

THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2017-- Our 28th Year!!

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 17, 11am – 3 pm: Fun float at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA. The park will be open, but we won't have access to the bathhouse.

Saturday, October 14, 2 – 7 pm: Our annual Day/Night run and cookout/potluck, at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA.

August 20 Fun Float in Sharon

We ended up holding the Float as planned at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, despite concerns about the cost for non-residents to get into the park. We had been told that it would cost \$9 per person to get in, with no discount for families or kits. But that turned out not to be the case, as the members that did attend reported that they were charged seemingly random amounts between \$3 and \$5 each.

We knew that not many members would be attending, as several had indicated they wouldn't be available that day. Members in attendance included Ed and Linda Arini, Shaun Kimball, and Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts.

Salem Maritime Festival

The Festival was a two-day event this year, held on August 5-6 in the usual place on Pickering Wharf in Salem, MA. It was another great event, with lots of members turning out to help. Members in attendance included: Ed and Linda Arini, Bill and Kaja Michaels, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Shaun Kimball, Mike and Jean Hale, Gaspar and Joanne LaColla, Bill McKeon, and Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts. One change from past years-- the Park Service asked us to put the pond behind our tent, so it was facing the rest of the exhibitors. That worked out quite well-- we positioned the pond so that we could stand in the shade while supervising the kids. We also set up a line this year, so it was much easier to identify whose turn was next, and who had been sailing the longest.

Below (L to R): Shaun, Gaspar, Mike in the club tent.



We only had four tugs to run this year, and early on Saturday one of them suffered an electrical failure that couldn't be repaired on site. Fortunately, Mike Hale had brought along one of his little "toy" speedboats, so that was pressed into service as our fourth boat. Our line system kept things moving, so while the boats were nearly always in use, the line never got very long.



The weather was a bit unsettled on Saturday, with rain showers passing through the area from 10 am until about 1:30pm. This kept attendance down for a while, but people came out once the sun did, and the rest of the afternoon was well attended. There was a bit of a silver lining to the rain clouds-- free boat rides!

The event organizers had planned to offer a series drawings for free boat rides at the Festival. But a lot of people who had signed up left early because of the rain. As a result, anyone who had entered the drawing was able to go for a one-hour cruise around the harbor. Linda Arini and Johanna Okerholm ended up going for a sail on the schooner *Ardelle*. Your Editor, wife Kaja, and Charlie Tebbetts went out on the research boat. While Linda and Johanna were sailing about, we went out and pulled a lobster trap to see what was there.

Below: The *Ardelle* under sail in the harbor, with Johanna and Linda aboard, as seen from the motorboat. Johanna and Linda are the two by the foremast who aren't waving at us-- apparently they are sailboat snobs who only wave at other sailboats....!





Above: We had to give him back, but it was OK, as we didn't have any melted butter with us.
Below: This is how you get a 5-foot long Ocean Liner home!



Editor's Notes

Last month, I reported that the UK publishing company Traplet had gone bankrupt. In addition to publishing Marine Modeling International magazine (now gone), Traplet was also the company to whom Model Boats Magazine had outsourced their plans sales operations. When Traplet shut down in July, it took the Model Boats plan service website down too. (The publishers of Model Boats said at the time that it would take some time to get the service back in operation.)

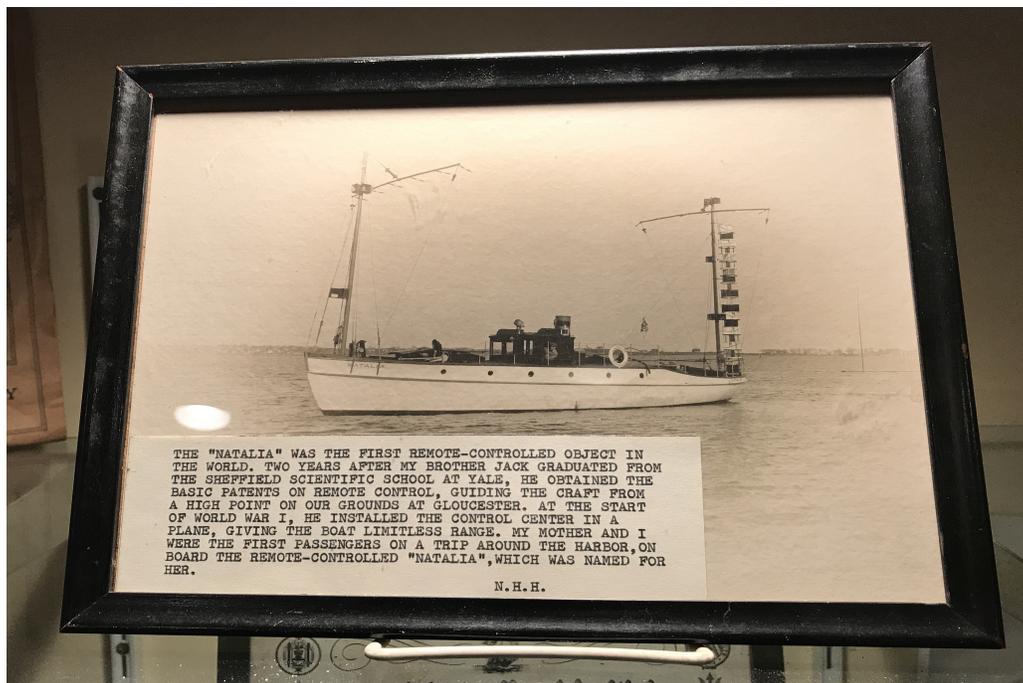
But the plans for both magazines are available once again. On September 8th, Cornwall Model Boats announced that they are now carrying the huge library of MMI and MB plans. Also, Sarik Hobbies announced that they will also be carrying the entire line. (Both outfits are in the UK.) This is good news for modelers, as this was a huge number of popular RC boat plans.

Dick Schafer sent me the following:

I was visiting the Hammond Castle and Museum in Gloucester in early August and stumbled upon this photo of the First RC Boat - in 1:1 Scale! John Hays Hammond (although he did design, build, and play an organ, he was not "the" Hammond of Hammond Organs) was an inventor and early pioneer in Radio Control. Many of his patents and designs are on display in this eccentric castle comprised of 14th, 15th, and 16th century design elements. The Hammond Castle is located off Rt 127 in the Magnolia section of Gloucester.

He also fitted remote control to a 1:1 Battleship, which he navigated from shore to evade 84 out of 86 bombs dropped from (piloted) aircraft. Unfortunately the guns had been removed or he might've shot down a few planes!

Here's the picture of the Natalia, the world's first RC boat, that Dick sent along:



2017 Schedule

(updated 9 Sept 2017)

DATE	EVENT
Saturday-Sunday, Aug 5-6	Salem Maritime Festival weekend.
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Sunday, Sept. 17, 11am-3pm	Fun Float at Silver Lake in Wilmington
Saturday, Oct. 14, 2-7pm	Day/Night run and Club Picnic at Memorial Park Beach
<i>Saturday, Nov. 11, 8-11am</i>	<i>Merrimac Valley Ship Modelers annual Auction, Newburyport, MA</i>
Sunday, Nov.12, 1-4 pm	Indoor Meeting at UCC Church Hall in Medfield, MA
Sunday, December 3, 12-3pm	Holiday Dinner, Prezo Grill and Bar, Milford, MA.

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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