

# ***THE FOGHORN***

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

**2012-- Our 22nd Year!!**

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

**Saturday, May 19, 9 am – 3 pm:** Our joint Fun Float and Float Fly-in with the Charles River RCers, at the Wayland Town Swim Beach on Lake Cochituate. This is a joint event.

The Charles River RCers Float Fly-in is two-day affair, so we're welcome to attend on Sunday if we'd like.

**Sunday, May 20, 10 am – 4 pm:** On-the-water at Silver Lake in Wilmington. We have the usual spot at the beach reserved for those that can't make it to the event in Wayland.

## **From the Helm**

The next couple of meets is a good time to fine tune our recovery skills. I will bring my new recovery device that I planned on building five years ago. If anyone has ideas and/or fixtures please bring them to the next meet on May 19.

Also, the next couple of meets I will be giving out the lake guest passes, the MMC members may need one in order to enter the Sharon lake June 10. We will definitely need them in July and August. If you plan on coming to the Sharon Lake and you don't have a pass, please let me know.

Bob Okerholm, Commander

## **Fun Float/ Float Fly-In**

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> is our joint event with the Charles River Radio Controllers (CRRC) airplane club. The event is being held on Lake Cochituate at the Wayland Town Swim Beach.

The site features a wide beach facing the lake, sort of like the beach at Silver Lake, but with a lot more shade in the parking areas and by the bath house. Toilets will be available, but AC power may not be. (Most electric RC fliers use 12V DC chargers for their planes.) Picnic tables may or may not be available, so bringing along a folding table if you have it is a good idea. The parking area is pretty close to the beach, though a little bit further away compared to Silver Lake.

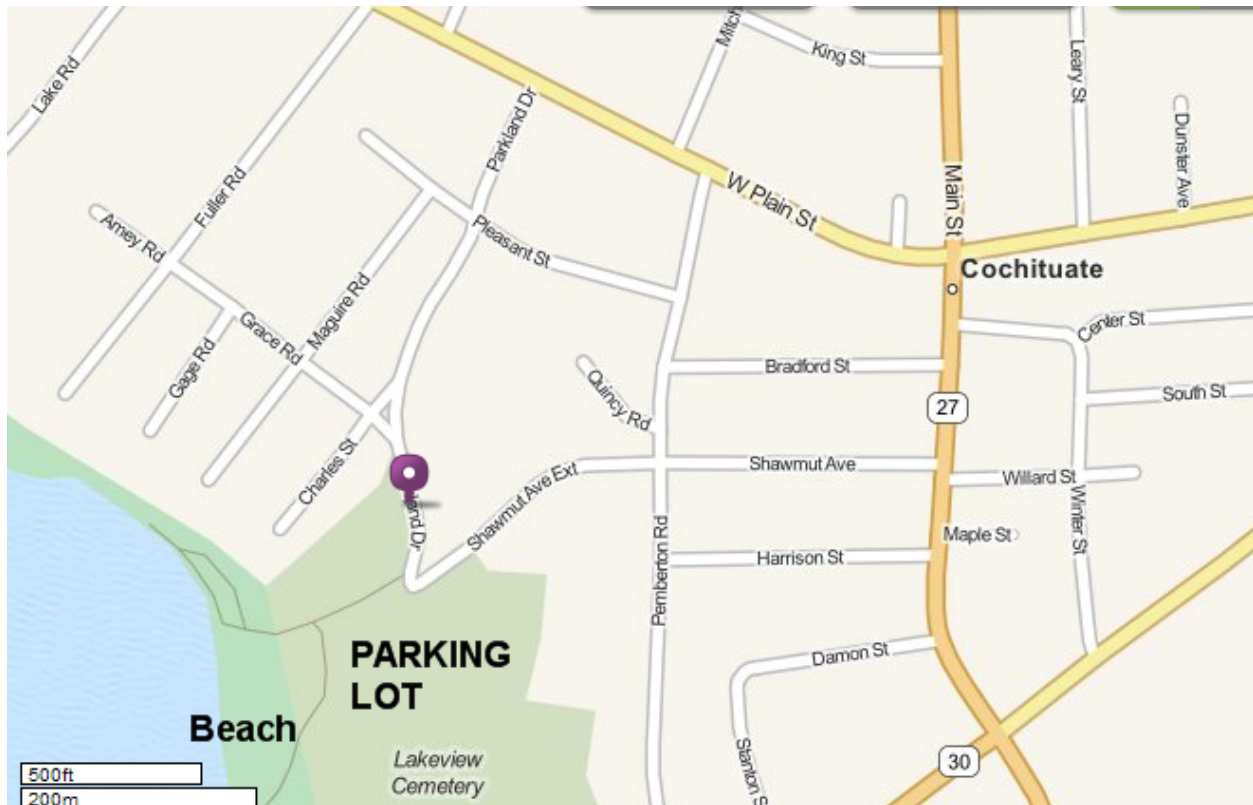
Any time RC planes are involved, safety is a paramount consideration. The CRRC members fly both glow and electric powered planes. Some basic safety rules are in effect:

- (1) Radios: The fliers use the 72 MHz (channels 20 – 59 are aircraft only) frequencies, as well as the 2.4GHz bands. The 72 MHz aircraft frequencies and the 75 MHz surface frequencies we use will not cause any interference with each other. Both groups use 2.4GHz systems, but those don't require the use of frequency pins or other controls to prevent interference.
- (2) To prevent mishaps, the boats will have a dedicated area away from the main take-off and landing area. As an AMA-chartered club, the CRRC will have a Contest Director/Safety Officer—we will defer to him to make sure we don't have any problems.

