

THE FOGHORN

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

2017-- Our 28th Year!!

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Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, May 21, 11am-3pm: Fun Float at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA.

Saturday, June 17, 12 – 4pm: Fun Float at Redd's Pond in Marblehead, MA.

Sunday, July 9, 11am – 3pm: Fun Float at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA.

Membership Renewal Time!

It is time to pay 2017 membership dues. The form is posted on the club website, and you can pay using the “Paypal” button on the club website. Dues are \$25. Contact Club Treasurer Ed Arini if you have any questions.

Note: If you are going to use Paypal for your dues, please select “donation” or “send money to friends or family”-- this way, we won't be charged a service fee. If you pay by picking “purchase”, then we lose 3% of your \$25 to the service fee!

Woods Hole Model Boat Show

The Woods Hole Model Boat Show was held the weekend of April 21-23. It was another success, with good turnout of both exhibitors and attendees. Members with models on display on the club tables or elsewhere in the show included: Mike Hale, Bob Okerholm, Bill Michaels, Eric Bertelsen, Shaun Kimball, Charlie Tebbetts, Ed and Linda Arini, and Lou Hills. Bill McKeon was out of town, but lives in the area, and had his son bring in his lobster boat for the commercial fishing exhibit. Member Alan Beeber didn't have any models on display, but did make the trip down the show on Saturday.

Jennifer Gaines, the Show Director, sent the following:

Dear Exhibitors,

Before another day goes by, I want to be sure to get a message of thanks out to all of you for being a part of our Show (which seems to have become a village-wide festival !).

You were great! Your boats were great! Your talks were great! And your conviviality and collegiality were tops!

As we have always said "We couldn't have done it without you!" and we believe that, and thank you most heartily. Thanks to all of you for coming and being part of the 11th Biennial Woods Hole Model Boat Show. It was wonderful, thanks to you!

Best wishes,
Jennifer



Left: Sailboat racing on Eel Pond.

A variety of classes were sailed over the course of the weekend.

A view of the MBL Club, with some of our models. The first table has Eric Bertelsen's models, the second table has Mike Hale's boats, and the third table has Charlie Tebbetts and Bob Okerholm's boats. In the nook off to the right, you can see Bill and Rita from Piel Craftsmen, in their booth.



Setup was on Friday afternoon, with the show open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, closing at 3pm. Model boats were on display all along Water 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 were on display, both static and RC, from sailing ships to modern subjects. There were also RC sailboat races all weekend on Eel Pond by the drawbridge-- this year they were blessed with some decent winds.

Left: USCGC Mellon and USCGC Bertholf. In the background are Mike Hale and Ed Arini, manning the club tables with more of our models.

In the lobby of one of the WHOI (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute) buildings, there was an exhibit dedicated to commercial fishing. There were a number of fine models there, including MMC member Bill McKeon's lobster boat.



Above: A pair of fine fishing boats from the Chesapeake Bay area. On the left is a Skipjack, and on the right is a Sharpie Schooner.

Right: Bill McKeon's *Trap Play*.



IceBreaker Fun Float in Sharon

On Sunday, April 30, we held our first on-the-water event in Sharon. Members in attendance included Ed and Linda Arini, Bill Michaels, Shaun Kimball, Charlie Tebbets, Arthur Perlmutter, Sean Sales, and Mike Hale. The weather lived up to the forecast-- it was sunny when we got started at 11am, but then clouded over as the day progressed. The float ended a little early when the rain started a few minutes before 2pm.

