and toppings were completely consumed.

Bob Filipowski did not want any "accidents", so he encouraged everyone to leave their models at home for this meeting. Pizza sauce and model ships just don't mix! In spite of the warnings, Don Purney decided to go against the flow. With his work being the only one on display, his *Fair American* received all the attention. As far as we know this fine model made it home unscathed.



June Tri-Club Meeting Schedule

The NSD Virtual June Meeting The Wisconsin Maritime Museum's annual model ships and boats contest.



The June North Shore Deadeyes Zoom meeting will focus on the 46th Wisconsin Maritime Museum's annual model ships and boats contest. Contest judge, Rick Szydelko, will provide some insight concerning the models.

Proceedings will begin on Wednesday, June 7th, at 7:00 PM CST, but you will be able to log on at 6:30 PM.

The NRMS June Meeting Let's Try It Again



The May Nautical Research & Model Ship Society meeting had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Another effort will be made in June, and Kurt Van Dahm intends for this to be a hybrid meeting. For those preferring to attend the virtual version, an Invite will be sent out a few days before the June 10th meeting. Proceedings start at 7:00 PM, but you will be able to log on as early 6:30 PM.

The MMS June Meeting THE ROPE's 48th Annual Model Ship Exhibit



With the June get-together we will be returning to our normal meeting format. Patrick Sand, who now resides in Japan, will be in town and will give us a first hand report on the ROPE's 48th annual model ship exhibition. Be prepared to see some remarkable models!

Although, maybe not so much fun, we will also be collecting dues for 2023. The cost is still \$20.00. This will be your last chance to remain in good standing before your name is removed from the Forecastle Report mailing list.

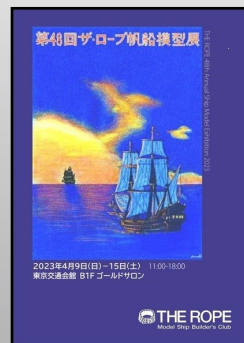
The meeting will commence at 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

The Dasom Community Church

501 S. Emerson Street

Mount Prospect, IL





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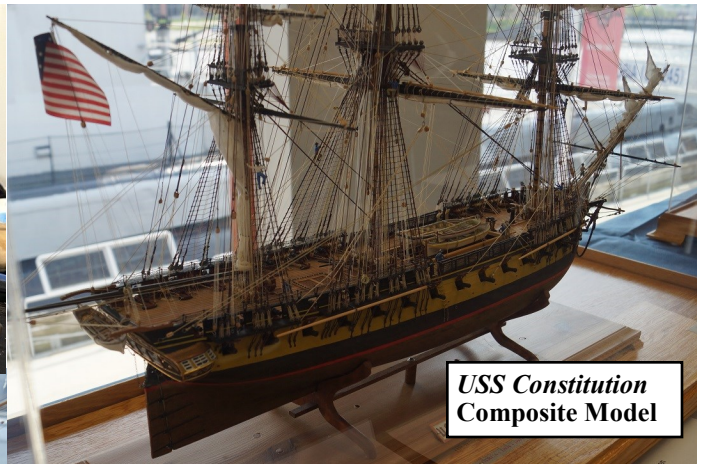


