



THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

**2022-- Our 32nd Year!!
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Upcoming Events

Nothing is officially on the schedule yet-- the club Officers will be meeting in mid-January to draft a schedule for the membership to review at our February meeting. At this point, it seems likely that we will be doing the following special events: A fun float at the LL Bean store in Salem, NH, Piscataqua RiverFest, Sharon Day, and a Fun Float in Maine.

Unfortunately, we won't be attending the Woods Hole Model Boat Show in 2023. A number of past participants were contacted a couple weeks ago-- Jennifer was surveying the past attendees to see if they were interested in attending. While the responses were enthusiastic, we are later informed that the organizers (WH Historical Museum) had decided they couldn't take on the task of organizing a show for 2023. But the fact they are thinking about the event at all gives us some hope that the show will return at some point. (The last one was in 2019.)

Editor's Note

I was unable to attend our November and December events, so I really had nothing to put in a newsletter. Fortunately, Frank Cook stepped up and really filled the void! Everything on the following pages is thanks to hi, for which I am most grateful....

- Bill

November Meeting Report

by Frank Cook

After a two year, pandemic-induced hiatus, the MMC Annual Meeting returned to the Medfield UCC on Sunday, November 13. Fifteen members were in attendance, including new members Steve Fifield and Ted Correia who journeyed, respectively, from NH and RI.

Once again Linda Arini and Johanna Okerholm made certain that there was plenty of hot coffee and refreshments. Their act of kindness was greatly appreciated on the cold and rainy day! Given that the Club has added to its membership in the last two years, the meeting began with each member introducing themselves and giving a brief description of their current scale ship activities. Those present were: Linda Arini, Alan Beeber, Harold Cohen, Frank Cook, Ted Correia, Steve Fifield, Mike Hale, Lou Hills, Tim Logan, Bruce Murray, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Arthur Perlmutter, Bob Prezioso, and Charlie Tebbetts.

During the business portion of the meeting, developments that benefited the Club during the 2022 season were highlighted. It was noted that for the second consecutive year new members joined the club, plus additional membership inquiries were received. The Piscataqua Riverfest in Portsmouth, NH was revived and Club members added to the festivities with their boat display.

Two new events provided additional display and sailing activities. On a warm July afternoon, the Club put on an exhibition at Tuscan Village in Salem, NH. Then, on a cold and very windy October day, thanks to an invitation from the Sharon Recreation Department, the Club brought the "Noodle Tug Flotilla" to the 2nd Annual Sharon Day. The displays, and demonstrations of the sailing capability of several member's boats, was well-received!

The Club also received positive publicity from several articles published in The Journal, the quarterly magazine of the Scale Ship Modeler's Association (SSMA). Perhaps more importantly, the Club has established a strong rapport with the new editor of that magazine, who solicited input for future articles that all SSMA clubs could provide.

A key component of the year-end Annual Meeting is the election of officers for the coming year. Nominations were made, seconded, and unanimously approved for: Commander: Mike Hale; First Officer: Charlie Tebbetts; Treasurer: Linda Arini; Newsletter/Web Master: Bill Michaels; Events Officer: Frank Cook; Publicity: Tim Logan.

This was the first time in several years that the Publicity Officer position has been filled! Tim plans to work with Frank, who has assumed many of the PR duties the last two years, to further the role of publicizing, and hopefully growing, the MMC.

The meeting concluded with several members sharing their current projects. There was also the opportunity to trade, sell, or swap kits, hulls, and assorted model ship building components

October Night Run (revisited)

A Foghorn with no pictures makes for a mighty dull newsletter! Fortunately, Frank Cook sent along a some additional photos from October's Say/Night run....





Annual Christmas Luncheon Concludes 2023 Season

By Frank B. Cook, Events Officer

The Marine Modelers Club of New England bade farewell to the 2023 season with a Christmas luncheon at Prezo Grille and Bar on Sunday, December 4. The Milford#based restaurant has hosted the Club's annual event for the last several years.

Commander Mike Hale again made all the arrangements and the attendees were pleased with the results. Good conversation and appetizers - bacon wrapped scallops and a shrimp platter - were on tap as members gathered. The main course featured a choice of Chicken Parmesan, Scallops, or Steak Tips, all of which were delicious. A garden salad, and bread with dipping sauce, preceded the meal. Vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce and a hot cup of coffee capped off the dining experience.

The members who attended included: Linda Arini, Dolores Arini, Harold Cohen, Frank and Sandie Cook, Steve Fifield, Mike and Jean Hale, Lou Hills and Hadley Fisk, Tim and Nancy Logan, Bruce Murray, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Bob Prezioso, and Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts.

Following the meal, Commander Hale made a few appropriate remarks highlighting the float activities of 2022, most notably the two new events at Tuscan Village and the 2nd Annual Sharon Day. He thanked the officers, for their work in taking charge of activities to provide a pleasant sailing experience, and the strong turnout of members at all events. Mike also noted the increased publicity about the Club this year and the rise in Club membership the last two years. Clear sailing days appear on the Club's horizon!

The luncheon concluded with the gift raffle and all members and guests departed for home with the selection of their choice.

