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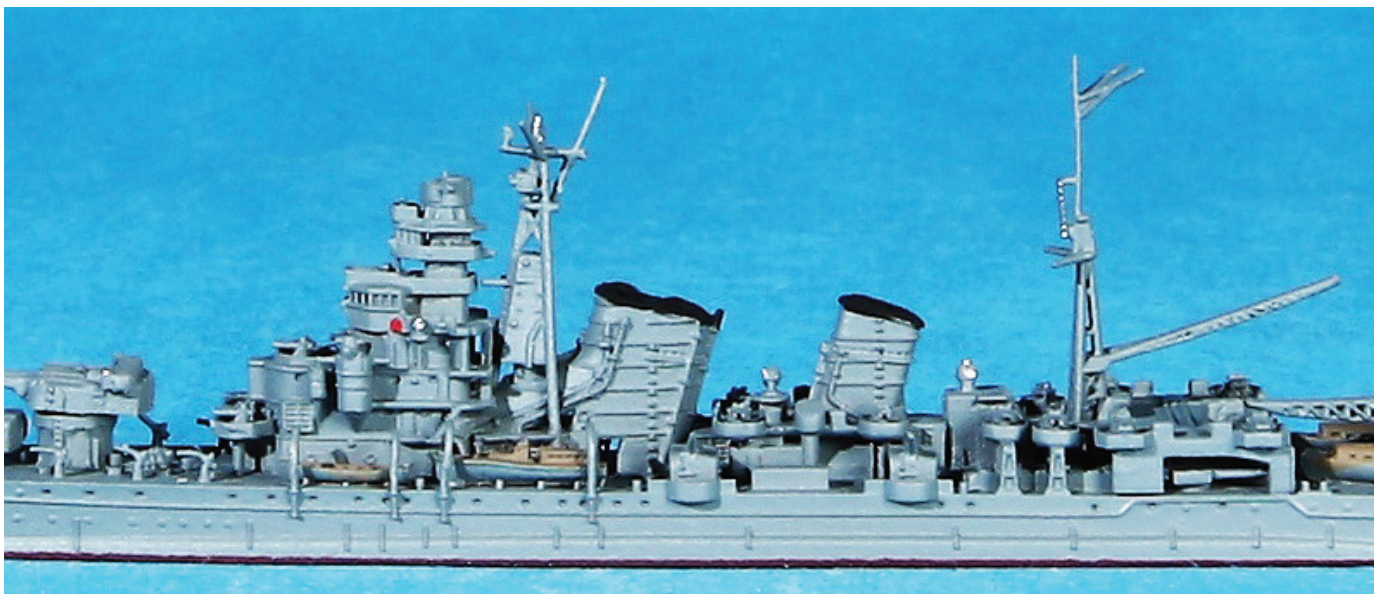


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Neptun's new 1:1250 1234 Aoba, Japanese CA 1944 (Mid-ships detail, shown larger than actual size)

MEMO FROM PETE PASCHALL

Finally, we've got the **Superior** Japanese CA's back in stock. Been a long time, but I think you'll find them well worth the wait. Wayne Smith has newly upgraded four of them, and they are listed below. A good customer of ours, Richard Nieland, recommends the following website for Japanese cruiser histories: www.combinedfleet.com/junyokan.htm.

Right below them are some **Superior** "Never-were" reissues. If you are not into collecting models of warships that were never built, do think about doing so. These are not "fantasy" ships but ones that were on the drawing boards of the world's naval architects or under consideration by naval staffs, but for one reason or another, never got built. We have a selection of almost 60 of them. They are not all available all the time but groups are reissued periodically. Wayne has written very interesting short histories of each, and you can read them by going to our website and clicking "Modeling & Historical Notes" then clicking "Superior Special Editions Ship Histories."

You can now check us out on **Facebook**! Those of you who have spoken to Sue on the phone will understand why she is our social media guru. There you will find all of the latest ALNAVCO news about new releases, re-releases, fun-to-know facts, some Facebook only specials and the more than occasional opinion from Sue's vantage point up in ALNAVCO's crow's nest. You'll also get a "heads up" when a new "What's new" posting or a new Report has been added to our site. If you have not joined the ALNAVCO group already, just go to your Facebook home page and search for ALNAVCO and request membership. We look forward to seeing and serving you there in the very near future.

A reminder about 1:1200/1:1250 kits: We carry **Superior**, **Clydeside**, **Moutford** and **Figurehead**. You

can find the combined listings of these kits by going to the **Superior** section on our website. Into 1:2400 scale? We have the largest selection! **GHQ**, **SeaBattle** and **Superior**.

