



THE FOGHORN

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of New England***

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 9, 11am -3pm. Steering Course and Fun Float at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. Charlie has already mailed out a course diagram and basic rules. Hopefully we'll get a good turnout. Keep in mind that if you aren't going to run the course, we can still use some help with scorekeepers...

Salem Maritime Festival Report

It was another successful event, even though it followed the pattern of last year, with rain showers Saturday and nice weather on Sunday. We had 225 visitors on Saturday, and 625 visitors on Sunday!

Members in attendance at one or both days Mike and Jean Hale, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Arthur Perlmutter, Frank and Sandy Cook, Bill and Kaja Michaels, Shaun Kimball, Alan Beeber, Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts, Gaspar LaColla, Linda Arini, and Eric Bertelsen.



<== Saturday vs. Sunday ==>
(Thanks to Jean Hale for the photo of Arthur!)

Eric Bertelsen put his 1/96 scale USCG Buoy Tender in the water, and immediately attracted a crowd...





Left: Frank Cook and some young skippers. Frank was a huge help in keeping the line moving, and making sure everyone got a turn.

Below: Shaun Kimball answering questions from some of our many Sunday afternoon visitors. His RMS Titanic model is always a huge hit with the crowd!





Left: Gaspar and Eric sending their greetings to the dozens of Foghorn readers world-wide.

Club Picnic and Fun Float

We held a combined cookout/pot-luck picnic and a Fun Float at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon on the 25th of August. We had a great turnout: Alan Beeber, Shaun Kimball, Mike and Jean Hale, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, George Gargano, Gaspar and Joanna LaColla, Bill and Kaja Michaels, George Gargano, Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts, Bob Prezioso, Arthur Perlmutter, and guest Jonathan Eno, from the Down East Ship Modelers Club in Maine.

Everyone in attendance enjoyed the burgers and hot dogs (cooked by Alan Beeber, manning the grill) and a variety of salads, fruit, and assorted sweets. The weather was beautiful- a little warm, but with a nice cooling breeze off the water. The breeze was actually stronger than forecast, and at times was a bit too strong. Some of the small sailboats had a tough time, battling the waves while getting knocked down in the gusts. But the bigger sailboats really flew at times!



Left: Lunch in the shade. L-R are Alan, Shaun, Arthur, and George.





Left: Bob Okerholm, Jean and Mike Hale. Mike's big sailboat went well in the gusty breeze.

Right: Jonathan Eno made the four-hour drive down from Union, Maine to joined us with his 1/48 scale WW2 USN tug.

Jonathan was one of the key organizers of June's joint Fun Float with the Maine club in Kennebunk.



Editor's Notes

We are trying something new at the Fun Float in Sharon-- a Steering Course. This is a simplified version of the sort of course usually found at a regatta. By simplified, I mean that it won't take many man hours to set-up and take down. Charlie Tebbetts, our Events Officer, has put a lot of work into getting this organized, so I hope the membership shows up and takes part. (Getting there a little early to help out with set-up will be appreciated, too!)

Charlie has already emailed the rules and the basic course diagram. This is an informal competition-- the only prize is getting your name listed in next month's Foghorn. We will run four divisions, based on the model's length. Scoring is the typical system used for this sort of course-- every time you hit something you shouldn't, you get one or more points. Lowest cumulative score wins bragging rights. Also, I'll have a loaner model there in case anyone wants to try the course, and doesn't have a boat to run.

Final thought: A lot of the newer cars come with all sorts of new systems and gadgets, and that means a lot of warning lights/icons on the dashboard. It can get confusing at times! But I found a helpful chart online that explains what all these little symbols mean.....

