



# ***THE FOGHORN***

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club  
of New England*

**2011-- Our 21st Year!!**

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## **Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday, April 10:** Our first on-the-water event at Choate Pond in Medway. MA.

**Saturday/Sunday, April 16-17:** **Woods Hole Model Boat Show.** We will have a club display table. More info about the show is available here: <http://www.woodsholemuseum.org>

**Sunday, May 22:** On-the-water at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA. The theme will be "Warship Day".

## **March Meeting Report**

Our second meeting of the year was well attended. Members present included: Ed and Linda Arini, Mike Fioretti, Bill Michaels, Lou Hills, Larry Milo, Al Hubbard, Harold Cohen, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Bob Mayo, John Cooper, Glenn Williams, and Paul Phinney. We also had a visitor/new member: Phillip Monkiewicz and his nephew.

During the business part of the meeting, there wasn't a lot to discuss. The main topic of discussion was the upcoming Woods Hole Model Boat Show—we will have a club table to display our models.

We had several members bring along interesting projects for Show and Tell.



Bob Mayo had a nice scratch built model (from Taubman plans) of a Thames Steam Launch. The model is 42 inches long, and is being built from scratch, including the steam plant. (Bob's son is milling the two cylinder steam engine.) Bob was showing off the boiler and burner assembly- a sturdy looking unit that had recently been tested to over 100psi. Bob said that with the right amount of fuel onboard, the plant will only run for about 15 minutes, so he doesn't need to worry about adding water to the boiler while underway.

The model is built from basswood and mahogany, primarily, and really looks nice. Bob said he still has to add all the fittings and details- so he has some work to do while his son finishes the steam engine.



Lou Hills brought along a “Super Work Boat”, a ready to run RC toy boat. The boat comes about 98% assembled, and just needs the mast a few other parts attached. The boat has a water ballast tank, and it includes a couple of working fire monitors, too. Out of the box, the boat is really intended to be a pool toy, as it needs clean water for the ballast systems and water gun, but it would be easy to do a few upgrades and make it into a dependable RC model. Lou said it is a good value, and a lot of fun to run.

The Tug was purchased from HobbyTron: <http://www.hobbytron.com/RCBoats.html>

Lou also brought along a few scratch built details for a tug he’s working on. He also recommended a book- The Hudson Bay Company’s 1835 Steam Tug Beaver. Lou reports that book is a real asset for anyone building a tug from the 1840s- 1890s period—it is full of dimensioned drawings for all the details and fittings that such a tug might be equipped with. Lou said you can typically find the book on eBay for a reasonable price.

Former member Glenn Williams made a welcome return after an absence for a couple of years. Glenn brought along his model of a New York City Staten Island Ferry—the John F Kennedy. The Kennedy is the lead ferry of the class of three boats, and the only one still in service. Modeled in HO (1/87) scale, the model is over 3 feet long. The ferry is a true double-ender, with a prop and rudder at each end.



Glenn was looking for advice on setting up the mechanical systems in the model— we discussed the pros and cons of various systems from simple two-channel control all the way up to independent control of both rudders and prop shafts. It should be fun to see this model in action on the pond, whatever Glenn ends up choosing.

Bill Michaels brought along his Nantucket Lightship. This is going to be an RC conversion of the Lindberg plastic kit— the model is 19 inches long, and 1/95 scale, so it will fit right in with the various 1/96 scale warships in the club. Bill plans to build the model with working lights, which will help warn the fleet of shoal water!

We ended the meeting with a raffle. The winners were: Bob Okerholm: Mini torch; Ed Arini: Plier/Tweezer set; Bill Michaels: Mini multi-meter; Lou Hills: Zona Saw; and Paul Phinney: Zona Sanding Wand. Special thanks go to Larry Milo for the donation of the two Zona items.

## **Membership Dues**

Dues for 2011 will stay at \$25. Please send payment to Bob Jones, or pay him at the next meeting.

## 2011 Schedule

Here is our planned schedule as updated at the February meeting.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Activity</b>
SUNDAY <b>February 20</b>	United Church of Christ Medway MA	Annual Business Meeting show and tell
SUNDAY <b>March 20</b>	United Church of Christ Medway MA	SPEAKER TBD show and tell
SUNDAY <b>April 10</b>	Choate Pond Medway, MA	Icebreaker First water event for the year
Saturday & Sunday <b>April 16 and 17</b>	Woods Hole MA	Woods Hole Model boat Show
SUNDAY <b>May 22</b>	Silver Lake Wilmington, MA	Warship Day
SATURDAY <b>June TBD (18)</b>	Town Common Cohasset, MA	Static Display and on the water - -
SUNDAY <b>June 30</b>	Choate Pond Medway MA	Sailboat Day & Balloon Busting -
SUNDAY <b>July 10</b>	Choate Pond Medway MA	tugboat bollard pull contest General bollard pull contest
SATURDAY <b>August 6</b>	Salem National Park Salem MA	Salem Maritime Festival Club pool will be set up
SUNDAY <b>August 21</b>	Choate Pond Medway MA	Navigation course practice buoys will be set up -
SATURDAY <b>September 10</b>	Silver Lake Wilmington, MA	<b>21st Annual Regatta</b> (rain date is Sunday the 11th)
SUNDAY <b>October 2</b>	Choate Pond Medway MA	Annual day/Night Run
SUNDAY <b>November 6</b>	United Church of Christ Medway MA	Indoor show and swap meet show and tell
SUNDAY <b>December 4</b>	TBD	Annual Dinner