

THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 2, 10:30am – 3pm Sharon Day Fun Float and Static Display at Memorial Park Boat Launch. If you have a Noodle Tug, please bring it-- we hope the weather will allow us to run them with the kids!

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. **See the map on page 9.**

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

Also: Don't forget, our Day/Night run is Saturday, October 15 !

Maine Fun Float

Our second joint Fun Float with the Maine Club was held on Wednesday, Sept 14th, under beautiful sunny skies and pleasant temperatures. The weather was nearly perfect, with an on-shore breeze coming off the pond, with the occasional gusts that made it unwise to set up un-anchored awnings. Members in attendance included Jonathan Eno, Steve Fifield, Leo McClure, Bill McKeon, Bill Michaels, Jerome Morris, Don Murray, and Charlie Tebbetts.

On to the photos!



Left to right, we have Jonathan, Bill McKeon, and Charlie.



Leo McClure brought along his big New York Fire Department Fireboat John D. McKean. I think Leo said the model is 40 years old-- it still runs well, and is impressive on the water with all the fire monitors pumping! I didn't measure it- but this is a big model- it must be at least 4 feet long!

Leo also brought this nice-looking tug-- the Joanne M. :



Jerome sent me this photo of Charlie Pelletier's Coastal Freighter-- it really looked nice out on the water!



Bill McKeon ran the SCUSSET BEACH, a 1/32 scale Pilot Boat. The nimble model is 19 inches, and it looked great on the water zipping around...



It was great to see long-time MMC member Don Murray in attendance. Don brought along his model of the Canadian Ferry Abegweit II, an ice breaking train, auto, and passenger ferry that was used on the 8 mile-wide strait between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The model is being built in HO scale (1/87).



According to Don, the story behind the ferry was an interesting one. The ship entered service in 1982, and was designed to carry rail cars on the lower deck, with two decks for autos above it. Don said the ship never carried rail cars, but was in service for 15 years, carrying cars and trucks and passengers to/from PEI. The ship was replaced by the opening of the 8-mile long Confederation Bridge in 1997. No one else was interested in such a custom-designed ferry, so the ship was scrapped in 2004.



(photo credit: dannalexander.com)

The ship was 401 feet long. With that Hammer-head Shark style bridge at the bow, it certainly was an unusual-looking ship!

Jonathan Eno brought along his exceptional USS Fletcher (DD-445) in 1/48 scale. The Fletcher was the lead ship of what turned out to be the largest class of Destroyers ever built for the US Navy. There were 175 ships in the class, and some were still in service in foreign navies into the 1990s.



The model was scratch built on a Scale Shipyard fiberglass hull. It is just under 8 feet long, yet because of the relatively narrow beam, it only displaces about 60 pounds. Here is how Jonathan gets the model from the van to the pond and back again:



Jonathan also brought along his 1/48 WW2 Rescue and Salvage Tug USS GEAR (ARS-43)-- another of his beautifully detailed models.



Here is a close up shot of the mast, so I can show you a very clever solution Jonathan came up with his working lights. He needed a combo white over red light unit, which is no something you can find as pre-made fitting.

Jonathan's clever idea was to mount a red LED in top of a white LED. He rotated the red light 90 degrees, then drilled fine holes through the acrylic housing of the white LED so the wires for both could exit at the bottom of the fixture. A disk of black plastic was inserted between the two LEDs to keep the light from one of them from shining through the other.

By rotating the top LED 90 degrees, the holes for the red LED's leads won't damage or short out the leads for the white one-- they just pass thought the solid acrylic plastic. Very clever, and an idea worth remembering!



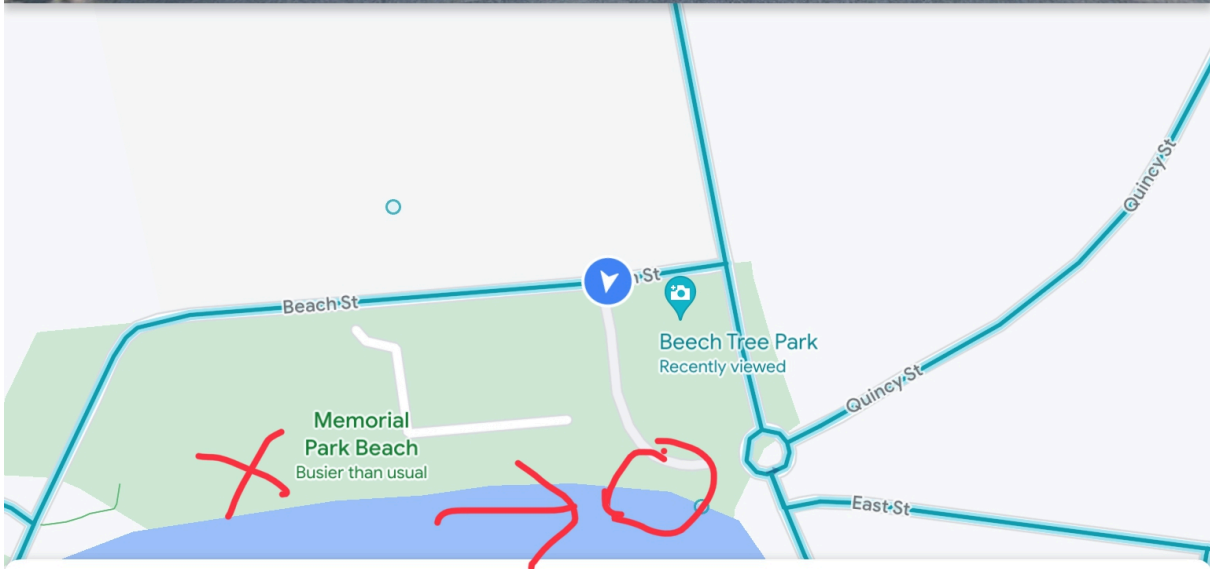
This sailboat belongs to Ron Ginger from the Maine club. It later got hit with a gust so strong that it broke two of the three stays holding the mast upright! Fortunately it only lasted a few seconds, and Ron was able to get the boat back to shore, un-aided by any of the many tugs available.



Eric Schade, of Pittsburg, Maine ran this tug and barge combo. The barge needed some ballast, so Eric loaded it with a hefty hunk of granite block he found on the beach.

Sharon Day Map

Here is an image captured using Google Maps and Street View. For our Sharon Day event, we are not parking in the usual are, nor sailing in the usual spot. Instead, we will be using the Boat Launch ramp, which is at the east end of the park. It has a separate entrance off beach street, just to the east of our usual entrance:



31 Beach St

Our usual spot is marked with the X - don't go there!

Park instead at the red circle.

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	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
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