

# THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club  
of New England*

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

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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, August 28, 11am - 3pm: Club Picnic and On-the-water even at the Memorial Park Beach in Sharon.** This is a combination of a Potluck Picnic (and we'll be grilling burgers and hot dogs), plus an on-the-water sailing event- the theme is "Tugs and Work boats".

**Thursday, September 16, 11am 4pm: Joint Fun Float at Rogers Park Pond in Kennebunk, Maine.** This is our joint event with the Mid-Coast Scale Ship Modelers. See page 2 for more information. Worth the drive to Maine!!! (rain date is Thursday, 23 Sept.)

**Saturday, October 2, 4-7pm:** Our annual Day/Night run at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon.

## Congratulations, Bob Prezioso!!!

Bob's build article on his Russian Super Yacht is the cover feature on the September issue of Model Boats Magazine. There is an 8 page article inside the issue. The magazine can be hard to find on this side of the Atlantic, but some (not all) Barnes and Noble stores do carry it.

## **Joint Fun Float with the Maine Club**

Our annual joint event with the Maine Club is back! We will be getting together with Mid-Coast RC Boat Modelers (otherwise known as the DownEast Radio Control Ship Modelers), on Thursday, Sept 16. (Rain date will be Thursday, Sept 23.)



In 2017, 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 time is shallow enough to set docks-- there were quite a few set up last time. 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 23rd 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.

We have jointly picked a weekday, as most of their membership, (and a lot of ours!) is retired, and could likely attend. In 2019, we pretty much had the park and pond to ourselves, and the weather was absolutely beautiful! The park will be less busy than on a weekend, 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.)

We have reserved the pavilion for the whole day. Most of us attending from the MMC will 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!)

## **July Fun Float Report**

I wasn't able to attend, but here is a recap courtesy of Charlie Tebbetts, Tim Logan, and Bruce Murray:

Members attending included Charlie Tebbetts, Linda Arini, Eric Bertelsen, Tim and Nancy Logan, Bruce Murray, Bob Prezioso, Lou Hills, and Ridge White. Based on the photos Tim provided, it looks like it was a decent day to run, and the pond was very full.

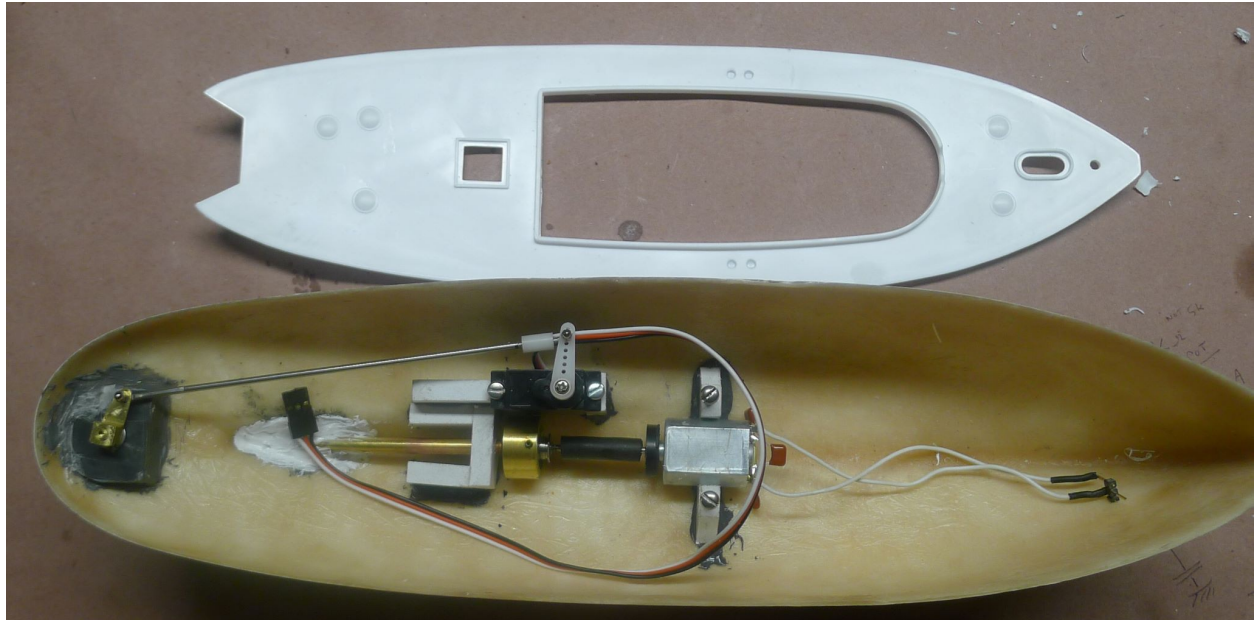
Tim Logan provided a photo of Eric Bertelsen launching his 1/96 scale Burke-class Destroyer:



Bruce Murray has been working on a converting the still-popular Lindberg Diesel Tug plastic kit to RC, and brought it along to the event. His model is unique, in that it is using the (no longer made) Microglass fiberglass replacement hull. Bruce reports that this hull is about a quarter inch

deeper than the kit's plastic hull. That should help provide a little more displacement to the model, counteracting the heavy topside parts and improving stability.

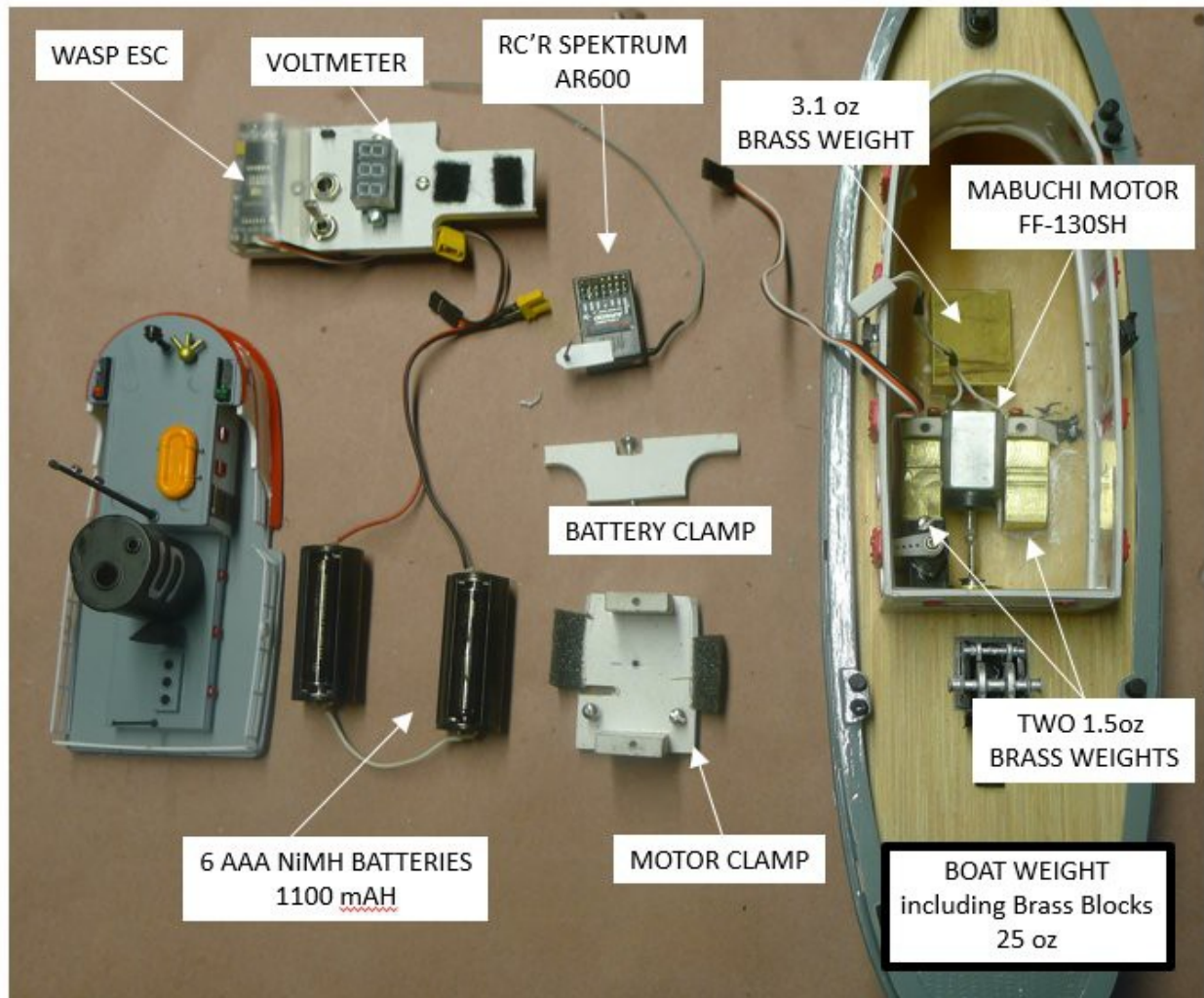
Bruce pointed me to some photos he posted some photos on the RC Groups “Micro and Sub Micro Boats” forum. The is the initial power plant layout:



