

# ***THE FOGHORN***

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

**2016-- Our 27th Year!!**

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

**Sunday, March 13, 1pm -4pm:** Indoor meeting at the Church Hall in Medfield. (United Church of Christ, 496 Main St, Medfield, MA.)

<http://www.uccmedfield.org/contact-and-directions.html>

On the agenda for this meeting:

- Finalize the election of officers for 2016. (We didn't have a quorum at the November meeting to make it official.)
- Finalize the 2016 Club Schedule.
- Report on the Providence Boat Show.
- Presentation: A simple adaptation of aircraft FPV (First Person Video) for model boat use, by Bill Michaels.
- Show and Tell-- Bring in those projects you've been working on!
- Swap Meet- Get rid of some stuff you don't need any more, and replace with someone else's!!

**Reminder:** Ed Arini is working on updating the club membership list. One of the things he'll be adding to it is mobile phone/texting numbers-- please consider adding your number to the list so we can text you if an event is canceled or changed.

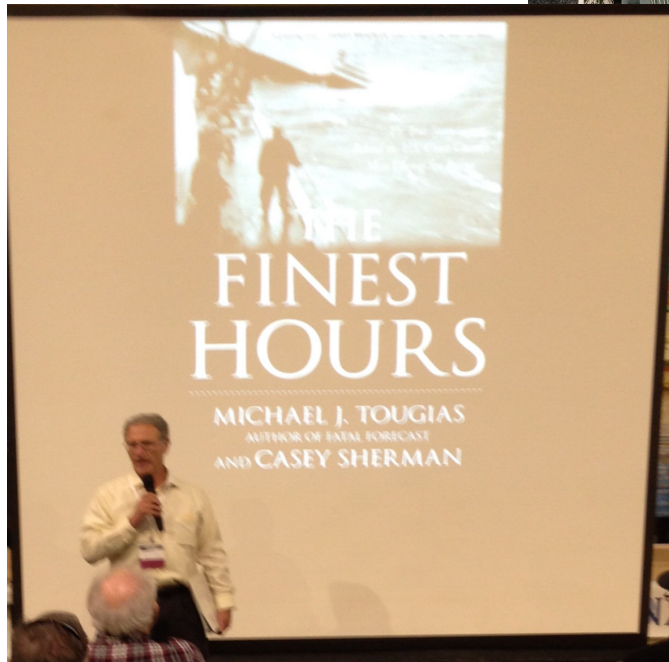
## **Providence Boat Show 2016**

Mike Hale was contacted by the VP of Special Events at the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association, to inquire if we'd be available/interested in exhibiting at the Providence Boat Show. (The show was held Thursday through Sunday, Feb 4-7, 2016, at the Rhode Island Convention Center.) We told the organizers we could not provide a pool, and that they'd have to get one...

The Show came through with a big pool, used by our club and the stand-up paddle board people. They used the pool for about 30-45 minutes 3-4 times a day, and we had the pool the rest of the time. We had time for “demonstrations” (free running) and lots of Noodle Boat time for the kids. Over the course of the four days, we had a lot of adult visitors and a quite a few kids, especially on Saturday.

Club members in attendance: Mike Hale, Ed and Linda Arini, Gaspar and Joanne LaColla, Bill and Kaja Michaels, Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts, Willi Zankel, and Shaun Kimball. We had a large collection of models on display, and 8 Noodle Tugs for the kids to run.

When we weren't manning the booth, we had time to visit all the exhibitors at the show. In addition to the boats, there was a maritime art exhibit, and a variety of presentations.



Your editor attended the featured guest speaker, Michael Tougias, the author of the book “The Finest Hours”. This is the book that inspired the current movie about the US Coast Guard's most famous small boat rescue. After the presentation, a few of us attended the author's book signing.



Above: The pool with our booth area in the background. The pool was big: 17 x 35 feet.  
Below: The other side of our booth, with the dock. On the left, you can see the large sign with the pool schedule.

