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*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2022-- Our 32nd Year!!

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 15, 10am - 2pm: We'll be at Memorial Park Beach, on Beach Street in Sharon. Theme: Sailboats-- if you have one, bring it along! (Other types of models are welcome, as always.)

Saturday, June 4, 11am - 5pm: Piscataqua RiverFest. We'll be manning a static display at this "Boat-focused" event in Portsmouth NH. Event is held at the Strawberry Banke Museum, which is across the street from Prescott Park. (Setup is 9-11 am)

Wednesday, June 15, 10am to 4pm: Joint Fun Float with the Mid-Coast Maine Ship Modelers, in Scarborough, ME. We'll be a new location, one with an even better pond. See below for more info.

Dues Reminder

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.

Piscataqua Riverfest

The Piscataqua RiverFest will be held this year, on Saturday, June 4th, from 11am to 5pm, in Portsmouth, NH. This is their second time time for their “Annual Event”-- the 2020 and 2021 events were canceled. The club exhibited at the first one in 2019, and those that participated found it to be a good event. It is a static display-- think Salem Maritime Festival without the pool or Noodle Tugs. The other exhibits and the audience are a bit more “boat oriented” than we typically get at Salem.

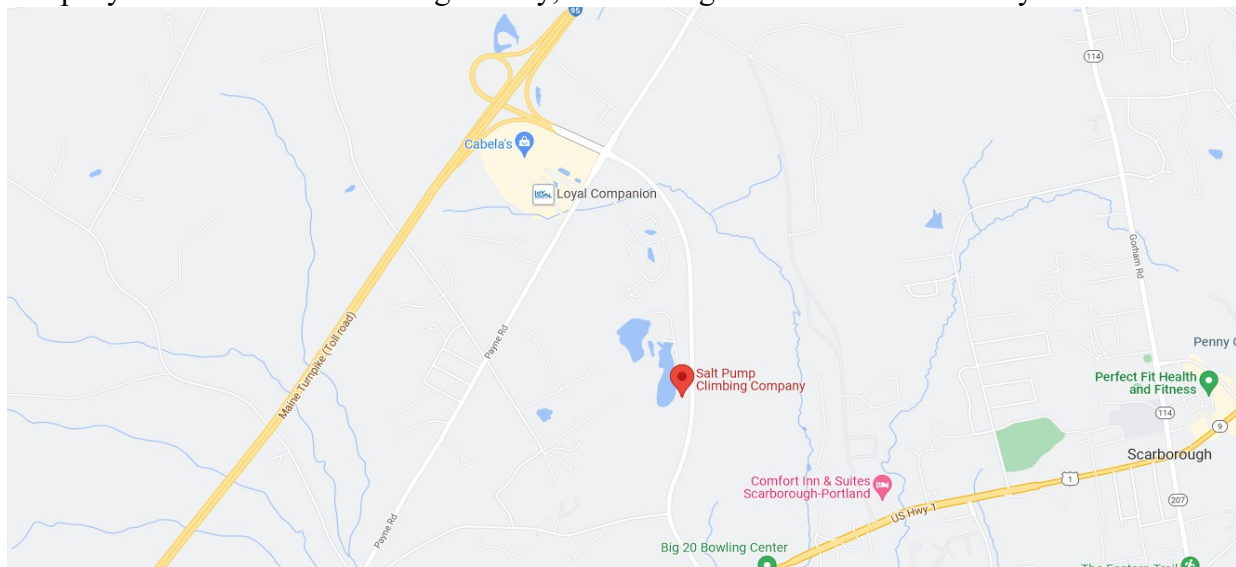
The event is held on the large open area adjacent to the parking lot at the Strawberry Banke Museum. Setup is 9-11am, and we have access to unload very close to our exhibition spot. The event's website is here: <https://piscataquariverfest.wordpress.com/>

Maine Fun Float

We are planning two joint events with the Maine Club this year-- one on Wednesday, June 15th, and the other on Wednesday, September 14th. Rain dates for both events are 1 week later, on the 22nd and 21st, respectively.

Both events will be held at a new location-- at a privately-owned pond in Scarborough Maine. The new location is right off of I-95, exit 42 in Scarborough. It is 20 miles north of Kennebunk, but only 10 minutes more travel time. (Because it is so close the highway, compared to the slow drive though town to get to the Kennebunk location.)

The pond is clean water with a sandy bottom, with a nice sandy beach that eventually drops off to deep water. There will be a porta-potty on site. The address is 139 Ingallside Drive, but Google Maps doesn't seem to know that. At the entrance to the site is the Salt Pump Climbing Company- their address is 39 Haigis Pkwy, Scarborough – use that address for your GPS.



“Icebreaker” Fun Float

Frank Cook sent in a report, and several photos:

The Marine Modelers Club of New England launched its 32nd season with its traditional April Icebreaker on April 24. Although clouds prevailed throughout most of the float, and temperatures hovered in the mid-50s, an exceptionally gentle breeze created a calm lake and warmer than expected conditions for sailing.