On the subject of kits, I suggest again that for great painting information for WWII ships, go to the website of Snyder & Short (www.shipcamouflage.com). They have very specialized paints and paint chips for most WWII navies as well as great painting research books. If you want your models to have super accurate paint jobs, this indeed is the place to go.

In each issue of the Report we now have a section called "Pass in review" (Anyone who has been in the military is familiar with that term). In this issue we present one of our "Collector's Guides" listing the available 1:1250 models of WWII auxiliaries. Forget going to war without these ship types!

Speaking of modern ships, if you'd like to track the USN big carriers, go to www.gonavy.jp/cvlocation.html. Here you can find what their status is (at sea, in port, in a shipyard, etc.), where they have been and where they are at the present time. You can even find a history of each by clicking "Backlog."

We mourn the passing of John K Gruenfelder of Laramie, WY. John was a long time customer of ours having sent in almost 600 orders to us. Years back, we had the opportunity to spend some time with him and found him to be a delightful person. God's Speed, John...

Thomas Mayerle continues to increase his record-breaking number of orders sent to us by one person. Over the years, he has now sent us 1205 orders. This has got to be a record for ANY mail order company in any field! As always, thanks, Tom.

And thanks to you all for your orders. Much appreciated! Help us to help you. When ordering, please include alternate choices whenever you can. See you on Facebook, our website and the next Report!

NEW SUPERIOR 1:1200 JAPANESE CA'S

Wayne Smith has upgraded some of Superior's Japanese heavy cruisers, and they are terrific. This includes some new main battery turrets. More will be coming down the line.

J301 \$17.50 **Aoba**, Japanese CA 1942
J303 \$17.50 **Chokai**, Japanese CA 1944
J307 \$17.50 **Nachi**, Japanese CA 1944
J308 \$17.50 **Tone**, Japanese CA 1944

Note: Also in stock now are J305 SUZUYA and J309 MOGAMI as a CA/CV. These models are relatively new and thus do not need any upgrading.

Superior 1:1200 "Never-were" reissues

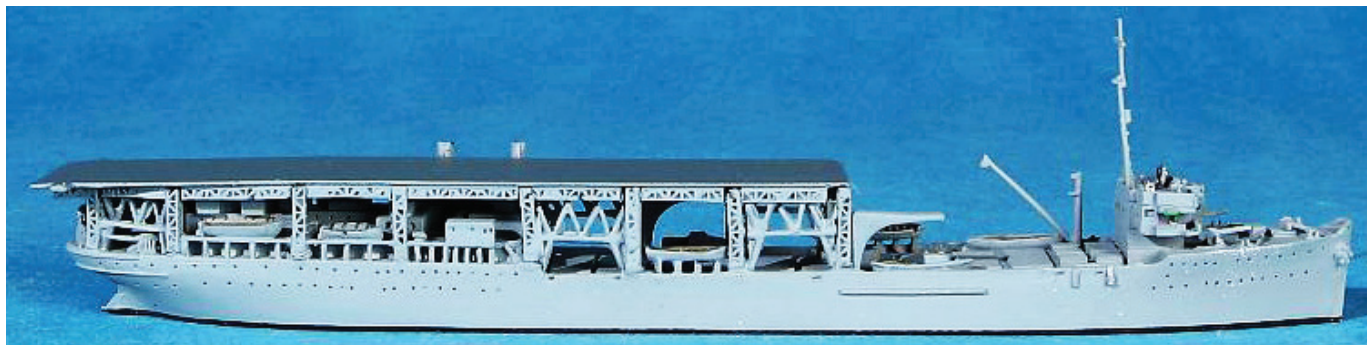
Usually we reissue our "Never-were" collection in the order in which they were originally released. However, we are reissuing these "out of sequence" because of the number of back orders we have for them. The message here is that if you see a model(s) that you want and that is not currently available, go ahead and order it anyway. There just might be other collectors who want the same thing to move your choice(s) to the head of the line!

A130 \$29.50 **BB1922**, U.S. BB 1922
8-18", 18-6", 8-5"; 44,500T, 684'L
A131 \$32.50 **BB1923**, U.S. BB 1923
12-18", 12-6", 8-5"; 52,000T, 800'L

Note: These are designs that were to be the next step after the SOUTH DAKOTA design of 1921.

A204 \$32.50 **PROJECT D**, U.S. CB 1918
12-16", 16-6", 54,500T, 874' L

Note: This is the five-funnel design based on the CB LEXINGTON of 1921 but with the main battery of SOUTH DAKOTA. The hull design would be used later for the carriers LEXINGTON (CV-2) and SARATOGA (CV-3).



