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

2012-- Our 22nd Year!!

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Visit our club Web Page at: www.marinemodelers.org

Upcoming Meetings

Saturday, September 8, 10 am – 4 pm: Fun Float at the Town Swim beach, on Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA.

Saturday, September 15, 10 am – 4 pm: Fun Float and Club Picnic at the Wayland Town Swim Beach on Lake Cochituate in Wayland, MA.

We're doing a pot-luck picnic at this event. There is a shady area next to the south end of the beach, with picnic tables and grills available. The club will provide burgers, drinks and supplies. Spouses and families are invited-- please contact Bill Michaels if you are planning on attending, so we know how many people to expect. Also, please let him know if you're going to be bringing something to share.

This event also coincides with the Charles River RCers Float Fly-in. Once again, we'll likely have plenty of opportunities for our tugs and other rescue craft, retrieving stalled airplanes on the lake. This should be another good time!

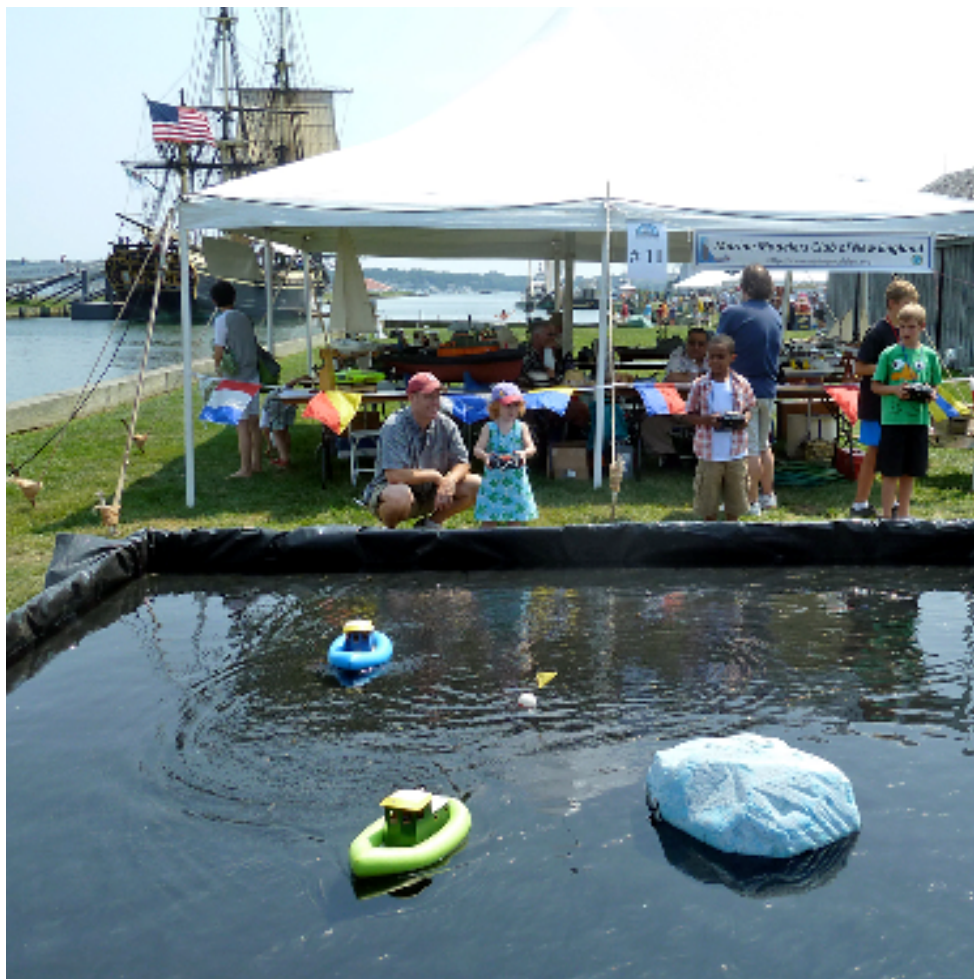
Saturday, October 13, 2-7 pm: Day/Night run at the Town Swim beach, on Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA. For your GPS, the address is: Memorial Park Beach (Lake Massapoag), Beach Street, Sharon, MA, 02067

Salem Maritime Festival Report

Our annual on-the-water and static display at the Town Common in Cohasset, MA, was held on Saturday, August 4th. The day was another beautiful day, with a decent breeze that made the 90 degree temps not seem so bad. Overall, it looked to me that the turnout at the event was down a little, perhaps due to the heat, but our mini tugs were as popular as ever. Several people mentioned to us that we were the main reason they come out every year, and I definitely recognized some repeat customers from last year!

