Awards

The judges will be recognized ship model/art authorities invited by the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. Judging criteria will include general impression of the model and research, historical accuracy, and construction value based on written papers. The judges’ decisions are subjective and based upon current established standards. All models will be judged by these standards and not against each other. The judges’ decisions are final.

GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE Awards will be presented for entries that meet those levels of judges’ standards in each category or class. If no model in a category or class meets the judges’ standards, awards may not be presented. This criterion includes the following special awards:

**F.K. Bemis Best in Show Award** for the single entry judged to be best in show.

**Badger Air Brush Best Paint Finish Award** for the single model with the best paint finish.

**Roger Jaekel Award** for the single best entry that represents vessels of the Great Lakes. *Sponsored by Midwest Model Shipwrights*

**Dana McCalip Best Miniature Award** for the single best model 3/32” = 1 ft. or smaller. *Sponsored by Nautical Research & Model Ship Society of Chicago*

**Best Novice Builder Award** for the single best entry at the novice level. *Sponsored by the North Shore Deadeyes*

**People’s Choice Award** selected by Museum visitors. *Sponsored by Wisconsin Scale Boating Association*

**Modelers’ Choice Award** for which each contestant will be allowed one vote. *Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Shipwrights*

**Gordon Stiller Best Maritime Carving Award** Within the category of nautical crafts we’re highlighting a call-out for maritime carvings (figureheads, fish, water creatures, waterfowl). This award is for the single best carved nautical craft or for exceptional wood carving on a ship model.