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Scuttlebutt

The journal of activity for the George Sippel Modeling Group at the Torigian Center

Knot:

The term knot or nautical mile, is used world-wide to denote one's speed through water. Ingenious mariners devised a speed measuring device both easy to use and reliable: the "log line." From this method we get the term "knot."

The log line was a length of twine marked at 47.33foot intervals by colored knots. At one end was fastened a log chip; it was shaped like the sector of a circle and weighted at the rounded end with lead.

When thrown over the stern, it would float pointing upward and would remain relatively stationary. The log line was allowed to run free over the side for 28 seconds and then hauled on board. Knots which had passed over the side were counted. In this way the ship's speed was measured.

Project of the month: Lenny's Crosby catboat from book plans is exquisite. See details Below.



Model Ship Show: It's getting to be that time again! Start getting your work ready to display, or get that project finished. The Model ship Show will be here before you know it. As usual it will be the third weekend in October which is the 18th and 19th. Last year we set a record with the number of models, 214. And we will expect that many at this years show. So get your stuff ready! All are welcome to exhibit at our show, and yes, you can put price tags on them. See you there!







Alex's latest clipper ship in a bottle.

Karl Hering's scratch built whaler.



Steve Z is rigging his "Bounty".



Theresa Hill is rigging her "Swift".



Ed Parent has finished another one!



Curt Hill's "Essex" has it's lower shrouds & Ratlines.