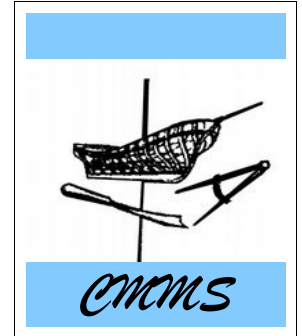


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DEADEYES, DAVITS, AND "DUFF-ISMS"

Another great meeting! The membership continues to improve their craftsmanship and artistry, as you will see in the photos. Our committees are on target toward the 2014 Joint Conference. We had 17 members in attendance and several very good models for show and tell.

Registrations for the conference are still coming in, and we hope additional entries will include models for display. We have several vendors lined up but have room for a few more. Excellent door prizes are coming in so the give away should be a memorable event. All in all, the conference is taking shape and we are looking forward to another great show!

Remember, our next meeting will be at the Custom House in New London: Bill HAS CONFIRMED WITH SUSAN AT THE CUSTOM HOUSE for 10:00 AM, Saturday, April 12, 2014. We will need to solidify the various duties for the joint show.

One item of note: we decided to raffle the grand prize as the first draw because we want everyone to have an equal chance of winning it. What is the grand prize you ask, well, you will just have to attend the luncheon. Best wishes in winning this item. Best regards and

see you at the meeting and at the show!

Duff

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Secretary's report (a personal note): It has been my pleasure to have spent the last 5 and one-half years as the your Newsletter Editor. I thank all of you for your support and appreciation of my efforts. However, what I said at the meeting, "change can be a good thing," and I have every confidence that this is a good thing. I know Ron is the right choice to continue this endeavor. I also know you will give to him all the support you gave to me. I will continue on as your Secretary and continue to print and distribute Ron's Newsletter to the members. My last issue will either be the Conference Issue or the May Issue depending upon the actual timing of Ron's previous family commitments. In either case – Welcome aboard, Ron, and Thank you!

Conference update: I updated members present on the status of preparing the Registration Packets. The format of the name badges and model placards are established and samples passed around. The ballots for the Award voting packets were completed by Bob Poulin, and the voting ballots are color coded to entrant's model division (S/P/O) listing on the individual's model placard(s). Voting should go smoothly.

Some members have expressed a desire to contribute, as individuals, a door prize to the raffle table this year. We welcome such donations. In order to give each registrant an equal chance at winning the grand prize, it will be the first item up in the raffle drawing. Extra ticket purchases, will be made available at the time you check in. The cost for an extra ticket for the entire raffle OF NAUTICAL GOODIES, is \$1.00 each. There is no limit. All registrants and their paid guests will receive one free ticket in their respective registration packets.

