

THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2018-- Our 29th Year!!

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Upcoming Events

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

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.

Sunday, June 10: 12pm – 4pm: Fun Float 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 RC sailers are there most weekends, they only sail in the morning-- they are usually finished by noon.

2018 Membership Dues

Have you paid your 2018 Dues yet? Dues are \$25 per year. If you need the form, you can find it on the club website.

April Meeting Report

This was our first planned on-the-water event of the season. The weather forecast was grim, with heavy showers for most of the region. (Here in New Hampshire, it poured pretty much all day long.) But a few hardy souls made it to the lake: Charlie Tebbetts, Mike Hale, George Gargano, and John Cooper.

Charlie sent a brief report and a couple of pictures:

The rain showers cleared out of the area by 12:30. The flat calm waters turned into a breezy chop with the sun peeking through around 1pm. We got to use some of our boats, but it was rather rough going. Looking forward to a bit warmer and smoother event in May...!

George Gargano (L) and Mike Hale after the rain stopped.



Charlie Tebbetts had a successful test of his new DE Lobster Boat with lady Captain:



Other 2018 Planned Events:

In July, we're going to a new venue-- Lake Nipponicket 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.

Editor's Notes

Adventures in Laser Cutting: I mentioned last month that Eric Bertlesen and I both recently joined the MakeIt Lab in Nashua, NH. I've been having a lot of fun learning how to use the laser cutter. The cutter is big-- it can take material up to about 4 feet square! Eric was using it to cut GatorBoard deck and superstructure parts. I started small-- cutting some 1/16 scale liferings out of a sheet of orange-colored acrylic.

Woodworkers will tell you they make expensive sawdust. I'm now qualified to make expensive smoke! (Tuning the power and cutting speed of the laser to get the desired results is bit of an art- it is easy to waste material. You learn quickly to make lots of small test cuts before committing to doing a large sheet of material!)

May Meeting: May is always a tough month for me- and once again, I won't be able to attend the May Fun Float. Hopefully, some of the attendees will take some pictures and send them along....

USS Manchester LCS-14 Commissioning

Last month, I mentioned that Eric Bertelsen and Paul Phinney (aka Homeport Model Ships) were building a 1/96 scale (display) model for 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.

The model is now complete, and has been presented to the city of Manchester. This model will be on display in Manchester City Hall in early June.



Classified Ads:

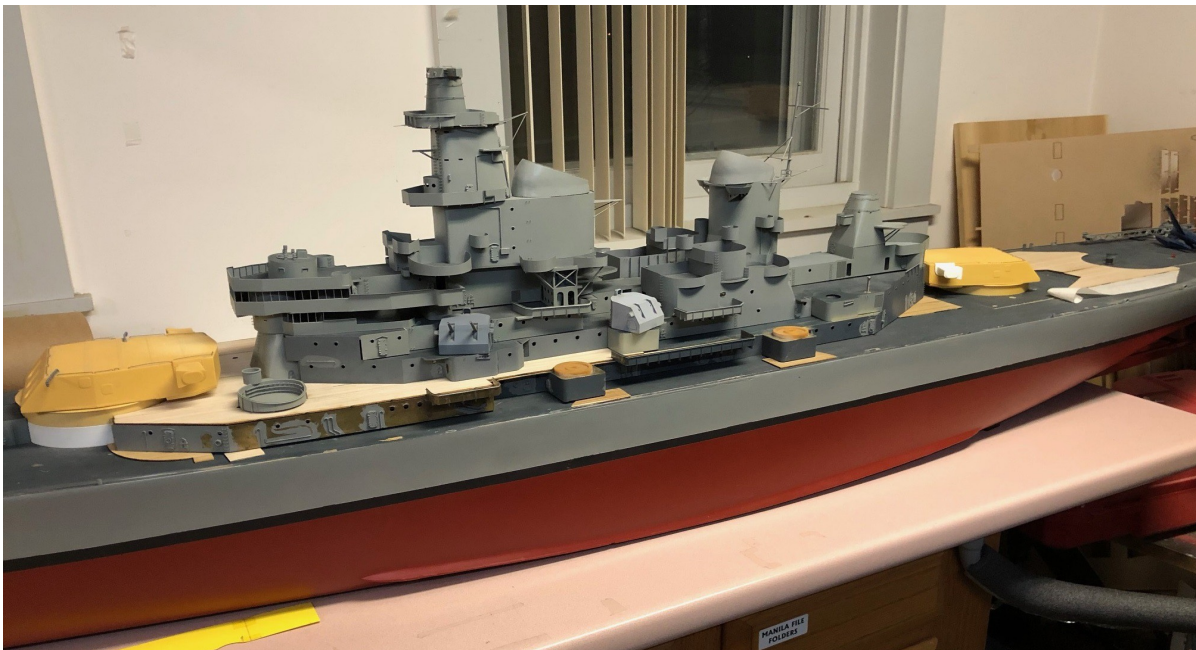
Hello Fellow Captains!

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.