Seasoned sailors returning to skipper their vessels this season were Linda Arini, Frank Cook, Mike Hale, Shaun Kimball, Tim Logan, Bruce Murray, Bob and Joanna Okerholm, Bob Prezioso, and Charlie Tebbetts.

The club also welcomed new members Steve and Karen Fifield and Stu Gralnik. Steve just completed a four-month build of “Rusty,” a 36-inch long shrimp boat from Dumas Boats. The white with blue trim, plank-on-frame constructed boat features scaffolding and outriggers which extend from the sides, trawl boards, and netting. One additional feature, which did not come with the kit, were three seagulls that Steve carved, two of which appear to be flying above the boat.



Stu brought a couple of outstanding tug boats that towed custom barges he had built. Just in time for the Icebreaker he completed the Dumas Boats US Army ST Tug. However, instead of making a military tug, he converted it into a commercial tug named “Capt. Alan Lutz,” homeport Salem. A key feature Stu incorporated into his build was the addition of a second prop. As a seasoned modeler, he replaced the kit-provided window decals with actual windows and the result is terrific!



Frank Cook’s Dumas US Army 74’ ST Tug, a World War II era vessel, successfully completed its sea trials. As this was his first RC build, Frank closely followed the kit instructions, but did add details, such as hinges and handles to the numerous doors, as well as creating sideboards based on a photo of the actual boat.

In addition, two new boats joined the greater MMC fleet. Bruce Murray introduced “Miss Severn” a superbly built 39-inch racing boat made from a kit produced by Mack Models NJ USA. The boat has a polished stainless steel cutwater and hatch trim, plus a sound system that provides engine sounds and a horn. It has a programmable speed control featuring data logging to record speed and temperature.



Bob Prezioso's exquisite Donzi Sport fisherman, a no-longer-available kit from Dumas, again made an impressive showing both on the water and among the visitors who enjoyed looking at the many boats awaiting their turn to sail.

Returning to the water was Tim Logan's RTR harbor tug based on a full sized boat called the "Taucher O. Wulf 8." Tim completely replaced the electronics, added tires, chains, deck details, a sound system, and his own radio, including telemetry. He also changed the prop from three blades to four and added ballast to the stern.

Also on display was Charlie Tebbetts winter project, a 1:12 scale model of the Chatham lighthouse, featuring an operating beacon, which he hopes will serve as a beacon to approaching traffic near his home! The day was so calm that the music and seagulls available on his Coast Guard boat's sound system was remarkably clear and easily carried across the water.

Taking full advantage of the calm and uncluttered sea was Mike Hale's "Miss Geico" which was able to really demonstrate its powerful quickness and speed!

Linda Arini and Johanna Okerholm brought refreshments which were well-received, especially the hot dogs and hot beverages, not to mention the coffee cake and pastries. Linda was also able to get some float time with her "Green Ripper."

Shaun Kimball was the "hero of the day" as he successfully piloted "Goliath" to remove a large floating branch which posed a hazard to the model mariners. Later "Goliath" sped to the rescue of Mike Hale's runabout that had flipped over and was unable to right itself.

All present would agree that the 2022 season began on a positive sailing note, with high anticipation for an exciting year of sailing adventures and a return to a sense of normalcy on the seas.



New members Steve Fifield (center) and Stu Gralnik (far right).

Below: (L to R) Shaun Kimball, Bob Prezioso, Tim Logan.





Above: Bruce Murray putting his new boat, "Miss Severn" through its first run.

Below: New member Stu Gralnik, draining water which washed over the deck of the barge he was towing with his new tug "Capt. Alan Lutz".



2022 Club Events Schedule
(rev. 4/30/22)

Date	Time	Event/Theme	Location
Sunday, 20 Feb.	1pm - 3pm	Zoom Meeting	Your house
Sunday, 20 March	1pm - 3pm	Zoom Meeting	Your house
Sunday, 24 April	10am - 2pm	Icebreaker	Sharon
Sunday, 15 May	10am - 2pm	Fun Float/ Sailboats	Sharon
Saturday, 4 June	11 am - 5pm	Piscataqua RiverFest	Portsmouth, NH
Wednesday, 15 June	11 am - 4pm	Joint Fun Float with Maine Club (rain date 22 June)	Scarborough, ME
Sunday, 10 July	10am - 2pm	Fun Float/ Warships	LL Bean Store, Tuscan Village, Salem, NH
Saturday, 27 August		Fun Float/Club picnic/ Tugs and other Workboats	Sharon
Wednesday, 14 Sept	11 am - 4pm	Joint Fun Float with Maine Club (rain date 21 Sept)	Scarborough, ME
Saturday, 15 Oct	4pm - 7pm	Night Run	Sharon
Sunday, 13 Nov.	12pm - 3pm	Indoor Meeting	UCC Church Hall, Medfield, MA
Sunday, 4 Dec.	12pm - 4pm	Holiday Dinner @ Prezzo Grille	Milford, MA