

THE FOGHORN

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of New England*

2018-- Our 29th Year!!

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 6, 1 pm: 2018 Planning Meeting. Meeting will be held at Charlie Tebbetts' home in Foxboro, MA. This is the annual planning meeting- the club officers get together to create a draft events schedule for the year. The meeting is not for just the officers-- the members are welcome to attend and hopefully provide input. Let Charlie know if you are planning on attending-- so he has an idea of how many to expect. See next page for details and directions.

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, February 3,4,5: Providence Boat Show. At this point in time, we are waiting for confirmation from the show organizers that they will have a pool for us to run in.

2018 Membership Dues

It is that time of year-- time to pay your 2018 dues! The membership form is attached to this issue of the Foghorn, and is also available on the club website. You can pay Ed Arini in person at the next meeting, mail him a check, or use PayPal. (Use the PayPal button on the main page of the club website.)

Dues are \$25 per year.

January 6th Planning Meeting

Back on December 20th, Charlie Tebbetts sent the following email to the membership:

Dear Officers and interested Membership,

I am volunteering my home at 34 Villa Drive in Foxboro, MA to host the January 2018 MMC staff meeting. Please set aside the date of January 7th at 1:00 PM for our business meeting to focus on the 2018 meeting and events calendar. Club officers will be conducting the meeting, and attending members will be encouraged and are free to make suggestions for this year's upcoming schedule.

My home is located in Foxboro off of Mechanic Street. You would take the same exit (#8) off Route 95 as you would to go to Lake Massapoag in Sharon, but instead of heading towards Sharon, you head in the direction of Foxboro. South Main Street in Sharon turns into Mechanic Street in Foxboro where the two towns meet at the Route 95 exit 8. Travel down Mechanic Street for 1.4 miles, and look for Villa drive on the left. There is a white two story house with a front porch at the corner. If you have traveled all the way to the light at Chestnut Street, (Grace Church & St Mary's cemetery) you have gone too far and need to turn around. Follow Villa Drive around the zig-zag dog leg up the hill and then down the hill (about .4 of a mile). My home is just before the cul-de-sac on the left. The house is a two story greige colonial with cranberry red shutters. Park in the drive or alongside the curb.

-Charlie Tebbetts

December Holiday Dinner

The annual December Dinner was held on Sunday, December 3rd, at Prezo Grille and Bar in Milford, MA. Members in attendance included: Mike and Jean Hale, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Ed and Linda Arini, Bill and Kaja Michaels, Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts, Gaspar and Joanne LaColla, Lou Hills and guest, and Shaun Kimball.

We had a private room with plenty of space. The dinner started with hors d'ouvres and a social hour. We then enjoyed a good meal, followed by a light desert. We then finished the party by awarding a table full of door prizes-- I think nearly everyone went home with something! All in all, we all enjoyed a nice afternoon out – a good meal with good company.



Mike and Jean Hale



Joanne and Gaspar LaColla



Bonnie and Charlie Tebbetts



Bill and Kaja Michaels



Johanna and Bob Okerholm

Lou Hills and Hadley Fisk



Linda and Ed Arini

Editor's Notes

First off, Happy New Year to all!

I'm a little short on material this month, so I spend some time online. I found a couple of items of interest, and also have a new book to tell you about....

New Model Kits Coming: Trumpeter/HobbyBoss recently released their 2018 plastic model catalog. Of interest to ship modelers is a trio of 1/200 scale ships: USS Yorktown (CV-5), USS Enterprise CV-6), and the RMS Titanic. All three models are between 50 and 55 inches in length, so will be plenty big for RC conversion. Deans Marine in the UK already sells running gear kits for the other big 1/200 scale plastic kits, so I imagine it won't be long before they have a set for the these, as well.....

