



THE FOGHORN

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 24, 11am – 3pm: Club Picnic and On-the-water even at the Memorial Park Beach in Sharon. This is a combination of a Potluck picnic (and we'll be grilling burgers and hot dogs), plus an on-the-water sailing event. See Page 5 for more information.

Saturday, September 7, 1 - 3pm: Indoor exhibition and Sailing session at the Attleboro, MA, YMCA. See page 6 for more information.

Saturday, September 14, 9am – 2pm: Steering Course Regatta at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. We will have a Navigation course with docks, channels, buoys, etc. laid out. This is an informal "for-fun" competition, with classes based on model length. Bring a model, and come test your boat handling skills on a fun course!

Thursday, September 19, 10am – 5pm: Joint Fun Float with the Maine club at Rogers Pond Park in Kennebunk, Maine. This is a reschedule from our rained-out date in June. Details on page 4.

Reminder: Meeting Cancellation Notices

If you would like to get notifications that a scheduled event has been delayed, postponed, or canceled, we need your text number. Please send your cell number to officers@marinemodelers.org to be added to the list.

Salem Maritime Festival: August 3-4

It was another successful event, with a better weather pattern than we had in the past couple of years. Instead of downpours, we only had a few light sprinkles.

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

Below: Once again, our tent and pool were centrally located- one of the first things visitors saw upon entering the festival area.



Below: (L to R) Arthur Perlmutter, Jean and Mike Hale manning the tent.



Bonnie Tebbetts provided some photos as well:



Above: A brief shower on Sunday didn't stop the kids!

Below: Mike Hale and Shaun Kimball talking to a few of the many visitors on Sunday....



Portable Pool Storage

Going into Salem, we knew that we needed to find a new home for the club's portable pool. Gaspar LaColla has been storing it for the last few years, but he advised the club officers that he couldn't continue to store and transport the pool. The Officers discussed the possibility of donating it to the Park Service in Salem. They expressed interest, but weren't able to commit in such a short time frame.

Thanks to Linda, Shaun, and Eric the noodle tug pool equipment has found a new home storage location behind Eric's garage in Salem. Linda took careful measurements and came up with a storage locker box that fits all the parts and supplies. Eric helped Linda pick up the box and then assembled it behind his garage. Shaun helped Linda load the pool parts into her truck at Derby Wharf and then helped Linda unload and store all the parts in the locker box.

The Salem Park Rangers had indicated that they might be willing to assemble the pool for the club next year. However, the head Park Ranger also indicated that the typical 2 day event might be modified to a single day or perhaps multiple single day events to coincide with the visits of sail ships making their port-of-call at Salem. Until we know more, the pool equipment is safely stored at Eric's home in Salem. Many thanks to Linda, Eric and Shaun!!

The Officers have also discussed the long term plans for the pool. The club only uses it once a year, setting it up is a hassle, and none of us are getting any younger. We have talked about donating it to the Park Service as described above, or perhaps just selling it off. Given that the format of the 2020 Salem event is unknown, we are going to hold off on taking action until the situation in Salem is better defined.....

Pot Luck Picnic on Saturday, August 24th

It is time for our annual Fun Float and Potluck picnic! We'll be at Memorial Park Beach, on Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA. We will be grilling hot dogs and burgers, and enjoying a variety of other goodies. Charlie tells me we have had good response from the membership so far-- there could be close to 20 people in attendance! Charlie has been sending out a number of emails over the last week or more, to collect RSVPs and to coordinate what people are bringing to share.

As I write this, the long-range forecast for Saturday is calling for what looks like a perfect day. We hope everyone can attend!

Please be on the lookout for emails from Charlie, and be sure to reply to let him know if you are attending.

Joint Fun Float with the Maine Club

Our joint event was scheduled for June 20th, but the event was canceled due to the heavy rain. Charlie and I have been working with our hosts from the Mid Coast RC Boat Modelers (otherwise known as the DownEast Radio Control Shipmodelers), has been rescheduled for Thursday, Sept 19. Rain date will be Thursday, Sept 26.



We went looking for a pond that was roughly equidistant between Bath and Boston-- we found a great one just about at the midpoint! For us, the pond 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, and water shoes are a good idea. The Pond is approx 6 ft deep in the center. The water near the area we used last year is shallow enough to set docks-- there were quite a few set up last year. 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. (Photos from the 2018 event.)



This is a BYO event. Bring chairs, tables, food and beverages. There is a large shaded pavilion about 50 feet from the water, with lots of picnic tables.

Thursday the 26th is the rain date. If the weather looks bad. We will use email and the text numbers we have to get the word out. The location is easy to get to- just google Rogers Pond Park in Kennebunk.

