

THE FOGHORN

***Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England***

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Upcoming Events:

Saturday, August 6: Salem Maritime Festival. We'll be running the mini-tugs, and manning the club display booth.

Sunday, August 21: On-the-water at Choate Pond in Medway, MA. We'll have a practice navigation course set up. The town has treated the pond, so the weeds are gone!

Saturday, September 10: Silver Lake, Wilmington: Our annual Regatta.

Helpers Needed!

The club will be needing help on Saturday, at 8 am to set up our pool, and help at 5 pm to disassemble and repack the pool! Also, we need a nice selection of models to display-- Members who wish to display a model or two should be there no later than 10 am. During the day, we'll need help with the "skippers" at the pool, and the visitors at our tent! We hope to have a good turnout. -Mike Fioretti

Please send Mike a note to let him know if you can help out. Remember, the club gets paid to participate in this event, so we really need a good turnout.

Hamilton Webb

Longtime member **C. Hamilton Webb**, 81, died suddenly at home on Thursday, July 7, 2011. Born in London, England, he was a son of the late Theodore Webb and Doris (Wilson) Webb. He was the loving husband of Ann T. (Scanlon) Webb. The two were married for 25 years.

Hamilton owned and operated C. Hamilton Webb Clock Repair for many years and was the Classical Music Director for WRIU Radio Station. He was a member of the New England Wireless and Steam Museum of East Greenwich, the Marine Modelers Club of New England, an antique engine exhibitor at Mystic Seaport, and attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Wickford. An avid boater, Mr. Webb lived on his own yacht for 12 years in Wickford Harbor and had his Sea Captains License.



Here is a Sept. 2001 photo of Hamilton with his nicely weathered Puffer model. We didn't see that much of Hamilton in recent years as his declining health limited his ability to travel from his Rhode Island home. (Photo by Bill Richards.)

June Meeting Report

The June meeting was supposed to be the “Balloon Busting” event, but the pond was very weedy that day. Three people made runs at the balloon, and Stan Barnes took the honors for best time.



Your editor had brought along his PT-boat to run, but then discovered I had brought the wrong transmitter. That may have been a blessing in disguise, as half the boats that went out on the pond got stuck in the weeds.....

The story of the day can best be summed up in the following photo essay:

One of the Noodle Tugs got stuck. Stan Barnes’ tug sailed to the rescue, towing a rescue line.



While trying to rescue the Noodle, Stan's boat got stuck:



Mike Fioretti then rigged the rescue sling on his Pilot Boat, and set out to assist.



The lighter Noodle Tug was drifting down the shore, so Mike went after that first. He had difficulty in snaring it, and got stuck at least once. He was able to work free, and nudge the Noodle close enough to shore so it could be rescued. In the process, he picked up enough weed that he couldn't really control the model.

He was, however, able to get close enough to shore for Bob Okerholm to grab the boat.



In the meantime, Stan Barnes was able to free his tug from the weeds and limp back to shore.
When he pulled the boat from the water, this is what he found on his prop:

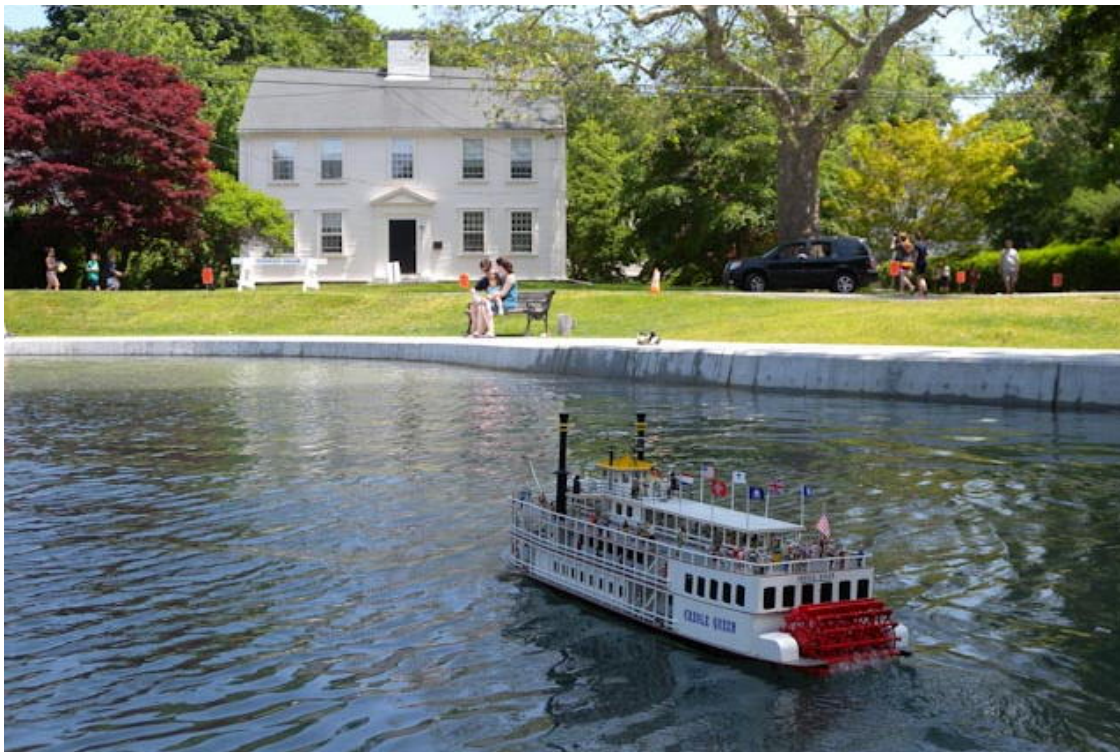


Cohasset Report

I was unable to attend the Cohasset run, but Lou Hills sent along a couple of pictures:



Willi Zankel and his models.



2011 Schedule

Here is our planned schedule as updated at the February meeting.

DATE	LOCATION	Activity
SUNDAY February 20	United Church of Christ Medway MA	Annual Business Meeting show and tell
SUNDAY March 20	United Church of Christ Medway MA	SPEAKER TBD show and tell
SUNDAY April 10	Choate Pond Medway, MA	Icebreaker First water event for the year
Saturday & Sunday April 16 and 17	Woods Hole MA	Woods Hole Model boat Show
SUNDAY May 22	Silver Lake Wilmington, MA	Warship Day
SATURDAY June 18	Town Common Cohasset, MA	Static Display and on the water
SUNDAY June 26	Choate Pond Medway MA	Sailboat Day & Balloon Busting
SUNDAY July 10	Choate Pond Medway MA	tugboat bollard pull contest General bollard pull contest
SATURDAY August 6	Salem National Park Salem MA	Salem Maritime Festival Club pool will be set up
SUNDAY August 21	Choate Pond Medway MA	Navigation course practice buoys will be set up
SATURDAY September 10	Silver Lake Wilmington, MA	21st Annual Regatta (rain date is Sunday the 11th)
SUNDAY October 2	Choate Pond Medway MA	Annual day/Night Run
SUNDAY November 6	United Church of Christ Medway MA	Indoor show and swap meet show and tell
SUNDAY December 4	Piccadilly Pub Foxboro, MA	Annual Dinner Noon- ???