

THE FOGHORN

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

2016-- Our 27th Year!!

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Upcoming Meetings

Saturday, October 15, 2pm - 7pm: Club Picnic and Day/Night run at the Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. Mike Hale is coordinating the food-- let him know if you'll be attending, and if you'll be bringing anything to share.

Sunday, November 13, 1-4pm: Indoor meeting at Frost Farm Village Condominiums in Sudbury, MA. Thanks to Harold Cohen, we'll have use of the Meeting House there. The address is 150 Meeting House Lane, Sudbury, MA. A map and directions will be in next month's Foghorn.

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 Tugs. 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” !

September Meeting Report: Silver Lake

On Sunday, September 25th, we held our planned on-the-water event at Silver Lake in Wilmington. I was away on a work trip, so I wasn't able to attend. Ed Arini took some notes and photos and passed them along. He reports that it was a beautiful day, not too cold and not too hot-- however it was extremely windy, and the Lake's water level was very low. Vinnie and a few others from the area stated that they had never seen the pond this low before.

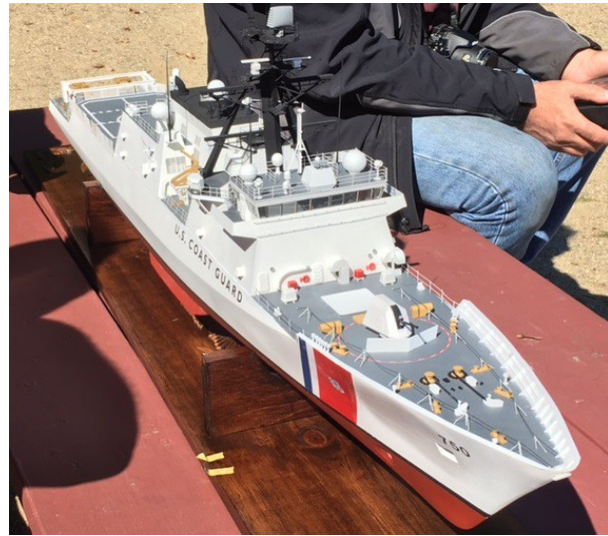


Members in attendance included: Mike Hale, Ed and Linda Arini, Gaspar LaColla, Bob Prezioso, Charles Tebbetts. Eric Bertelsen, Paul Phinney, Shaun Kimball, Vinnie Caccamese, and a small group from the 495th RC Squadron.



Left: Gaspar LaColla works on his USCGC RELIANCE.

Below: Eric Bertelsen's USCGC Bertholf.



Editor's Notes

As mentioned above, I was out of town on a work-related trip the weekend of our event at Silver Lake. I was waaay out of town-- I was in the UK! As it turned out, the customer had some delays, and I ended up with a free weekend there. Since I was by myself, I went looking online for something Scale Boat related that weekend. I lucked out-- I found a club based in the town where I was staying that was holding their annual Night run/Club BBQ that Saturday! I sent an email to see if visitors were welcome, and got a warm response and invitation to join them.

I ended up spending four hours with members of the Brentwood Model Boat Club. The BMBC is an active club, with both a scale contingent and a sail/power racing group. They have two ponds that are pretty close to each other. The event I attended was held by the scale group, at a dedicated scale boating pond.

I was very envious of the facility the BMBC enjoys. They have a dedicated pond that features a permanent navigation course, with a several dozen buoys and other obstacles. They also have a couple of dock areas, and two dedicated launching areas, one with adjacent built-in model tables. Finally, they have a couple of storage sheds to store all their supplies and equipment.



Above: Here is a shot of the pond. You can see part of the nav course, with the part of the "minefield" on the left. On the far shore is one of the two storage sheds, and to the right are the skippers conning platforms.

Below: The launching area with model tables behind. This provided a great way to launch models without having to deal with the steep banks of the pond.





The model of the Wildcat 53 by the UK firm Models By Design was featured in Model Boats Magazine about a year or so ago.

The widely separated props in the two hulls give the boat terrific maneuverability. I got to spend a little stick time with the model and was really impressed at how well it handled.

Rocky Mount, 1/96 scale Fleet Run, Columbus Day Weekend:

As I wrote this, club members Eric Bertelsen and Paul Phinney are on their annual trek to Rocky Mount, North Carolina, for the annual 1/96 RC Model Warship fleet run. This annual event is probably the largest gathering of 1/96 (and 1/100) scale RC ships in the USA. Modelers from all over gather for 3 days to sail their models together.

The other event that is ongoing as I write this is the progress of Hurricane Matthew's progress up the east coast, bringing tons of rains to towns that are well inland. Attendance was down this year, with some having to stay home because of the hurricane, but some modelers decided to go anyways, and hope for the best. Eric says about 30 models made it to the lake this year. I applauded Eric for going, as he was bringing his pair of USCG Cutters, and the Coast Guard doesn't let a little bad weather keep its ships in port!



Left: Eric sent this picture taken on Saturday-- a 1/96 USCG Famous Class Cutter sailing in the hotel parking lot.

Eric sent a couple of pictures from the lake. First there's a picture of his USS William P. Lawrence (DDG-110) and his USCGC Spencer (WMEC-905)....



Below is a picture of the USS Harry Truman (CVN-75), escorted by a pair of DDGs. The Truman is just under 11.5 feet long in 1/96 scale! Pretty impressive when I think that my Nantucket Lightship, at 19 inches LOA, is the same scale!



Finally, I wanted to mention that the Peabody Club is hosting a Model Ship Show at the Torrigan Senior Center on Saturday and Sunday, October 15-16. This is primarily a static model model show.

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.

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