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**Valkyrie
Colonial Brig**



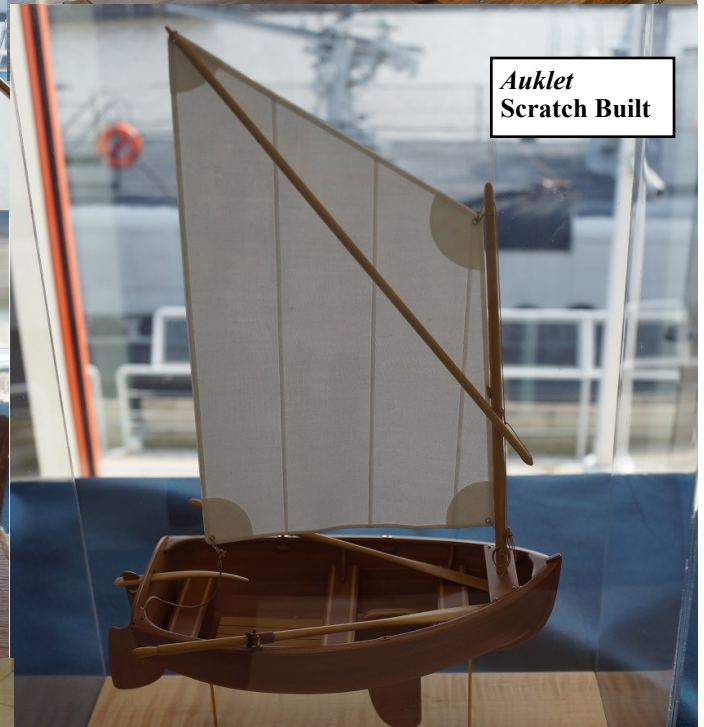
**USS Constitution
Composite Model**



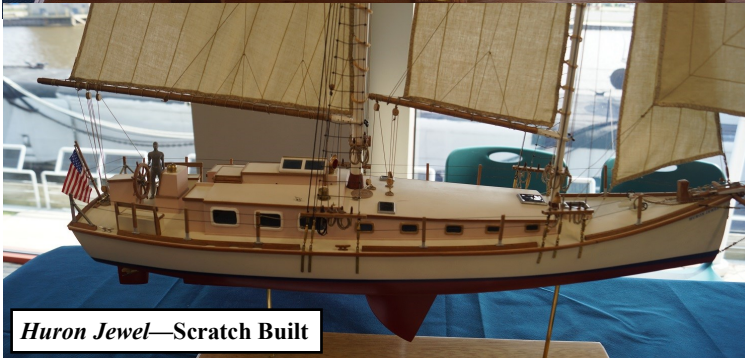
**Baltimore Clipper Brig
Scratch Built**



**Yacht America
Scratch Built**



**Auklet
Scratch Built**



Huron Jewel—Scratch Built



**USN Picket Boat No. 1
Kit Model**



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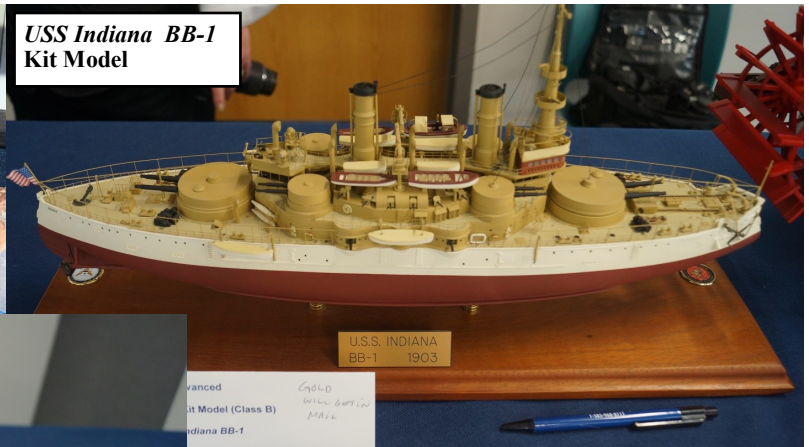
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Puddle Jumper — Kit Model

