



# ***THE FOGHORN***

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club  
of New England*

**2016-- Our 27th Year!!**

**December 2016**

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 12-3pm:** Our annual Holiday Dinner, at Prezo Grille and Bar in Milford, MA. Sign-up deadline is 29 November.

**Friday-Sunday, February 3-5, 2017:** Providence Boat Show, at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, RI.

**Sunday, Date tbd, March, 2017:** Our first indoor meeting of the year. The Club Officers will get this sorted out over the next few months.....

**Friday-Sunday, April 21-23, 2017:** Woods Hole Model Boat Show.

## **2017 Club Officers**

Gaspar, Mike, Bill, and Ed all volunteered to serve another term, and were duly re-elected. Joining them for 2017 is Charlie Tebbetts, who will be our Publicity Officer for 2017. Thank you, Charlie, for joining us!

## **November Club Meeting**

Thanks to the efforts of Harold Cohen, our November meeting was held at the Frost Farm Village Meeting House, in Sudbury, MA. Members attending included: Lou Hills, Harold Cohen, Mike Hale, Arthur Perlmutter, Gaspar LaColla, Bill Michaels, Shaun Kimball, Bob Okerholm, Bob Prezioso, and Alan Katz. Alan is a former member who is re-joining-- Welcome back, Alan!

Our first order of business was to elect the club officers for 2017. Once that was done, we moved on to other business:

- Dumas Boats had sent along a video on Model Boating, some catalogs, and a door prize. We all enjoyed watching the 15 minute video, even though it was filmed in the late 1980s! (They were originally going to send us an updated version, but it wasn't finished in time.)
- Lou Hills did a very interesting demo on rope serving. (This is wrapping a ship's heavy shrouds or other rigging with a lighter weight line to protect it from the elements.) More on the demo elsewhere in this issue.
- Shaun Kimball brought along a rough-looking hand-me down lobster boat hull that is going to convert to a recovery barge. Shaun's plan is to outfit it with outriggers and tow it with his tug, to snag disabled models.
- Bill Michaels brought along the new Revell of Germany 1/144 scale Flower Class Corvette kit. This is a brand new model, just released a couple of months ago. It is much more accurate and detailed than the old Matchbox 1/72 scale kit of the ship. Bill pointed out how cutting scale in half resulted in a model one-eighth the size of the 1/72 scale kit. The smaller model is 17 inches long, with a 3 inch beam, and only displaces about 11 ounces, which is 1/8<sup>th</sup> the larger model's displacement of 5.5 pounds.
- Bill Michaels won the door prize donated by Dumas-- a 1940 19' Barrel Back kit in 1/24 scale. With too many projects in the "to build" pile already. Bill is donating the kit to the door prize raffle at the Holiday Dinner.



## **Serving and Tarring Shrouds**

The 1840s tug that Lou is modeling was built in East Boston during the transition period between steam and sail power. Lou is currently making the standing rigging for his 1:32 radio control scale model. At the meeting, Lou demonstrated his approach to serving and tarring the shrouds. He also illustrated steps in making 20 lignum vitae (a type of wood) deadeyes, and fabricating 10 metal chain plates and 10 deadeye metal straps. Following his talk Lou answered several questions.

Lou is not one to tell others how to model-- he didn't want anyone to be put off by his “from scratch” approach. As he said after his presentation, there are much easier and faster ways to do all of this-- just buy black rope, walnut deadeyes and chain plates; or for that matter buy one of the wonderful model boat kits currently on sale with all the parts. However, being now retired, Lou seems to be marching to a different drummer. Lou said he just hopes he finishes his model and gets it in the water in our lifetime! (As do the rest of us!)



## **December Holiday Dinner Reminder**

Our annual Holiday Dinner will be on Sunday, December 4th, at Prezo Grille and Bar in Milford, MA. The address is 229 ½ Main Street (Route 16), Milford, MA. The menu will consist of:  
Choice of Marsala steak tips, Scallops Butta, or Chicken Parmesan  
Garden salad, bread and butter, coffee or tea and ice cream for desert  
Everyone to pay for their own mixed drinks.

## Editor's Notes

**Woods Hole Model Boat Show:** I have heard back from the folks at the Woods Hole Historical Society-- they let me know that the 2017 show will be held on the weekend of April 21-23, 2017. This is always a good time, and I am looking forward to it-- I have already made my hotel reservations! As usual, we'll have a club table for our model displays.

Between the Providence Boat Show in February and this show, I'd better get to work on my boats!

## 2016 – 2017 Winter Schedule

(updated 25 November 2016)

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Sunday, November 13 1-4 pm	Indoor Meeting, Swap Meet at Frost Village Farm Condominium in Sudbury, MA.
Sunday, December 4, 12- 4pm	Holiday Dinner at Prezo Bar and Grille in Milford, MA.
	<b>2017</b>
Friday-Sunday, February 3-5	Providence Boat Show, Rhode Island Convention Center
<i>Friday-Sunday, February 24-26</i>	<i>AMA Expo East (Formerly the WRAM Show), Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus, NJ</i>
Sunday, March xx	Indoor Club Meeting (date and location tbd)
Friday-Sunday, April 21-23	Woods Hole Model Boat Show

**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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