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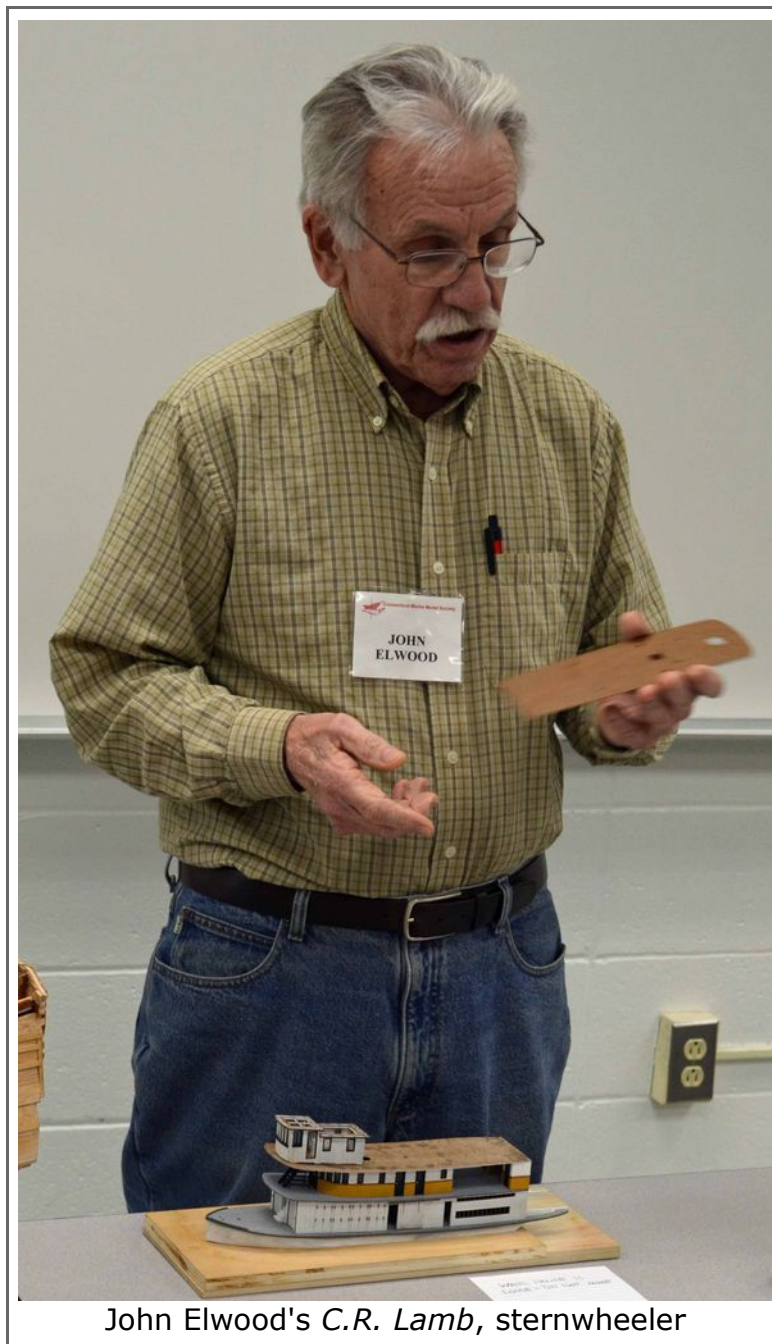
Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of the month,
September thru June, 10:00 AM to Noon

At the University of New Haven

300 Orange Ave., West Haven, CT 06531

In Kaplan Hall, Room 207.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2014

