

THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2018-- Our 29th Year!!

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 29: 11am – 3pm: Icebreaker Fun Float in Sharon, MA. This is our first on-the-water event of the season. We'll be at the Memorial Park Beach on Lake Massapoag.

Sunday, May 20: 11am – 3pm: Fun Float in Sharon, MA. We'll be at Memorial Park Beach on Lake Massapoag. Special Event: Balloon Busting.

2018 Membership Dues

It is that time of year-- time to pay your 2018 dues! The membership form is attached to this issue of the Foghorn, and is also available on the club website. You can pay Mike Hale in person at the next meeting, mail us a check, or use PayPal. (Use the PayPal button on the main page of the club website.)

Dues are \$25 per year. If you need the form, you can find it on the club website.

Welcome Aboard!

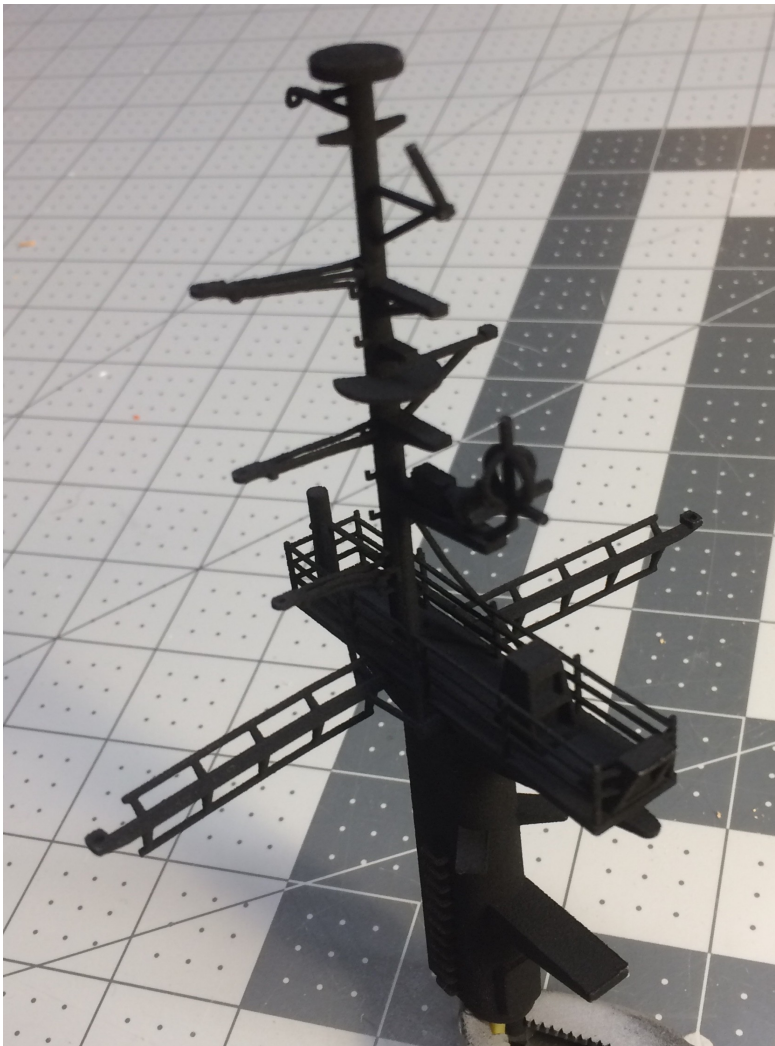
To new member John Ruggiero, of Salem, NH. John joined at the March meeting.

March Meeting Report

Due to travel for work, I wasn't able to attend the March meeting. Fortunately, Mike Hale and Charlie Tebbetts send me some notes...

The meeting was well attended. Members in attendance included: Charlie Tebbetts, Mike Hale, Gaspar and Joanne LaColla, Alan Beeber, Frank Cook, Shaun Kimball, Bob Okerholm, Bob Prezioso, Willi Zankel, Bill Partridge, Don Murray, and new member John Ruggiero.

The 2018 season events schedule was discussed, and some changes were made. Normally we to Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA in May-- but we moved that to the lake in Sharon, as the bathhouse facilities are not going to be available. We also have a new venue for our July event-- Lake Nippinicket in Bridgewater, MA.



The highlight of the meeting was the presentation by Eric Bertelsen on 3-D printing and using a Laser Cutter to make parts for model boats. Every day it seems like there are more and more items for RC boaters available via ShapeWays and other sources. I wasn't there, but I do have some of Eric's 3-D designed parts on hand.

