

SOCIETY OF MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS - ZOOM PRESENTATION PROGRAMME

2025 – edition 3

Joint meetings with the Model Shipwrights of Niagara

During this year we will be looking at the possibility of combining our Zoom meetings with those of the Model Shipwrights of Niagara (MSON). Accordingly, the January meeting will be hosted by MSON and the February by SMS. **Both these meetings will be at 1830 London on the 2nd Sunday of the month.** For the remainder of the year until September both clubs will run their own meetings with **MSON's being on the 2nd Sunday of each month and SMS's being on the 4th Sunday, both meetings starting at 1830 London.**

MSON take a break in July and August. A decision will be made earlier in the year as to whether we will proceed with joint sessions and if the answer is yes then they will start in September. **Hence the SMS programme below runs only until the end of July before we take our break in August.**

Advice to Presenters

This programme may will change as the year progresses. An up-to-date one can always be found on the website.

I remain keen to hear from anyone who would like to present a model or a nautical topic There will always be a chance of finding space.

For formal presentations, the best and simplest way of managing your contribution is to write a text, chose some images to illustrate it, then annotate your text with images/slide numbers and send the text and slides to John Garnish. Some of you may wish to run your own slide show using the “Share screen” facility but should anything go wrong with your computer we apply a rule that you must still pass a PPTX or individual slides to John so that he can bring up the slides as you speak or by using the slide number in your text. The text is a great help to myself and Mike Heath, our webmaster when we edit the video recordings of the formal presentations and to Tony Boswell when he writes up the report for the Log.

Please remember when taking photographs of models to place them in front of a suitable background. For informal discussions about models in build, all members will be encouraged to “unmute” themselves, so that they can ask spontaneous questions as the discussion progresses.. **Part completed models are often of more interest to us than the completed object.** Such discussions I

have catalogued as “**On the Stocks (OTS)**”. It therefore follows that if you are speaking OTS then you should use a few notes written in large letters rather than a formal script. **Your notes are useful for John and myself as they help with the management of slides and the editing of the videos. These sessions should be planned to take 15 – 20 minutes.**

THE PROGRAMME

January 12th at 1830m London. Hosted by MSON

Ian McLaughlan. “ Part 1. Developing the Lines, Deck Detail and Rig for a RN sloop of 1673” (20 minutes).

OtS. Michael Reading. “Progress on Building a Model of the Type 23 Frigate HMS *Kent*”. (20 minutes).

Alan O’Neill. “ Part 2. Challenges in Drafting the lines for a RN sloop of 1673” (10 minutes).

February 9th at 1830 London. Hosted by SMS.

Nigel Strafford. Constructing a Model of HMS Squirrel, a 24 Gun Ship of 1785 at 1:48 Part 1“. (25 minutes).

Ray Peacock. “ Building a Model of the Yacht *Beautiful Dreamer*” (30 minutes).

Christopher Cook of Marcle Models. “A Card Model built for Vosper Thornycroft for their *Sea Wraith* project” (15 minutes).

Ray Peacock chairs the live meeting in Ontario. (15 minutes).

OtS. Alistair Feltham. “Out of the Box: a Chinese PLA Frigate.” (10 minutes).

OtW. Alan O’Neill. “The Assembly of a 32 pdr gun for HMS Bellerophon. (7 minutes).

OtW. Ralf Schnurbusch. “ A quick tour of a model of SS *Nordic* constructed out of paper and card.” (3minutes).

March 23rd at 1830 London. SMS alone.

Alistair Feltham. “Modern Warship Air Defence **Part 1:** The Threat and how to Detect it” (30 minutes).

Allan McGreal. “Antiquaships, its Galley, Workshop and Library and the Restoration and Preservation of Antique Model Ships”. (30 minutes).

OtS. John Garnish. “ A Method for Making Realistic Flags and Ensigns”. (10 minutes).

April 27th at 1830 London. SMS alone.

Alistair Feltham. “Modern Warship Air Defence **Part 2:** Methods of Defence and the Challenges of the Future”. (30 minutes).

Ian McLaughlan. “Chris Watton and Vanguard Models Based on a Visit to his Workshop and on an Interview by Ron Neilson Published in the Nautical Research Journal.” (20 minutes).

OtS. Ralf Schnurbusch. “Card Modelling Tutorial: Building the Wernyj **Part 1.**” (20 minutes)

May 25th at 1830 London. SMS alone.

Keith Gibbs. “Constructing Micro Models of Warships in Paper.” (30 minutes).

Jim Baumann. “A Scratch Built Waterline Model of La Bretagne, a French 120 Gun Ship of the Line.” (30 minutes).

Kevin Kenny. “A Development of the Harold Hahn Method of Building a Hull.” (30 minutes)

June 22nd at 1830 London. SMS alone.

Alistair Feltham. “British Aviation Ships at 1:700.” (30 minutes).

OtS. Ian McLaughlan. “ Some Thoughts on Building the Vanguard Models’ HMS *Speedy.*” (20 minutes).

Edward Cowan. “Further Sailing Trials for HM Sloop of War *Ferret.*” (20 minutes).

OtS. Tony Boswell. “Completing the Restoration of HMS Amethyst.” (10 minutes).

July 27th at 1830 London. SMS alone.

Alistair Feltham. “The Arsenal Ship Concept.” (30 minutes).

OtS. Ralf Schnurbusch. ““Card Modelling Tutorial: Building the *Wernyj* Part 2.” (20 minutes)

OtS Paul Fontenoy. “Modelling HMS Furious Part 1- as a seaplane carrier during WW1. (20m minutes)

AUGUST BREAK

For Sep – Dec 2025.

September 28th

Mary Montagu-Scott. “The Bucklers Hard Maritime Museum and the History of Ship Building on the River Beaulieu” (30 minutes).

OtS . Paul Fontenoy. “Modelling HMS Furious Part 2 - as altered to an aircraft carrier during WW1. (20m minutes).

October 26th

John Griffin. “A Model of HMS Broke, WW1 Flotilla Leader, Part 1 Research.” (30 minutes).

OtS. Ralf Schnurbusch. “Card Modelling Tutorial: Building the *Wernyj* Part 3.” (20 minutes)

November 23rd.

John Griffin. “A Model of HMS Broke, WW1 Flotilla Leader, Part 2, construction of the Model.” (30 minutes).

OtS . **Paul Fontenoy**. “Modelling HMS Furious **Part 3** – her reconstruction to full length flight deck in the early 1920s (**20m minutes**).

December 28th.

January 2026.

OtS. **Ralf Schnurbusch**. “Card Modelling Tutorial: Building the *Wernyj* **Part 4**.”
(**20 minutes**).

OtS. **Paul Fontenoy**. “Modelling HMS Furious **Part 4** – her major refit in the 1930s and her service in WW2. (**20m minutes**).