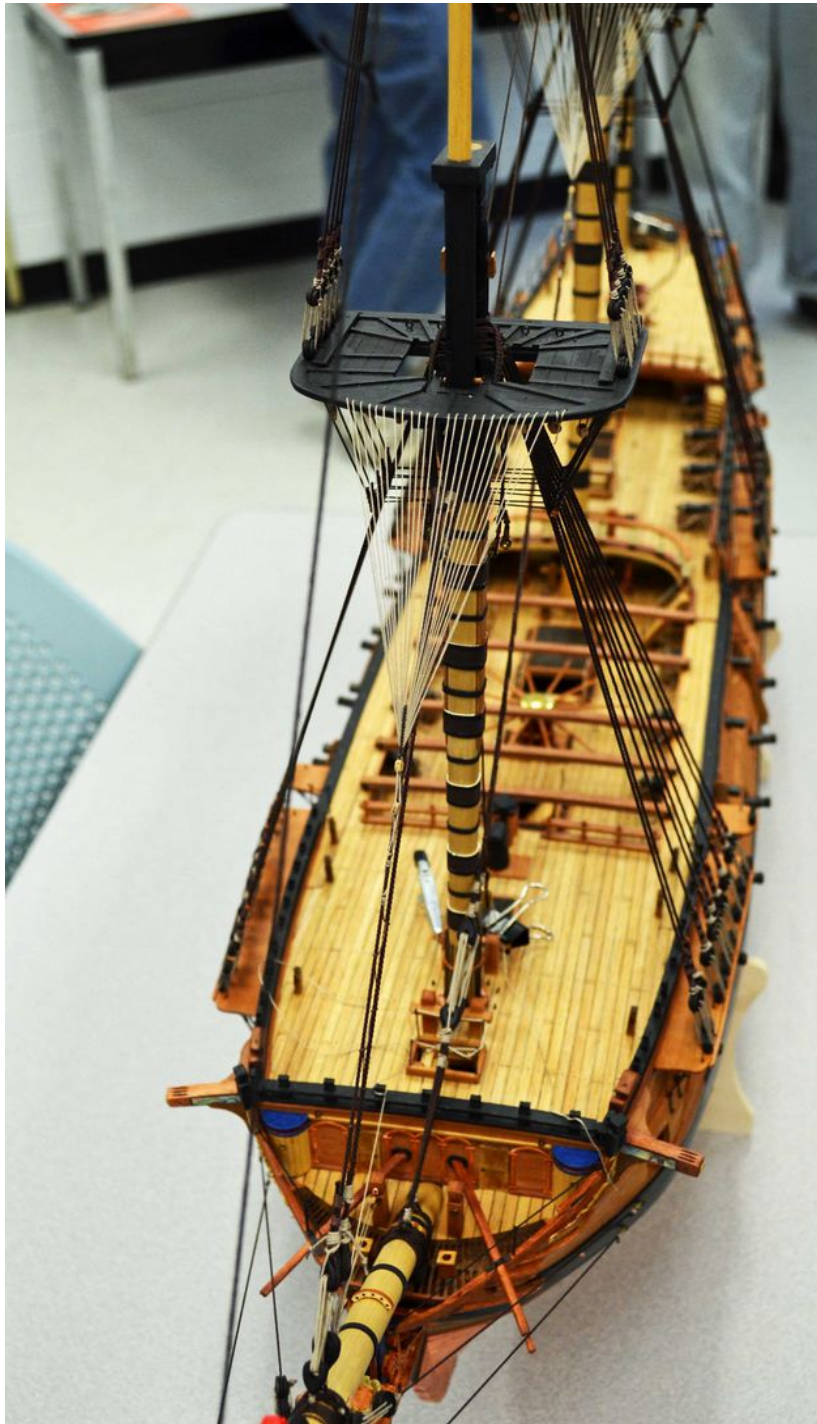


John Elwood's *C.R. Lamb*, sternwheeler

THIS MONTH'S PRESENTERS (10)

**Ron Neilson, Bill Strachan, Jack Dillon, Fred Kerson, John Elwood, Brad Wells,
Pete Carlin, Dave Dinan, Ed Petrucci, and Duff Griffith**

Ron Neilson * HMS Ardent, 64 (Scale 3/16" = 1' 0")



Ardent's standing rigging proceeds along nicely. In fact, Ron hopes he needs only a few days more to complete that task. Note above the crow's feet and euphro block assembly. The rigging line is from Syren Model Ship Company. The yards are next up followed by the running rigging. He looking to to complete the build in time for the upcoming Show. A transport van has already been rented. Construction of a base and plinth for the model is also underway. This is big one, with the lower yards needing some 20 inches of "wobble room." Impressive to say the least. Way to go Reynaldo!

Bill Strachan * *Black Hawk* Restoration (Approximately 3/16" = 1' 0")



I have finished up the restoration of the half-poop deck and bulkhead.



The painting of the hull below the water line has been completed. Above the water line, I will be using Jo Sonja's Artist's Carbon Black Acrylic Gouache (velvet matte finish) and brushing it on. In the picture above, you can see a "test" run that worked out very well. I also masked the waterline using Scotch Brand #811 Removeable Magic Tape. It worked flawlessly.