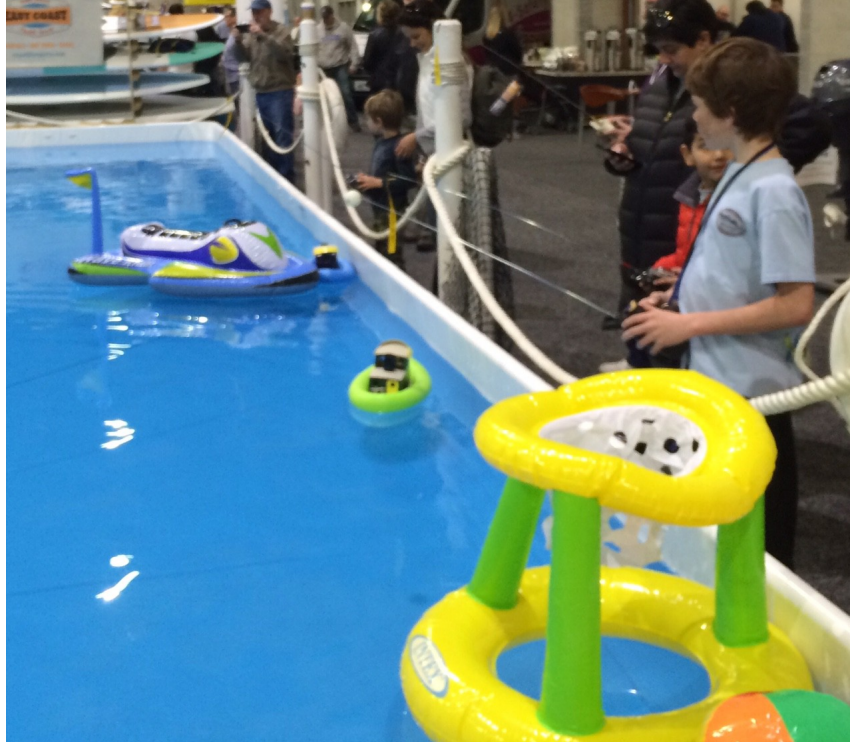




Above: Every time Mike Hale put his RC Duck into the pool to run, it was a magnet-- the kids would all start chasing it with their tugs. As Mike sailed the Duck around the pool, at times it looked like it was leading a parade!

Below: Charlie Tebbetts(L) and Willi Zankel.





Above: Because we had to share the pool with the Paddle Board demos, we didn't bring the islands we usually add to the pool. But the Show organizers had provided some inflatable pool toys to make the pool look more festive. The kids had a lot of fun trying to push the toys around. At one point we had a water polo game going-- we had 8 tugs in the water-- green and blue vs. red and yellow. The goal was to push the beach ball to the end of the pool. After about 15 minutes of action the game ended tied, 2-2.

### **Marine Modelers Club Election**

We never officially completed the election for the club Officers for 2016. The new slate (as usual) had everyone running unopposed, but we didn't have enough members in attendance to make it official. So the first order of business at the March meeting will be to complete this to make it official. For 2016, the Treasurer and Clerk/Newsletter Editor are staying the same, while Gaspar and Mike are swapping roles.

But there is still time for additional candidates and write-ins to get on the ballot! We do still have a couple of vacant positions- our Publicity Officer, and our Events Officer. Just contact any of the existing officers if you'd like to get involved.

## **From the Providence Boat Show Organizers**

Dear Gaspar, Mike, Bill, Ed and all who attended the show,

On behalf of the Providence Boat Show team I would like to thank each of you so very much for participating in our show. Your club and boats were one of the biggest highlights of the weekend!

The amazingly detailed models were fantastic to see. I can only imagine the passion and hours that went into creating them.

Our attendees and exhibitors really enjoyed interacting with you and having the opportunity to not only see the boats on the water, but to operate them as well. You were so well organized and we appreciated the effort to come from Boston area everyday.


We are working in advance to try and obtain a pool sponsor so we can have the pool again next year. Guy Gavin, who owns the paddle board company doing most of the demos, thinks that one of the paddle board manufacturers may be interested in sponsoring. Fingers crossed! If so, we would be honored to have you back!

I look forward to hearing your ideas for next year. I am so glad to have met you all in person!

My very best regards and thank you again,

Tricia

Tricia Yeoman  
VP Special Events  
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