



THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 10: 11am – 3pm: Fun Float at Milford Pond in Milford, MA. Note the Location and time change!

Redd's pond is still suffering from the annual spring weeds-- they haven't abated yet. The Marblehead Model Yacht Club advised us that they are canceling their planned races on June 3rd because of the weeds. So the officers have decided to move the Fun Float to the Milford location.

Directions: Take Exit 20 off 495, onto Route 85 (aka Cedar St.), heading towards Milford. Go straight through the first set of lights, then there will be a cemetery on the right, then a soccer field, and then Rosenfield Ball park. This is the last field on right-(about a ½ mile). Enter the parking lot and drive through it down to the boat launch ramp. You can unload there, and then move your car back to the parking lot.

The club webpage has been updated with this info. (Directions to all of our venues are posted there.)

Wednesday, June 20: 9am – 5pm: Fun Float at Rogers Pond Park in Kennebunk, Maine, with the Mid-coast RC Boat Modelers. See page 5 for the details.

May Meeting Report

I was out of state that day, but Charlie and Shaun sent in a report. The featured event was the Balloon Bust. Charlie provided this report:

The Balloon Buster event at Lake Massapoag went off well yesterday. The younger generation did quite well in the event. The results:

1st place – Noah Callahan - 11.02 seconds
2nd place – Mike Hale – 12:30 seconds
3rd place – Charlie Tebbetts – 14.03 seconds
4th place – George Gargano – 32 seconds

The following members attended: George Gargano, Mike Hale, Shaun Kimball, Bob Okerholm, Arhtur Perlmutter, Bob Prezioso, Charlie Tebbetts, and John Ruggiero.

Charlie also sent a long some photos.....

Below: Noah Callahan, Charlie's grandson.



Below, left to right: Shaun, George, and a young spectator.



Above, left to right: Arthur Perlmutter, Mike Hale, John Ruggiero.

Below: Shaun testing out his new Traxxas Speedboat.



Below: Mike Hale with his new Motor Yacht.



Joint Fun Float with the Maine Club

The Mid Coast RC Boat Modelers (otherwise known as the DownEast Radio Control Shipmodelers) and The Marine Modelers Club of New England have organized an RC Scale Fun Float at Roger's Pond in Kennebunk, ME, from 9am to 5pm on Wednesday June 20th. The pond is Town owned, features a pavilion and Porta-Potties. Gas grills are allowed, no charcoal grills allowed. Being a Town owned facility, no alcohol is allowed.

We went looking for a pond that was roughly equidistant between Bath and Boston. It is about a 2 hour drive from Sharon, right up I-95. The pond is clean water, stocked with fish. Entry into the water is allowed, a PDF is suggested. The Pond is approx 6 ft deep in the center. I do not know the edge depth.

The is a BYO event. Bring chairs, tables, food and beverage. There is a large shaded pavilion about 50 feet from the water, with lots of picnic tables. The pond is surrounded by trees set back a bit. The park offers parking close to the water, and you can even drive up to the edge of the water to unload.

The event is weather permitting, unless some die-hards want to run in rain or snow or whatever. Directions will be forth coming, but it is easy to get to. (Just google Rogers Pond Park in Kennebunk.)

We picked a Wednesday, as most of their membership, (and a lot of ours!) is retired, and could likely attend. The park will be less busy, and traffic to/from Maine should be good. We're hoping that with the advance notice (an email blast to the membership a couple of weeks ago) that others may be able to take a day off work to join in. (I know I will – Editor.)

The Maine guys are reserving the pavilion for the whole day. I told them that most of us attending from the MMC would likely drive up in late morning, to arrive a little after noon. (Kaja and I are planning on spending the afternoon at the park, then heading down to the Wells/Ogunquit area for dinner, and a walk on the beach!)

This is not an official club event--we are not the hosts. This sounds like a fun event-- something new and different. and a chance to meet some new boaters and see new models in action. Who knows-- maybe this could become an annual event!

If you are going to attend, please send Bill Michaels and Charlie Tebbetts me a note so we can let our hosts know how many to expect!

It should make a nice day trip-- and there is plenty around the Ogunquit-Wells-Kennebunk area for the wife/family to do if they don't want to hang out at the pond....

Other 2018 Planned Events:

In July, we're going to a new venue-- Lake Nippinicket in Bridgewater, MA. The boat launch ramp and parking area is at 1 Lakeshore Drive. There is a large parking lot with a good sized picnic area. Short walk from parking lot curb to beach path entrance. Bring chairs and tables if needed. Once boats and tables are off loaded to the beach, vehicles should be parked in parking lot spots.

In August, we have been invited back to the Salem Maritime Festival. It is a two-day event again this year. We'll have a tent with tables to display our models. We bring the club's portable pool and the fleet of Noodle Tugs. We are a very popular exhibitor, and are usually busy all day long. We need lots of help to cover the two days-- we need models to exhibit and people to help manage the tugs on the pool. The event is held on Derby Wharf, so it is close to downtown Salem. Family members often attend, too, as there is a lot to do on a nice weekend day in Salem! You can read more about past events by looking at the back issues of the Foghorn posted on the club website-- look for September issues.

Club Picnic: On August 26th, we will have a fun float and club picnic at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon. Charlie has talked to the Sharon Recreation Dept and confirmed that the Town swim beach program ends on the previous weekend. This means there will not be lifeguards at the swim beach, and no gate attendants to charge non-Sharon residents. We will do a pot-luck picnic, and encourage spouses and families to attend.

Editor's Notes

I am looking forward to the joint run with the guys from Maine! It should be fun. I stopped by the park this weekend, and the pond looked to be in fine shape. It should be fin to meet and run our models with a new crowd! I know at least a couple of our members have already indicated they plan to go-- hopefully we'll get more to join us!

Classified Ads:

Hello Fellow Captains!

I wanted to reach out to sell a few things from my private collection, and some for a friend. If you are interested, please email me at eric@homeportmodels.com or 781-526-5468.

For Sale: 1/96 scale Iowa Battleship

Asking \$2000 or best offer

I have a battleship from a friend of mine that I am looking to a new home port. This ship is about 80% complete with 3D parts, fittings, engines installed, animated parts and so on. It is a must see

and I would like to move this soon since its so large! I wanted to offer it to my club first before going out on the web sites to keep it close. Please let me know if you want to see any more photos or arrange pick up.

Working Naval Signal Light, restored

Asking \$2500 or best offer

I have a naval signal light, which is really bright since it was built to be seen over 10 plus miles. I have one extra bulb to go with this lamp. Would look great in an office or on a desk. This is not a plastic or thin metal one from china. This is a real, very heavy light. (I believe this is standard US Navy 12 inch signal light – Ed.)

1/48 scale 225 Foot Coast Guard Buoy Tender

Asking \$850 or best offer

I have a 50% built buoy tender that I started but it is not my scale. This is a working model and I have some of the parts. The structure is built but not sanded. The ship is about 4 feet long and runs great. I am selling this ship since it is not in my scale, and I have a lot of other ships to build. Please let me know if you have any questions.

