



Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club of New England

# 2013-- Our 23rd Year!!

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

**Sunday, August 18, 9 am - 4 pm:** Fun Float at Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA. We'll be at the Community Center Beach, which is on the East side of the lake, off of Dubinsky Drive.

Sunday, September 8, 9 am – 4pm: Fun Float at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA.

Saturday, September 14, 10 am -3 pm: Potluck Picnic and Fun Float at the Wayland Town Swim Beach on Lake Cochituate. Once again, we'll be sharing the beach with the Charles River RCers and their RC Float Planes.

**Important Note:** Although members will not need passes to be admitted to the Sharon Community beach in Sharon during June, July and August, they will need name tags to show the life guard to be admitted. If you need a name tag, contact Ed Arini.

# Salem Maritime Festival Report

Your editor was away all weekend, but fortunately Bob Okerholm, Shaun Kimball, and Ed Arini were able to provide some pictures.



Bob Okerholm reports: We were put on the other side of the park this year. The event was much smaller do to budget cuts. The day started out cloudy and damp but by noontime it had cleared and quickly became sunny. There were a lot of families with kids. Everything went smoothly.

Ed Arini added: We had 325 visitors to our display in about 4 hours up from the 285 from last year. In attendance were Ed and Linda Arini, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, John Cooper, Shaun Kimball, Mike Fioretti, Mike and Jean Hale, Albert Hubbard and Arthur Perlmutter.





Above: Shaun Kimball and Mike Fioretti. Below: A very focused tug skipper!





Our pond is always a popular venue at the Maritime Festival.

## September Picnic

After last year's success, we are planning to hold a BBQ/Cookout pond side. The date will be Saturday, September 14, at the Wayland Town Swim Beach. Spouses and families are invited. This is a cookout and potluck picnic—the club will provide the burgers, dogs, and paper goods. We're asking members to bring other dishes and drinks to share.

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 at last year, with shade and BBQ grills adjacent to our operating area.

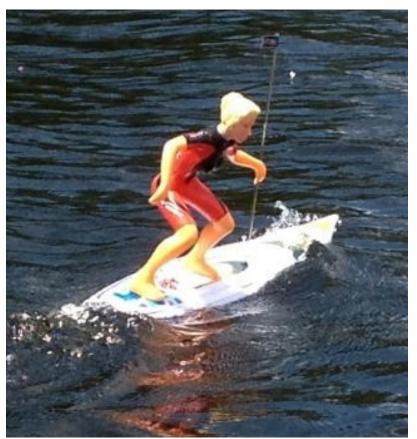
We're going back to this site as it is a central location, and the presence of the airplane guys gives us (and our family members) something interesting to watch. We're planning on putting some buoys in the water, and of course there should be plenty of opportunities to rescue stalled planes if we want.

Last year we had a terrific time—with about 30 people attending—it was our best-attended event of the year! Bill Michaels will be coordinating the potluck side—he'll send out an email when the date gets closer so we can figure out how many people are coming.

#### Sharon Float Report

A Fun Float was held at the Community Center beach in Sharon on Sunday, July 14th. It was a beautiful day—hot at home, but very nice lakeside. Enjoying the weather was: Ed and Linda Arini, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Bill Michaels, Mike Hale, John Cooper, Gaspar LaColla, Bob Prezioso, and new member Mike Bossin.

Your editor cleverly managed to leave most of his charged batteries at home, so you'd think that with some much "non-running" time, that I'd have taken more pictures!



I did manage to catch a couple of shots of Mike Hale's new Surfer.

The ready to run model is electric powered, and has a small keel to keep it upright. The model was very stable, and looked terrific when running downwind on the waves.

I didn't catch the name of the manufacturer, but a quick Google search online turned up a number of similar products—I guess they are fairly popular!

# Smart Boating TV Show

The videos featuring the club and our models are now posted on the Smart Boating TV website. The model boating shows are a two part series. As a reminder, the website is <u>www.smartboatingus.com</u>

# Editor's Notes

The new 1/200 scale plastic model of the USS Hornet (CV-8) is now available. The kit features a big one piece hull, and will be close to 50 inches long when assembled. While sold as a display model, I've heard that people are already working on RC conversions.

This is a model of the WW2 Yorktown-class carrier, the one that launched the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo, and was later lost at the Battle of Midway.

The kit, by Merit International, is selling for around \$360. Merit has already announced that their next model will be a USS Iowa class Battleship in the same scale!



# 2013 Marine Modelers Club Meeting and Events Schedule (Rev. April 1, 2013)

Date	Event
Sunday, February 17	Indoor meeting at UCC Church Hall Medfield, MA
Sunday, March 17	Indoor meeting at UCC Church Hall Medfield, MA
Saturday & Sunday,	Woods Hole Historical Museum boat show
April 13 & 14	
Sunday, April 21	Icebreaker: On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach, Lake Massapoag
10 am – 4 pm	at Beach Street, Sharon, MA.
Saturday, May 18	Float Fly-in and Fun Float: Lake Cochituate: town Swim Beach,
10 am – 4 pm	Wayland, MA. Joint event with the Charles River RC Airplane club
Sunday, May 19	On-the-water at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA.
9 am- 4 pm	
Sunday, June 9	On-the-water at Community Center Beach (Off Dubinsky Dr.), Lake
10 am – 4 pm	Massapoag in Sharon, MA.
Saturday, June 15	Static display and On-the-water: Town Common, Cohasset, MA.
10 am – 4 pm	(If pond is available)
Sunday, June 30	On-the-water at Community Center Beach (Off Dubinsky Dr.), Lake
10 am – 4 pm	Massapoag in Sharon, MA CANCELLED
Sunday, July 14	On-the-water at Community Center Beach (Off Dubinsky Dr.), Lake
10 am – 4 pm	Massapoag in Sharon, MA.
Saturday, August 3	Salem Maritime festival, Salem, MA
11 am – 4 pm	Setup: 9-11 am.
Sunday, August 18	On-the-water at Community Center Beach (Off Dubinsky Dr.), Lake
10 am – 4pm	Massapoag in Sharon, MA.
Sunday September 8	On-the-water: Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA.
9 am – 4 pm	
Saturday September 15	Float Fly-in, Fun Float and cook-out: Lake Cochituate, town Swim
10 am – 4 pm	Beach, Wayland, MA
Saturday, October 5	Day/Night run: On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach, Lake
10 am – 4 pm	Massapoag at Beach Street, Sharon, MA.
Sunday, October 20	On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach, Lake Massapoag at Beach
10 am – 4 pm	Street, Sharon, MA.
Sunday, November 3	Indoor meeting at UCC Church Hall Medfield, MA
1 – 4 pm	
Sunday, December 1	Holiday dinner, location TBD

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