**USS Indiana BB-1
Kit Model**



**Bomb Vessel Granado 1742
Scratch Built**



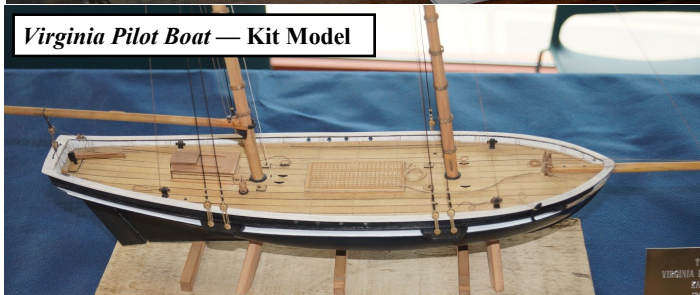
William C. Agnew—Scratch Built



**Katy of Norfolk
Kit Model**



**HMS Hunter
Kit Model**



Virginia Pilot Boat — Kit Model



**Various Paper/Card
Models**

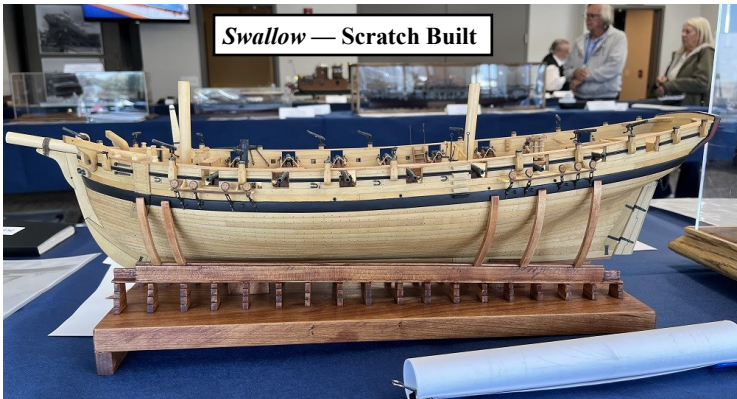


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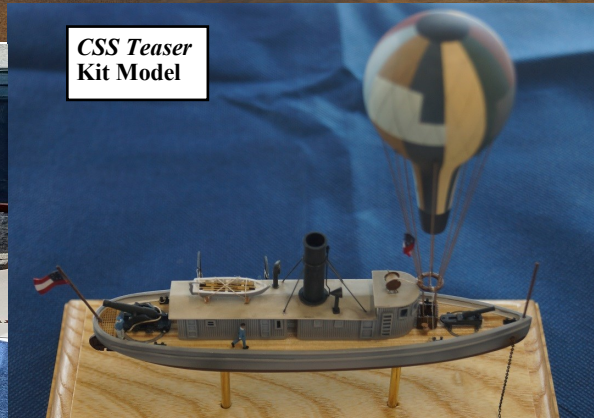
Swallow — Scratch Built



America Merchant Brig
Kit Model



Tug Reiss & Tug Green Bay
Scratch Built



CSS Teaser
Kit Model



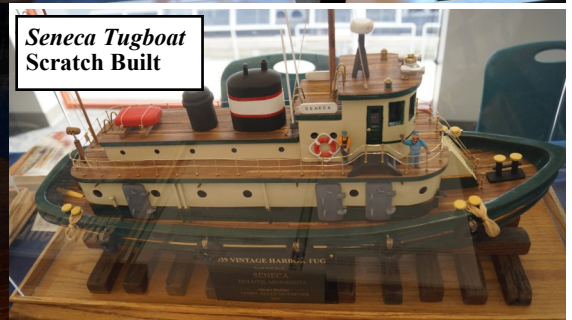
Linda Lu
Kit Model



Revolutionary War Brig Lexington—Scratch Built



Italian Heavy Cruiser Fiume — Plastic Kit



Seneca Tugboat
Scratch Built



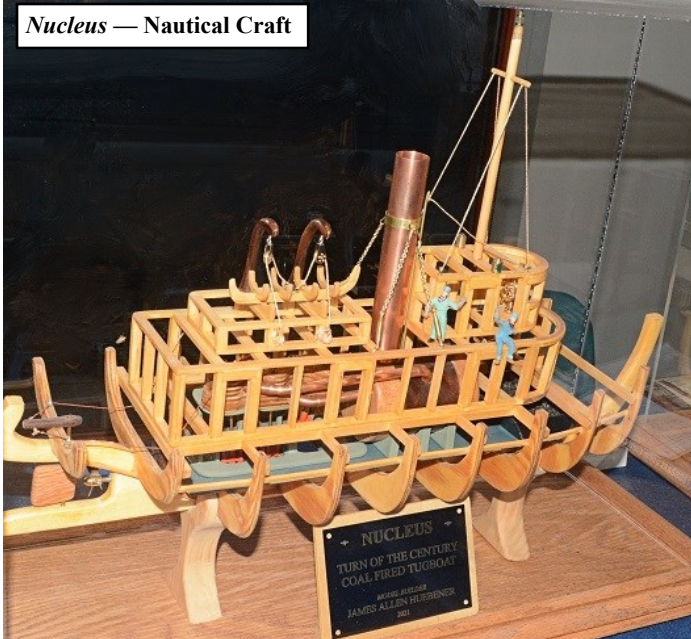
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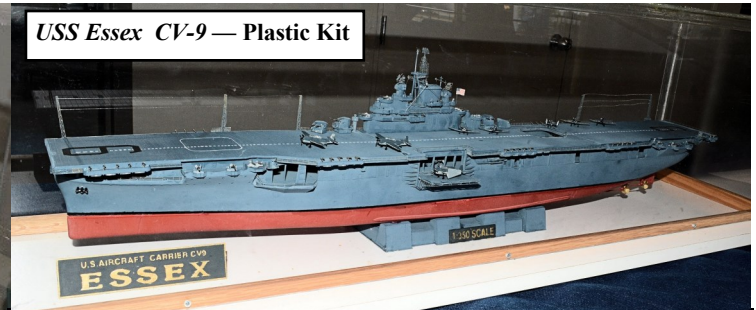
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Nucleus — Nautical Craft



