

THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2017-- Our 28th Year!!

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 12, 1 - 4 pm: Indoor meeting at the UCC Church Hall in Medfield, MA. The following items are on the agenda:

- Election of club officers for 2018;
- Show and Tell of members' projects;
- Swap Meet
- Arduino programmable chip demo by Bill Michaels

Sunday, December 3, 12-4 pm: Annual Holiday Dinner at Cafe Prezo Grill and Bar in Milford, MA. Social hour starts at noon, with dinner at 1:30pm. Menu will be similar to last year's, with any changes to be finalized at the November meeting. Cost is \$25 per person. As always, we will have some door prizes to give out to the attendees-- let the club officers know if you have anything you'd like to donate.

You need to get payment to Ed Arini to reserve a spot. The due date is typically 10 days before the event, but the actual deadline date will be announced at the meeting, and also sent out via email. It would be a big help of you just brought your checkbook to the November meeting....

Day/Night Cookout and Fun Float

I wasn't able to attend the event, so I don't have much info to report. Ed Arini reported that the following members attended: Bob and Linda Okerholm, George Gargano, Bob Prezioso, Ed and Linda Arini, Mike and Jean Hale, and Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts. Ed said the food was good, and the weather and sailing conditions were terrific. He said that when dusk came, the lake was flat calm.

We did have one calamity-- Mike Hale's Jet-Ski sank! Mike reports: "My larger Jet-Ski WaveShark was sitting between the other boats and I when I went to move it, it jerked sideways and went over on its side. I went out in the water to get it and just before I got there- three feet away- it sank to the bottom. The lights stayed on so I was able to reach down and grab it. The receiver had to be replaced but the rest of the systems were fine after they dried out."

George Gargano mounted a camera in his tug and shot a long video of the boats in action. You can watch it by going to this link: <https://youtu.be/prGJQtYHKdk> Mike Hale pointed out that you can see his Jet Ski sinking-- it is at about the 13:44 mark.

Charlie Tebbetts sent me some photos from the event.....



North Carolina Fleet Run

Club member Shaun Kimball made the trip to Rocky Mount, North Carolina for this year's 1/96 – 1/100 scale fleet gathering. The event was held the weekend of 14-15 October. Last year's event was a washout due to the hurricane, but Shaun reported that this year the weather was great. There was a record-setting 81 ships present, all in the common scale of 1/96 to 1/100. While warships predominate, there are also non military vessels present.

Shaun sent along a bunch of photos-- I have room for a few here.....



Left: William Blackmore's USS Maine (Armored Cruiser No. 1), later designated a "Second Class Battleship"-- the designation she had at the time of her loss in Havana Harbor in 1898.

Below: Three Frigates and a Destroyer at the docks.



Editor's Notes

Election Time: The November meeting is when we typically get together to elect the same core of people to the various offices. Maybe it is time for some new blood? If you're at all interested in helping out or taking a term, please contact one of the incumbents-- we'll tell you all sorts of lies about how easy it is. (Kidding-- it really isn't very hard!)

2018 Schedule: In January, the club officers will be getting together to build out a draft schedule of events to present to the membership in February. If you have ideas on ways to improve the schedule, please share with any or all of the officers. While we are always looking for new ideas, please keep in mind the following:

The reality is that an idea that starts with "The Club officers should do XYZ..." is not as well received as one that starts with "We could do XYZ-- I checked, and "X" can be found here, and "Y" and "Z" should be easy enough to do if a couple of us work on it."

November is Shopping Month! The Merrimac Valley Ship Modelers are having their annual auction on Saturday, November 11th, and we have a swap meet planned as part of our meeting on Sunday the 12th.

Providence Boat Show: We have confirmation from the show organizers that we will be invited back to the 2018 show. (They had been waiting to first confirm that they would have the pool.) The show will be held on February 2-4, 2018, at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, RI. We hope to have more details on the 2018 show at the November club meeting.

Room for one more picture: A really nice NS Savannah, by builder unknown. NS Savannah was the first nuclear-powered merchant ship. Built in the late 1950s, funded by United States government agencies, Savannah was a demonstration project for the potential use of nuclear energy. Launched on July 21, 1959, and named after SS Savannah, the first steamship to cross the Atlantic ocean, she was in service between 1962 and 1972 as one of only four nuclear-powered cargo ships ever built. (Shaun Kimball photo.)



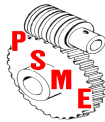
2017 Schedule

(updated 9 Sept 2017)

DATE	EVENT
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
<i>Saturday, Nov. 11, 8-11am</i>	<i>Merrimac Valley Ship Modelers annual Auction, Newburyport, MA</i>
Sunday, Nov.12, 1-4 pm	Indoor Meeting at UCC Church Hall in Medfield, MA
Sunday, December 3, 12-4pm	Holiday Dinner, Prezo Grill and Bar, Milford, 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.

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