Jack Dillon * Model Shipway's Delano type Whaleboat (Scale $3/4" = 1'0"$)

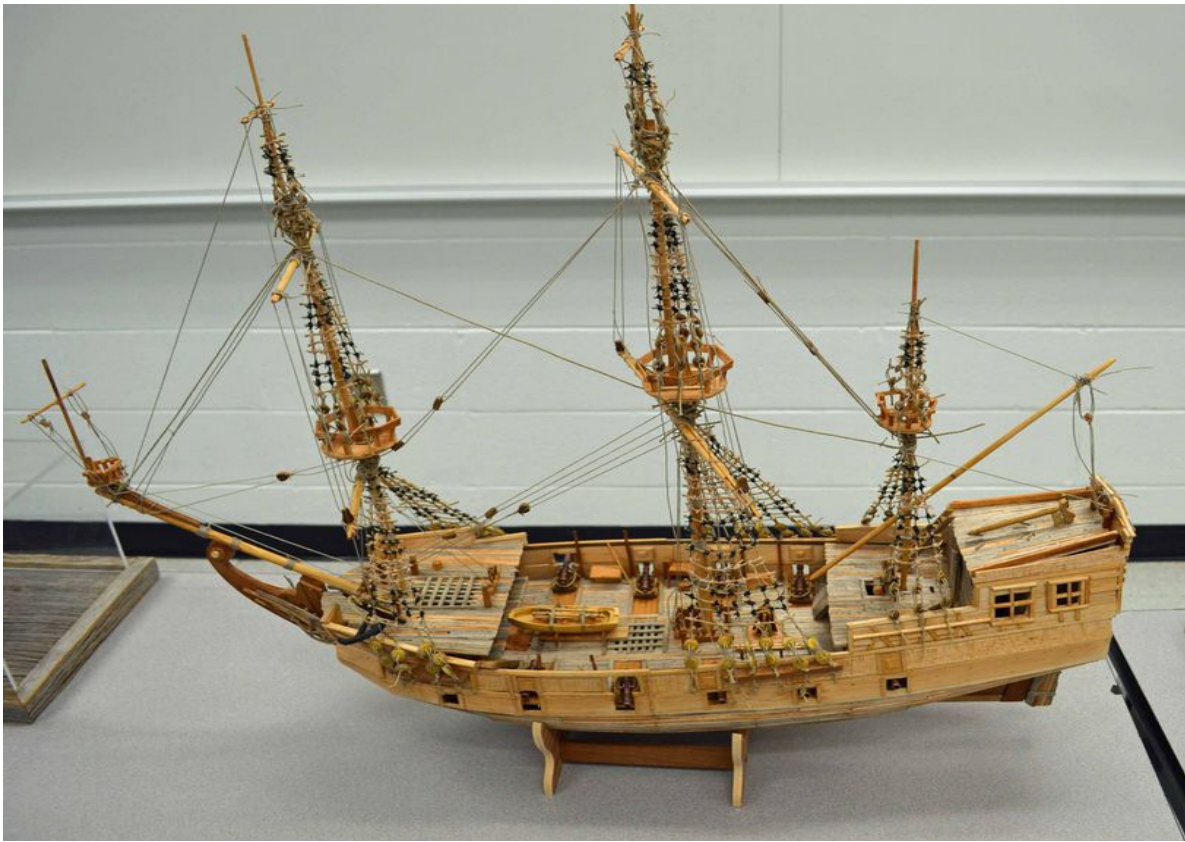


Jack has completed his whaleboat. The baseboard is a piece of old barn siding, nicely weathered, that he was able to purchase in Old Saybrook. The whale tooth is a replica bought at a flea market.



Jack made his own cover. He had the individual pieces custom cut to size commercially then glued them up himself. He left a slight overhang on the top to ease case removal.

Fred Kerson * *Berlin*, Completed



Fred has completed his *Berlin*. He once, again, utilized his two wash antiquing method.

Brad Wells * *Half Moon*, 8 guns



Brad has corrected his gun port locations as he moves forward with the planking of the hull. The second layer of planking will be walnut.

