



THE FOGHORN

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

2016-- Our 27th Year!!

September 2016

Commander: Gaspar LaColla	781-396-6462 commander@marinemodelers.org
1st Officer: Mike Hale	508-880-3051
Events Officer: (vacant)	
Publicity Officer: (vacant)	
Treasurer/Membership: Ed Arini	781-640-2625 (cell) 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.

Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, September 25, 11am-3pm: On-the-water at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA. Ed Arini reports that, as expected, the water level is lower than usual-- the water's edge is about 20 to 30 feet from the life guards chair. But it is a big lake, so we should be OK...

Saturday, October 15, 2pm - 7pm: Club Picnic and Day/Night run at the Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA.

Salem Maritime Festival Report

This year's festival was a two-day affair on August 6 and 7. We were blessed with very nice weather both days- the predicted afternoon thunderstorms passed just north of Salem. The festival was laid out a little differently this year, with all the exhibitors on the shorter wharf. We were in our usual spot, which meant we were the first attraction the attendees saw when they arrived. We had a big 10'x20' awning, with lots of tables for our model displays, and a nice shady place to sit.

Quite a few members attended one or both days to bring models for display and to help out with the Noodle . In attendance were: Ed Arini, Eric Bertelsen, Alan Beeber, Mike and Jean Hale, Bill and Kaja Michaels, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Gaspar and Joanne LaColla, Shaun Kimball, and Charlie Tebbetts.

As always, the Noodle Tugs were a big hit with the kids. We had a lot of "Happy Customers" !

On Saturday afternoon, several of us were lucky enough to get a tour of the Headquarters of the Salem Marine Society, which is a replica of clipper ship's cabin located atop the Hawthorne Hotel. The Society's website explains it all:



The Marine Society at Salem was founded in 1766 by sea captains to provide relief for disabled and aged members and their families; to promote knowledge of this coast; and to communicate observations for making navigation more safe.

The Society continues to hold quarterly meetings in the Cabin, located atop Salem's historic Hawthorne Hotel. Membership includes descendants of the original Salem sea captains as well as working mariners. The

Society continues to fulfill its original purposes, and also provides scholarships for aspiring mariners as well as generous support for local maritime and historical programs.

We were given a tour of the Cabin by the Society's QuarterMaster, and were able to take in the magnificent view of the town and harbor from the rooftop deck.





Above, here's a shot from early in the day, before the crowds hit. This is probably the quietest it was all weekend!



Above: The kids weren't the only ones enthralled with our tugs! Fortunately, he was happy to just watch.....

August 14 Meeting Report: Sharon

The weekend after Salem, we had a regular on-the-water event at the Community Center Beach in Sharon. After spending a full weekend in Salem, your Editor wasn't able to make the float. Members in attendance included: Bob Okerholm, Bob Prezioso, Arthur Perlmutter, Shaun Kimball, and Charlie Tebbetts. Bob Okerholm sent along a picture:



Editor's Notes

I got a chance to spend some time with club member Eric Bertelsen at Salem and again a few weeks later in his shop. Eric has been up to some interesting projects! Here is a picture of a trio of hulls that Eric has created. The neat thing is that all three are 3-D printed. What is especially impressive is how thin and light the hulls are. All three are models of 1/96 vessels, and the largest is about 15 inches long. The hulls are as light as if they had been vac-formed from thin plastic-- they are only .03 inches thick! But because they are 3-D printed, they have a lot more detail, including undercuts, and scupper openings!

The hull on the top is a Cyclone-class patrol boat. The hull on the bottom is a US Navy YTB (Yard Tug). That hull is about 13 inches long. The middle one is the 10" long Boston harbor tug Justice. The detail on the one-piece hull is amazing!





The Justice is a modern tug, powered by a pair of Z drives. Eric was looking for a scale drive train, in 1/96 scale, no less! He found a guy in Romania who made working units in 1/72 scale, who was willing and able to scale them down to 1/96. I got a chance to see these units when I visited Eric's shop-- the engineering is amazing! They are trainable 360 degrees while the prop is driven by a fixed motor.

Here's a shot of the Z drive units....



One last note: The folks at the Providence Boat Show are already making plans for a bigger and better pool for next February's show. We were a big hit this year, and it looks like they want us back!

2016 Schedule

(updated 25 June 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 - Sunday, August 6 -7, 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>
Sunday, 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>
Saturday, 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 *purple italics* are not club-sponsored events- they are listed here because we felt they may be of interest to our members and friends.

Check the club website for the latest version: **www.marinemodelers.org**