

# THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club  
of New England*

**2019-- Our 29th Year!!**

**November 2019**

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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, November 16, 11am- 1pm.** Club Trip: Herreshoff Museum & America's Cup Hall of Fame Tour, Bristol, RI. We are making arrangements for a guided tour of the museum, so we need a head count. We need to let the museum know by Saturday, November 8 how many are in our group. More info is available on the Museum's website: <https://www.herreshoff.org/>

Regular admission is normally \$15 for adults, \$10 for Seniors 65+. We have enough people going that we qualified for the group rate discount of 20%. There is still time to sign up-- contact Charlie Tebbetts if you'd like to go. (Family members and/or guests are welcome, too-- everyone in our group will get the discount.) The tour takes about 90+ minutes. (Several of us are planning to go to lunch as a group before we head home after the tour.)

**Saturday, December 7, 12-4 pm:** Annual Holiday Dinner at Prezo Bar and Grille, Milford, MA. See page 3 for more info.

## Election of 2020 Club Officers

The election will be held at the Holiday Dinner, because we don't expect we'll have a quorum at the November meeting/trip. We have a slate of volunteers to serve as club officers for 2020. As usual, we have no contested races, but we would welcome some new faces to volunteer! The slate for 2020 at this point is:

Commander: Charlie Tebbetts  
 1<sup>st</sup> Officer: Mike Hale  
 Treasurer: Linda Arini  
 Events: Frank Cook  
 Clerk/Newsletter Editor: Bill Michaels

## **Day/Night Event Report**

Held three weeks after high winds blew out our steering course, we were blessed with a lovely calm afternoon for the Day/Night run. At times, the water was perfectly smooth!



Above Left: Bob Prezioso, Charlie Tebbetts, and Arthur Perlmutter enjoying the pleasant weather. You can see a lot of beach in the shot-- the lake level was noticeably lower that it had been just a few weeks earlier. (I understand this is done on purpose to help kill off the weeds over the winter.) Above Right: Frank Cook and Bonnie Tebbetts discussing where the lake is??



Mike Hale's AquaCraft Fireboat sailing past one of Charlie's buoys.

The water was this calm for pretty much the entire event!



Bill Michaels' USCG Lifeboat 36500.

George Gargano brought along a tug, and his RC electric-powered glider. The plane has extensive LED lights on the wings, fuselage, and tail, making it easier to keep track of the model's orientation in the air. It was hard to photograph in the failing light, but I tried.....



### **Holiday Dinner Party**

The date for this year's party is **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 4pm.** The Dinner will be similar to last year's event: Same place, same room, same basic schedule. The Social Hour starts at noon, with dinner at 1:30pm. Menu will be similar to last year's. You'll have a choice of a couple of entrees, and the meal includes salad, desert and coffee/tea. Adult beverages are available for purchase.

As always, we will have some door prizes to give out to the attendees-- let the club officers know if you have anything you'd like to donate.

You need to get payment to Linda Arini to reserve a spot. The due date is Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$25 per person. You can send a check to Linda, or you can use PayPal:  
[clubdues@marinemodelers.org](mailto:clubdues@marinemodelers.org)

The dinner is being held at **Prezo Grille and Bar, 229 1/2 East Main St, Milford, MA.**

## **Editor's Notes**

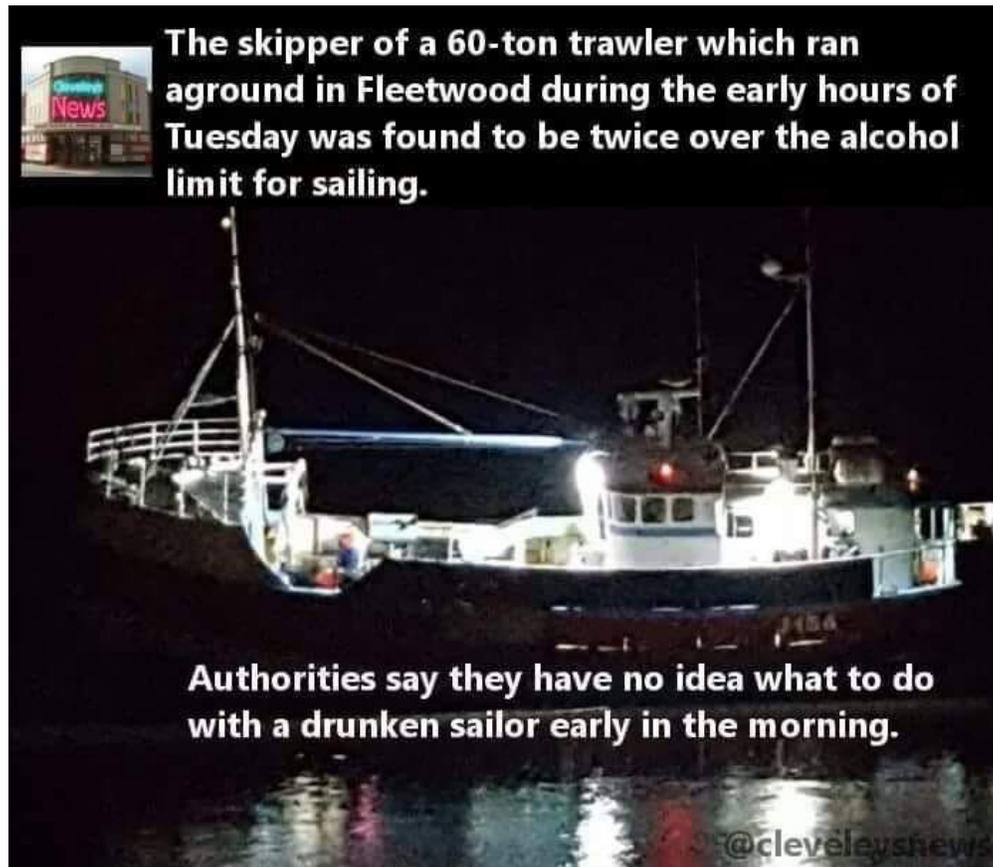
**Dumas' new Lobsterboat kit:** Dumas has just released a new kit of a Maine Lobsterboat: The “Winter Harbor Lobster Boat.” It is a 31” long model, featuring a wooden hull made from balsa planks over laser cut plywood formers. The model is of a 41' boat, and is in 1/16 scale (3/4” = 1 foot). The kit includes all deck hardware as well as the Lobster Pots and Lobsters. MSRP is \$300, but I'm sure we will see it discounted. M.A.C.K. Products Model Marine has already announced they are taking orders at the Sale Price of \$225.00 plus \$24 FedEx shipping.

