

THE FOGHORN

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

2012-- Our 22nd Year!!

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Upcoming Meetings

Saturday, August 4th, 8 am – 5 pm: Salem Maritime Festival. We'll be manning the usual booth, and setting up the portable. We need helpers for this event!

Sunday August 12, 10 am – 4 pm: Fun Float at the Town Swim beach, on Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA.

Sunday August 26, 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! 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.

Salem Maritime Festival

Reminder: The Salem Maritime Festival will be on **Saturday, August 4th**. 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.

From Bob Okerholm:

I would like to add that the Salem event is always a fun time with lots to do and see from the historic building at Derby Wharf to a sail on Salem's schooner. So if you can lend an hour supervising the children playing with the noodle boats in our portable pool or help in its set up or take down, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy. I look forward to seeing lots of new faces.

July Fun Floats

In the month of July, we had two Fun Floats. Both were blessed with great weather, and good turnout. Members spotted at the July 8 Float included: Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Ed and Linda Arini, Bob Jones, Steve Levesque, Eric Bertelsen, Shaun Kimball, Mike Fioretti, John Cooper, Stan Barnes, Paul Phinney, Leo McClure, Bill Michaels, and Alan Beeber. The day was just about perfect—with a gentle breeze off the water to keep things cool in the shade.

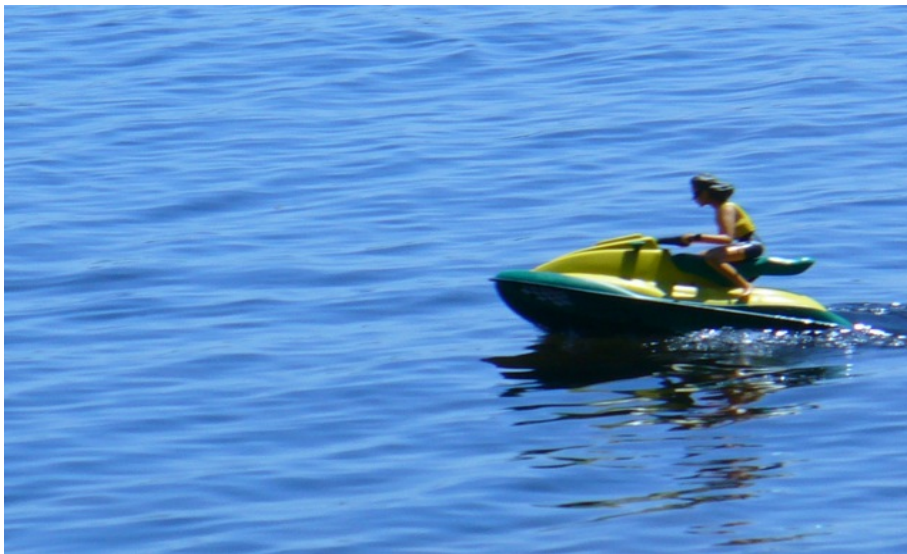
Members attending the July 22nd event included: Arthur Perlmutter, Steve Levesque, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Ed and Linda Arini, Bob Jones, Bill Michaels, Eric Bertelsen, Paul Phinney, Bob Prezioso, Shaun Kimball, Mike Fioretti, John Cooper, Mike Hale, and Jack Dailey.

New member Leo McClure brought along his Fireboats—including his big New York City boat. The model looked great on the water, and entertained the kids with its working fire monitor.



The weather on the 22nd was beautiful, but the breeze was blowing a bit stronger—strong enough that Bill Michaels left his little electric floatplane in the car. But Bob Jones made great use of the wind—his sailboat really moved out.

Shaun Kimball was undaunted by the wind-generated waves—he ran his smaller-sized models with no problems. The boats handled the rough seas with ease, though I suspect the Titanic's passengers would have complained about motion sickness!



Mike Hale was running his little jet-ski, and the model bounced so hard on the waves that it was jarring the main switch and turning itself off! (Here's a shot of Mike's jet-ski taken on a calmer day.)

September Picnic

Back in March, we agreed that we would not be holding a Regatta this year. Instead, we are planning to hold a BBQ/Cookout pond side. The date will be Saturday, September 15, at the Wayland Town Swim Beach. Note that we've pushed it back one week from the original date.


The picnic will be held in concert with the Charles River RCer's RC airplane float fly. We'll be set up at the same end of the beach as we were in May, with shade and BBQ grills adjacent to our operating area.

We're picking this site as it is a central location, and the presence of the airplane guys gives us (and our family members) something interesting to watch. We're planning on putting some buoys in the water, and of course there should be plenty of opportunities to rescue stalled planes if we want.

This is something new we're trying—and we hope that we get a good turnout from the membership!

December Dinner Plans

The location for our December dinner has been made. We will be holding the dinner at the Restaurant "45" in Medway. We have made arrangements for 25 people in a private room from 12pm to 4pm on Dec. 2nd. We'll have the room for no extra cost.

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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 15 NEW DATE!	Not a Regatta— alternative event—Cookout/Picnic/Fun Float at the Wayland Town Swim Beach (rain date Sept 16.)
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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