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of New England*

2024-- Our 34th Year!!

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Upcoming Events

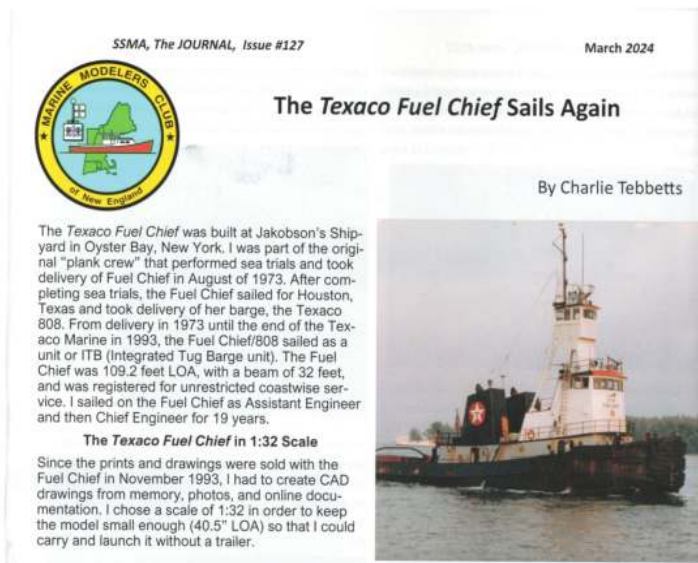
Sunday, April 7, 12-3pm: Indoor meeting at Eric Bertelsen's Homeport Model Ships, 1 Willard St. #4, Peabody, MA. The meeting agenda will include:

- 1) An introduction to Eric's latest ship models.
- 2) A talk from Glenn Williams about his long enduring project to develop a functioning 9 foot long US Navy Airship model. Glenn has some very creative ideas and we think you will find this fascinating
- 2) A talk by Stu and Glenn to tie up discussions we've had for many months about dock modules - in preparation for the 2024 season.
- 3) Stu is inviting all members to take a look at his model railroad layout after the meeting. You can see where those beautiful little tugboats live when they're not on the water! He is 10 minutes away from Homeport and details will be given at the meeting.
- 4) A vendor display and rep for flexible hobby blades. These a bendable blades for a hobby knife-- they allow you to cur and trim parts on inside curves you can't reach with a regular (stiff) blade. Learn more at <https://flashmasterhobby.com>
- 5) Show and tell of club members' winter projects!

Club Clothing

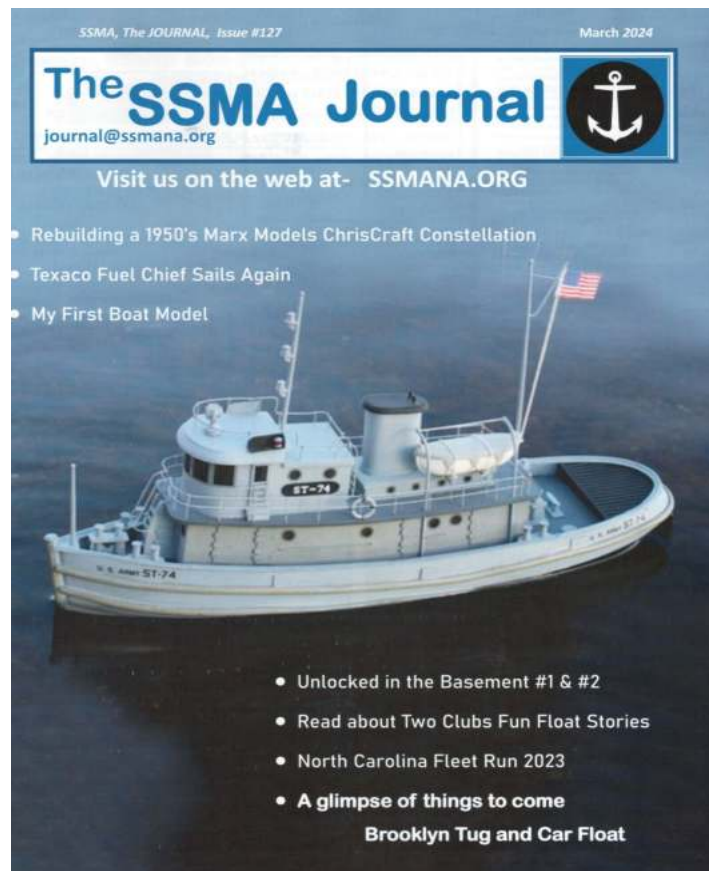
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Charlie, Frank, Ted, and Tim in Print!



Check out the March SSMA (Scale Ship Modelers Association) Journal – MMC Commodore Charlie Tebbetts tells the story of his scratch built Texaco Fuel Chief. Charlie served on the real vessel as Assistant and Chief Engineer for 19 years.

