



THE FOGHORN

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

2013-- Our 23rd Year!!

September 2013

Commander: Bob Okerholm	781-784-7313 commander@marinemodelers.org
1st Officer: Mike Hale	508-880-3051 1stofficer@marinemodelers.org
Publicity/Equipment Officer: John Cooper	508-533-8589 equipment@marinemodelers.org
Treasurer/Membership: Ed Arini	781-640-2625 treasurer@marinemodelers.org
Newsletter Editor & Webmaster: Bill Michaels	978-760-0343 newsletter@marinemodelers.org

Note: Use officers@marinemodelers.org to reach all the club officers as a group.

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

Upcoming Meetings

Saturday, September 21, 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. See the article on Page two for more information.

Saturday, October 5, 2-7pm. Our annual day/night run, at the Memorial Park beach at Lake Massapoag in Sharon. Note that this event is at the big park/swim beach at the North end of the lake. Last year we had a great day for it— some of the docks were still in the water, making for a nice harbor with multiple exits. You've got plenty of time to test out your model's lighting and get it ready!

Sunday, October 20, 10-3pm. Fun Float at Memorial Park beach at Lake Massapoag in Sharon. This is our last planned on-the-water event for the year. This is a new event for us this year—we added it because the fall weather is often nice, and we didn't want to end the boating season on the first weekend in October.

September Picnic

After last year's success, we are planning to hold another BBQ/Cookout pond side. The date will be Saturday, September 21, at the Wayland Town Swim Beach. Spouses and families are invited. Additionally, we've invited the members of the Charles River club to join us for lunch.

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.

Just like last year, 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 is always the possibility that we'll be needed 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 shortly so we can figure out how many people are coming. If you are planning on attending, let Bill know how many are coming, and what you'll be bringing to share.

Sharon Float Report

A Fun Float was held at the Community Center beach in Sharon on Sunday, August 18th. It was another beautiful day—hot at home, but very nice lakeside. Enjoying the weather was: Ed and Linda Arini, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Bill and Kaja Michaels, Mike Hale, Arthur Perlmutter, Bob Prezioso, and visitor Dick Schafer.

Dick had traveled down from New Hampshire to check us out. He brought along a nice looking "Lackawanna" tug.



Here we see Dick's tug heading out on calm waters for a Sea Trial. The model ran reliably, despite her trim being off a little. The consensus was she was a little down by the bow, with a slight list to port. Dick was going to make some adjustments at home—hopefully we'll see the model back soon!

Shaun Kimball was there with his fleet of models. Here's a shot of his big RMS Titanic out on the lake, throwing a nice wake at full speed:



Shaun's model was caught too close to a lee shore when a tsunami (motorboat wake) came crashing in, broaching the model on the beach. The boat took some minor damage, but Shaun said he'd be able to repair it in no time.

Our day of mishaps wasn't quite over—Bob Prezioso was running his fine looking Donzi sport fisherman when he suffered an electronics failure. Seems like a little water got in and got the receiver and/or speed control wet. Before you could blink an eye, Bob lost all control and the model careened into the big dock at full speed. The sturdy hull took it in stride, but Bob's finely soldered life rails and bow pulpit took a beating.



Left: Mike Fioretti and Bob Hale. The tables are full of models belonging to Shaun Kimball, Mike, and Bob Prezioso.

Right: Looking further down the beach. We see Mike Hale's twin brother, Mike; Bob Okerholm, Bob Prezioso, and Johanna Okerholm; and Kaja Michaels in the background.



Arthur Perlmutter had a new (well at least to me) tug at the event. It is a model a British Thames River Tug. This type of tug served from the 1930s through the 1950s. The tug was built with a low profile so that it could fit under the many bridges that span the Thames. The model is from Mountfleet Models, and features a fiberglass hull and wooden deckhouses.



Smart Boating TV Show

The videos featuring the club and our models are now posted on the Smart Boating TV website. If you haven't seen them yet, you should check them out. The model boating shows are a two part series. As a reminder, the website is www.smartboatingus.com Look for episodes 131 and 132.

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

www.marinemodelers.org