



THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2016-- Our 27th Year!!

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Upcoming Meetings

Saturday -Sunday, August 6-7: Salem Maritime Festival. It is a special two-day event this year, so we'll need help on one or both days!

Sunday, August 14, 11am – 3 pm: On-the-water at the Community Center Beach in Sharon, MA. The Center is on Dubinsky Drive, on the east side of the lake. If you are asked for a Pass to enter the parking lot, tell the attendant that you're with the Marine Modelers. If that doesn't work, give Ed Arini a call on his cell and he'll meet you at the entrance. (The number is listed above.)

Salem Maritime Festival!

We need your help! The show is two days this year. This is an important event for our club-- the organizers are paying us to be there. (This has a big impact on the annual club budget!)

Setup starts at 8am on Saturday, and break-down will be Sunday afternoon at 4 pm. We need people to help at either end, plus people to help man the tent and help with the noodle tugs on the portable pool for both days. Finally, we need models to exhibit-- so bring some along! Even if you can't come both days, or even stay all day, we can use the help- you can spell someone who is going to be there all day. The long term forecast looks good-- it should be decent weather, and not too hot. Please email the officers to let us know when you may be able to help out.

July Meeting Report: Sharon

Sunday, July 10 was a gloomy day, with rain on and off all day. As a result, your editor did not make the long trip to Sharon. Fortunately, Ed Arini and Shaun Kimball each sent some notes and photos.

Members in attendance included: Ed Arini, Bob Okerholm, Gaspar LaColla, Bob Prezioso, Shaun Kimball, George Gargano, and Charlie Tebbetts. Shaun provided the following report:

They weather actually was pretty nice. It was cloudy with a light mist for a few minutes around 10:45-11am or so. The water was a little rough but nothing the our boats couldn't handle. It seemed, (unofficially), like a tugboat theme for the day because that's what seemed to be in the water.

I had my R.M.S. Majestic in the water for about 20 minutes but the water got a little too rough for her so Goliath was in the water for about 80-85% of the day. Charlie had his tug in with mine for a bit sailing together. George had his Go Pro camera on his Southampton tug and took a few videos. There were no swimmers in the water and a few of the lifeguards were watching our boats in the water. (one even came over and George let her try his Southampton tug). Overall, it was a very good meet with a decent turn out member-wise!

Sean also provided a couple of photos. Here is Charlie Tebbetts' Texaco tug and Shaun's Goliath sailing together.





Ed Arini reported that Bob Prezioso's Thunder Boat Speeder made it's maiden voyage.

Here we see Bob (center) working on the boat while Bob Okerholm (right) and Gaspar LaColla (left) look on.

Here's the view pondside.....



July Meeting Report: Redd's Pond

Sunday, July 24 was a lovely day, but the run was still a bit of a bust. We've had a hot, dry summer, so the water level in the pond was a good 14" lower than it had been when we picked it as a location for a run. Shallow, hot water means ideal weed conditions. So the pond was pretty choked. In hindsight, we should probably have picked a springtime date for our first visit to this usually lovely site!

Members making the trip included: Ed Arini, Eric Bertelsen, Shaun Kimball, Gaspar LaColla, Don Murray, Paul Phinney, Charlie Tebbetts, and Bob Prezioso. I hear that Eric Bertlesen was the only one to make a clean run-- everyone else ran into trouble with props fouled by the weeds. It is a real shame-- Redd's Pond is normally a lovely location, and one used regularly by the RC sailors.

Ed Arini sent along some photos. Here's a shot of Eric Bertelsen and his USCGC Bertholf:



Charlie Tebbetts' Texaco Tug.



The skippers sitting pondside.....



Homeland Security Notice

Model boaters and other hobbyists are asked to be on the lookout for a Russian Admiral who may be trying to infiltrate American Hobby clubs. They ask that any hobbyist who sees this person to please notify the local FBI office immediately.



Editor's Notes

A tough month for your editor-- I couldn't make either events this month. But don't despair, I'll be at Salem both days, so I should have lots of photos for the next issue of the Foghorn.

Interesting Tug Plans: Eric Bertelsen sent along this link, a site with some neat tug plans:

<http://pdf.nauticexpo.com/pdf/cheoy-lee/z-tech-6500/20112-16313.html>

2016 Schedule

(updated 25 June 2016)

DATE	EVENT
Sunday, April 24 11am -3pm	Icebreaker Fun Float-- Our first on-the-water event of the season. Memorial Park Beach, Sharon.
<i>Saturday, April 30</i>	<i>Northeast Model Ship Conference, New London, CT</i>
Sunday, May 15 11am - 3pm	On-the-water at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA. Theme: Military/Gov't Vessel day
Sunday, June 12 11am - 3pm	On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. Theme: TBD
Sunday, July 10 10am - 2pm	On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. Parking Pass required in order to enter the park
07/24/30 03:30 PM	Fun Run at Redd's Pond, Marblehead, MA
<i>Sunday, July 24</i>	<i>Empire State Model Ship Club Regatta, Flushing, NY</i>
Saturday - Sunday, August 6 -7, 8am - 4pm	Salem Maritime Festival Static display and Noodle Tugs in the portable pool!
Sunday, August 14 11am - 3pm	On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. Theme: TBD
<i>Saturday-Sunday, August 20-21</i>	<i>Antique and Classic Boat Show, Salem, MA</i>
<i>Sunday, August 21</i>	<i>Task Force 50 Regatta, York, PA</i>
<i>Saturday, September 10</i>	<i>Submarine Fun Run, Sub Base Groton, CT</i>
<i>Sunday, September 11</i>	<i>Patcon 2016 Scale Model Show, Hudson, MA</i>
Saturday, September 25 11am -3pm	On-the-water event at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA.
<i>Saturday, October 01</i>	<i>Yankee Steam Up, East Greenwich, RI</i>
<i>Friday-Sunday, October 7-9</i>	<i>1/96 scale Fleet Run, Rocky Mount NC.</i>
Sunday, October 15 2 – 7pm	Club Picnic and Day/Night Run at Memorial Beach Park in Sharon. Rain date is Sunday.
Sunday, November 13 1-4 pm	Indoor Meet, Election of Officers, Program TBD, at UCC Church Hall in Medfield, MA.
Sunday, December 4, 12-4pm	Holiday Dinner

Note: Items in *purple italics* are not club-sponsored events- they are listed here because we felt they may be of interest to our members and friends.

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