

THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2019-- Our 29th Year!!

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 7, 12-4 pm: Annual Holiday Dinner at Prezo Bar and Grille, Milford, MA. The Dinner will be similar to last year's event: Same place, same room, same basic schedule. The Social Hour starts at noon, with some appetizers, and then the dinner is served about 1:30pm. Menu will be similar to last year's. You'll have a choice of a couple of entrees (Chicken parm, steak tips, or scallops butta) 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.

Election of 2020 Club Officers

The election will be held at the Holiday Dinner, because we didn't 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
 1st Officer: Mike Hale
 Treasurer: Linda Arini
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 Clerk/Newsletter Editor: Bill Michaels

Herreshoff Museum Trip Report

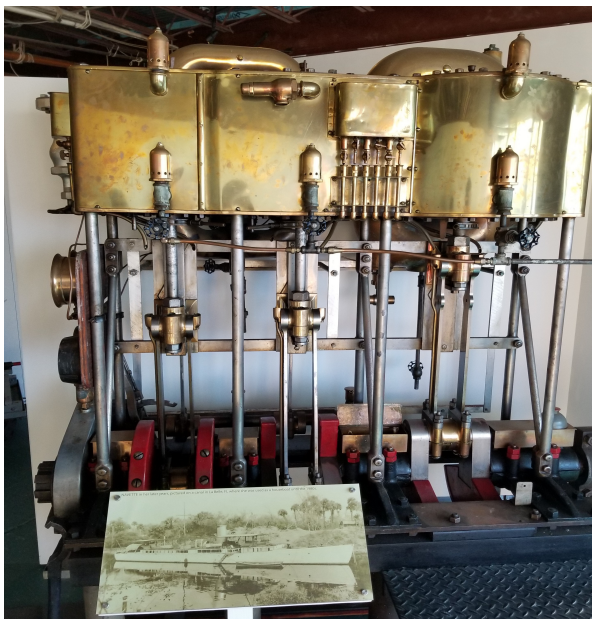
Your Editor wasn't able to attend, but fortunately Charlie Tebbetts send in a report:

A group of sixteen (members and their guests) took a guided tour of the Herreshoff Museum in Bristol, RI on November 16th. The tour guide provided a brief history of the Herreshoff family and the great working relationship between older brother, JB and his younger brother, Nat. The boat building company they formed in the 1860's, the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company, built many fine vessels for the affluently rich, and the US Navy. HMC also built seven magnificent America's Cup defenders.

Both brothers had an engineering background. Nat came to the HMC upon his JB's request to help run the boat yard and be his older brother's eyes (JB had been blinded in one eye due to Glaucoma and suffered an injury to the other). JB then took on the business partner role at the dynamic boat yard. Nat, who had a very successful career at Corliss Steam Engine Co. in Providence before coming to work with his older brother, designed many highly advanced steam engines and flash boilers for the HMC. The HMC was sold to the Heffenreffer family in 1930 and continued to build and maintain vessels until the close of WWII in 1945.

After the tour many of the members had a leisurely lunch at the nearby Lobster Pot Restaurant. It was a wonderful November fall day with lots of sunshine and moderate temperatures. The only down side to the day was that we missed a tour of the Herreshoff model room (that contains half models and many plans of the Nat Herreshoff's design). (We were informed that the particular guide for this room was in Germany at an model boat show.) Some of the members told me that this has been the second time this has happened, and that we need to confirm that a tour will be available to that room if we should plan any future tours to the Herreshoff Museum.

- Charlie Tebbetts



Charlie sent this photo a triple-expansion steam engine from 1916. It powered JP Morgan's commuter yacht Navette. By this time, internal combustion engines had generally replaced steam but Morgan preferred the much quieter steam plant over a noisy gas engine. Steam was very expensive luxury, as it needed a larger boat to allow for the extra space it needed, plus you needed licensed Steam Engineers to operate it.

Morgan used the boat to commute from Glen Cove Long Island to Manhattan.

Linda Arini sent along a few photos from the museum-- looks like a nice collection of boats!



Editor's Notes

Is there any interest in an indoor sailing session this winter?

The officers have made an inquiry to see if the pool is available and amenable to having us back. Is the membership interested? Let us know!

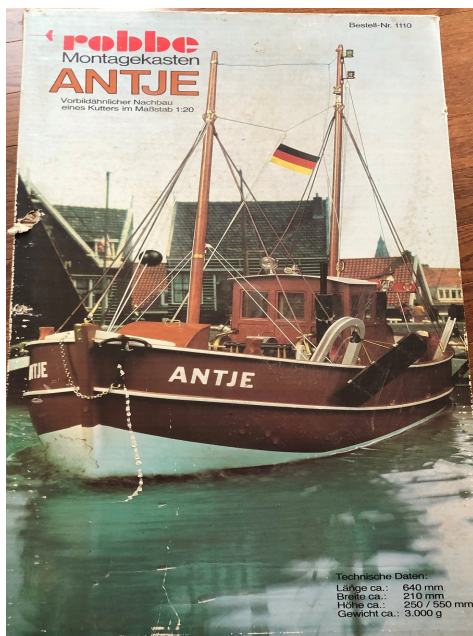
On the topic of planning for 2020, the officers will be getting together in mid-January for our typical planning session-- the goal is to create a draft schedule we can discuss with the membership at the February meeting.

I don't have a lot else to report on this month, so I'll end with my thanks to my fellow officers for all they've done in 2019. We're lucky to have people like Mike, Linda, Frank, and Charlie doing all they do to make the club active!

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 **\$275!!!** 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.