



# THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club  
of New England*

**2018-- Our 29th Year!!**

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## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, December 23, 2:30pm: Unofficial winter sailing get-together.** Eric Bertelsen sent the following:

Hello fellow Captains! Looks like the weather is warming up for the upcoming weekend and I wanted to get some ships in the water. I'm thinking Sunday about 2:30 at Redds Pond in Marblehead would be great. Let me know if you are interested. I'll be in the studio Sunday about 10am to 2:00pm to get things ready.

**Friday-Saturday-Sunday, April 12-14, 2019: The WOODS HOLE MODEL BOAT SHOW.** We have been notified by the Show organizers that the 2019 show will happen on Patriot's Day weekend. Several of us are planning on making a weekend of it, and have already booked rooms for Friday and Saturday nights.

Our Next Club meeting will be an indoor meeting, in mid-February, at a place and time to be announced. One option the officers are exploring is to rent a pool for an indoor Fun Float- but so far we haven't found anyone willing to have us....!

## Holiday Dinner Report

Sunday, December Second saw a good turnout for the annual Holiday Dinner. We had 18 people signed up, and all but one of them made it! I seemed that everyone there was having a good time, too! The meal was very good, as usual, and there was lots of good company.

Members and guest attending included: Mike and Jean Hale, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Bill and Kaja Michaels, Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts, Frank and Sandy Cook, Harold Cohen, Lou Hills and Hadley Fisk, Bob Prezioso, Shaun Kimball, Linda Arini, Dolores Arini, and Joe Skorupa.

I didn't take a lot of photos, as I was too busy having fun and visiting with everyone. Here's a show of the room with a lot of the attendees, to give you an idea of the size of the space. I must apologize to Harold for only capturing half of him!





After dinner, our Commander, Mike Hale, got up and said a few words, thanking everyone for their participation and assistance with the past year's events. We're looking forward to a great 2019! Mike also extended the official welcome to our new First Officer, Frank Cook, and to new member Joe Skorupa.

Mike also let everyone in attendance know that the Officers are planning to get together in mid-January to start the planning for the 2019 events. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please send them to the Club Officers!

Mike also mentioned that we have two big events on the calendar already. We will be attending the Woods Hole Model Boat Show in April, and we will be holding another joint Fun Float with the Maine club in Kennebunk in mid-June.

After Mike's address, we drew raffle tickets for the door prizes. We had a nice collection of items that had been donated by club members, and I think everyone went home with something...

### **Making a Display Case**

This was posted in the "Ship Talking" section of the Hyperscale.com forums. While it is primarily a plastic scale model site, I thought this article might be of interest to our membership, as well...

#### **Display Case Tips, by Lars Clark. (Reprinted here with permission.)**

I have made several of various sizes for models I wish to keep and display. Primarily, I use 1/8" plexi-glass. The stuff is NOT cheap. Here is my process:

1. Measure the subject and allow about 1/2" clearance on all sides. If you are setting the case into a base frame, and the model is set on a cradle, adjust the height dimension for the cradle and an additional 1/2" for setting the case into the frame. Remember you are working with inside dimensions, but your plan will need show outside dimensions.

2. Draw a plan with precise measurements.
3. I prefer using 45 degree bevel cuts on all sides and the top. The bottom cuts can be square because the case will sit down into the frame.
4. I prefer buying 48"x48" Plexi sheets - easier to handle. Remember the edges are sharp and using light cotton gloves will be helpful.
5. Draw out your plan on the protective paper that covers every plexi sheet. Don't peel this stuff off until you are done cutting, etc.
6. Use a table saw with fine tooth blade. Check everything is square (fences, blade, etc.) When you cut, move the plexi steadily so that you do not "burn" the edges.
7. TIP: PAY SOMEONE TO DO YOUR CUTTING. If you live in a metro area, there probably is a custom shop who will do your cutting (and fabrication if you want, but labor is not cheap.
8. ANOTHER TIP: Ask if you can rummage through their scrap barrel. I have found many smaller pieces that are large enough for 1/48 scale aircraft.
9. Test fit your pieces. Peel the protective paper off and tape the box together. TIP: Use short strips of masking tape that run perpendicular to the edge that you are cementing. Don't let the cement get under the tape or capillary action will ruin the surface of your case. If you do, buff out the blemish with polish etc.
10. Buy the cement and a needle applicator from your Plexi supplier. The cement is like water. Use the applicator to apply the cement along the edge. STAY AWAY FROM THE TAPE. Use the tip of the applicator to put a drop or two into the joint and let capillary action spread the cement along the joint. Be careful of "runs, drips and errors." I keep the end of the applicator covered with a cloth until I am ready to apply a drop of cement. GO SLOW and CAREFULLY.
11. After the case is built, you can buy picture framing material and make your own frame. For the base inside the frame, I find foam board is strong enough to hold most models. If you want to want to secure your model to the base and or cradle, you will need to engineer this yourself.

I have built smaller cases for a/c using square cuts - not bevels - from scrap material. For small subjects, you can score a line on the plexi with a straight-edge and snap the piece. Tricky, but doable and much easier. The above procedures on taping etc., still hold.

SAFETY NOTE: I used Weld-On's Sci-Grip #4 Acrylics cement. It is flammable and toxic, so take care to protect eyes, skin and inhalation. Check the warning labels on the container and do not use this stuff casually!

## **Editor's Notes**

The January issue of Model Boats Magazine has this:



The models in the top right probably look familiar.. That is official confirmation that my article on building a Noodle Tug will be published in the February 2019 issue of the Magazine!

I am a Model Boats Subscriber, though I only get the online version of the magazine, as it is rather expensive to get the paper copies shipped to the states. I will try to get some paper copies of this one, though! It has been a long time since I sold an article to a modeling magazine- I think my last one was in 2008 or so, for Seaways Ships in Scale.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped me with the newsletter. Some sent pictures, wrote articles, or took notes; others gracefully indulged me when I asked for yet another photo pose, and yet another high speed run so I could get the light "just so".

Thanks you all! Appreciative readers and feedback make the it worth doing!

I'll end the last 2018 Foghorn with a classic "Happy Holidays" photo and best wishes to all.....



**Eggs Benedict served on a hubcap**  
because there's no plate like chrome for the hollandaise