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USCG Sentinel Class FRC



Sentinel class cutter Bernard C. Webber WPS-1101

By Bill Hamelink

The U.S. Coast Guard has introduced a new class of fast response cutter (FRC) to their fleet. This is of the class Sentinel, and the cutters are named after Coast Guard enlisted heroes, the first cutter being named the Bernard C Webber and the number for the 154' long ship was WPC-1101. She was launched in April of 2011. The road to her launching was not a smooth path. The Coast Guard is showing its age in most of its fleet and in the late 1990's they proposed a program to mod-

ernize or replace their deepwater fleet (a deepwater vessel is capable of operating in waters over 50 miles from shore). This program was pretty much a disaster, fraught with major failures and over-spending and it soon fell apart. One of the deepwater plans was to modify the 110' Island class (cutters named after islands) (Continued on Page 4)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

April 15, Tuesday7:00 p.m- 9:00 p.m.Membership Meeting
May 20, Tuesday7:00 p.m- 9:00 p.m.Membership Meeting
June 8, Sunday11:00 am- 4:00 p.m.Membership Meeting

COMMODORE'S CORNER



By John Bertelsen

Were you at the March meeting? If so, you were treated to an excellent presentation of a variety of weathering techniques by John Ehresmann. If you weren't there, or if you were but did not pick up a copy of the hand out prepared by John, I will have extra copies for you. The hand out was 8 ½ x 11 on both sides and contains where to get materials, web sites and more for your attempt at weathering your boat. This is a great reference even if you don't plan on trying weathering in the near future. John's next stop with his railroad was in Eagan, and John Bishop was there to take pictures, which John E. will be submitting to Model Railroad magazine. Will let you know if John's railroad is accepted for publication.

Not too early to think about a new location for the summer picnic. One excellent suggestion is to have it at the same beach in Long Lake that is used for Summerfest. Another, if you do not feel the need to sail a boat, is to have it at the St. Croix Railroad in Hudson Wisconsin. This is a scale model railroad of electric and steam powered engines, four scales up to 1/8th scale you can ride on

They have 9 acres, and typically host the public every other weekend. John Bishop knows these folks and could get VIP passes to one of the club weekends for a behind the scenes look at this fascinating hobby. We can discuss at the next meeting. In April's meeting we will be served up with a presentation of Olson surprise. Paul will let us in on some aspect of model building, doesn't matter what it is, there is no one better. - *John Bertelsen, EMYC Commodore*

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