USS Essex CV-9 — Plastic Kit



Italian Heavy Cruiser *Gorizia* — Plastic Kit



IJN Yukikaze — Plastic Kit



US Brig Syren — Kit Model



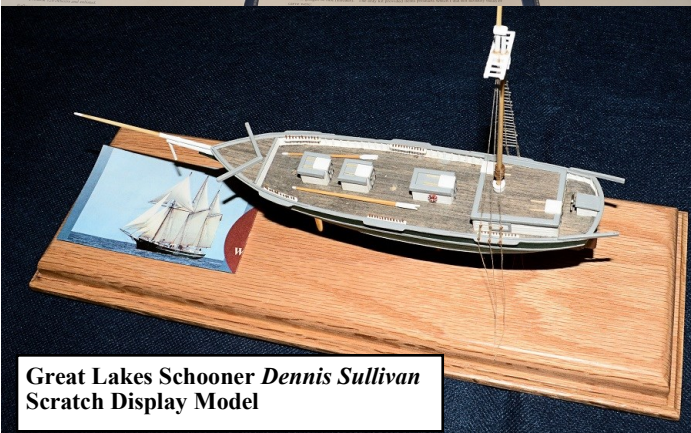
IJN Yamato — Plastic Kit



Sleeping Beauty — Plastic Kit



Great Lakes Schooner *Dennis Sullivan*
Scratch Display Model



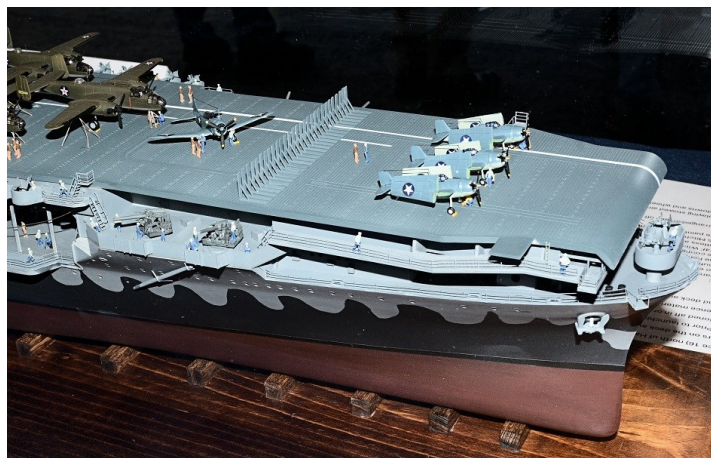
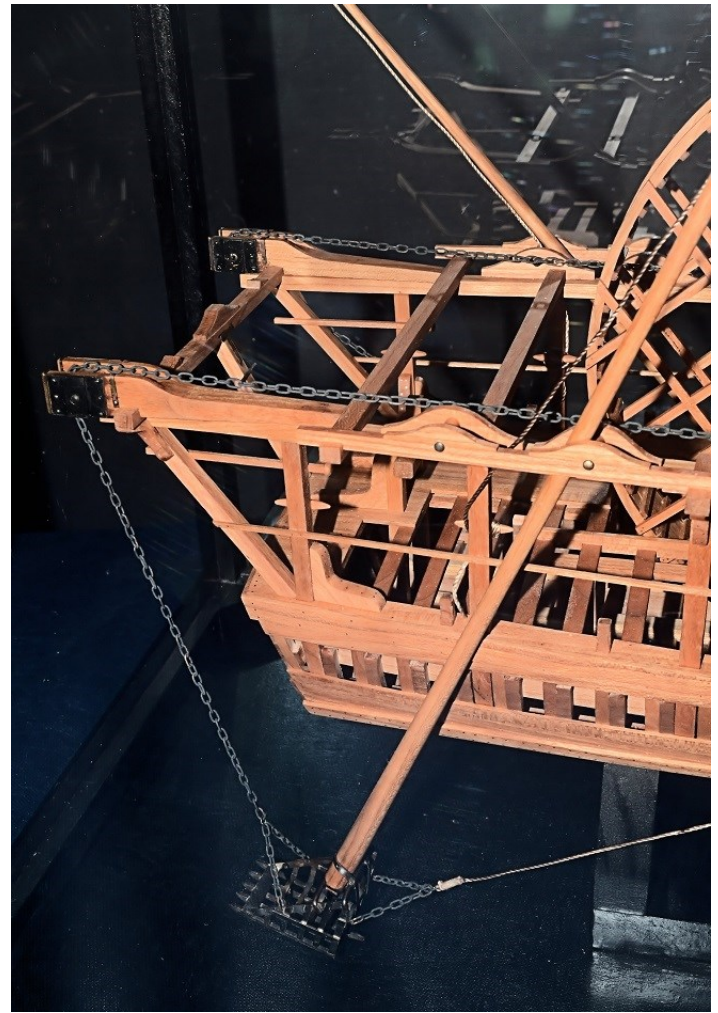


