



# THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club  
of New England*

**2021-- Our 31st Year!!**

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## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, June 13, 1-4pm: Fun Float at Redds Pond in Marblehead, MA.** The theme for this one is “Warships”. Reports from the Marblehead club are that the pond is in good shape, weed-wise-- the water level is high, and the pond was free of algae during the racing a few days ago.

**Saturday, June 19: Tour of the Nantucket Lightship.** Eric Bertelsen has arranged for a visit to the Nantucket Lightship in East Boston on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Details are still be worked out-- the details will go out via email soon.

**Sunday, July 11, 1-4pm: Fun Float at a location yet to be determined.** The theme for this one is “Find a good location for our July Float”.

## Club Business Notes

**2021 Dues:** Because our expenses were way down in 2020, we agreed that we should reduce our dues for 2021. So, **dues for 2021 will be \$10.** We expect this will be a one-year change, but a lot will depend on how the year 2021 goes.

An updated membership form has been posted on the website. Renewals can also be made using PayPal-- [clubdues@marinemodelers.org](mailto:clubdues@marinemodelers.org). (If you mark it as Friends and Family, we won't be charged a service fee.)

## **May Fun Float: "Sailboats"**

The event was held on a beautiful day. The theme of the day was "Sailboats", and we had a nice on-shore breeze for most of the event. There were several sailboats present, and no calamities--- we left with the same number of boats we brought!

We had a good turnout: Alan Beeber, Eric Bertelsen, Charlie Tebbetts, Frank Cook, Mike Hale, Tim Logan, Bruce Murray, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Arthur Perlmutter, and Linda Arini. We also had a couple of guests-- one of whom was Blake Dickinson from Florida. He's a member of the North Florida ORCAS club (based in Jacksonville) and is in the area for work, so he looked us up.

Frank Cook took some terrific photos, which he sent along for the newsletter. Here is Charlie's USCG 40 foot Utility Boat underway. The model is scratch built, in 1/9 scale. (To match his lobster boat.)





Keeping with the US Coast Guard theme, Bill Michaels' USCG 36 foot Motor Lifeboat was built from the Dumas kit. Model is 1/16 scale, and features 3-D printed crewmen.



Eric Bertelsen brought along his new USNS Millinocket-- a model of one of the Navy's newest Logistics ships-- the JHSV-1(Joint High Speed Vessel) class. The model is 1/96 scale, and is about 4 feet long. The unique catamaran design results in a model that is a foot wide, but the hulls themselves are rather narrow, making interior layout a challenge. The model is powered by four waterjet drives, two per hull. Eric designed the drives and then 3D printed them. Eric says they turn about 20,000 rpm, and he went through over 50 iterations of the design to get the current success! The model moves along smartly, and looks good on the water.



Eric also brought along his drone, and took some aerial videos of our models in action.

