



THE FOGHORN

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

2013-- Our 23rd Year!!

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Upcoming Meetings

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.

Sunday, November 3, 1-4 pm. Indoor meeting at the UCC Church Hall in Medfield. Agenda for this meeting is still being worked out, but we know that we'll need to elect new officers for 2014, and we'll certainly have a Show-and-Tell!

Sunday, December 1, 12-3 pm. Our annual Holiday Dinner. Arthur Perlmutter is working on the plans—more info will be available soon.

September Picnic

On Saturday, September 15, we held our BBQ/Potluck picnic for members and families at the Wayland Town Beach on Lake Cochituate. Once again, we held the event at the same time as the Charles River RC (CRRC) club's Floatplane Fly-in. Turnout for this year's picnic was down a little—several people told me they just couldn't make it this year. But everyone who attended had a good time. We had also extended an invitation to the CRRC members to join us for lunch, and several of them accepted. The weather was a little less sunny than expected, and a little windier than the airplane guys wanted. (Attendance on the airplane side was down as a result.)

We had a better location this year, just inside the main entrance gate. That put us closer to the CRRC guys, and it gave us a much shorter walk from our cars to where we were set up. The Town of Wayland has new docks in the water, and apparently they plan on leaving them in the water year-round. The docks create an enclosed swim area, and gave us a sheltered place (front and center) to run our boats any time we wanted to. (This would make a great site for a regatta!)



Members attending: Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Ed and Linda Arini, Arthur and Irene Perlmutter, Bill and Kaja Michaels, Shaun Kimball, Jack Daily and friend, Mike and Jean Hale, with son and grandson.



Arthur Perlmutter brought along a new model - a scratch built launch. The model is of all-wood construction and is 32 inches long. Arthur said he saw a boat that looked like this on the Grand Canal in Venice Italy when they took a trip there a couple of years ago. He took a picture and then decided to build his own version of it.



Jack Daily brought along a new tug model—it was the first time the model was in the water. He soon discovered that the model was too light—it needed several more pounds of ballast. The model featured a nice sound system- the speaker was mounted in the pilothouse, and the open windows really helped the sound to get out. He also had a new launcher dolly that he had recently assembled. He ran into one problem—it was too buoyant. (Until you get to the lake, you never know!) The wood frame, foam pipe insulation, and plastic wheels all combined to make the dolly float—it wouldn't drop way from the bottom of the tug. Jack plans to add some weight— then it should work pretty well.



Bill Michaels' Springer Tug rescues a "Wingo" float plane. The windy conditions kept most of the smaller planes grounded, but a couple of the little ones were able to use the sheltered waters of the boating area to take off. The Wingo pictured here flew fine, but got flipped over by a gust while sitting at rest on the water. (A common problem with lightweight, high-wing planes in gusty conditions.)

Day/Night Float Report

Our annual day/night Fun Float was held at the Memorial Park Beach in Sharon on Saturday, October 5th. It was another beautiful day— mostly cloudy, but with some sun breaks, and nice calm waters. Enjoying the weather was: Ed and Linda Arini, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Bill and Kaja Michaels, Mike and Jean Hale, Arthur Perlmutter, Bob Prezioso, Shaun Kimball, and Gaspar LaColla.



Johanna and Linda brought along some of the leftovers from the Wayland picnic— and a small grill to cook them on— and they served up burgers and hotdogs to the attendees.

Shaun Kimball's big Titanic passing by Bill Michael's anchored Nantucket Lightship. Both skippers noted the connection between the two ships-- The Nantucket was paid for by the British Government after the Titanic's sister ship, RMS Olympic, rammed and sank the Lightship's predecessor in a thick fog in 1931.

Shaun is working on plans to add lights to the big liner—imagine the sight once he does!





Above: Gaspar's USCGC Hammerhead underway all lit up, as darkness fell.
Below: Bob Okerholm's Safe Sea with the lights on.



Finally, here's a nice shot of Gaspar's USCGC Reliance, underway during the daylight hours:



Editor's Notes

Here's a link to an interesting article about using "balsa foam" for creating lightweight, detailed structures for models. While the article is geared towards armor modelers and model RR layouts, I think the material and techniques are universal. It's on a number of pages, so don't forget to hit the NEXT button at the bottom. The author achieves some really neat results with this stuff.

Here's the link:

http://www.modelarmour.com/index.php?option=com_content&id=1437:balsa-foam-sculpting-made-easy&Itemid=59

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

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