Since then, he has finished the model-- it features some more of Bruce's meticulous electrical and electronics work. He reports that the model “....is now finished and I have tested it. It behaves well in a swimming pool and seems to have plenty of power. It tows a line 10 ft long with cork floats every foot that I will use to try and capture a disabled ship. It is all ready for our next club sailing.”



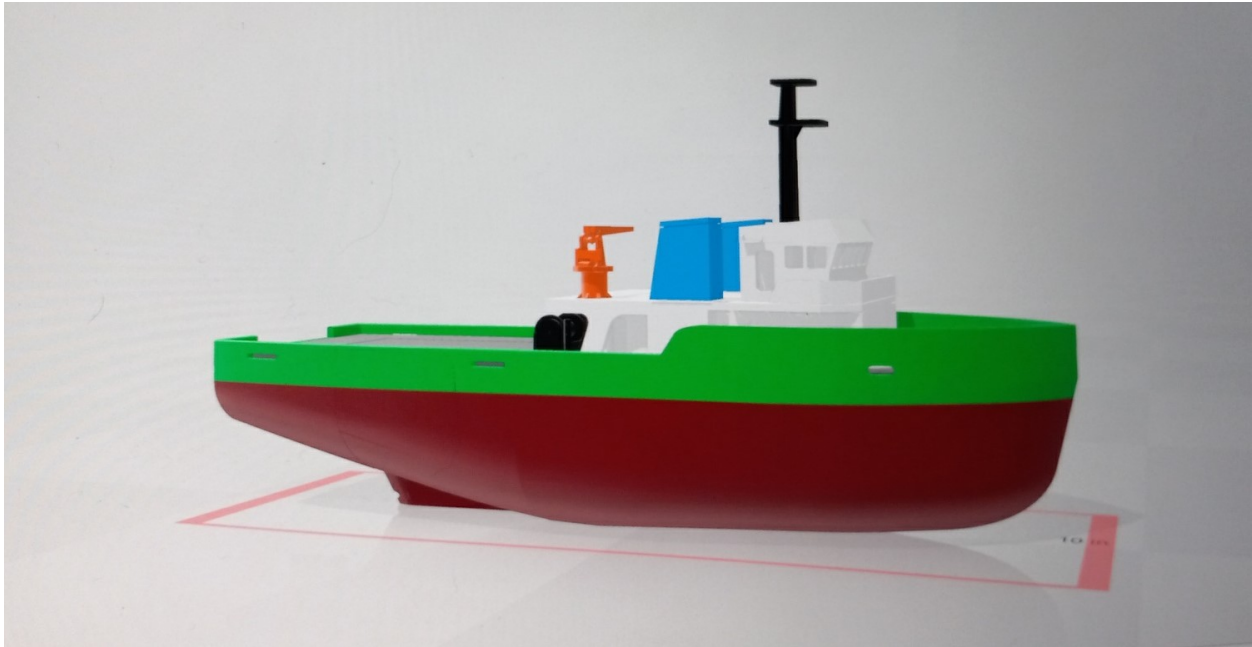
Here's a photo of the components Bruce used in his model:



Shaun Kimball also wasn't able to attend the July Float, but he did send along an update on what he's been working on:

The "Super tug" named the K.I. Hercules I've been designing for a while now is being finalized. I'm just waiting for a few things for the propulsion system to make some final changes and adjustments for the hull's interior. Once that's done I could have it up and running fairly quick. The superstructure has been designed to have a light system installed in it at anytime, (even after the tug has been made sea worthy). The K.I. Hercules will be equipped with some fairly strong motors to be able to tow a larger model. The Hercules will be 25in long and will be 1:96 scale so, (if it was a full sized tug), the Hercules would be about 200ft long. I've also made with a "interchangeable" name plate on the back. So if I go to make another tug I can just make up another name plate to put on the back and I'd have another one and could repeat the process as much as I want to."

Shaun reports that the design is now finalized. The 3D files for the Hercules have been finished, uploaded to Shapeways, and ordered. So in a few weeks he expects he'll have the parts and will begin building her the model.



### **Something Fun**

From the Bluejacket Shipcrafters monthly customer email newsletter:

It turns out that when asked who your favorite child is, you're supposed to pick one of your own. I know that now....!

Whoever said "Out of sight, out of mind" never had a spider disappear in the bedroom.

Telling a woman to calm down works about as well as baptizing a cat.

If you receive an email with the subject line, "Ding dong," don't open it!! It's Jehovah's Witnesses working from home.

Wearing a mask inside your home is now highly recommended - not so much for virus protection, but to stop you from eating.

I told my wife she painted her eyebrows too high - She looked surprised.

And the Lord said unto John "Come forth and receive eternal life". But John came in 5th and won a toaster.

I threw a boomerang a few years ago - now I live in constant fear.

My wife accused me of being immature - I told her to get out of my fort.

You don't need a parachute to go skydiving - You need a parachute to go skydiving twice.

Parallel lines have so much in common - too bad they'll never meet.

Someone stole my mood ring - I don't know how I feel about that.

Grandpa has the heart of a Lion - and a lifetime ban from the zoo.

Women call me ugly until they find out how much money I make, then they call me poor & ugly.

You're not completely useless - you can always be a bad example.

I have a broken finger - on the other hand I'm OK.

I read that someone in London is stabbed every 52 seconds - poor bastard.

The Roman Legionnaire lifted two fingers in the bar and said "5 beers, please"

Someone stole my MS Office - You have my Word you're going to pay.

I tried to catch some fog - but I mist.

I applied for a job at the mirror factory, because I could see myself doing it.

Just say NO to drugs - If I was talking to drugs, I probably already said "yes"

How does Moses make his coffee? Hebrews it.

What did the pirate who just turned 80 say? "Aye, matey"

Why do cows have bells? Because their horns don't work.

What's the difference between a well-dressed man on a bicycle and a poorly dressed man on a unicycle? - Attire.

I entered 10 puns in a contest, hoping one would win - But no pun in 10 did.

I took the shell off my racing snail, hoping to make him faster, but he only became more sluggish.

Why should you never date a tennis player? Because love means nothing to them.

I, for 1, like roman numerals.

What happened when the strawberry crossed the road? A traffic jam.

I have a stepladder because my real ladder left.

You know what they say about cliffhangers.....

What's green and fuzzy and if it fell from a tree would kill you? A pool table.

On the other hand, I have different fingers.

You can never loose a homing pigeon. If he doesn't come back, you just lost a pigeon.

Why does a chicken coop have only 2 doors? Because if it had 4 it would be a chicken sedan.

What did Kermit the frog say at Jim Henson's funeral? Nothing.

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