

# ***THE FOGHORN***

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

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

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

**Sunday, July 8, 10 am – 4 pm:** Fun Float at the Town Swim beach, on Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA.

**Saturday, July 22, 10 am – 4 pm:** Fun Float at the Town Swim beach, on Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA.

For your 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.

## **June 10<sup>th</sup> Fun Float**

Sunday, June 10 was a beautiful day—a perfect day for model boating. The temperature was perfect, with sunny skies, and a gentle on-shore breeze. Members that showed up at the lake in Sharon had a great time. Below, from left to right: Arthur Perlmutter and Bob Prezioso; Bob Okerholm talking with new member Paul O’Leary and his wife Irene.



Willi Zankel's Creole Queen was a big hit with the spectators.



Members attending: Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Ed and Linda Arini, Bill Michaels, Mike Hale, Arthur Perlmutter, Willie Zankel, Bob Prezioso, Mike Fioretti, and Bob Jones. Also present was new member Shaun Kimball and family. Shaun lives in Manchester, NH, and is a bit of an RMS TITANIC fan. He brought along several plastic models of the Titanic and her sister ships, in a variety of scales. The largest was a 1/350 scale model (about 33 inches LOA), that was rigged to flood and sink like the original. (Up until the point where the hull broke in two.)



## **Cohasset Display Report**

Our annual on-the-water and static display at the Town Common in Cohasset, MA, was held on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Once again, the weather more or less cooperated. It started out warm, but then the clouds moved in and the unseasonably cool temps lingered all day— folks used blankets, jackets, and coffee to keep warm. Once again, your editor was unable to attend. Fortunately others made it, including: Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Ed and Linda Arini, Arthur Perlmutter, Mike Hale, Bill Richards, and Mike Fioretti.

Bob and Johanna sent along a few pictures:



Looking at these guys, it looks like the day was a bit chilly.....

From L to R: Arthur Perlmutter, Bob Okerholm, and Bill Richards.

There were some concerns before the event about whether or not the pond would be available to run on—but it turned out to have plenty of water.

Linda and Ed Arini had the usual group of happy, young skippers for the Foamy Fleet and were kept busy all day.

Here, a gaggle of Noodle Tugs gets a cleanup by the fountain:





The unfortunate event of the day was a disastrous fire aboard Mike Hale's mega Yacht. Mike reports that the model was sailing fine, and then went dead in the water. Shortly after, the model caught fire! The fire appears to have started in the battery—a 12 volt gel cell. Something failed or shorted, and the battery got so hot it started a fire.



Mike's model cruising along just fine—no sign of trouble at this point!

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After the model lost power, it drifted in. Mike retrieved it from the water, and found the interior on fire!

Linda Arini grabbed a cub of water, got Mike's OK to use it, and put the fire out. In the short amount of time that took, a Cohasset Fireman appeared with a real fire extinguisher—but fortunately the assistance wasn't needed.



Above: Mike's boat on fire!

Right: Mike Hale, Linda Arini, Bob Okerholm and the fireman checking to be sure the fire is out.



Mike's model suffered a lot of damage. According to Mike, "I will have to replace the whole upper deck section and rewire below deck-- so it is a major project down the road some winter."



## **Salem Maritime Festival**

Reminder: The Salem Maritime Festival will be on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have a 20' by 20' tent this year, with more tables. That should give us plenty of room for static display models—so we'll need a good turnout. For those unfamiliar with the event, the Salem Maritime Festival is an annual event held on the green in front of the Customs House by Salem Harbor. There is a wide variety of exhibitors, events, and activities during the day, and our club pool is always one of the most popular.


This is an important event for the club. We'll have the portable pond set up, with the Noodle Tugs for the kids to drive. We need a good turnout of members- to help man the tent, and help run tugs during the day. Setup starts at 8 am, and breakdown at 5 pm. We need helpers to set up the portable pool, and helpers to help take it apart and pack it up at the end of the day. Don't forget—the club gets a payment from the organizers to attend, and this helps fund our annual holiday party. Please let Mike Fioretti (contact info is on page 1) if you'll be able to attend and help out.

### **Editor's Notes**

First off, I'd like to thank Mike Hale for sharing the story behind the fire in his Yacht model. There's a great lesson there—"Never trust your batteries!!" We all can get lulled into a false sense of security, given how reliable batteries are these days. But we're only a small malfunction away from a fire. Personally, I never leave charging batteries unattended- I don't want to set the house on fire. Let's all be careful out there!

Second, I'd like to really encourage people to come out to some of the meets at the lake in Sharon. It is really a nice site—lots of room to run, easy access to the water for launching, and nice shady spots to sit close to the water.

Finally, please don't wait until the last minute to let Mike Fioretti know you'll be coming to the Salem event.

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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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