

THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2016-- Our 27th Year!!

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Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, May 15, 11am – 3 pm: On-the-water at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA. The theme will be Military/Government vessels-- let's try to get a big fleet on the water! (All models are welcome, of course.)

Sunday, June 12, 11am – 3 pm: On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA.

Editor's Note

This month's newsletter is late. On rather short notice, I ended up spending the two weeks before our May float out of town for work. So I wasn't able to publish before this past weekend's float at Silver Lake in Wilmington.

I figure “better late than never”, and I had some good photos to share, so I'm publishing the May newsletter now.

April Meeting Report

Members in attendance: Mike and Jean Hale, Gaspar LaColla, Ed and Linda Arini, Bill Michaels, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Bob Prezioso, Arthur Perlmutter, Charlie Tebbetts, Shaun Kimball, Sean Sutton, and Paul Sales. It was a beautiful April day, with a bright sunshine and calm waters.



New Member Sean Sutton (left) brought along a trio of models: A 1/96 scale Ticonderoga class cruiser, a Perry class frigate, and a Springer-style tug.



Arthur Perlmutter brought along a model we last saw in May of 2015: A Sand Barge Tender, a which works with a sand barge, dredging up sand from the ocean bottom for use in repairing beach erosion. The photo on the left is from last year- while the photo on the right shows the model as it looks now.



Your editor brought along the Springer rescue tug with the DroneView camera mounted in the pilothouse. I had previously tested the camera indoors at the Providence Boat Show, but this was my chance to test it out on the lake. I found the range to be excellent-- at 100 yards away, the camera's wi-fi signal was still strong. I took a few videos, plus a variety of still photos.



Above-- Here's a shot of Shaun Kimball and his tug Goliath. Shaun's tug was headed out for a rescue-- Mike Hale's Geico speedboat ran for about 2 seconds then died, stranding the model on the lake. Shaun went out and pushed the boat back to the dock.

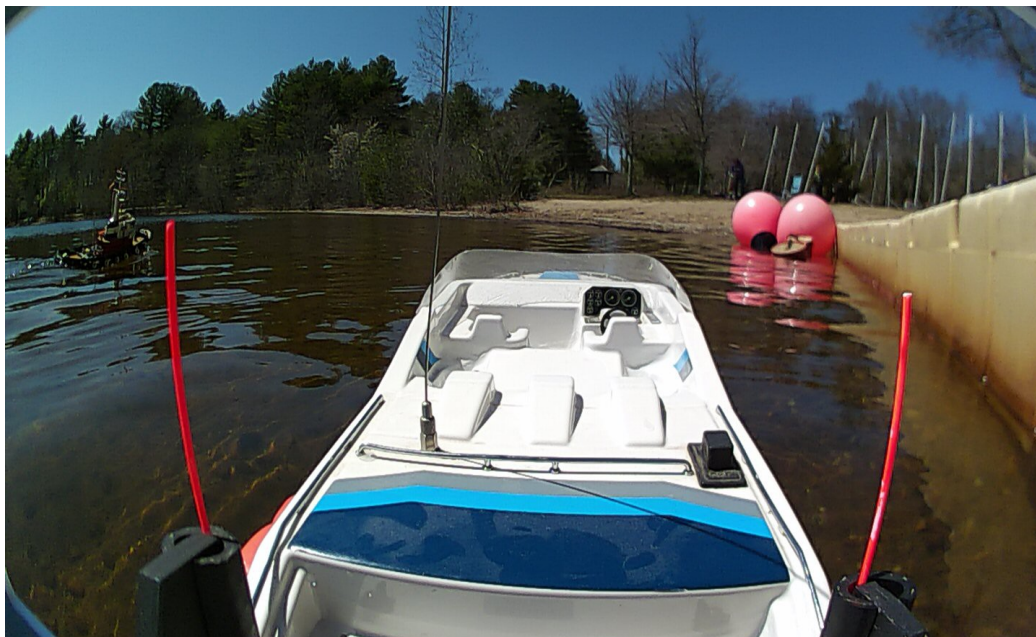
Right-- As I had mentioned before, new member Sean Sutton brought along his 1/96 scale Perry FFG. Sean said the model hadn't been in the water for several years, and needed to have the ballast and trim adjusted. I caught him working on it on the dock...





Shaun Kimball wasn't the only one in the rescue business. I also got into the act when Gaspar LaColla's speedboat lost power out on the water. (Gaspar said he hadn't run the model in quite a while.) Apparently, it wasn't a good day for speedboats that hadn't been run in a long time-- I'm glad I left my PT Boat home!

Thanks to Gaspar, I have this shot from the bridge of my tug, taken after arriving at the dock:





New member Paul Sales stopped by to check us out. I asked him to send along some info in the way of an introduction, and here's what he provided:

Paul Sales - Norwood MA. I am a complete novice to boat modeling. I have always been interested in this hobby but never got started. I like military ships but I need to start small. I was searching for a local group and found your club on the internet. After meeting members and seeing their boats at the Ice Breaker meeting I am looking forward to getting started working on a boat of my own. I don't really know where to start so any help or guidance would be appreciated.

Welcome aboard, Paul!

2016 Schedule

(updated 16 April 2016)

DATE	EVENT
Sunday, April 24 11am -3pm	Icebreaker Fun Float-- Our first on-the-water event of the season. Memorial Park Beach, Sharon.
<i>Saturday, April 30</i>	<i>Northeast Model Ship Conference, New London, CT</i>
Sunday, May 15 11am - 3pm	On-the-water at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA. Theme: Military/Gov't Vessel day
Sunday, June 12 11am - 3pm	On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. Theme: TBD
Sunday, July 10 10am - 2pm	On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. Parking Pass required in order to enter the park
07/24/30 03:30 PM	Fun Run at Redd's Pond, Marblehead, MA
<i>Sunday, July 24</i>	<i>Empire State Model Ship Club Regatta, Flushing, NY</i>
Saturday, August 6, 8am - 4pm	Salem Maritime Festival Static display and Noodle Tugs in the portable pool!
Sunday, August 14 11am - 3pm	On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. Theme: TBD
<i>Saturday-Sunday, August 20-21</i>	<i>Antique and Classic Boat Show, Salem, MA</i>
<i>Sunday, August 21</i>	<i>Task Force 50 Regatta, York, PA</i>
<i>Saturday, September 10</i>	<i>Submarine Fun Run, Sub Base Groton, CT</i>
<i>Sunday, September 11</i>	<i>Patcon 2016 Scale Model Show, Hudson, MA</i>
Saturday, September 25 11am -3pm	On-the-water event at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA.
<i>Saturday, October 01</i>	<i>Yankee Steam Up, East Greenwich, RI</i>
<i>Friday-Sunday, October 7-9</i>	<i>1/96 scale Fleet Run, Rocky Mount NC.</i>
Sunday, October 15 2 – 7pm	Club Picnic and Day/Night Run at Memorial Beach Park in Sharon. Rain date is Sunday.
Sunday, November 13 1-4 pm	Indoor Meet, Election of Officers, Program TBD, at UCC Church Hall in Medfield, MA.
Sunday, December 4, 12-4pm	Holiday Dinner

Note: Items in *italics* are not club-sponsored events- they are listed here because we felt they may be of interest to our members and friends.

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