More detail on the model is available on the Dumas website:

[http://www.dumasproducts.com/product\\_info.php?products\\_id=1312](http://www.dumasproducts.com/product_info.php?products_id=1312)

This should be a nice kit-- I built the Dumas USCG Lifeboat a couple of years ago-- it has the same construction. I found the laser cut parts to be well done, the hull was easy to plank, and the latest generation of Dumas instructions are very good. I expect this kit will be of similar quality. And given that the big Midwest Lobster Boat kit has been unavailable for several years now, this kit should fill a void in the marketplace. If I didn't already have too many projects, I'd have already ordered one!!

**Other News:** I saw this on Facebook- a story about a trawler that grounded in the UK:



## A Visit To HomePort Model Ships

I stopped by Homeport the other day to check out their new location. They are still located in the Porter Mill building on Rantoul street in Beverly, Mass-- but now their studio is on the first floor- right across from Channel Marker Brewing!



Eric and Paul have more space, and a lot better exposure in the new location. Here's a shot from the doorway looking into the main area of the shop. Eric said one of the benefits of the new space is more room for storage.

Speaking of Channel Marker Brewing, Eric let me know that next weekend, the "HomePort Ale will once again be available at Channel Marker. There is a tasting/bar area on site at Porter Mill- directly across from the Homeport shop!

No word yet on how that will affect the shipyard's productivity.....!

While I was visiting, Eric filled me in the progress of his 1/96 scale tug Justice. (The real tug is based in Boston.) Eric's model features a 3D printed hull, cabin, and pilothouse; and is about 12 inches long. Just like the real one, the model features a pair of Kort nozzle drive units. There are no rudders-- instead the tug is steered by turning the Kort units to direct their thrust in the desired direction. It takes four RC channels to control them-- each unit has one channel for its ESC, and one for turning the unit.



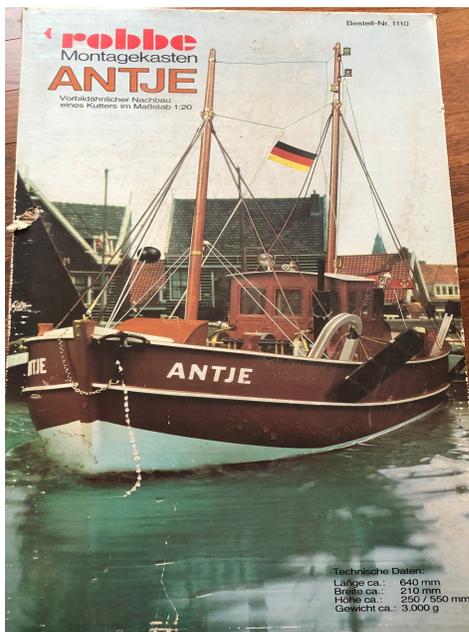
Above left is the tug with the basic pieces in place-- Eric is working on the detailing. The photo on the right shows the drivetrain. You can see the two brushless motors with their universal joints that send the power to the prop via the bevel gears. Between the two motors are a pair of steering servos, mounted upside down. The servos have pulleys instead of arms, and you can see the toothed drive belts that rotate the drive units.

Eric reports the model has been on successful sea trials, and has enough power to push a large Destroyer-sized model sideways! I hope to get some on the water pictures for a future Foghorn....

## For Sale

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.



## 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.) The kit includes a Robbe geared motor that was purchased at the same time for use in this model.

Asking \$225 or best offer. Contact Arthur Perlmutter at 774-279-2186.