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SPECIAL AWARDS





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Brig *Niagara*
Best Novice Builder Award



Plowboy
Best Great Lakes Award



USS *North Carolina* (BB-55)
Best Miniature





Deadeye Hints & Tips

Presented By Rick Szydelko



Rick Szydelko is digging back into the rich history of the North Shore Deadeyes. There was a time when the club journal featured many articles, hints and tips. Some would not be considered acceptable by today's standards, but many of the procedures developed back then are still used today. Here is a sample of the items that were featured during the May meeting, some good, some not so much. Members were encouraged to discuss the pros and cons.

26'-0" Longboat - Carvel built.

longboat

f Loose thwart

RIGHT!	TYPE OF CUTTING	WRONG!
	PARTING OFF CUTS - USE REALLY SHARP KNIFE OR RAZOR SAW FOR ALL LARGER SECTIONS.	 KNIFE WILL CRUSH
	STRAIGHT CUTS WITH THE GRAIN - USE METAL RULE AS GUIDE - CUT IN DIRECTION THAT GRAIN RUNS BLADE AGAINST STRAIGHTEDGE	 BLADE WILL RUN OFF LINE
	STRAIGHT CUTS IN THICK SHEET - USE SAW WHERE POSSIBLE AND ALWAYS FOR EDGE TO EDGE CUTS ACROSS GRAIN	 WILL TEAR OR SPLIT
	FREEHAND CURVES - CUT IN DIRECTION WHERE GRAIN WILL PULL BLADE AWAY FROM SHAPE CLEAN UP LATER AS NECESSARY!	 BLADE RUNS INSIDE OUTLINE
	FOR CURVE CUTS IN THICKER SHEET USE FRETSAW OR COPIING SAW AND FINISH TO FINAL TRUE OUTLINE WITH SANDPAPER	 DIFFICULT AND CUT NOT SQUARE
	CROSS GRAIN KNIFE CUTS - ALWAYS CUT FROM EDGE TO CENTRE NEVER OUTWARDS TO AN EDGE	 EDGE WILL TEAR
	FOR CUTTING BLANKS - USE A STIFF BACK SAW AS FAR AS POSSIBLE	 FRETSAW ETC. WILL NOT CUT SQUARE

MAST
YARD
SIMPLIFIED PARREL TIE

AS AN ALTERNATE TO KNOTTING, FAN OUT FIBERS, TOUCH WITH GLUE, WRAP AROUND IN TIGHT, SMOOTH SPIRAL.

BELAYING LINES - WORK UP SNEIG, TOUCH WITH CEMENT, CUT OFF TAIL, ADD DUMMY COIL OF LINE.