John Elwood * CR Lamb, b Sternwheeler (Scale: HO)



This British Columbia Light Boat Sternwheeler kit is almost entirely laser cut. It also comes with an LED kit which John will not be installing. The kit is produced by Interaction Enterprises. John notes that the laser cut fit is excellent, but fragile, especially the scribed siding. It's a real challenge, but well worth the effort. No diorama this time. This is a stand-a-lone build. Nice, John!

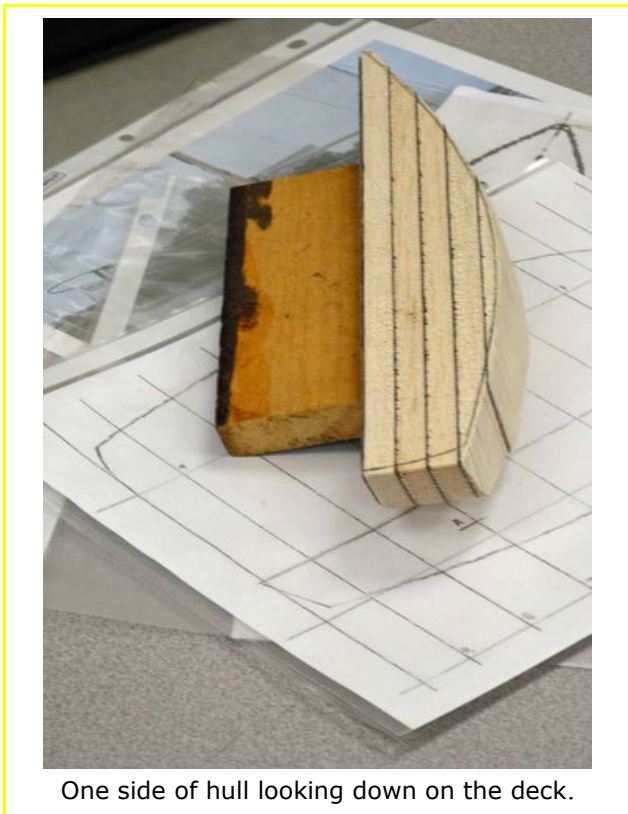
Dave Dinan * A Scratch Build of a Sigma 20 Sailboat



A simple lift "compression" jig!



Dave is building this "small little sail boat" for a friend. The first order of business is to go vertical using not much more information than this picture.



One side of hull looking down on the deck.



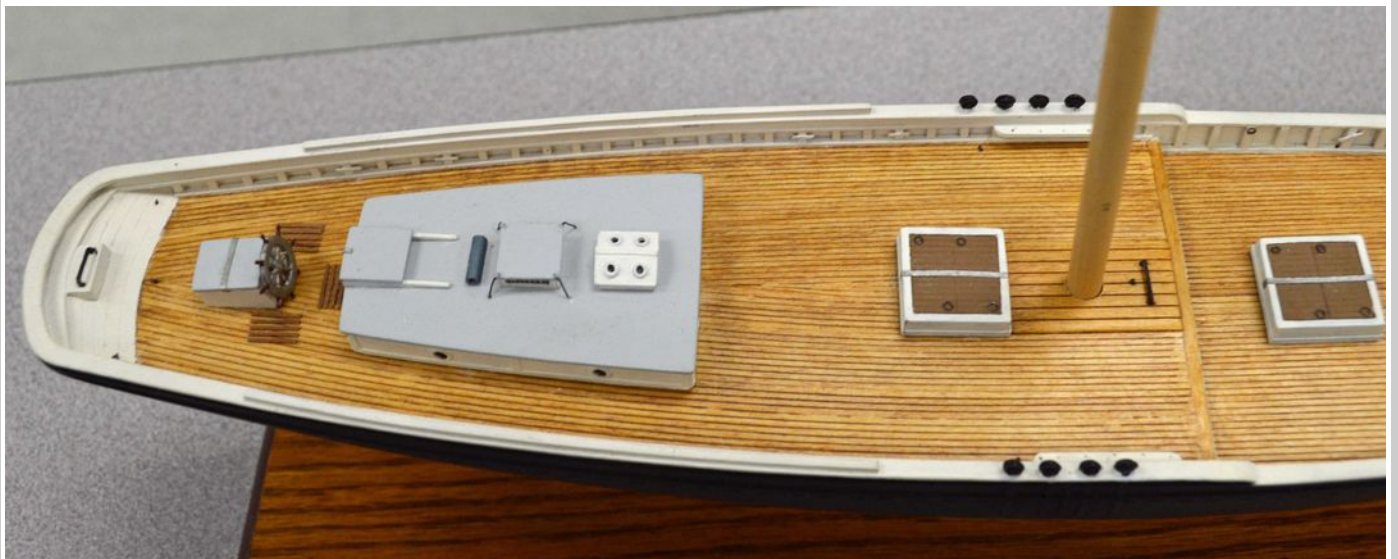
At this juncture, Dave will shape the hull by eye. Once shaped, he'll "slice off" as needed to get the actual body lines. Here we're looking starboard side.

