



# ***THE FOGHORN***

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

**2014-- Our 25th Year!!**

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

**Sunday, June 8, 10am – 4pm.** On the water at lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA. We'll be at the Community Center Beach, which is off Dubinsky Drive. This is the spot on the east side of the lake—we will not be at Memorial Beach at the north end.

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## **May Meeting Report**

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful day. Despite that, turnout was down, as a number of members had conflicts that day, including most of the club officers. Your editor didn't get there until after 1pm, by which time there wasn't a whole lot going on. I did see Gaspar LaColla, Mike Fioretti, Shaun Kimball, Jack Dailey, John Cooper, and Eric Bertelsen there, but I'm not sure who else may have been there earlier and already left....



Left to right: Shaun Kimball, Mike Fioretti, Eric Bertelsen, Jack Daily, John Cooper.

Below: A lineup of the fleet.





Shaun Kimball brought along his new tug *Goliath*. He described it as:

The measurements for my new tugboat I named the Goliath that I got off of Ed are approximately 2 feet 8 inches long, 1 foot 8 inches tall (from keel to tip of the tallest mast), and is 9 inches wide. The boat also weighs about 10lbs and goes 2-3 mph. I talked to Ed and he said it was not a kit and that it came built from a company called Imex and was an almost ready to run model.

On a comical note, when I had the Goliath on her second sea trial here at my apartment complex I had about 16 fish following the boat. All were about 6-8 inches long I think. Might be a good way for me to go fishing maybe....

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Mike Fioretti brought along some new (at least to me) models. The big one is a USCG 40 footer.



Mike said the 40 footer is not the old Dumas kit—rather, it was scratch built from plans. Mike said the plans had a several errors, and it took a good bit of effort to fix! Mike also said that the speedboat is a really a water-jet powered boat---- powered by a Rule 800 GPH bilge pump. He said the water outlet ( which he designed himself) is steerable, and that the boat isn't very fast, but does run nicely.

### **Editor's Notes**

**Plastic Model news:** Merit international has announced a new 80 foot Elco PT Boat kit. The kit is in 1/48 scale (1/4 inch to the foot), which yields a model 20 inches long. While that is on the small side, it is still big enough to be converted to RC. (I've seen people convert the little Lindberg kit, which is only a foot long.)



The new Merit kit is a late war boat, with the upgraded weapons fit. They have announced that they plan to next release an early war boat, with decals to allow you to do any boat in the PT-103 class.

**Hospital Ship kit:** From the UK, Deans Marine has just released a 1/96 scale kit of the St. Olaf, a WW2 US Navy Hospital Ship. The model is 55 inches long.



From the Deans Marine website: This attractive model with a length of 1.4m, beam of 385mm makes into a super detailed replica of the ship, with all of its cluttered appearance. It has lots of carrying capacity for the largest nicads to please those who like a long sail together with plenty of room inside for adding smoke, sound, and if ever a model would show of her lights, this has got to be the one. The kit lists for \$395 GBP on the Deans website.

**Tools and Tips Website:** I got this from a post on the Seaways Ships in Scale magazine email list: Jerry Glickstein's "Ship Modeler's Desktop – Desks, Workspaces, Storage, and Tools Ideas." Jerry is a static modeler, but there are lots of interesting tools and tips, especially if you're doing planking or other wood work. Here's the URL:

<http://www.shipmodelersdesktop.com>

**Marine Modelers Club of New England****2014 Events and Meeting Schedule**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sunday, March 17 1 - 4pm	Indoor meeting at UCC Church Hall Medfield, MA
Sunday, April 27 10 am - 4 pm	Icebreaker: On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach, Lake Massapoag at Beach Street, Sharon, MA.
Sunday, May 18 9 am- 4 pm	Warship Day: On-the-water at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA.
Sunday, June 8 10 am - 4 pm	On-the-water at Community Center Beach (Off Dubinsky Dr.), Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA.
Sunday, July 13 10 am - 4 pm	On-the-water at Community Center Beach (Off Dubinsky Dr.), Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA.
Saturday, August 2 8 am - 5 pm	Salem Maritime festival, Salem , MA (tentative- to be confirmed once the Festival is announced)
Sunday, August 17 10 am - 4pm	On-the-water at Community Center Beach (Off Dubinsky Dr.), Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA.
Sunday September 7 9 am - 4 pm	On-the-water: Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA.
Saturday Sept 21 10 am - 4 pm	Float Fly-in, Fun Float and cook-out: Lake Scituate , town Swim Beach , Wayland , MA (Co-located with the Charles River RCers Floatplane Fly-In)
Saturday, October 4 2 pm - 7 pm	Day/Night run: On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach, Lake Massapoag at Beach Street, Sharon, MA.
Sunday, October 19 10 am — 4 pm	On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach, Lake Massapoag at Beach Street, Sharon, MA.
Sunday, November 9 1 - 4 pm	Indoor meeting at UCC Church Hall Medfield, MA
Sunday, December 7	Holiday dinner, location TBD

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