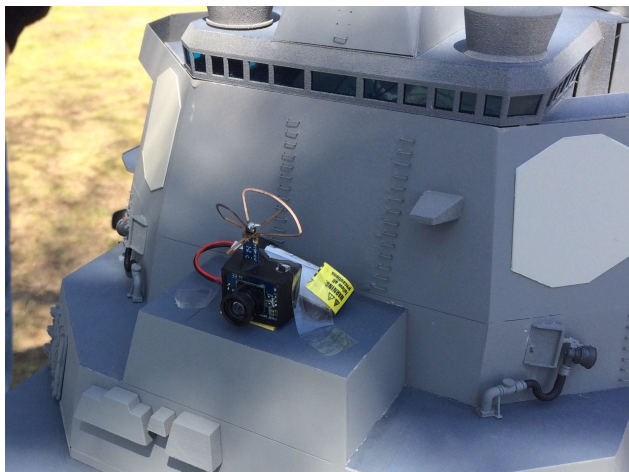


Shawn Kimball brought along a new dock system he is working on. The design is modular, with small eye screws at the joints. Metal rods are inserted through the eyes and into the bottom, connecting the sections and anchoring the unit in place. Since the float, Shawn has painted the dock sections, and added foam rub rails.

Arthur Perlmutter brought along his tug, and made the most of the sunshine while it lasted.....



Charlie Tebbetts brought along what I think is either a new lobster boat, or a boat with a new power plant. It is modeled after the boats used in Maine for the annual Lobsterboat races. The boat features a powerful brushless motor, and really looked great on the water.



Shaun Kimball mounted a FPV (First-Person View) camera on his Burke class Destroyer. The camera sends the video to the goggles, so he has the view from the model. These systems were originally developed for use in RC aircraft, so they have virtually no lag. Shawn reports that the system works well, but can only be used in calm waters, as too much bouncing around by the boat leads to a video that will induce motion sickness.

Your editor brought along his Dumas USCG 36 foot Motor Lifeboat. The kit was backdated to be the 36500 from the *SS Pendleton* rescue in 1952, as told in the book and movie “The Finest Hours.” This was the model's maiden voyage.



The Float came to an early end, when the rain moved in. Every one packed up and headed out. Linda Arini is manning the umbrella, as she and Ed head for the truck.



Editor's Notes

Joint High Speed Vessel: The JHSV is a newest supply ship coming into service to support US forces. The ships are catamarans, and are designed to be able to operate in shallow water, with two water-jet systems in each hull for propulsion.

This vessel is now available in model form. Eric Bertelsen (Homeport Model Ships) has been working on an RC version, with scale water-jet propulsion. Eric reports that he has three 1/96 scale hulls available for sale. The model will be about 42 inches long. Contact Eric at HomePort Model Ships for more information....



Left: USNS Spearhead (JHSV-1) Right: Displacement testing the hull.

Arthur Perlmutter sent in the a comic he saw in the paper several months ago:



For Sale

1/96 scale USS Massachusetts Battleship fiberglass hull. Best Offer- contact Eric Bertelsen at www.homeportmodels.com .

2016 – 2017 Spring Schedule

(updated 28 March 2017)

DATE	EVENT
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.
Friday-Sunday, April 21-23	Woods Hole Model Boat Show
<i>Saturday, April 29, 9am-4pm</i>	<i>Northeast Joint Club Ship Model Conference and Show, New London, CT</i>
Sunday, April 30, 11-3pm	Icebreaker Fun Float, Memorial Park Beach, Sharon
Sunday, May 21, 11-3pm	Fun Float at Silver Lake, Wilmington, MA
Saturday, June 17, 12-4pm	Fun Float at Redd's Pond in Marblehead, MA
<i>Sunday, June 25, 8am – 6 pm</i>	<i>Empire State Model Ship Club Regatta, Flushing, NY.</i>
Sunday, July 9, 11am - 3pm	Fun Float at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon
Saturday-Sunday, Aug 5-6	Salem Maritime Festival weekend.
Sunday, August 20, 11-3 pm	Fun Float at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon
Sunday, Sept. 17, 11am-3pm	Fun Float at Silver Lake in Wilmington
Saturday, Oct. 14, 2-7pm	Day/Night run and Club Picnic at Memorial Park Beach
Sunday, Nov.12, 1-4 pm	Indoor Meeting at UCC Church Hall in Medfield, MA
Sunday, December xx	Holiday Dinner, location and date TBD

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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www.marinemodelers.org