Neptun's new 1:1250 1316A LANGLEY (AV-3), U.S. seaplane tender, as converted from CV-1, as sunk in 1942



Neptun's new 1:1250 WESER (ex-SEYDLITZ), planned German CV 1942

NEW 1:1250 RELEASES FROM NEPTUN

- 1318A \$ 91.50 **LANGLEY (AV-3), formerly (CV-1),** U.S. CV 1942
Note: She was the first U.S. CV, then converted to a seaplane tender and sunk by the Japanese in 8 May 1942
- 366N \$ 20.50 **PERRY (DD-11), U.S. BAINBRIDGE** class DD 1910
- 1234 \$ 79.50 **AOBA,** Japanese CA 1944
Note: This ship participated in the Battles of the Coral Sea, Savo Island and Cape Esperance. She took a terrible beating the rest of the war but survived. She was scrapped in 1946-1947.
- 1011 \$102.50 **WESER (ex-SEYDLITZ),** Planned German CV 1942.
Note: Here's a new one for you "Never-were" collectors! The Germans planned to finish the ship as a CV on the hull of the unfinished CA SEYDLITZ. The work was stopped on order of Hitler and she was scuttled in 1945.
- 053 \$ 32.50 **HAMBURG,** German CL 1925
- 317N \$ 51.50 **OREGON (white/yellow),** U.S. BB 1895
- 120N \$109.50 **FURIOUS,** GB, CV 1917

NEW SARATOGA 1:1250

- SMY41 \$63.50 **BUSHNELL (AS-2),** U.S. Sub Tender 1915
Note: Her name was changed in 1940 to SUMNER (AG-32). She was moored at the sub base at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941.
- SMY45 \$83.50 **RAMAPO (AO-12),** USN PATOKA class Oiler 1943
Note: This ship was present at Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941.
- SMY-F2 \$ 7.50 **Sikorsky JRS-1,** PanAm "Baby Clipper" (unpainted)

NEW ARGOS 1:1250

- AS44/73 \$234.50 **GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN-73),** U.S. NIMITZ class CVN 2010
Note: Wow!

NEW RELEASES FROM MOUNTFORD

- MM203P \$17.50 **LCM8,** Vietnam river boat and general landing craft (Painted)
 The above in kit form
- MM203K \$10.50
Note: These come 4 to a pack.
- MM268P \$31.50 **KRIVAK I,** Russian BUREVESTNIK class modern frigate (Painted)
 The above in kit form
- MM268K \$21.50
 The above in kit form
- MM269P \$31.50 **KRIVAK II,** Fitted w/100mm guns instead of 76 & variable depth sonar
 The above in kit form
- MM269K \$21.50
 The above in kit form
- MM270P \$31.50 **KRIVAK III,** SS-N-14 missile system replaced by helicopter pad & hangar
 The above in kit form
- MM270K \$21.50
 The above in kit form

Here are some new releases from the Mountford Space Program

- MM271P \$104.50 **The Space Shuttle & Boosters,** on their launch platform (Painted)
 The above in kit form
- MM271K \$ 69.50
Note: All metal Space Shuttle & Boosters, photo engraved tower and tower support, all on a resin base.
- MM272P \$ 17.50 **The Space Shuttle & Boosters,** just after blast off (Painted)
 The above in kit form
- MM272K \$ 11.95
Note: Okay, a bit off subject but we thought there would be some who are interested.

NEW 1:2400 RELEASES FROM GHQ

- GEN21 \$ 8.95 **HIPPER,** German WWII CA
- IJN49 \$ 7.95 **KUMA,** Japanese CL 1942
- IJN50 \$14.50 **SHINANO,** Japanese WWII CV built on YAMATO hull
Note: This model comes with a complement of Zeros, Jills & Judy's.
- UKN48 \$11.95 **LION,** British WWII "Never-was" BB
- GWF01 \$11.95 **DANTON,** French pre-Dreadnought BB

- GWS12 \$ 8.95 **PITTSBURGH (ACR-2),** U.S. Armored cruiser 1912

Note: Originally named PENNSYLVANIA. Name was changed so a BB could have the state name.

CLYDESIDE 1:1200 KITS

We wish we could report something new from Clydeside but we can't. Bill Gilpin reports he is working on some new cruisers but none are ready yet. Hopefully, we'll announce new models from him in the next issue. But in the meantime, here's an update on what is in stock.

