



THE FOGHORN

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of New England*

2019-- Our 29th Year!!

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 14, 10am – 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! (Setup starts at 9am.)

Charlie is hard at work creating the layout for this year's course. This is a fun competition-- each skipper sails the prescribed course, trying to avoid penalty points for things such as hitting a buoy, missing a gate, etc. There are multiple divisions, based on model length, so boats are competing against models of a similar size range. Skippers can enter each of their models separately, so you can bring more than one boat if you wish. Guests are also welcome to run using a borrowed boat-- the same model could run the course multiple times, with a different skipper at the helm each time. (We may have to limit the participation if the guest count gets out of hand!)

The runs are timed, too. Lowest score wins, with fastest time through the course breaking a tie. This is all for fun-- there are no prizes or awards-- all the winners get is a moment of fame when their names are printed in next month's Foghorn. (Who would more than that????)

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 5.

Saturday, October 5, 3-7 pm: Our annual Day/Night run at Memorial Park Beach. This is our last on-the-water event of the year, and a chance to actually use and enjoy all those lights you installed in your model!

Club Picnic and Fun Float Report

We had great weather and a great turnout for our annual picnic and Fun Float last month. It is time for our annual Fun Float and Potluck picnic! We were at Memorial Park Beach, on Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA. We grilled hot dogs and burgers, and enjoyed a wide variety of other goodies. Members and guests in attendance included: Mike and Jean Hale, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Bill and Kaja Michaels, Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts, Linda Arini, George Gargano, Shaun Kimball, Bob Prezioso, and Joe Skorupa. Also joining us were two new members: Glen Schermerhorn and his wife Julie; and Dick Boardman and his wife Lynn.



Above Left: Lynn and Dick Boardman. Above Right: Glen and Julie Schermerhorn. Welcome aboard!



Glen Schermerhorn brought along a fine looking yacht.



Joe Skorupa brought a 7.5+ foot long model of the Destroyer USS Fletcher. The model is 1/48 scale, and Joe moves it around on a special cart.



Attleboro Big Read Event

The MMC was invited to participate in the Town of Attleboro's "Big Read" event-- as an exhibitor for the program kick-off celebration on Saturday, September 7. The book chosen this year 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.

Frank Cook is on the Attleboro Big Read committee, and they were looking for nautical-themed participants, so he suggested inviting the MMC. The committee thought it was a great idea, and made arrangements to include us. We were set up at the YMCA pool, where we had a display of our models, plus a fleet of Noodle Tugs for the kids to run.

Members attending included Mike Hale, Linda Arini, Frank and Sandy Cook, Bill and Kaja Michaels, and Willi Zankel. We were very thankful to have Willi's five Noodle Tugs, as they doubled the size of the Noodle fleet! We needed them all-- we had a good number of kids come through during the two hours we were scheduled for. We also had time to run a few of our own models-- Mike Hale got some run time in with his sub, and his RC duck was popular with the kids, too.

Below-- setup complete, waiting for the kids to arrive!



Overall, our participation was a success, and we made a good impression on the folks in charge.

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

FOR SALE: Dumas Mr. Darby Ocean-going Tug kit. Model is 1:30 scale; 46 inches long, with a 13" beam. This is the original Dumas kit, with a nice fiberglass hull. This kit has been OOP for a long time-- if you want one now, the only option is the Harbor Models clone of the original kit, which goes for \$540 plus shipping!

This kit was donated to the club by Bob Okerholm. Proceeds from the sale will go to the club treasury. Before we offer the club online nationally, we are offering it here to club members at a discount. (It will save us the effort of packing this big kit for shipping!) For a limited time, you can get this kit for **\$350!!!** If you are interested, contact Bill Michaels.

Club Officer Elections

Traditionally, our annual election of club officers for the following year is held in November. The club charter limits the Commander to two consecutive terms, so Mike Hale must step down this year. If you are interested at all in becoming an Officer please contact any of the incumbents. (We are all listed on the First Page.)

Below: Some of the many boats and attendees at the August picnic.....



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	Piscatagua 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 3rd-4th	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.