



THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2021-- Our 31st Year!!

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 5, 12pm -4pm: Annual Holiday Dinner at Prezo Bar and Grille, Milford, MA. Cost is \$25 per person. We'd prefer you pay in advance-- you can use Paypal or send a check.

- For Paypal: use clubdues@marinemodelers.org, and send it as Friends and Family.
- By check: Mail your check to: Linda Arini 147 Fern Road Medford, Ma. 02155 (Make check payable to: Linda Arini, write "MMC" in the memo line).

The Social Hour starts at noon, with some appetizers (provided by the club), and dinner is served about 1:30pm. Menu will be similar to previous years'. You'll have a choice of a couple of entrees (Chicken Parmesan, steak tips, or Scallops Butta) and the meal includes salad, desert and coffee/tea. Adult beverages are available for purchase. (Note that the Steak Tips have a \$4 up-charge.)

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 was held at our November meeting. The results:

Commander: Mike Hale
Treasurer: Linda Arini
Clerk/Newsletter Editor: Bill Michaels

1st Officer: Charlie Tebbetts
Events: Frank Cook
Publicity: (vacant)

New Members

We have had three new members join the club in the last few months:

Peter Czulak (Wayland, MA) : Peter is returning to modeling building after many years away from it. He said he has a wide range of interests, starting with paper models at the age of 5-6 years. His interests include static and working models of anything that floats, both kits and scratch-built. He is returning to active building with an interest in the use of technology to complement his traditional manual skills: CAD/CAM, CNC machines, and Laser cutting can all help shorten the time to complete a project.

Jonathan Eno (Hope, Maine): For the last few years, Jonathan has been our primary contact in Maine when we organized the Joint Fun Floats. He has also made the drive down in the past to attend some of our events at the Lake in Sharon.

Tim Mayer (Brunswick, Maine): Tim retired out of the Coast Guard in '81. Went to Saudi Arabia for a short period, then BIW. He built pulling boats out of my own shop, drove trucks for a few years, then retired. His interests include antique/classic cars, trucks, and hot rods. On the modeling side, he built static models, but just in the past few years started building RC boats. He said, "I am still on the bottom of the learning curve so I certainly appreciate all the help and advice I've received."

Welcome Aboard, Tim Jonathan, and Peter!!

November Meeting Report

Ten members gathered for the November meeting: Charlie Tebbetts, Linda Arini, Frank Cook, Howard Cohen, Lou Hills, Bruce Murray, Tim Logan, Bop Prezioso, Bill Michaels, and our host, Eric Bertelsen.

Elections: The membership voted to accept the slate of nominations for 2022.

January Officers Meeting: Mike has suggested that this meeting be done via ZOOM to set up the 2022 schedule. This suggestion was based on possibility of poor weather driving conditions during the month of January. The attendees concurred- there were no objections raised. It was noted that while this is the annual "Officers' Planning Meeting", members are welcome to join and participate. Charlie noted that since we are hoping to have at least one joint event with the Mid-Coast Maine Modelers Guild, we should try to get at least one of our new members from Maine to join in.

New Business:

It was suggested that we should meet twice with the Mid Maine Modelers Guild in June and September 2022. After some discussion, there was a general agreement that mid-June and mid-

September were our best options. It was also suggested that space should be built into our schedule in case we are asked to participate public events such as the Woods Hole Museum Model Boat Show, the Salem Maritime Festival, or the Piscataqua Riverfest.

Frank Cook volunteered to talk with Linda Berger of the Sharon Recreation Department prior to our January meeting to make sure there are no weekend conflicts at Massapoag during 2022 boating season (beyond the beach swimming season). This is to prevent us from getting bumped out from using Memorial Beach because of another “Sharon Days” evening fireworks.

Dues are to continue to stay at the reduced rate of \$10 per person for 2022, based on the fact that 2021 dues and expenses balanced out this year. A return to the previous (higher) amount will be discussed again at the November 2022 meeting.

The business portion of the meeting ended with a discussion of ways to improve our visibility to potential new members. A number of good ideas were shared and discussed. At some point in the discussion, it was observed that the position of “Publicity Officer” was vacant, and had been for 4-5 years, at least.....

With the business complete, we moved on to a presentation and tour from Eric Bertelsen. As mentioned above, our November meeting was held at Home Port Model Ships, at the new location in Peabody. Eric Bertelsen's new shop is much bigger than his old one! Some of the features include six big workbenches for building; a lounge/gallery area to display completed models; and a loft area with computer workstations, and with room to store hulls and other parts for future projects. The best part (to me) was the 8-foot long test tank- perfect for testing running gear, model trim, and ballast!



Left: The view from the loft, with a good view of the workbench area. The lounge/ model gallery is off to the left.

Below: The gallery/lounge area.



Above left: The Test Tank- big enough to run small models in!

Above Right: Eric looks on as Tim Logan checks out a trio of Eric's USCG Cutters.