

# ***THE FOGHORN***

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club  
of New England*

**2017-- Our 28th Year!!**

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

**Sunday, March 12, 1-4pm.** Our first indoor meeting of the year, at the UCC Church Hall in Medfield, MA. (Address is 469 Main St.) .

**Sunday, April 16:** Icebreaker Fun Float at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon.

**Friday-Sunday, April 21-23:** Woods Hole Model Boat Show. We will have a club table with a variety of models on display. If you are going to attend, make sure you send in a registration form, and also let Ed Arini know what you're bringing so we get enough club tables.

## **Membership Renewal Time!**

It is time to pay 2017 membership dues. The form is posted on the club website. Dues are \$25. Contact Club Treasurer Ed Arini if you have any questions.

## **Providence Model Boat Show**

Held the weekend of 3-5 February, the Providence Boat Show was another big success for the club!

The popularity of the pool last year led the Show Organizers to move the pool from the back of the hall to the center, next to the bar area. Our club booth was also more centrally located, directly across the aisle from the pool. Originally we only had a 10x10 space, and were a bit concerned about how many models we could accommodate on display. But the week before the show, we got word we were getting a double booth, so we had plenty of room for all the models people wanted to bring.



Above: Our booth, ready for the show to open.

Once again, we shared the pool with a few vendors, primarily the two selling Stand Up Paddleboards (SUP). The schedule was generally a half hour for a vendor demonstration, then a half hour for model boats, then another vendor demo, then our time, etc. We ended up with

about half the time available, and it was up to us to decide whether to sail our models or put the noodle tugs in the water.



Above: The calm before the storm on Friday morning. Taken from the bar area, our booth is behind the far corner of the pool between the two SUP booths.

Our booth was located between the two SUP dealers, so it was easy for us to coordinate our pool times. We were conscious and respectful of the fact that the vendors were paying to be there, and had co-sponsored the pool. They in turn saw how popular we were with the kids and their families, and how we helped draw people to the pool. This made it easy to work together, and to adjust our pool times as needed. If we had a lot of kids, they gave us extra time, and if they had prospective customers, we did likewise.

A great byproduct of this scheduling is that we had plenty of downtime. At Salem, we are “on” the entire day. At the Boat show, there was plenty of time to walk around and see the exhibits, or just relax. It was also nice that we had plenty of “demo” time to sail our own models as a change of pace.

The show opened at noon on Friday, and ran until 8pm. We didn't see many kids at first, which gave us some good sailing time for ourselves, and time to make sure the noodle tugs were in good order. Saturday the show opened at 10 and ran until 8, and was quite busy all day. Sunday hours were 10am to 3 pm. Turnout was lighter, perhaps because it was Super Bowl Sunday.

Members in attendance one or more days included Mike and Jean Hale, Ed and Linda Arini, Bill and Kaja Michaels, Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts, Gaspar and Joanna La Colla, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Shaun Kimball, Willi Zankel, Bill McKeon, and Bob Prezioso. Willi brought 5 noodle tugs, which really saved the day, as two of the club's four tugs failed on Friday with electrical issues.

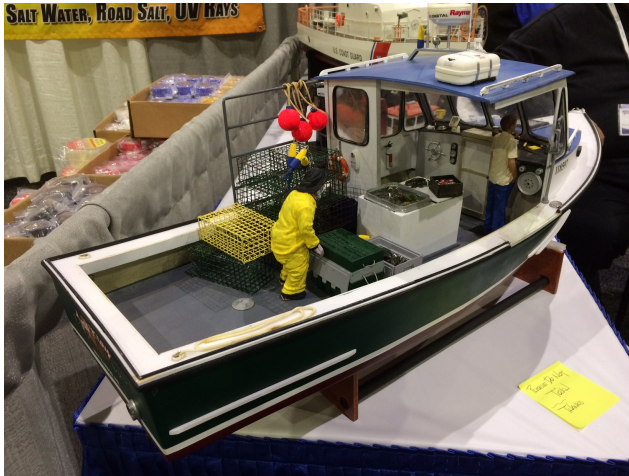


Above: A happy Noodle Tug skipper!

Below: Willi Zankel's Creole Queen was a big hit with the spectators. The model's smoke system was puffing away while the sound system played Dixieland music.



New member Bill McKeon, from Woods Hole, joined us in January. He attended the show, and brought along a couple of nice looking models to add to our club display.



Left: A lobsterboat with an impressive amount of detail. A nice touch was the container of little claw bands used to protect the grumpy lobsters from hurting each other.

Right: The workboat *East Chop* – beautiful detail on this one, too.