MMC Events Officer Frank Cook's 1/48th Army Tug made the cover of the same issue!!!



The SSMA Journal wasn't the only publication featuring club members recently! Tim Logan and Ted Correia teamed up on a feature article that is in the April 2024 issue of Model Boats Magazine.

US COAST GUARD MLB 44357

Tim Logan chats with Ted Correia about his ambitious first ever R/C build...

In autumn, 2022, members of the Model Mariners Club of New England (MMCNE) had once again gathered at the water's edge on Lake Massapoag in Sharon, Massachusetts. It was their 33rd season of scale R/C boating. New vessels and new faces were welcomed, encouraged and supported by this low-key, friendly community of model boaters. One such newcomer was first-time builder Ted Correia.


A few weeks prior to this, Ted had entered his newly completed Dumas kit build of a 44 ft Motor Life Boat (MLB) in the IPMS Patcon show in Hudson, Massachusetts. For his efforts Ted won 2nd place. It was his first R/C scale model! Here Ted met MMCNE member and USCG veteran Bill Michaels.

Bill was excited to see Ted's 44 ft MLB 44357 and explained that he had built the Dumas kit for USCG-36500 (from the USCG's TRS class, which preceded the class represented by Ted's boat). They conversed for some time about the model, the show and the MMCNE. This was Ted's first model show and he had no idea of what to expect. He was therefore, in his own words, dumbfounded by his win and delighted to have met so many talented people. When Bill invited him along to an MMCNE event the following week at Lake Massapoag, Ted gratefully accepted.

Shortly thereafter when Ted arrived at lakeside I was completely taken by his 44'. This was partly because I was just completing my first model as well – a Waveney, the RNL version of the USCG 44 MLB. I had recently joined the club and we were both quite surprised that we had chosen versions of the 44' as first projects. Our similar interests drew us into many subsequent discussions about the craft.

In late 2023 I thought it might be great to share Ted's experience with fellow modellers – in particular those new to the hobby. Here is a record of our conversations and Ted's thoughts on building.

“What I would say to new modellers is that planking is actually easier than you might think. Patience and thinking the process through will render great results”



Congratulations and “Well done!” to all four!!!

Linen Ponds Indoor Fun Float

On Saturday, March 9th, our first indoor event at the Linden Ponds, a senior living facility in Hingham, MA, was a tremendous success! We had exclusive use of their indoor Aquatic Facility from 1-4pm.



Events Officer Frank Cook (L) and Linden Ponds resident Arthur Perlmutter(R) did some Herculean legwork to setup this indoor sailing session.

18 club members attended and many spectators from the facility enjoyed the event. It was an excellent time for club members to step away from the winter workbench and enjoy the “tropics” around a beautiful heated pool. Our thanks to Frank and Arthur!

Tim Logan provided a bunch of photos from the day-- enjoy!

First up is Bruce Murray's scratch-built 1/12 scale DUKW WW2 Amphibious Truck.



Check out Bruce's video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8Ch6sk32qI>



Mark Sarofeen has had a productive building season! He showed up with two new models!

First one is his new Pusher Tug (L). (I love the display base-very classy!)

His second model is the Dumas Tour Boat “City of Buffalo”. This is a relatively new kit from Dumas.



Steve Fifield (sporting the snazzy club Polo shirt) brought along his scratch built Gundalow Fanny M. II. (Club clothing is available at <http://www.cafepress.com/MMCNE>)



Bob Okerholm brought along his beautiful Laughing Whale kit model - the Downeast Dragger!



The model was of course in one of Bob's sturdy and attractive storage/transport boxes!



Arthur Perlmutter's finely crafted river tug that draws you back to an earlier day when such vessels worked rivers of the UK.

This model is a favorite of Arthur's - extremely well done and a perfect portable size - built from the out of production Caldercraft Riverman kit.

Starting with a fiberglass hull, Shaun Kimball is working on a 1/96 model of the Container Ship Maersk Alabama. This will be a big model!





Above: Stu Gralnik maneuvering his tug and barge combo, while Mark Sarofeen observes.

After the event Frank Cook sent an email Ian Richardson, the Recreation Director at Linden Hills, thanking him for all his assistance:

Good Morning Ian,

On behalf of the Marine Modelers Club of New England I want to thank you for making Saturday's sailing event a positive experience for both your residents and our members. We had a very enjoyable time and enjoyed interacting with so many residents. I was very impressed with the sincere interest of the Linden Pond residents and their many questions about our boats and club.

Your work in advertising to the residents, arranging for the TV studio to film the event, and preparing the pool area for our use was superb. Providing the flatbed for use in moving the miniature boats to the aquatic center was greatly appreciated.

On a personal note, I enjoyed working with you and greatly appreciate all your work over several months that resulted in a successful day. Your congeniality and enthusiasm is indeed outstanding!