Our hosts picked a weekday, as most of their membership, (and a lot of ours!) is retired, and could likely attend. Last year, we pretty much had the park and pond to ourselves, and the weather was absolutely beautiful! The park will be less busy, and traffic to/from Maine should be good. We're hoping that with the advance notice that others may be able to take a day off work to join in. (I know I will – Editor.)

The Maine guys have reserved 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 before noon. It should make a nice day trip-- and there is plenty around the Ogunquit-Wells-Kennebunkport area for the wife/family to do if they don't want to hang out at the pond.... (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!)

Last year was a terrific event-- there was a big turnout from both clubs. Between the two clubs there were 30-40 great models. Last years event was so great, everyone attending immediately wanted to do it again. This is a great chance to meet some new boaters and see new models in action. If you are going to attend, please send Bill Michaels and Charlie Tebbetts a note so we can let our hosts know how many to expect!

Editor's Notes

New primer coming: I saw a note posted on Badger Airbrush Company's Facebook page-- they are working on a new primer formulated specially for use on the common plastics found in 3-D printing. The product is in the hands of a small group of hobbyist testers now, and Badger expects the new product will be hitting the market in September.

Badger released a new line of primers called "Stynylrez" last year-- it is a primer formulated for use on styrene plastic, resin, and vinyl, which has been very well received, especially by figure modelers. This new product is meant to be an improvement on that, focusing on the 3-D market. This could be a real help for those of us who are using 3-D printed parts on our models!

Fun Float/Exhibition at the Attleboro YMCA

Frank Cook has been working on getting us access to another indoor venue, and his efforts have paid off. Here is a summary taken from multiple emails he has sent to the officers:

Background: For more than a decade Attleboro has been participating in the national Big Read, a community event that encourages all the citizens to read a book selected by the community and participate in numerous book-related activities. This event is held throughout September and October and features events for all age groups.

I have been a member of Attleboro's Big Read committee since its inception. This year's selection is Nathaniel Philbrick's *In The Heart of the Sea*, the story of the Nantucket-based whaleship Essex that was sunk by a whale in the Pacific, forcing the crew into a three month fight for survival aboard whaleboats on a 3,000 mile journey to South America.

The organizers of the event have coordinated with Frank and with the Aquatics Director at the Attleboro YMCA. The YMCA's Aquatics Director of the Attleboro Y has confirmed that they are able to accommodate usage of one of their indoor pools for a float event in conjunction with the Big Read kickoff! Specifically, the date is **Saturday, September 7, from 1-3 PM.**

They are looking for us to run an on-water event at the Attleboro YMCA. They would like us to bring the "Noodle Tugs" for the kids, as well as to sail and display our RC boats. The officers believe this a great opportunity for us, to participate in a community event and open the doors to another indoor sailing venue for a winter sailing session. Look for emails from the officers in the next couple of weeks with more details.

2019 Events Schedule

Here is the 2019 Club Schedule. Note that this is subject to change, and that updates will be posted on the club website, as well as sent via email.

Date (Saturday, unless otherwise specified)	Event
March 16 th 1-4 pm	Indoor Meeting at the UCC Church Hall in Medfield, MA.
March 23 rd , 6-9 pm	Indoor Fun Float at the YMCA Pool in Foxboro, MA. (\$10 co-pay)
Saturday-Sunday, April 13 th - 14 th	Woods Hole Model Boat Show
April 27 th , 11-3pm	Fun Float at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA Theme: Sailboat Day
May 18 th , 11 – 3 pm	Fun Float at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA
June 1 st , 9am - 5pm	Piscataqua River Fest, Portsmouth, NH.
Thursday, June 20 th , 10 am - 4pm	Joint Fun Float with the Mid-Coast Maine Ship Modelers, at Rogers Park Pond in Kennebunk, Maine. (Rain date is Friday, 21 June)
Saturday, July 20 th , 1pm - 4pm	On-the-water event, Redds Pond, Marblehead, MA.
Saturday-Sunday August 3 rd -4 th	Salem Maritime Festival. We'll have the usual static display, along with the portable pond and the Noodle Tugs.
Saturday, August 24 th , 12-3pm	Fun Float and Club Picnic at Memorial Park Beach.
Saturday, September 14 th , 9 am - 2pm	Steering Course Regatta at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA.
Saturday, October 5 th , 3-7pm	Day/night run at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA.
Saturday, November 16 th , 12-4 pm	Club Trip to Herreshoff Museum Tour, Bristol, RI.
Saturday, December 7 th , 12-4 pm	Annual Holiday Dinner at Prezo Bar and Grille, Milford, MA.