



THE FOGHORN

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of New England*

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 20, 11am – 3pm: Fun Float at Lake Nippinicket in Bridgewater, MA.

We are going to a new venue-- Lake Nippinicket in Bridgewater, MA. We will be using the boat launch ramp and parking area that is at 1 Lakeshore Drive. There is a large parking lot with a good sized picnic area. It is a short walk from the parking lot curb to the 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.

Saturday-Sunday, August 4-5: Salem Maritime Festival. It is a two-day event again this year. We'll have a tent with tables to display our models, as always, and we will 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.

Hours are 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, and 11 am to 4pm on Sunday. We need lots of help to cover the two days-- we need to set up the pool Saturday at 8am, and tear down the pool on Sunday at the end of the show. We also need models to exhibit and people to help manage the tugs used by the kids on the pool.

Sunday, August 26: We will have a fun float and club picnic at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon.

June Meeting Report

Because Redds Pond was still algae-infested. We had to move the event to Milford Lake in Milford, MA. The weather cooperated and we had a nice day. Members attending included Mike Hale, Gaspar LaColla, Ed and Linda Arini, Shaun Kimball, Bill Michaels, Bob Prezioso, and Charlie Tebbetts.



Milford Lake was also rather weedy in places, though there was still a lot of open water. There was a clear channel from the boat launch ramp out to the open water, but was weedy along the sides.

Shaun's Destroyer got stuck about 30 feet offshore, and Mike Hale's tug pushed him in. When Shaun pulled the model out of the water, it was pretty clear why the model had gotten stuck..



Here is Mike Hale's Pro Boats "Alpha Patrol Boat". This ready-to-run model is only 21 inches long, and is powered by two water jets. The model really moved out!

The main event at this float was the presence of Paul Jermain. Paul has produced Smart Boating, a boating-related TV show for public access cable TV Stations since 2006. Over that time, he created 194 TV shows on everything from Hurricane Protection to Model Boats. (In 2013, he came to the Spring Float in Sharon and interviewed several of us.) Paul said the show came out well, and it was nice publicity for the Club. You can still see that episode on the show's website-- <https://smartboatingus.com/sbtv/131/>



Paul felt it was time to do another show on RC boats, so he joined us at Milford Lake. He interviewed most of the members present, talking to us about the hobby and our particular models.

Left: Paul interviews Charlie.

This new episode is now available online as well: Charlie Tebbetts reports that he was able to view the video online at

<https://smartboatingus.com/sbtv/195/> and was also able to save it to his computer with “Smart Vid” – a free online video downloader.

Below: Paul getting ready to interview Gaspar LaColla about his USCGC Monomoy.



Joint Fun Float with the Maine Club

The Mid Coast RC Boat Modelers (otherwise known as the DownEast Radio Control Shipmodelers) and The Marine Modelers Club of New England held a joint RC Scale Fun Float at Roger's Pond Park in Kennebunk, ME, on Wednesday June 20th.

The organizers of this event went looking for a pond that was roughly equidistant between Bath and Boston, and found a great location in Kennebunk, Maine. It is a lovely site-- There is a large shaded pavilion about 50 feet from the water, with lots of picnic tables. The pond is surrounded by trees set back a bit. The park offers parking close to the water, and you can even drive up to the edge of the water to unload.

The weather was terrific, and we had a great turnout. There were 21 skippers and over 30 models at the event. From our club, we had Gaspar and Joanne LaColla, Shaun Kimball, Bill and Kaja Michaels, John Ruggiero, and Don Murray in attendance.

The Maine guys had reserved the pavilion for the whole day. Most of our members attending drove up late morning, to arrive around noon. Everyone had a great time-- and we all agreed this could be a great annual event.

Don Murray took a bunch of great photos-- here are some of the highlights:
Below; Jonathan Eno, of Union, Maine, getting his 1/48 scale USS Eastwind ready to go.



Here are a few of the skippers at the pond:



Below: Tim Meyers' Pushboat and barge.





Left: Here is a shot of Shaun's Destroyer, taken from the camera in the pilothouse of my Springer tug.

Don sent far too many great shots to use here, and Shaun and I also took some. With their permission, I have put them all into a gallery and posted them online for everyone to see:

<https://billmichaels.smugmug.com/Bills-Stuff/n-BBtmQS/Kennebunk-June-2018>

Editor's Notes

Kennebunk Fun Float: Everyone who attended last month's event had a great time, and we all want to do it again. There was a lot of interest in making it an annual event-- that is something the Officers will be discussing come next winter's planning meeting.

Traveling with boats: I have always been one to carefully load my models into the car, protecting them with towels and blankets so they don't shift around. But one the way home from Maine, that wasn't enough-- something in the back of the shifted and fell over on my boat, knocking the windshield off. It was easy enough to repair the damage once I got home, but that was a wake-up call!

I decided it was time to build a proper model box for my USCG Lifeboat. Some of our members have some nice boxes-- Charlie has a great one for his big Texaco tug. Bob Okerholm has several beautiful boxes for his models. I decided to build one, using mostly quarter inch plywood. I don't need one as big and sturdy as Charlie's, nor will my box be as finely crafted as Bob's, but I am looking forward to having a proper box to make it safer to get my model to events and home again in one piece!