The CRRC members want to see our models in action—we whetted their appetites when we did the Show and Tell presentation at their indoor meeting last November. So don't worry-- there will be plenty of opportunities to run the boats, including plenty of opportunities for rescues.

Your Editor attended their event as a spectator last year, and observed that a number of glow-powered planes would stall out on the pond. Absent a fleet of RC tugs and qualified skippers, they had to resort to less efficient means of recovery. Waiting for the plane to drift back in or using a casting rod were some of the methods used—as the alternative was to close down the “runway” while someone paddled out in a small boat. I'm planning on bringing a small Springer push tug to use as a rescue boat.

Directions: The Park is located at the end of Parkland Drive in Wayland. To get there, take route 27 to the Cochituate section of Wayland. At the light, head west on West Plain Street. Take the second right onto Parkland drive. Go all the way to the end—the road ends in the parking lot for the Town Park. For a point of reference, the site is about 25 minutes away from the Church Hall in Medfield.



The airplane event is a two-day affair, running on Saturday and Sunday. Our members will be welcome to attend either day, but Saturday as our “official” day, as we already have Silver Lake in Wilmington scheduled for that Sunday. MMC members are certainly welcome to attend on Sunday, if they wish.

**Editor’s Note:** Your club officers are trying something new here— and we’re hoping we get a good turnout of members. If the weather turns out to be bad on Saturday and nice on Sunday, please consider attending this event instead of going to Silver Lake, if you can. This is a first step in what may turn out to be a great partnership—and building a relationship with another local club can only help both clubs in the long run!

### **April Icebreaker Report**

Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> was our first day on the water, and it was a fabulous, warm sunny day.

Members present included: Arthur Perlmutter; Bob and Johanna Okerholm, John Cooper, Stan Barnes, Mike Fioretti, Bob Jones, Ed and Linda Arini, Bob Jones, Brad Bulgar, Bill Richards, Bob Prezioso, Willi Zankel, Eric Bertelson, and Kevin Calley.

Bob Jones sent the following pictures:

First up is Mike Fioretti's Riva 2. This is the nicely-finished static display model that Mike retrofitted to RC, overcoming some real challenges along the way.



Next up is Arthur Perlmutter's new model: the *Ocean Challenger*. The full size Ocean Challenger fishing boat was built by George Ferriera of Fort Bragg CA in 1979. It is 60 feet long and has a beam of 18 feet. It is rigged to catch swordfish and can hold a catch of 80,000 pounds. The boat has a propeller guard which is unique. When the net is extended the guard is lowered to cover the propeller and rudder and prevent them from being snarled in the net.







Above: Arthur Perlmutter works on his Ocean Challenger, while Mike Fioretti supervises.

Below: Bob Jones' Easterner 2 underway in a fair breeze.



## **April 29<sup>th</sup> Fun Float Report**

Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> was our second day on the water, and the first at Sharon Town Swim Beach. Bob Okerholm sent in the following report:

This was our first meet on Memorial park beach, on Lake Massapoag in Sharon. The day started out slow, just Mike Fioretti and I were there at 11 am. The water was a bit ruff but by 12 the wind started to calm down. That was about the time members started to show up. With the exception of a few boat rescues, the day turned out to be rather nice. It was even nicer with, no weeds and swimmers, the boats had a long beach area to run. But unlike Silver Lake, the beach in Sharon is short and tree lined, so we were close to the waters edge. There is a short retaining wall to place boats on, but few picnic tables. The only walking was a short walk to the car.

Members sighted that day: Bill Richards, Mike Hale, Steve Levesque, John cooper, bob & Johanna Okerholm, Mike Fioretti, Arthur Perlmutter, Willi Zankel, Ed @ Linda Arini, Paul Phinney, and Alan Katz. I was a little busy that day. I hope I haven't left out anyone.

Here are some pictures from the day, sent in by Bill Richards:







Above left: Mike Fioretti's in-progress Colonial Cruiser. Above right: Arthur Perlmutter's Lumber Boat. Below left: Bob Okerholm rescues his *Eastie*. Below: Ed Arini's tug.



Here is Bob Prezioso's Donzi 2, throwing a nice wake on the calm water. (My notes don't say whether it was at Choate or Sharon...)



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## **2012 Marine Modelers Club Meeting and Events Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Sunday, March 18	Indoor meeting at UCC Church Hall, Medfield, MA
Sunday April 15	Icebreaker: On-the-water at Choate Pond in Medway, MA
Sunday April 29	On-the-water: Choate Pond in Medway, MA
Saturday, May 19	Float Fly-in and Fun Float: Lake Cochituate, Town Swim Beach, Wayland, MA Joint event with the Charles River RC Airplane club
Sunday, May 20	On-the-water: Silver Lake, Wilmington, MA
Sunday, June 10	On-the-water: Memorial Park Beach, Sharon, MA
Saturday, June 16	Static display and on-the-water: Town Common, Cohasset, MA
Sunday, July 8	On-the-water: Memorial Park Beach, Sharon, MA
Sunday, July 22	On-the-water: Memorial Park Beach, Sharon, MA
Saturday, August 4	Portable Pool and Noodle Tugs- Salem Maritime Festival, Salem, MA.
Sunday, August 12	On-the-water: Memorial Park Beach, Sharon, MA
Sunday, August 26	On-the-water: Memorial Park Beach, Sharon, MA
Saturday, Sept 8	Not a Regatta— alternative event, TBA-- Silver Lake, Wilmington. (rain date Sept 9.)
Saturday, October 13	Day/Night run: Memorial Park Beach, Sharon, MA Sharon
Sunday, November 11	Indoor meeting at UCC Church Hall, Medfield, MA
Sunday, December 2	Holiday dinner, location TBD

Details on the times and locations for each of these events are posted on the club website:

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