Here is an example of what can be done with 3-D printing-- this is the mast assembly for a 1/96 scale USCG Bear class Cutter. The entire mast assembly was printed as a single piece, and weighs next to nothing! This is just one of many items that Eric has designed, that are available for purchase on Shapeways.com. (And Eric is just one of many, many designers with model ship fittings!)

2018 Schedule Preview

The 2018 Schedule is posted on the club website, and is also highlighted here. Since we have a some new members, it seems like a good idea to provide some more detail about some of our events:

May 20th: Normally, this event is held at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA. Normally we have access to the bath house, but it won't be available to us this time, so we decided to move the event to the lake in Sharon. We are planning to do a balloon bust as a special event.

The balloon bust is a timed event. Skippers attach a pin to the bow of their boat. A balloon is moored offshore. The boat starts at the water's edge. When the clock starts, the boat dashes out to the balloon, and makes as many passes as necessary to pop it. Once the balloon pops, the bot returns to shore and the clock is stopped. Low time wins.

June 10th: We will be at Redd's pond in Marblehead, MA. Redd's pond was created as a model boat pond in the late 1800s, for pond sailers. The pond is currently used most weekends for RC sailboat racing, run by the Marblehead Model Yacht Club. (The club traces its roots on Redd's to 1892!) The pond is a perfect venue for RC boats. While the there most weekends, they only sail in the morning-- they are usually finished by noon.

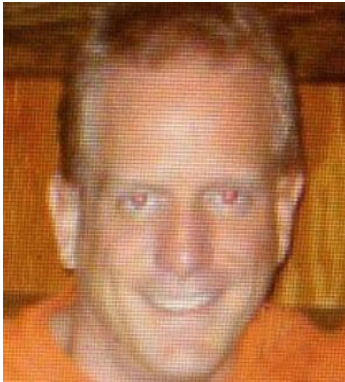
In July, we're going to a new venue-- Lake Nippinicket in Bridgewater, MA. The boat launch ramp and parking area is at 1 Lakeshore Drive. There is a large parking lot with a good sized picnic area. Short walk from parking lot curb to beach path entrance. Bring chairs and tables if needed. Once boats and tables are off loaded to the beach, vehicles should be parked in parking lot spots.

In August, we have been invited back to the Salem Maritime Festival. It is a two-day event again this year. We'll have a tent with tables to display our models. We bring the club's portable pool and the fleet of Noodle Tugs. We are a very popular exhibitor, and are usually busy all day long. We need lots of help to cover the two days-- we need models to exhibit and people to help manage the tugs on the pool. The event is held on Derby Wharf, so it is close to downtown Salem. Family members often attend, too, as there is a lot to do on a nice weekend day in Salem! You can read more about past events by looking at the back issues of the Foghorn posted on the club website-- look for September issues.

Club Picnic: On August 26th, we will have a fun float and club picnic at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon. Charlie has talked to the Sharon Recreation Dept and confirmed that the Town swim beach program ends on the previous weekend, This means there will not be lifeguards at the swim beach, and no gate attendants to charge non-Sharon residents. We will do a pot-luck picnic, and encourage spouses and families to attend.

In Memorium- Craig Johnston

Craig Michael Johnston, 48, of Manchester, NH, passed away unexpectedly in his home on March 14, 2018. He was born in Boston, MA on November 8, 1969. He graduated from Manchester Memorial High School in 1987, and received his Associates Degree from New Hampshire Technical Community College. He worked as a Physical Scientist at the US Department of Interior.



He loved the water, and his favorite hobby was building model US Warships. (He was working on a 1/96 scale USS Iowa class Battleship.)

He leaves behind his father Ronald and his wife Donna Johnston of Dedham, MA; his mother Simonne and her husband Joseph Grimard of Weare, NH; step brothers Joseph Grimard III of Derry, NH, and Dan Stevens of Dedham, MA; sisters Jodee Volpe of Manchester, NH, and Karen Shepard of Candia, NH; as well as several uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Craig had been a club member for a few years. He was often seen at Eric Bertlesen's workshop in Beverly, and often joined us for impromptu sailing session on Redd's Pond. Eric and Paul Phinney are helping the family find new homes for Craig's boats-- see elsewhere in this issue for some For Sale items.

Editor's Notes

MakeIt Lab in Nashua: Eric Bertlesen and I both recently joined the MakeIt Lab in Nashua, NH.

MakeIt Labs is New Hampshire's first community workshop (a.k.a makerspace or hackerspace), and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. They opened in 2010 to give makers a place to dream, learn, and create with other like-minded people. They host an open house every Thursday evening from 6PM-9PM.

