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

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Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, June 10, 10 am – 4 pm: Fun Float at the Town Swim beach, on Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA. For people using GPS, the address is: Memorial Park Beach (Lake Massapoag), Beach Street, Sharon, Ma. 02067

We will be setting up in front of the bath house. **IF YOU ARRIVE AFTER 10am, YOU NEED TO HAVE A VOUCHER IN ORDER TO GET INTO THE BEACH.** Without a voucher you will not be able enter! This is also true for the July and August meets. If you do not have a voucher please contact Bob Okerholm ahead of time to get one. Vouchers are per car—you only need one for the driver and any passengers.

Saturday, June 16, 10 am – 4 pm: Our annual static display and on-the-water event at the Town Common in Cohasset, MA.

From the Helm

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.

Hope to see you on June 10th!

-Bob Okerholm, Commander

May 19th Fun Float/ Float Fly-In

Saturday, May 19th was our first-ever joint event with the Charles River Radio Controllers (CRRC) airplane club. The event was held on Lake Cochituate at the Wayland Town Swim Beach. It was an absolutely gorgeous day, weather-wise-- perhaps too nice, and that is why we didn't get more members in attendance???

All told, we have six members present: Bob Okerholm, Bill Michaels, Alan Beeber; Arthur Perlmutter; Glen Williams, Don Murray, and Mike Hale. Bill, Mike, and Bob had all brought models suitable for performing rescues—and they were kept busy. By the end of the day, we must have rescued at least 10 downed or stalled airplanes, including some big ones, and some pretty far out from shore.

The event went well—we were at one end of the beach, and had a nice shady spot, and plenty of room to run out boats any time we wanted to. There were no problems with the mix of aircraft and boats.



The CRRC members were VERY appreciative of our presence. They enjoyed seeing the models run, and they also were impressed with how fast we could get out to a stalled plane with a tug and push it back to shore. The few times the guy manning the rowboat went out, it took him twice as long (or more) to get on scene.



In addition to rescuing planes and an airboat, we also had to rescue one of our own—no less than Commander Bob Okerholm's Safe Sea, which had an electrical failure while well offshore. Mike Hale's big tug easily bought Bob's boat back to shore, while Bill Michaels' little Springer tug struggled to keep up.

The consensus of the folks attending was that this is a worthwhile event, and one we should do again. I was so busy having a good time, I forgot to take many pictures. Fortunately, Bob Okerholm and Alan Beeber were paying attention, too.

Bill Michaels finished his Springer tug the day before the event. The model is a standard Springer hull, fitted with a couple of removable rescue booms. The booms are dowels that snap into place, with a foam pad on the end. Model has a 2.5:1 gearbox and a 50mm prop—it isn't real fast, but has a lot of pushing power.



Above: Bob Okerholm attached an “S” shaped scoop to his Safe Sea rescue boat. Constructed of PVC pipe and pool noodles, it worked pretty well.

Below: Arthur Perlmutter's Lobster boat rides peacefully at anchor. Bill Michaels PT-141 and Mike Hale's PT-109 tied up at the “PT Base”.





Arthur Perlmutter and Alan Beeber with a couple of RC pilots, all checking out Don Murray's big Dawn Glow freighter. Don reported that the model had been stored for a couple of years, and took three days of work to repair the damage inflicted by time and enthusiastic ball-tossing grandchildren.



Mike Hale's big tug, with rescue scoop attached on the starboard side. Mike's big tug had no trouble rescuing a big Piper Cub on Floats. Below is a shot of the big 1/4 scale Piper Cub on a takeoff run.



Glow-engine powered planes such as this tended to stall out if the prop hit the water on landing. Bill Michaels' Springer tug pushed this one back to shore after one landing mishap.

May 20th Fun Float Report

Sunday, May 20th, was another very nice day—too nice in fact! There were so many people at the swim beach in Wilmington, that it severely curtailed boating activities. \

Members present included: Bob Okerholm, Mike Fioretti, Jack Dailey, Bill Richards, Bob Jones, and Eric Bertelsen. (There may have been others—I collected this list second hand. By the time I got there at 2 pm, nearly everyone had already given up and gone home!) Bill Richards did capture a couple of photos for the newsletter:

Here's a panoramic view of the beach, with bathers covering the entire shoreline:



Left: New member Jack Dailey showed up with a model that hadn't seen water in 15 years.
Right: Bob Jones US12.



Boats belonging to Mike Fioretti, Eric Bertelsen, Bob Jones, and Jack Dailey on display.



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2012 Marine Modelers Club Meeting and Events Schedule

Date	Activity
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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