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SSMA: More Than Just Insurance

By Frank B. Cook, Events Officer

We have a wonderful hobby! The challenge and fun of building scale model ships is, arguably, matched only by the enjoyment of actually seeing our marvelous, creative efforts actually underway on a body of water. Yes, at times, this hobby can also be maddeningly frustrating ... but that's where the resourcefulness of fellow club members, the plethora of books and magazines, and of course the vastness of the Internet comes into play!

One source of assistance to our club, that you may not be aware of, is the Scale Ship Modeler's Association of North America, Incorporated, also know as SSMA. When we launch our models at a club-sponsored event, they are the organization providing liability insurance for us. In order for our club to partake in this cooperative effort, a specified number of our individual members

must also be members of SSMA. Our Treasurer/Membership Officer, Linda Arini, is our liaison with SSMA and superbly handles all the required paperwork to keep us safe on the water.

SSMA is a not for profit organization, founded in 1988, *“to promote scale ship modeling.”* As noted in each edition of their newsletter, *“We assist our members and club affiliates by sharing ship building information, cooperatively providing liability insurance, providing assistance in organizing and publicity for regional and national regattas, and by representing their needs to the modeling industry.”*

Membership is available on both a club and individual level. For clubs, membership is available to all radio control and scale model boat clubs in North America and related possessions.

You Can Help Grow Our Hobby!

For just \$25 a year, you too can be a member of SSMA! As a member, you can promote the hobby of scale ship modeling before a continent-wide audience, while simultaneously helping other modelers! How, you may ask?

Well... quarterly, members receive a beautiful, glossy newsletter, *The Journal*. Actually “magazine” might be a better description of this publication - wonderful pictures, articles on club activities throughout the land, promotions for coming events, and “how to presentations” to help increase modeler’s skill level. You can participate by writing an article, for example, about a boat you made, or a technique that helped you (as well as future readers) overcome a building problem. Maybe you have a photo of your favorite build that others would enjoy seeing?

As Journal Editor, Bob Kostosky wrote in the September 2022 edition, *“The Journal is a great way to share information and learn more about what other modelers are experiencing. Submitting articles is not only for clubs, but individuals are also encouraged to submit material. No article is too small to be something everyone in our hobby can gain information from.”*

Now, understand, you will not be compensated for your submission, but imagine the thrill of seeing your words, or a picture of your boat, in a national publication! That actually happened to some Marine Modelers Club of New England members this year! Articles involving our club activities or individual members, as well as their boats, appeared in each of the first three editions of *The Journal* in 2022.

New member **Steve Fifield**’s “Rusty, the Shrimp Boat” was prominently displayed on the front cover of the June edition, while **Mike Hale**’s “Atlantic” tugboat graced the back cover. In the April edition, there was a marvelous article, with pictures, written by our own **Bob Prezioso** describing the construction of his Chris-Craft Cobra, excerpted from the newsletter of the U.S.S. Constitution Model Shipwright Guild. Over the last several years, our Newsletter Editor/Webmaster, Bill Michaels, has done a marvelous job of getting our activities and pictures into this publication.

As the club’s Events Officer, with a background as a newspaper reporter/columnist, and having written a few articles for the *The Journal* this past year, I will be glad to assist any member in

writing an article or submitting a photo. If you have an idea but are not sure how to proceed, I'm here to help.

The SSMA is a wonderful organization for scale ship modelers and you are strongly encouraged to discover more about this "hobby helper" and, especially, to consider joining its nautical ranks. The SSMA membership form is available on their website: www.ssmana.org. This membership form appears in each edition of *The Journal*. In addition, you could contact our treasurer, Linda Arini, who last time I checked also had this form.

2023 USSCMMSG Model Show

From *The Broadside*, the newsletter of the USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild:



2023 Model Show Dates/Information

Model Entry Deadline:
Friday, 1/6/23

Entry forms must be submitted by this date

Judging Seminar:
Saturday, 1/14/23, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

**Judging Seminar,
Weather Cancellation Date:**
Saturday, 1/21/23, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Model Delivery:
Sunday, 1/22/23, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Judging:
Monday, 1/23/23

Model Show Opens:
Saturday, 1/28/23

Model Show Closes:
Saturday, 2/25/23

Model Pick-up:
Sunday, 2/26/23, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Model Registration – Online

The Guild officers would prefer that all model registrations be done online. This substantially simplifies the process for those members who are running the show. Link to USSCMMSG website to register your model online:

Register online: [Model Show Registration](#)

Model Registration – Snail Mail

We recognize that a few of you gentlemen are still uncomfortable with online registration and would prefer to do things the old fashioned way. In the interest of accommodating your unwillingness to join the rest of us in the new millennium, we will provide forms that can be filled out by hand and snail mailed. Paper registration forms will be available at the December and January general meetings at the Museum. In addition, paper registration forms can be acquired from the Model Show Coordinator, John O'Donnell.

Contact John at: vodonnell@charter.net or (857) 248-0770 (mobile)

Send Forms To: John O'Donnell
17 Madeline Drive
Groton, MA 01450

Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/3ya9x62h>