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The world's largest and most congenial community of ship modeling colleagues, the Nautical Research Guild's Model Ship World (MSW) is but a click away. When it was purchased in 2014 by the Nautical Research Guild in support of its members, it had a little over 12,800 users. Since its inception in 2006, many of you have been engaged members and think of MSW as your personal model club, a dedicated ship model making forum with more than 41,600 current members.

Why does MSW continue to attract so many ship model builders from around the world? For those who have never visited MSW, here is just a sample of what you're missing:

- Your forum offers over 1,100 step-by-step completed model ship Build Logs where you can learn techniques and solutions to improve and perfect your modeling craft.
- Dozens of helpful topics with hundreds of tips and tricks for any modeler, at any level of accomplishment.
- MSW is a virtual ship model club that meets 24/7, 365 days a year. Come on in anytime you want. Leave when you want to get back to your bench.
- Whether you are searching for the tried and true or the latest and greatest in ship modeling tools, building techniques or research, you get advice and wisdom from the world's most concentrated group of ship model experts.
- Need a special tool or have one to sell? Want a new kit from a member who wants to sell one? The place to go is the forum's Traders & Dealers section.

- Want to know what other members think about new kits, tools or fittings? Check out the Review section.

- Easy access to NRG current events and activities - from a ZOOM tutorial to the details and dates for an upcoming conference.

- Direct links to the NRG's Home Page, Stores & Resources.

- A private messaging feature that enables direct communication with fellow ship modelers on the forum.

- A scrupulously monitored, safe forum that is curated daily: no trolls, no hacks, no spam, no politics, no ads.

- Scratch or Kit? Square sailer, steel navy or tugboat? The Gallery gives you access to one of the largest ship model photo collections in the world.

- Of course, membership is free.

With all of this valuable information at your fingertips, MSW can be somewhat overwhelming. So, whether you're a long-time MSW member or logging-in for the first time, go to the following link below for an in-depth, online MSW navigation tutorial. Learn how easy and comfortable it is to use all that the NRG's Model Ship World provides for your ship modeling passion.

www.thenrg.org/resources/usingmsw

When you're ready to jump onto the boat, go to the MSW home page: www.modelshipworld.com

— Ron Neilson
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