



THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 14, 10am-4pm: Joint Fun Float with the Maine Club at the pond in Scarborough, Maine. (Rain date is 21 Sept.)

Sunday, October 2, 10:30am – 3pm Sharon Day Fun Float and Static Display at Memorial Park Boat Launch.

The Sharon Recreation Department has invited our club to participate in their "2nd Annual Sharon Day" program! The organizers believe the event attendees will enjoy seeing our ships sailing on their town's lake!

The location for our sailing is on the beach adjacent to the boat ramp, which is just a bit further down the lake (to the east) from our usual spot. The organizers have designated the boat ramp area as our designated parking space, thus making it easier for us to set up and run our boats! Sharon is closing the boat ramp that day.

If you are planning to attend please note that you will need to be in the boat ramp parking area by 10:30 and must stay until 3:00. The town of Sharon will be shutting down the entrance to the boat ramp prior to the 11:00 start and the adjacent road will be closed to vehicular traffic until the event ends at 3:00.

This is a marvelous opportunity for our club! Sharon has graciously allowed us to use Lake Massapoag for our "home port" for several years and now the town has reached out to include us in their community event. Their decision to set aside a parking area - just for us - is a good reflection on us and how we can benefit their community event.

- Frank Cook, Events Officer

Annual Picnic: A Highlight of the Summer!

By Frank B. Cook, Events Officer

The last Saturday of August proved ideal for the Marine Modelers Club of New England's annual summer picnic. Partly cloudy skies, briefly threatened by darkening skies, soon gave way to plentiful sunshine, a delightful breeze, and primarily calm seas.

All the fixings for a fine cookout were supplied by club members. Special thanks to Linda Arini and Charlie Tebbetts for tending the grills and providing a steady supply of hamburgers, hot dogs, and cheeseburgers!



Alan Beeber and Bob Okerholm wait as Charlie grills up the burgers!

Enjoying the delicious food and camaraderie on the shore of the lake were, Linda Arini, Alan and Susanne Beeber, Frank Cook, Steve Fifield, Stu Gralnik, Tim Logan, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Arthur Perlmutter, Bob Prezioso, Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts, and Jerry Trahan.

Sailing was also on the menu-of-the-day and the model mariners were not disappointed by the almost ideal lake conditions! One of the first boats in the water was a Delta Force Cyber Storm 33 speedboat, piloted by Charlie Tebbetts and his son, David, which quickly adapted to the gentle seas to mightily speed across the lake surface. David was accompanied by his wife, Kim, and their daughter, Laney, who enjoyed playing in the sand near the water's edge.

Making its debut was “Atlantic,” built by Jerry Trahan over the last year. The 42-inch tug is a 1/50 scale model formerly produced by Artesania Latina and features a pre-formed ABS hull. Jerry incorporated several special features into his build, including working radar and exterior and interior lights.



Another 1/50 scale tugboat on display was “Neptun” wonderfully built by Bob Prezioso from a Robbe kit. It too features ABS components and numerous metal fittings along its 22-1/2-inch length. Bob also brought a marvelous speedboat, circa 1950, that was a superb example of his fine workmanship and attention to detail when building.



Arthur Perlmutter brought along his scratch built 30-inch tugboat, “Michael.” Another vessel that reveals the builder’s care in construction, “Michael” has working lights and operating cabin doors.



Prior to heading to the picnic, Tim Logan stopped by Eric Bertelson’s “Homeport Model Ships” shop to pick-up a Darby-style tugboat named “Ms Bev.” An interesting tale accompanies this boat. While working at Eric’s shop recently, a woman arrived with the 45-inch boat, perhaps a modified kit, which was built by her late father, Michael Fioretti. She wanted to find a good port for the labor of love exhibited by her dad in

constructing the boat and Tim had the honor of fulfilling her wish. There are many special features on the boat, including a to-scale dog that was likely the family pet. Tim plans to troubleshoot the electronics and perform a thorough check prior to performing sea trials.

(Mike Fioretti was a long-time MMC member, who passed in late 2015 - Ed.)

Among the vessels returning to the water were Linda Arini's "Green Ripper" cruiser, Steve Fifield's "Rusty" the shrimp boat, Stu Gralnik's tugs, "Capt. Alan Lutz" and "Eduardo Arini", and Charlie Tebbetts impressive tugs, "Star Fuel Chief" and "Westbourne."

Later in the day new member Richard Jenkins and his girlfriend, Lisa, arrived to sail a pair of 13-inch Lindbergh models, a diesel tug and a Coast Guard Launch. The launch is steam-powered and sailed quite well.

Although the annual picnic marks the end of the summer sailing season, club members can look forward to further sailing sessions in September and October and hopefully the weather will be as nice as it was on this day.



Above: Linda and Charlie relaxing with Bonnie and Johanna and Bob Okerholm.



Left: Alan and Suzanne Beeber

Editor's Note:
Thanks to Frank Cook for the great write-up and all the photos! Looks like it was a great day- I'm sorry I couldn't attend!

2022 Club Events Schedule
(rev. 8/15/22)

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	11am - 5pm	Piscataqua RiverFest	Portsmouth, NH
Wednesday, 15 June	11am - 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	11am - 4pm	Joint Fun Float with Maine Club (rain date 21 Sept)	Scarborough, ME
Sunday, 2 October	10am - 3pm	Fun Float and Exhibition at Sharon Day	Sharon, MA
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