TWIST FINE WIRE WITH LONG-NOSE PLIERS TO MAKE UP FITTINGS FOR BLOCKS

GOOD - SEW RATLINES THROUGH THROUGHS LEAVING SHORT TAILS - TOUCH WITH LACQUER, THEN CUT CLOSE WITH RAZOR BLADE

BETTER - SECURE RATLINES TO EACH SHROUD WITH CLOVE KITCHES - CUT ENDS CLOSE

BEST (AS ON REAL SHIP) - CLOVE KITCHES EXCEPT AT ENDS, WHICH HAVE EYE SPLICES SEIZED TO THE SHROUDS. RECOMMENDED FOR MUSEUM-GRADE MODELS, ONLY

NEEDLE
DOWEL
SNAP OFF END
RIGGING FORK

Deadeye Tips



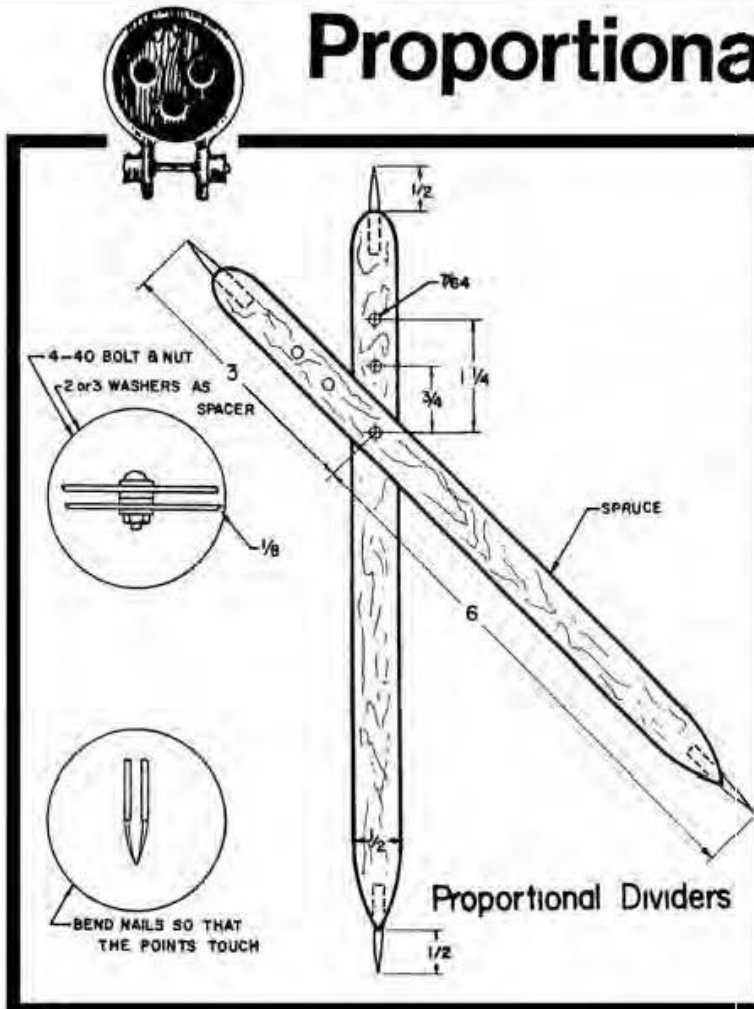
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Proportional Dividers



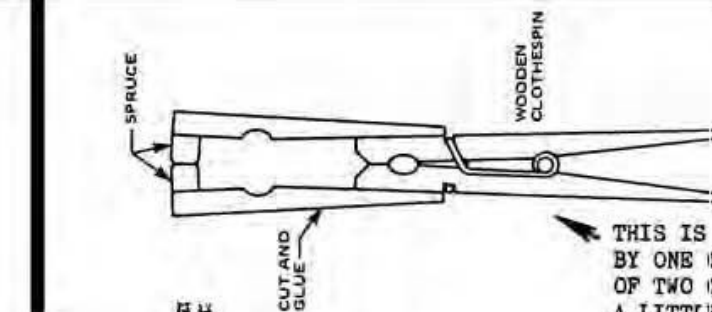
How many times have you run across an old three-view that would make a perfect Peanut Scale project, only to be stymied by the thought of having to enlarge the dimensions using a ruler and the multiplication tables? Or perhaps you have some old Cleveland or Megow plans that would be show-stoppers rendered in Peanut Scale, but reducing $13/32$ " by three-fifths never was your idea of a fun way to spend an evening.

If you've found yourself in either of these situations, the solution to your problems is just 25 cents away.