- USDD14C \$12.50 **PRINGLE,** U.S. FLETCHER class DD 1942
Note: Click "Clydeside" on our site
- BCVE1 \$32.50 **AUDACITY,** British CVE 1944
Note: Click "Superior," "British Carriers" on our site
- BCF2 \$ 7.50 **VOSPER,** British WWII MTB
- BMS07 \$ 8.50 **BENDIGO,** British Minesweeper 1941
- BMS08 \$ 9.50 **RATTLESNAKE,** British Minesweeper 1941
- FS01 \$ 8.50 **SAN PABLO,** Gunboat from the movie, "Sand Pebbles."

Note: Click "Superior," "British Auxiliaries" on our site. Most all of Bill's "Shellsplashes", 1:1200 parts and 1:1200 aircraft are in stock. Click "Parts" on our site.
LATE NEWS... Several large shipments of **Navis Neptun** just received. Good time to order! Glad to check stock for you by phone or email. Info just received; New 1:1250 model from **MOUNTFORD**

- MZM001P \$40.50 **INDEPENDENCE (LCS-2),** U.S. modern Littoral combat ship

Note: Comes with helo and helo pad decal. Available now in painted form. Price to come...

PASS IN REVIEW...

WWII 1:1250 Auxiliary Models

Here's a list of available WWII auxiliary ship models from Neptun and Saratoga Model Shipyard. The battleships, carriers, cruisers, etc. could not operate without their support! Available also are amphibious ships and boats. There would have been no island invasions in the Pacific

or D-Day without them! They come to you painted and are of the same great quality for which these two companies are known. For current prices, go to our website and then to the Neptun and Saratoga sections.

Note: "PH" by ship's name means she was present at the Pearl Harbor attack.

Oilers

- 1393 **PECOS (AO-65)**, 1943
- 1393A **CIMARRON (AO-22)**, 1943
- SMY08 **KANAWHA (AO-1)**, 1938
- SMY18 **SALINAS (AO-19)**, 1941
- SMY23 **NECHES (AO-5)**, 1942
- SMY45 **RAMAPO (AO-12)** 1943

Repair Ships

- 1395B **VULCAN (AR-5)**, 1945
- SMY12 **VESTAL (AR-4)**, 1939 (PH)
- SMY15 **UGLALA (ARG-1)**, 1941 (PH)
- SMY33 **PROMETHEUS (AR-2)**, 1943
- SMY35 **MEDUSA (AR-1)**, 1941 (PH)

Tenders

AD: DD Tender, AS: SS Tender, AV: Seaplane Tender

- 1384 **AVOCET (AVP-4)**, 1940 (PH)
- 1385 **WILLIAMSON (AVP-2)**, 1945
- 1390 **DOBBIN (AD-3)** 1924 (PH)
- 1391 **BARNEGAT (AVP-10)**, 1941
- 1395A **SPERRY (AS-12)**, 1942
- 1395AV 1395A in "Spider Navy: Rig
- 1396 **CURRITUCK (AV-7)**, 1944
- 1396A **TANGIER (AV-8)**, 1944 (PH)
- SMY10 **MELVILLE (AD-2)**, 1938
- SMY21 **CANOPUS (AS-9)**, 1942
- SMY30 **PATOKA (AV-6)**, 1924
- SMY41 **BUSHNELL (AS-2)** 1915 (PH)
- SMY42 **CURTISS (AV-8)** 1941 (PH)

Miscellaneous

AE: Ammo Ship, **AF:** Stores Ship, **APV:** AK: Transport

- 1394A **ALAMOSA (AK-156)**, 1944
- SMY09 **NITRO (AE-2)**, 1938
- SMY16 **ANTARES (AKS-3)**, 1941 Cargo
- SMY28 **PYRO (AE-1)**, 1941 (PH)
- SMY31 **KITTY HAWK (APV-1)**, 1941
- SMY34 **YUKON (AF-31)**, 1942
- SMY36 **SPICA (AK-16)**, 1921
- SMY40 **BRIDGE (AF-1)**, WWI, WWII

Transports

- 1392 **BAYFIELD (APA-33)**, 1944
- 1392C **GRIGGS (APA-110)**, 1944
- 1394 **LIBERTY SHIP**, 1943
- SMY36 **CHAUMONT (AP-5)**, 1921
(Later SAMARITAN (AH-10) 1944)

Note: "PH" signifies ship was present at Pearl Harbor 7 December 41.

