

THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2019-- Our 29th Year!!

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Upcoming Events

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!

Saturday, November 16. Club Trip: Herreshoff Museum Tour, Bristol, RI. Details are still being finalized, but we are looking at a start time in the 11am to 1pm range.

Saturday, December 7, 12-4 pm: Annual Holiday Dinner at Prezo Bar and Grille, Milford, MA. We will also hold the annual election of club officers.



Left: This is just one of the many fabulous models seen at the Joint Sailing Session with the Maine club in Kennebunk, ME.

Lots more photos inside- see page(4) !!!

(Photo courtesy of Jerome Morris from Union, Maine.)

Steering Course Report

Charlie Tebbetts sent the following report:

Because of strong winds, the September Steering Regatta at Lake Massapoag worked out as a voluntary course for brave skippers. Because of the strong winds and high seas, most vessels were not able to back down very well and we had to omit the docking maneuver and pylon touch from the completion. Participants were Frank Cook with his mini cat speedboat, George Gargano with his South Hampton tug, Bill Michaels with his USCG Motor Lifeboat, Willi Zankel with his North Sea shrimp trawler, and Charlie Tebbetts with his tug Star Fuel Chief. Linda Arini also came to the event but was unable to participate because of a missing battery connector adapter.

As the day wore on, the wind continued to gain intensity, and the seas continued to build. Towards the end, both of Charlie's bell buoys filled with water, and the course markers had to be pulled in and put away. After the course markers were stored away, all the brave skippers sat on the park picnic table and swapped sea stories. It was truly an afternoon for brave skippers and sea worthy vessels.

This photo of Charlie's tug entering the main channel, in a beam sea captures the day better than any description!



It was a fun day to run the seaworthy models though! Despite the drama of the above photo, Charlie's boat handed the rough seas quite handily. And I had an absolute blast running my Coast Guard 36' Motor Lifeboat in the rough seas- the real one was built for days like this! I had so much fun running the boat that I forgot to take many photos!

Here are a couple of images I did manage to catch:



Your Editor's CG 36500, heading out through the swells. This is the sort of conditions the 36 footer was built for! Apologies for the poor resolution-- the dock was bucking, the boat was bouncing, and I was trying to avoid losing my phone or getting tossed into the lake!

Right: Willi Zankel braved the rough seas with his fishing boat. The model's top-hamper provided quite a bit of sail area, so Willi felt it wise to keep the model in the sheltered area downwind of the docks.



Another shot of Charlie's tug out on the open lake. Charlie's big buoys looked very realistic!

Joint Fun Float with the Maine Club

Our joint event with the Down East Ship Modelers Guild was held as planned on Thursday, Sept., and was another huge success! The weather was perfect, and we had another great turnout. This was the makeup date for an event originally scheduled for June 20th-- a few of our members were not able to make the new date. Shaun Kimball, Bill McKeon, Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts, Mike Hale, and Bill and Kaja Michaels all made it. Also in attendance were 6 people from the Maine club. The event had been publicized on the RCGroups.com boat forum, and we also got a couple of visitors as a result. One fellow drove up from NYC just to sail with us!

Alan Owens was one of the visitors who read about the event on line and drove over from Grantham, NH to sail with us. He brought along a trio of spectacular models. Below, his scratch built 1/96 scale Scout Cruiser USS Salem returns to the harbor. Launched in 1908, the Salem was the last US Navy warship to wear the white and buff of the "Great White Fleet" era. You can read the full history of Alan's build of this fine model on www.rcgroups.com, in the Scale Boats forum.



Note: I posted all my photos from the day in a gallery on my SmugMug photo-hosting site. You can see all the photos from the day (plus a couple of videos) here:

<https://billmichaels.smugmug.com/Bills-Stuff/Kennebunk-2019/n-SmQgzH>

More (and better!) pictures, taken by Jerome Morris of Union, Maine, can be seen here:
<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showpost.php?p=42783703&postcount=34>



Left to Right: Charlie, Bonnie, and Kaja relaxing in the sun. The weather was perfect-- the day started calm, with a gentle breeze that built through the day. Temps were in the mid-high 60s, with low humidity and no bugs! All in all, a perfect day!

Below: Just a few of the many boats seen in the harbor area during the day.



More photos from Kennebunk:

A pair of 1/48 scale USN WW2-era tugs: On the left is Jonathan Eno's USS GEAR, a Salvage Tug, and on the right is Alan Owens' USS Chawasha (ATF-151), a Navajo class Fleet Tug.



Left: The “big picture” view of the facilities at Rogers Park Pond. We were the only ones using the pond, and only saw a handful other park visitors during the day. The pond is ringed by a dirt road, providing vehicle access all the way around.

This is the nicest model boat pond I have seen in New England!!

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!

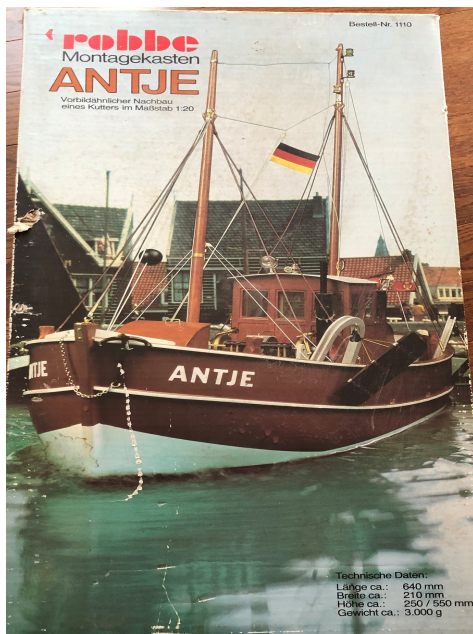
This kit was donated to the club by Bob Okerholm and proceeds from the sale will go to the club treasury. Before we offer the kit online nationally, we are offering it here to club members at a discount. (It will save us the effort of packing this big kit for shipping!) For a limited time, you can get this kit for **\$300!!!** 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.) Given that we are planning a trip in November instead of a regular indoor meeting, we are going to wait and hold the election at the Holiday dinner in December, where we are much more likely to get enough members attending to make it a quorum.

We have the following members offering to continue to serve - but we'd certainly welcome additional candidates!

Commander: Charlie Tebbetts; First Officer: Mike Hale;
Treasurer: Linda Arini; Events Officer: Frank Cook;
Clerk/Newsletter Editor: Bill Michaels.



For Sale

Robbe kit of the Fishing Vessel ANTJE. The kit is around 30 years old, but is complete and unstarted. (Robbe kits were known for their high quality-- this has been OOP for decades.)

Asking \$300 or best offer. Contact Arthur Perlmutter at 774-279-2186.

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.
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Saturday, December 7 th , 12-4 pm	Annual Holiday Dinner at Prezo Bar and Grille, Milford, MA.