The materials needed are four finishing nails, one $1/8 \times 1/2 \times 36$ " strip of Sig spruce, one 4-40 bolt and nut, several small washers, and a dab of epoxy. Cut two pieces of spruce to size, clamp them together and drill the proper holes. The only concern you should have is to make certain that the holes are drilled accurately. Additional holes can be drilled for scales other than those shown. Sharpen the finishing nails to needle points (no, a nail file will not work, dummy!), and bend them in accord with the drawing so that the two points on either end will meet. Then epoxy the nails into holes drilled in the ends of the spruce pieces, and the two pieces can be bolted together at what ever scale you wish to use. To change scales, merely change the location of the bolt.

The tool is simplicity itself to use. Just set the dividers at the scale you've determined to be necessary.

Let's suppose that you want to enlarge a three-view four times its original size. Place the bolt in the holes closest to the top and set the small end of the dividers on the dimension you want enlarged. The other end is automatically four times the original dimension. The reverse ratio holds true if you want to reduce drawings to suitable Peanut size. The other ratios shown in descending order from the top are 3 X and 2 X or $1/3$ X and $1/2$ X respectively.



THIS IS AN EXCELLENT CLAMP SUGGESTED BY ONE OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS. IT IS MADE OF TWO CLOTHESPINS GLUED TOGETHER WITH A LITTLE PIECE OF BASSWOOD TO ACT AS A CLAMPING SURFACE.



The image contains six line drawings of barrels and their securing methods:

- Top Left:** A barrel with a rope tied around its middle, forming a figure-eight pattern with arrows indicating the direction of the rope.
- Top Middle:** A barrel with a rope tied around its middle, forming a figure-eight pattern, with a hook attached to the top of the rope.
- Top Right:** A barrel with a rope tied around its middle, forming a figure-eight pattern, with a hook attached to the top of the rope. The barrel is shown in a perspective view, resting on a wooden surface.
- Bottom Left:** A barrel with a rope tied around its middle, forming a figure-eight pattern, with arrows indicating the direction of the rope.
- Bottom Middle:** A barrel with a rope tied around its middle, forming a figure-eight pattern, with a hook attached to the top of the rope.
- Bottom Right:** A barrel with a rope tied around its middle, forming a figure-eight pattern, with a hook attached to the top of the rope. The barrel is shown in a perspective view, resting on a wooden surface.

The illustrations show various knot techniques:

- Top left: A barrel suspended by a rope with a knot at the top.
- Top center: A barrel suspended by a rope with a knot at the top, showing a different angle.
- Top right: A barrel secured to a wooden crate with a rope and knot.
- Middle left: A barrel suspended by a rope with a knot at the top.
- Middle center: A barrel secured with a rope and knot, showing a different angle.
- Middle right: A barrel secured to a wooden crate with a rope and knot.
- Bottom left: A barrel suspended by a rope with a knot at the top.
- Bottom center: A barrel secured with a rope and knot, showing a different angle.
- Bottom right: A barrel secured to a wooden crate with a rope and knot.



AUKLET

By John Pocius



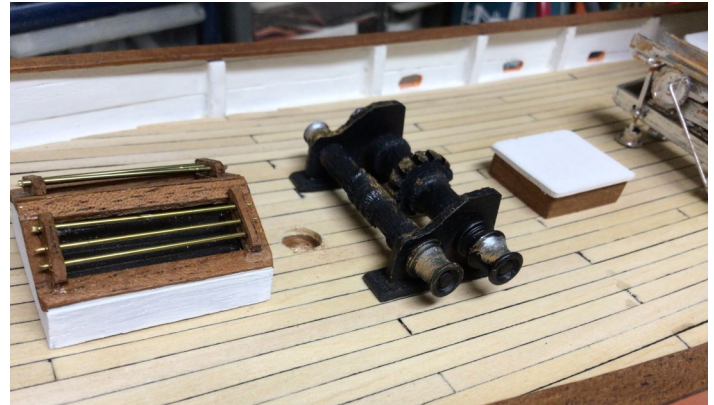


A German Krabbenkutter

By Dave Amstutz



In the May issue of the Forecastle Report this model was erroneously labeled "Scratch-Built Tug" It is actually a Semi Scratch Build of a Billings kit representing a German crabbing boat. Dave used some of the kit's planking and the plans but the rest came from his parts bin.



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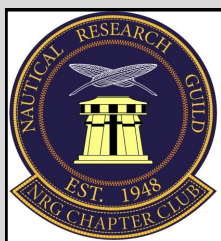
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