Ships Boats and Launches: Speaking of Dean's Marine, I saw this announcement from Ron Dean online today:



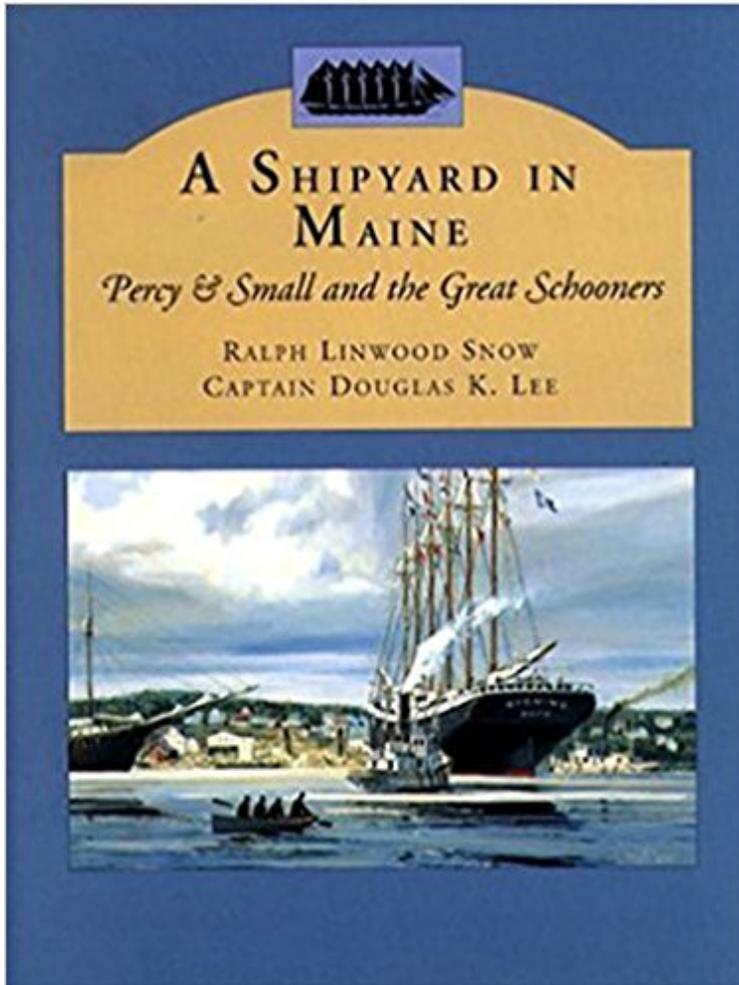
Hi Modelers,

One of the most common things we are asked for at shows and exhibition are ships boats and launches, these are normally parts of kit moldings and are parts of sets

To try out the interest we have selected the most common hulls and added them as a separate range of items, more to come later. Full details and sizes in the chandler section in our online shop.

The above picture is taken from Ron's posting, and shows a subset of the many small boats he is offering on his website...

Book Review: “A Shipyard in Maine – Percy and Small and the Great Schooners” by Ralph Linwood Snow and Captain Douglas K. Lee, published by Tilbury House Publishers and the Maine Maritime Museum, 1999.



This book is all about the giant four-, five-, six-, and seven-master schooners built at the Percy and Small Shipyard in Bath Maine, between 1894 and 1920. Quoting the publisher: “The Bath shipyard of Percy & Small set unrivaled records for wooden shipbuilding, and the stories of their ships are told in wonderful detail--launchings, daring captains, collisions, dismastings, fires, enemy submarines. Maritime enthusiasts and model makers will find a wealth of information here, particularly in Doug Lee's meticulously researched drawings.”

This is a big book-- a big 9 by 12 inch hardback, with almost 400 pages. It covers all aspects of the great schooners, with lots of period photos, and some terrific fold-out plans of the Charles P. Notman (4 masts), the Cora F Cressy (5 masts), the Wyoming (6 masts), and the Elanor A. Percy (6 masts). The

incredibly detailed plans include deck plans, details, profiles, hull lines, and rigging plans-- all the ones used by model makers.

The book is currently available as a trade paperback, but I had little trouble in tracking down a like-new copy of the currently out-of-print hardback version. (I'm not sure if both versions include the fold out plans, but they are available separately from the Museum.)

This book makes we want to build a big six-masted schooner!