It's a modified vertical lift method, and apparently one hull of a good time. Just note the grin above!.

Ed Petrucci * Fishing Schooner *Gertrude L. Thebaud* (Scale 1/8" = 1' 0")



Another scratch build model of Ed's that has been taken "out of the moth ball fleet" for completion. It's a solid hull and Ed will complete the rigging including sails of silkspan.

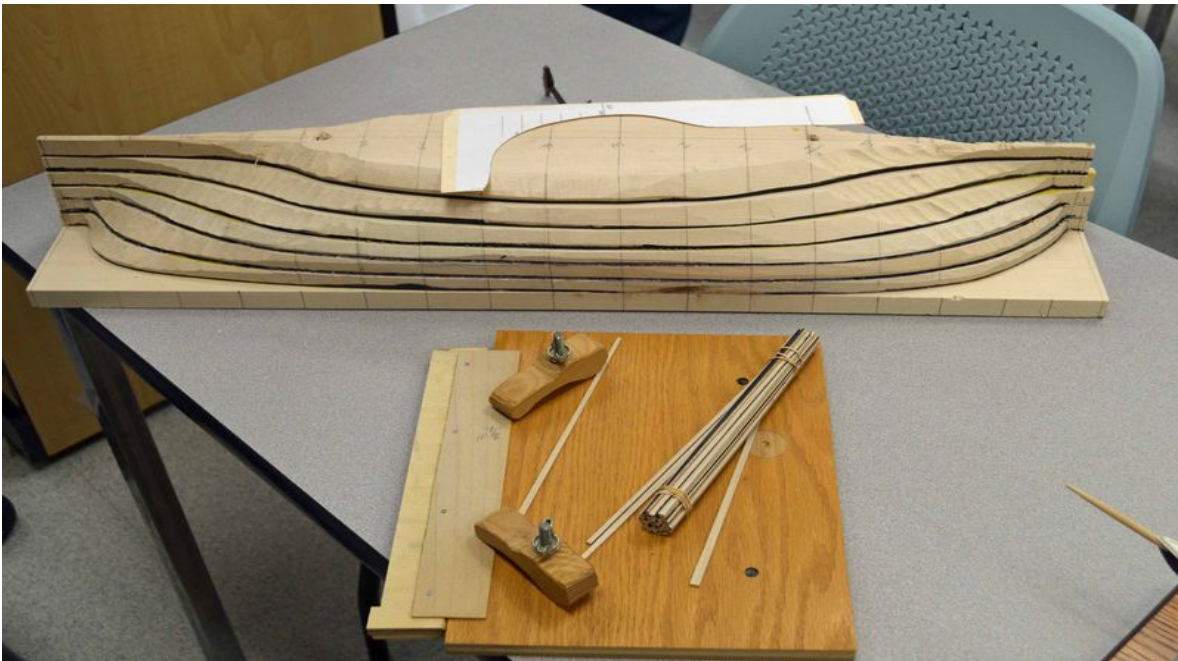


The decking is made from scribed siding. Ed carefully separates four or five planks into a strip, locates the planking, then places some ACC cement at the center of strip. This holds the planks in place while he gently completes the run. He then uses Casey's Tru-Oil (only available at gun shops) to finish off the deck planking.