Below: Bob Okerholm's Safe Sea on the pool. The folks from Safe Sea were exhibiting at the show, and had the full scale boat on display. The folks from SS cam over to the pond on Sunday, and shot a video of Bob's model going through its paces.





Above: Mike and Jean Hale, in our booth. (Photo courtesy of the RIMTA)

### **Sharon Memorial Park Beach in 2017: Approved!**

In order to get permission from the Town of Sharon to use the park beach in 2017, we had to submit an application and attend a meeting of the Sharon Rec Committee. Charlie Tebbetts attended the meeting, and sent this report:

Last evening we had a very good meeting with the Sharon Recreational Board. Gaspar, Bob, and myself attended the meeting that began at 7 PM. The only concern that the Sharon Board of Recreation had with our boating meets at Lake Massapoag seemed to be - which beach we should be allowed to use during the summer (swimming) months. Gaspar and Bob provided the board with MMC information and spoke about our history and preference for the use of the main beach on Beach Street for our boat meets. With a vote of 5 to 1 (abstention) the Sharon Board of Recreation approved our use of the main beach at Lake Massapoag for this summer. (The one abstention vote was from a board member who arrived late and did not hear the entire board conversation with our group.) The abstention had no problem with our use of Lake Massapoag, but couldn't properly vote without hearing the full conversation.

The Sharon Board of Recreation indicated that we will continue to pay the parking fee during the summer months. They also wanted to be certain that we are an open group and had no

restrictions on membership. Gaspar indicated that our only restriction was that the MMC does not allow the use of gas or fueled boats at our meets, but otherwise we are open to all who wished to join. Gaspar also indicated how our group is liability insured through the SSMA for our boating events – information the board was very pleased to hear. The only other requirement the board had for the MMC was that no dogs are allowed on Sharon beaches during the summer months.

This is good news for the club, and thanks go to Bob, Gaspar, and Charlie for so ably representing us and getting us the access we wanted!

### **Woods Hole Model Boat Show 2017**

The 2017 show will be held on the weekend of April 21-23, 2017. Setup is on Friday afternoon, with the show open to the public on Saturday until 5pm, and on Sunday until 3pm. Model boats will be on display all along the main street through town, including the Historical Society, Library, Community Center, Meeting House, and the lobbies of some of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute buildings. All sorts of model boats will be on display, static and RC, from sailing ships to modern subjects. There are also RC sailboat races all weekend on Eel Pond by the drawbridge. As usual, we'll have a club table for our model displays, in the Community Center.

Exhibitors are given free admission to the show, and are invited to receptions held at the Historical Society on Friday and Saturday evenings after the exhibits close for the day. The registration form is included with this newsletter. Let Ed Arini know if you're going to be attending- he is coordinating our club table.

### **Editor's Notes**

**AMA EXPO East:** Formerly the WRAM Show, the show was taken over by the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) about 6 months ago. While the AMA is all about airplanes, the boat pool was still set up, and SSMA, Empire State, South Orange NJ, and the SubCommittee had booths. The pool was pretty big- I would estimate it as a 30 foot square.

This was my first time attending, so I can't compare it to previous events. But others told me that the number of vendors was down a little, and there were no tanks or cars. Most people seemed to attribute this to the fact that the AMA took it over the show just 5 months before the show date, which likely caused some vendors to not commit to attending. The other AMA Expos are well attended, so hopefully we'll see a larger show next year, now that they'll have a full year to plan it.

I enjoyed the show, and picked up a lot of little stuff, mostly radio and electrical accessories and parts, plus some fittings from the Loyalhanna Dockyard booth.

## 2016 – 2017 Winter Schedule

(updated 3 March 2017)

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Friday-Sunday, February 3-5	Providence Boat Show, Rhode Island Convention Center
<i>Friday-Sunday, February 24-26</i>	<i>AMA Expo East (Formerly the WRAM Show), Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus, NJ</i>
Sunday, March 12, 1-4pm	Indoor Club Meeting UCC Church Hall, Medfield, MA.
Sunday, April 16, 11-2pm	Icebreaker Fun Float, Sharon
Saturday, April 29, 9am-4pm	<i>Northeast Joint Club Ship Model Conference and Show, New London, CT</i>
Friday-Sunday, April 21-23	Woods Hole Model Boat Show
Sunday, May 21, 11-2pm	Fun Float at Silver Lake, Wilmington, MA
Saturday, June 17, 12-3pm	Fun Float at Redd's Pond in Marblehead, MA

**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](http://www.marinemodelers.org)



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Thank you

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We would like to thank you for your commitment to and participation in the 2017 Providence Boat Show. We truly care about your success.

With sincere gratitude from the Show Team!



Owner & Producer of the Providence Boat Show  
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