



THE FOGHORN

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In Memorium

Eduardo Arini, 1952 - 2018

Our good friend and founding member of the MMC passed away on July 9th. In the last decade, Ed served as MMC Commander in 2010 and 2011; and as Treasurer from 2013 – on.
See below for more....

Upcoming Events

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. **Please contact Mike Hale to let him know when you'll be there!**

Sunday, August 26, 10am to 3pm: We will have a fun float and club picnic at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon. Theme is "Sailboat Day", but all models are of course welcome. Look for an email in a week or two to confirm the food arrangements...

Ed Arini

Ridge White spoke at Ed's funeral, and shared some great memories. Some excerpts:

I first met Ed about 28 years ago when a group of us like-minded modelers talked about forming a club. With his input and that of several others, we formed the MMCNE. Ed quickly became one of the most active members, on many levels. HE was almost always an officer of the club in one capacity or another, including Commander.

All of this is background for my saying that I grew to know Ed well, because for the next 14 years I wrote the club newsletter, and it was a rare issue that didn't have a mention of Ed.

Ed had a sense of humor. I quote from a newsletter in 1995: “When you thought all was going well, and were down by the shore to catch as close a look as possible, you may not have known that Ed Arini....was turning the nozzle of his fire boat on your shorts....”

I have a theory about why Ed was such a force. As we know, Ed was a full-bodied fellow who, if he had been a vessel, would certainly have been a tugboat. He liked to push, to pull, usually gently, always with your best interests in mind. For instance, on more than one occasion, when a model was disabled on the pond, with no rescue dinghy, Ed would wade into the water, through tweeds or lilly pads, sometimes up to his armpits, to rescue the stricken craft.

Ed built a lobsterboat, the Linda M., named after a very important person in his life. The boat's blue hull, white boot top, and red bottom were eye-catching, and the the level of detail was excellent. Linda was called upon to christen the new model boat named in her honor, but could not locate an appropriately scaled champagne bottle – 1” tall” so she settled instead on a tugboat-shaped cookie, which crumbled conveniently on impact with the bow”



Salem Maritime Festival, 2010.

Ed Arini Photo Gallery:

Ed was a founding member of the club, and one of our most active members. Here's a few shots from old newsletters.....



Left: 2011 Regatta Director Ed giving Stan Barnes an award.

Right: 2006 Salem Maritime Festival. For as long as I can remember, Ed always manned the repair desk, working all day long to keep the tugs in service.



Above: Cohasset, 2009. Left: Ed and Linda sailing together. Right-- Ed, Arthur, and Steve.

June Meeting Report



We tried a new venue in July: Lake Nipinicket in Bridgewater, MA. The weather cooperated - it was sunny, hot, but not humid-- a classic July nice day. The breeze was light, and the water was quite calm. Members attending included Alan Beeber, Mike Hale, Shaun Kimball, Bill Michaels, Bob Prezioso, Frank Cook, and Charlie Tebbetts.

Access to the lake was easy, we were next to the public boat ramp. The water was warm, weed free, and and easy to access. There was a bit a shade available, too!

Here we see (front to back) Frank, Charlie, Mike, and Shaun.



Shaun's modular dock system was taken over by the tugs. From left to right we have Mike's Atlantic, Shaun's USCGC Goliath, and Bill's Springer.

Editor's Notes

I'll close this issue with one final photo....

Below: Ed's Lobsterboat, the "Linda M."



Fair winds and following seas to our friend.....