Again, my sincere thanks to you, Linden Ponds, and your co-workers for making the sailing an enjoyable and well-run event for everyone.

Best wishes,
Frank B. Cook

Ian quickly replied:

Good Morning Frank,

Thank you so much for your email. It was a pleasure to work with you. I was wicked excited about the turn out and the overall response. Thank you to you and your club for sharing your gifts with Linden Ponds. Looking forward to next years event!

If you need anything, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you, Frank!

Cheers,

Ian

Portable Pond (Ice Rink?) For Sale

The Club Officers have determined that it is time to get rid of the old Portable Pond – the one we used to take to the Salem Maritime Festival every year. This decision was driven by several factors:

- It was a lot of work to transport, set up and breakdown, and none of us are getting any younger.
- We haven't had a need for it since it was last used in 2019.
- We need to find a place to store it. Eric Bertelsen graciously offered to store it at his home in Salem, but he needs the space back now, and has asked us to find it a new home.

With the above factors in mind, the Officers all agreed we should try to sell it if we can.

The “pond” is basically a backyard ice rink kit. The rink is made mode pieces of 2x12 lumber on edge, connected with steel side and end brackets. A couple large tarps are then used to line it, to hold the water it is then filled with. We have the parts to build a rink that is 16 by 12 feet (or maybe 16x16?). All the sides and the brackets are pre-drilled with holes, and we use a box of nuts and bolts to put it all together.

Before we offer it to the public on Craigs list, Facebook, etc., we would like to offer it up to the membership. Anyone want to make an offer?

Contact a club Officer if you are interested.

Other Noteworthy Events

While our hugely successful Indoor Float was the big news this month, there a couple of other club members I'd like to highlight:

In the club, Glenn Williams is known for his beautiful HO Scale model of the Staten Island Ferry. But Glenn has done other amazing work in HO scale (1/87)! This year, Glenn's award winning scratch built 1:87 scale model of the Springfield, MA rail station (and parking garage) was on prominent display at the Big E model train show in Springfield. The annual show, held on the last weekend of January, is the biggest such gathering in the nation.



Congratulations. Glenn!!!

Bruce Murray's unique and challenging vessels were on display at the March 2 Charles River Museum Model Engineering Exhibition on Waltham, Ma. Frank Cook and Charlie Tebbetts were able to meet with Bruce.



In Frank's words:

“Bruce had his rowboat actually operating! Also he had his recently built US Army DUKW and at one point ran it on the floor. His third boat was his steam powered riverboat Lady Jane. The exhibitors couldn't power their items by steam and instead were hooked up to an air pressure line, which was quite interesting to see! Bruce also had his

laptop displaying video of all three of the boats, plus his "Bismarck" battleship on a continuous play loop.”



You can learn more about Bruce's models and see them in action on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8Ch6sk32qI>

2024 Events Schedule

Note: Here is our 2024 schedule as it stands today. A few of the items are Tentative, as we don't have final confirmation from the site owner(s) yet.....

Sunday, April 7, 12-3pm

Indoor Meeting at Homeport Model Ships, 1 Willard St. #4, Peabody, MA. (If the weather is nice, we may pop over to Redds Pond in Marblehead for an impromptu sailing session!)

Saturday, April 27, 10am -2pm

"Icebreaker" sailing session at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA.
(Rain date is Sunday the 28th.)

Saturday, May 11, 10am -2pm

Sailing session at Tuscan Village in Salem, NH. We'll be on the pond behind the LL Bean store.
This is a popular event, with lots of spectators, on a nice pond!

Saturday, June 1, 10am -2pm

Tentative- Sailboat Day at Bukminster Pond in Westwood, MA.
(Rain date is Sunday the 2nd)

Tuesday, June 18, 10am -3pm

Joint Sailing Session with the DownEast Ship Modelers in Scarborough, ME.
(Rain date is Wednesday the 19th.)

Sunday, July 14, 1pm – 4pm

Warships Day at Redds Pond in Marblehead, MA

Saturday, July 27, 10am – 2pm

Tentative- Fun Float at Fellsmere Pond in Malden, MA
(Rain date is Sunday, July 28.)

Saturday, August 24, 11am -3pm

Club picnic and sailing session at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. Theme is "Tugs and Work boats". (Rain date is Sunday the 25th.)

Saturday, September 14, 10am-3pm:

Steering Competition at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA.
(Rain date is Sunday, September 15)

Sunday October 8, 10am-4pm??

Tentative date for Sharon Day.

Saturday, October 14, 3 -6pm:
Day/Night run at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA.
(Rain date is Sunday, October 20)

Sunday, November 17 1pm – 4pm: Indoor Meeting at the Church Hall

Sunday, December 8th, 12-4pm: Holiday Dinner