We had almost two dozen models on display, brought by several members. In attendance were: Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Ed and Linda Arini, Mike Hale, Al Hubbard, Steve Levesque, John Cooper, Bill Richards, Bill Michaels, Leo McClure, Kevin Ryan, and Mike Fioretti.

Bill Richards sent along some pictures:



We were set up in the usual spot, which features a nice view of the harbor. This year, we had a 20' by 20' tent, with more tables. That gave us plenty of room to display models, and we did a good job of using the space.

While the crowds were a little smaller this year, the tugs were basically in continuous use all day long. Above is a shot taken during one of the rare lulls, when there wasn't a line of kids waiting to use a tug. The term "lull" also applies to the wind—this was a time when the breeze had died off. It didn't stay that way for long-- most of the day there was a nice breeze. In fact, several times we had to reset the islands—the breeze was causing them to drag their anchors and drift to the lee side of the pond.



Here, Mike Fioretti explains the operation of the tug to a trio of eager skippers.



The pink tug was especially popular with the little girls—sometimes they'd wait for it instead of taking an available tug in another color!

Right: Al Hubbard with his gorgeous scratch-built wooden launch. There is something about a scratch-built wooden model that really seems to draw the attention of the spectators....



The full-rigged ship Friendship and the schooner Fame, both of Salem.

August 26th Fun Float

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, this was another Float held in lovely weather at the lake in Sharon. There was a pleasant breeze that came and went, thought it was present more than not. Bob Jones got some good sailing in, and was only becalmed a couple of times, and never for long.

There were a lot of the usual faces in attendance: Bob Okerholm, Ed and Linda Arini, Mike Fioretti, Steve Levesque, Bob Jones, Bill and Kaja Michaels, Mike Hale, Leo McClure, Bob Prezioso, Shaun Kimball, and John Cooper.

Leo McClure brought along a 1/196 scale USS Missouri (BB 63), built form the old Sterling Models kit.





Visitor Mat Leupold, from the USS Constitution Ship Modelers Guild, brought his Chris-Craft 19' Racing Runabout FOXY LADY. Model is from the Dumas kit. Mat said that Bob Prezioso was his mentor during the construction, and that Bob Okerholm donated the radio.



Ed Arini, Matt Leupold, and Bob Prezioso.

Editor's Notes

You may remember that last month, I forwarded an email about a request for models for a video shoot. Here's an update on how it turned out.

This was for an event where the organizers were shooting a segment with MIT on Sunday evening at an indoor swimming pool. They were looking for people who own and operate RC boats and subs. This shoot was part of the MIT 150 celebration and exhibit where 150 of the most important objects were chosen and displayed in the MIT museum.


The [SeaSquirt](#) autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) was one of those objects they were focusing on. The idea of the shoot was that the host would present an intro at the pool while RC boats and subs were seen in the shot. They also planned to interview operators and ask them simple questions.

I heard about this at the last minute—and sent out the notice on Sunday afternoon for a Sunday evening event. Lou Hills was the only club member who was able to attend. He said it went fine—that were some college robotics teams present, with an assortment of underwater vehicles.

New Product Announcement: Homeport Model Ships (club member Eric Bertelsen) is now shipping their latest offering: A set of Laser cut parts and a Photo Etch set for a 1/96 scale USCGC Hamilton class cutter. The sets are designed for the Scale Shipyard or Loyalhanna Dockyard fiberglass hull. The Laser Set is cut from Gator board with superstructures, bridge, stacks, and full decks included. Also available is a set of photo-etch details with railings, nets, ladders, stairs, walkways, and more.

The USCG Hamilton is an attractive ship, with a lot of compound curves and angles in the superstructure—Eric's set should be a real boon to anyone building a Hamilton.

Check out the webpage at www.homeportmodels.com for more information.

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December Dinner Plans

The location for our December dinner has been made. We will be holding the dinner at the "Restaurant 45" at 45 Milford St in Medway. The restaurant is a short distance east of Choate Pond on Route 109. 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.

Mike Fioretti is collecting the list of who will be attending. You have until the November Meeting to sign up and pay. Cost will be \$25 per person, payable in advance by the Nov. 11th indoor meet at Medfield. Happy hour is from noon to 1pm, dinner from 1-4pm, buffet style.

Give Mike a break—don't wait until the last minute to sign up!

2012 Marine Modelers Club Meeting and Events Schedule

Date	Activity
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	On-the-water: Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA
Saturday, Sept 15	Picnic and Potluck lunch at Wayland Town Swim Beach, Wayland, MA. (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, Restaurant "45", Medway, MA.

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

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