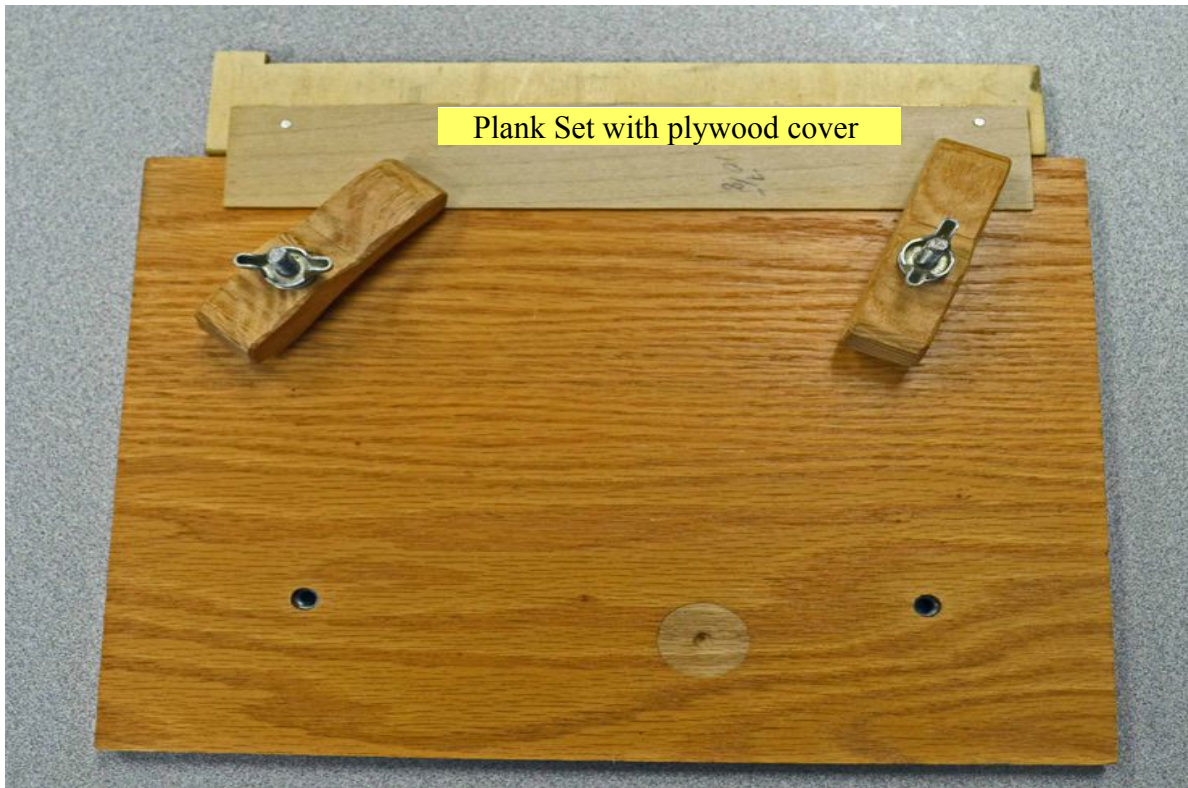
Richard "Duff" Griffith * *Le Superbe, 74* (Scale: 1:75)



Duff's Bread and Butter Hull is taking shape. The solid piece on the top will become the lower deck.