Amphibious

LCC: Command & Control,

LCI: Landing Craft, Inf,

LCL(L): LCI Large

LSD: Landing Ship Dock

LCT: Landing Craft, Tank,

LCPR: Landing Craft,

Ramped, LCVP: Landing Ship, Vehicle & Personnel,

LSM: Medium Landing Ship,

LST: Landing Ship, Tank **LSV:** Landing Ship Vehicle

1389 \$ 51.50 **ASHLAND (LSD-1)**, 1944

1389A \$ 23.00 **LST-2** 1944

1389B \$ 31.50 **LSM** 1944

1389C \$ 8.50 **LCI I** 1944

1389D \$ 8.50 **LCI II**, 1944

1389E \$ 8.50 **LCT 5**, 1944

1389G \$ 8.50 **LCT 6**, 1944

1389H \$ 7.50 **LCM-6, LCM-3, LCVP**
LCV, LCP, LCPR, LCC

Auxiliaries, Amphibious 1:2400 Scale

There are many of these types of ship available in 1:2400 scale. Check the GHQ and SeaBattle Miniatures listings on our website.



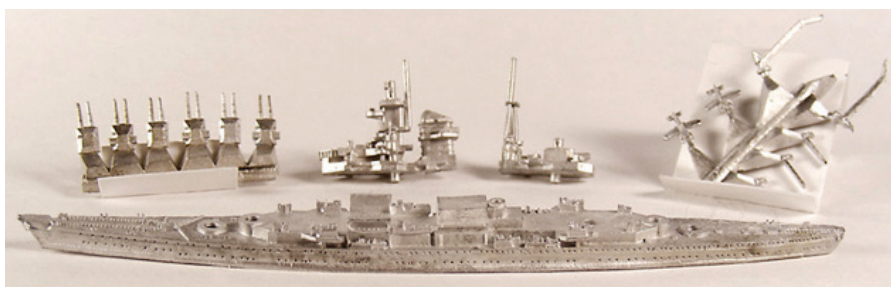
Above from the Superior "Never-Were" Collection
A130 BB1922, U.S. BB design; A131 BB1923; A204 Project 24, five-funnel LEXINGTON 1918



GHQ's new 1:2400 SHINANO, Japanese WWII CV (shown in kit form as it comes to you)



GHQ's new 1:2400 KUMA, Japanese CL 1942



GHQ's new 1:2400 HIPPER, German WWII CA



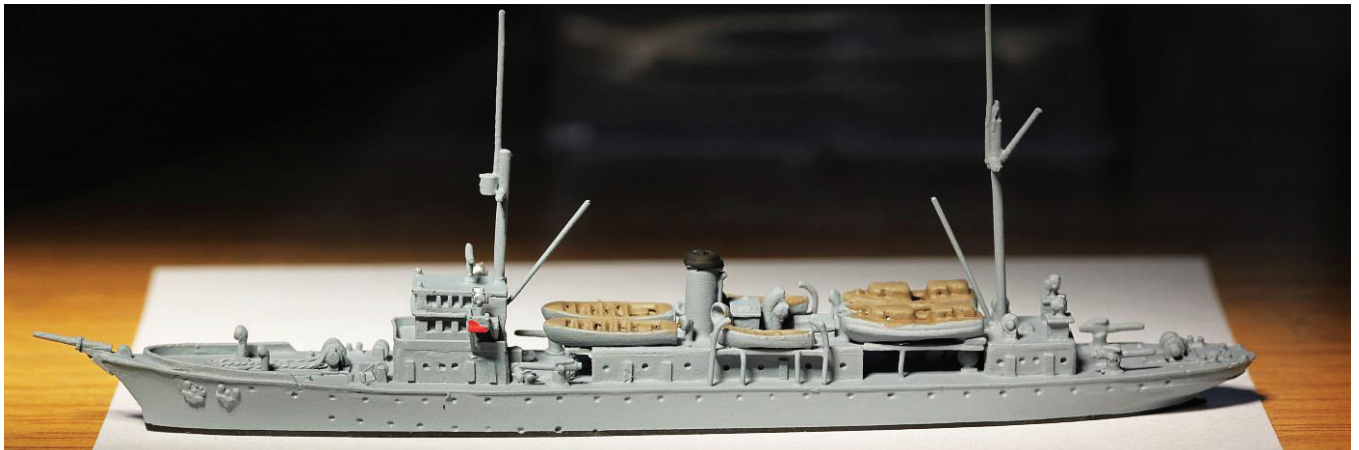
Superior's newly upgraded 1:1200 J301 A0BA, Japanese CA 1942



Superior's newly upgraded 1:1200 J307 NACHI, Japanese CA1944



Superior's newly upgraded 1:1200 J308 TONE Japanese CA 1944



Saratoga's new 1:1250 SMY41 BUSHNELL (AS-2), U.S. sub-tender 1915 (Pearl Harbor veteran)



Saratoga's new 1:1250 1:1250 RAMAPO (AO-12), U.S. PATOKA class oiler 1943 (Pearl Harbor veteran)