Members have 24x7 access to a 12,000 sq.ft. facility (a former furniture factory) which is divided into many distinct areas such as the electronics and computer lab, wood shop, machine shop, welding & metal fabrication shop, automotive garage bay, rapid prototyping areas, classrooms, meeting spaces, lounge, kitchen, etc. They have an impressive array of equipment, though you may have to attend a class session to learn how to operate some of them before you can use them. (Eric and I are taking the class this week to get checked out on the laser printer.)

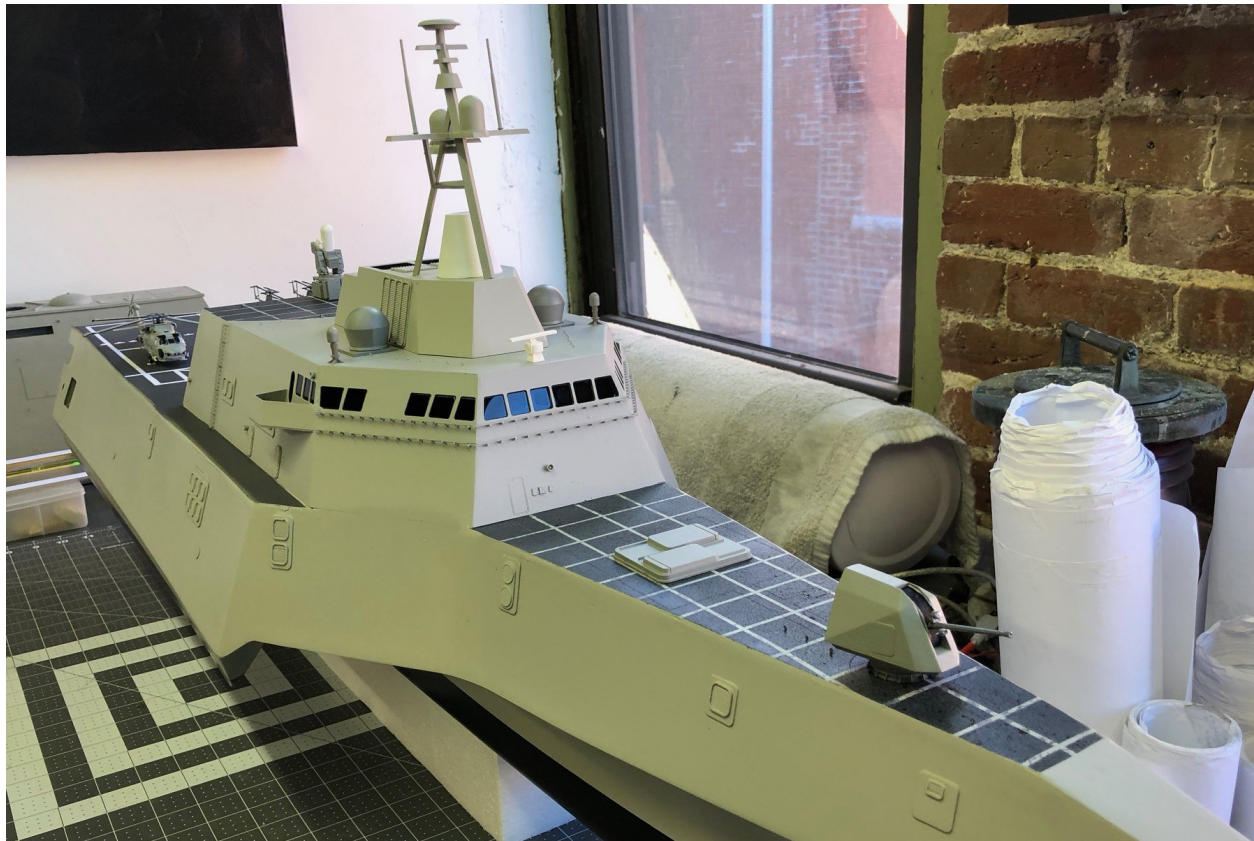
Of interest to model boaters, they have a big laser printer, multiple 3D printers, and a full wood shop. They also have a lot of members who are working on robotics, Arduino programmable chips, and electronics/animation projects.

USS Manchester LCS-14 Commissioning

Eric Bertelsen sent in some information about the upcoming formal commissioning ceremony of the USS Manchester. Named for the city in New Hampshire, the Manchester is the 14th ship in the Navy's new LCS (Littoral Combat Ship) class. The commissioning ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 26, at the New Hampshire State Pier off Market Street in Portsmouth, NH.