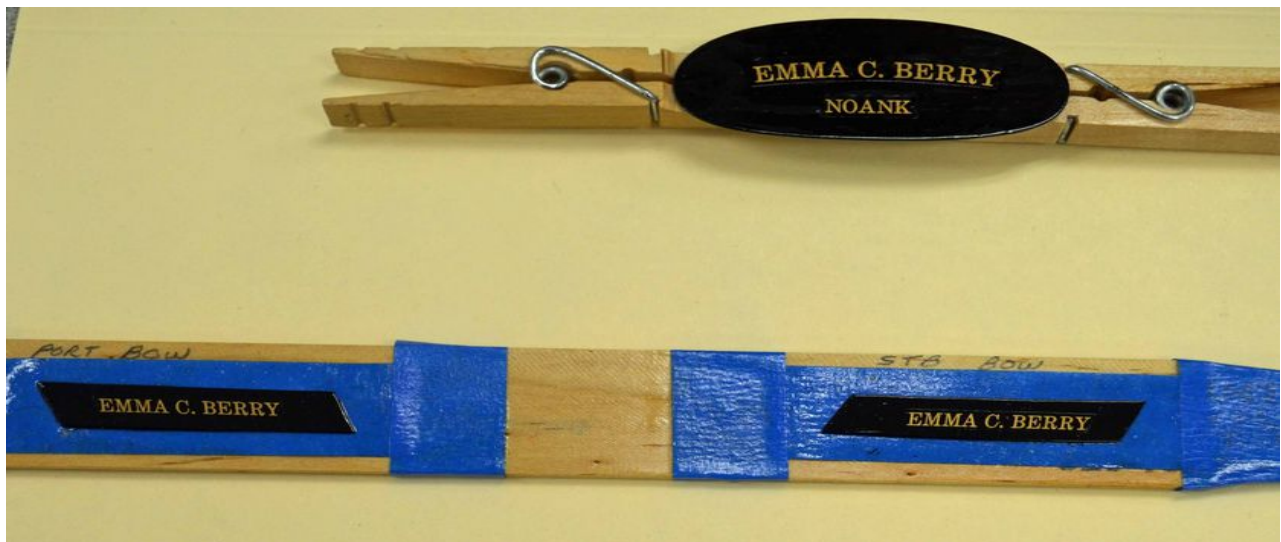


The two lowest layers are solid. The next 4 were "hollowed out" with a ban saw. the hull will be copper plated. The topside frames will be mortised into the lower deck "floor."



The deck planking on Le Superbe is tapered. Duff made this tapering jig for his table saw. The plank sits in the Plank Set piece, the angle is set with the clamps. A thin sheet plywood is attached to the top of Plank Set, freezing the proper angle to the baseboard. Small strips of wood keep the plank tight to the plank set and, the best thing is you will finish with nice planking and all you fingers. He used maple for planking.

Pete Carlin * *Emma C. Berry gets some custom decals*



The trailboards and transom decals were applied over two coats of clear gloss lacquer and will be covered with two coats flat lacquer. Pete has also ordered a dust cover for his model and Red Oak case is pending construction.

A CMMS EMBROIDED POLO SHIRT IS NOW AVAILABLE



This is an embroidered emblem and is available in S-M-L-XL @ \$15.00 and XXL @ \$18.00 each

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Pete Carlin, CMMS Treasurer
525 Prayer Spring Road
Stratford, CT 06614

Again, place your order with Ron as soon as possible. Forward your payment (Checks payable to "CMMS") to Pete. Our Shirts will be NAVY BLUE, slightly darker than as shown above!

A FINAL REMINDER (AS IF NEEDED)!



Port N Starboard
Convention Center
Ocean Beach Park,
New London, CT 06320
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
SATURDAY
APRIL 26, 2014



THE 2013 CMMS CONTINGENT. ED Note: 1st Reunion is April 26th!

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Turn Left on to Pearl Street (.6 miles) and then immediately turn left onto Bank St.

Arrive at 150 Bank Street (407 ft.).

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Road name changes to Tilley Street (.8 miles).

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Left onto Rt. 1 (Lee Ave.)

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2.5 miles then left onto Neptune Ave.

2 blocks to the free gate into Park.

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Respectfully Submitted, Bill Strachan, March 18, 2014