



THE FOGHORN

***Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England***

2019-- Our 29th Year!!

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Note: Use officers@marinemodelers.org to reach all the club officers as a group.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 9, 1 – 4 pm: Indoor meeting at the UCC Church Hall in Medfield, MA. We'll handle some club business (2019 schedule, etc.) and then Bill Michaels and Alan Beeber will do a presentation on using LEDs for lighting. We'll have plenty of time for talking about boats, so bring along whatever you have been working on! Also, we are encouraging new members, old members, prospective members, to bring their projects in!

Saturday, March 16, 1 – 4 pm: Indoor meeting at the UCC Church Hall in Medfield, MA. Larry Milo of Precision Scale Model Engineering will do a presentation on motors, gearboxes, and other cool stuff.

Saturday, March 23, 6 – 9 pm: INDOOR FUN FLOAT at the Foxboro YMCA pool. We will have exclusive use of the pool for a three hour period. Get some runtime and testing done on that new project before the season! Note- we are asking for a \$10 donation per skipper to help cover the cost of renting the pool.

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.

2019 Membership Dues

It is that time of year-- time to pay your 2019 dues! The membership form is attached to this issue of the Foghorn, and is also available on the club website. You can pay Linda Arini in person at the next meeting, mail her a check, or use PayPal. (Use the PayPal button on the main page of the club website.)

Dues are \$25 per year. If you need the form, you can always find it on the club website.

Important: Linda had to open a new club checking account, and she had to put her name on it. If you are mailing a check for your dues, please be sure to make it out to **Linda Arini**.

Meeting Cancellation Notices

One of the topics discussed at our last meeting was ways to improve the member communication in the event we need to cancel a meeting or event due to weather or other issues. We also talked about moving events to Saturday, so we can have rain dates on Sunday.

A variety of options were discussed, and one that was generally agreed upon that using text messages is a good way to get the word out the day of an event. So....

If you would like to get notifications that a scheduled event has been delayed, postponed, or canceled, we need your text number. Please send me your cell number, and I'll add it to the list to share with the other officers. Please understand that we won't be texting everyone individually-- we will be sending out a group message to all the numbers we have at once. So please be careful if you reply-- your reply will go to everyone else as well!

The best way to get your number to us would be send an email to the officers@marinemodelers.org list. You can also text me directly (978-760-0343), and I'll add you to the list. (Please be sure to identify yourself in your message- otherwise I won't know who 781-555-1234 is!) I will compile the master list and then give it to Charlie, our Events Officer, who will likely be the one sending out a notice if needed.

Editor's Notes

I don't have much for this issue, as we haven't had a meeting since the last issue came out.

The officers did meet at Charlie's house in January, and we mapped out the schedule for 2019. It has been posted on the club website, and we will discuss possible changes at the Feb and March meetings, if needed.