Members of the public interested in attending the commissioning ceremony can visit www.ussmanchester.org to sign up for tickets.

We at Homeport Models are in progress at building our first LCS 2 Independence class for the commissioning presentation. We are working on detailing this 1/96 scale model, and are going to be presenting it to the city of Manchester in early May. This model will be on display in Manchester City Hall in early June.



Classified Ads:

Dremel Scroll saw. This saw is 40 years old, and looks it. There are some rust spots on the table but it runs and cuts well. **Free** to a good home. If I can find the flexible shaft assembly, you can have that too! Contact Bill Michaels if interested.

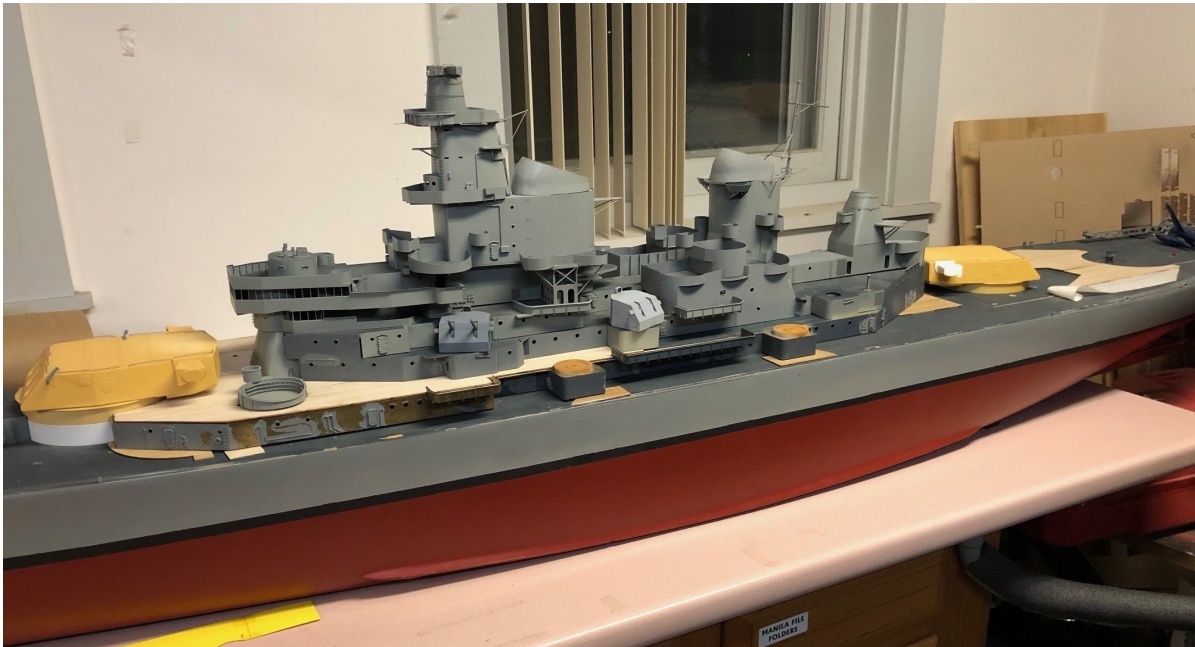
Hello Fellow Captains!

I wanted to reach out to sell a few things from my private collection, and some for a friend. If you are interested, please email me at eric@homeportmodels.com or 781-526-5468.

For Sale: 1/96 scale Iowa Battleship

Asking \$2000 or best offer

I have a battleship from a friend of mine that I am looking to a new home port. This ship is about 80% complete with 3D parts, fittings, engines installed, animated parts and so on. It is a must see and I would like to move this soon since its so large! I wanted to offer it to my club first before going out on the web sites to keep it close. Please let me know if you want to see any more photos or arrange pick up.



Working Naval Signal Light, restored

Asking \$2500 or best offer

I have a naval signal light, which is really bright since it was built to be seen over 10 plus miles. I have one extra bulb to go with this lamp. Would look great in an office or on a desk. This is not a plastic or thin metal one from china. This is a real, very heavy light. (I believe this is standard US Navy 12 inch signal light – Ed.)

1/48 scale 225 Foot Coast Guard Buoy Tender
Asking \$850 or best offer

I have a 50% built buoy tender that I started but it is not my scale. This is a working model and I have some of the parts. The structure is built but not sanded. The ship is about 4 feet long and runs great. I am selling this ship since it is not in my scale, and I have a lot of other ships to build. Please let me know if you have any questions.

