

THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2020-- Our 30th Year!!

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 17th, 9am – 3 pm: Nashua Model Yacht Club Fun Float at Sandy Pond in Nashua, NH. Note The Nashua MYC is holding a fun sailing day. The theme is “Schooners and Classic Boats”, but all models except go-fast types are welcome. To that end, they have invited MMC members to come sail with them! BYO lunch.

Sunday, November 15, 1-3 pm: Virtual indoor meeting, using “Zoom” video conferencing. The details will be sent via email.

The December Holiday Dinner has been canceled.

New Member Welcome

A hearty “Welcome Aboard” to our newest member, **Bruce Murray**, of Winchester, MA.

Bruce is building a 1/200 scale model of the WW2 German Battleship Bismarck- he is converting the Trumpeter plastic model to RC. He has a build thread going on the RCGroups.com Scale Boats forum-- here is the link:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3728075-A-Trumpeter-Bismarck-1-200#post45612231>

October Day/Night Run

Charlie Tebbetts sent in the following report:

The 2020 Day/Night Sail was fairly well attended. Mike Hale, Frank Cook, Linda Arini, Arthur Purlmutter and his wife, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Bob Prezioso, Shaun Kimball, prospective member Jerry Trahan, Dave, Kim and Laney Tebbetts, Bonnie and Charlie Tebbetts all came to enjoy a mild & calm afternoon at lake Massapoag.

Bob P. brought his newest builds – a rebuilt 14” double cockpit gentlemen’s runabout and his “new age high tech” billionaires yacht. Also, Jerry Trahan got his Happy Hunter ocean going tug in for her maiden voyage. The Happy Hunter’s voyage was a good success considering Jerry had just put the finishing touches on her at 3 AM that morning!

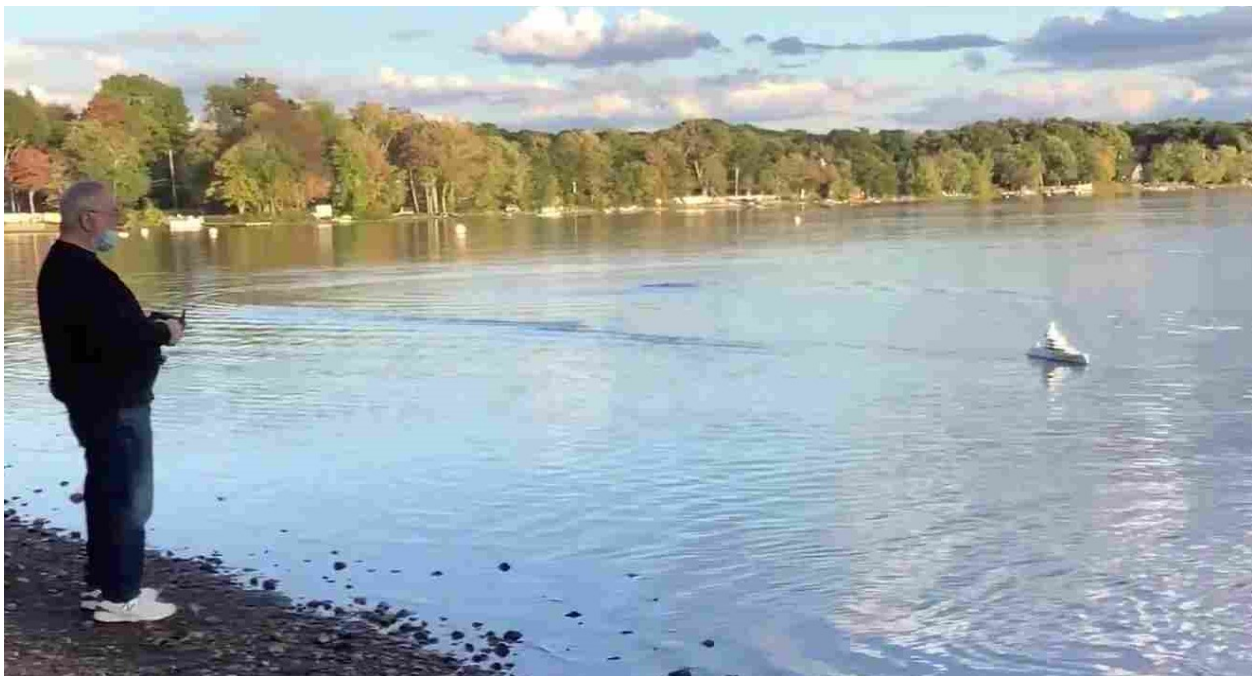
Below: Shaun Kimball and his tug “Golaith”.



Charlie launching his Lobsterboat with Bob Prezioso in the background...



Below: Bob Prezioso putting his Mega Yacht through its paces....



New Home for Homeport Model Ships

Clubmembers Eric Bertelsen and Paul Phinney are happy to announce that Homeport Model Ships has moved! The new workshop is in Peabody, MA, and is a much larger space than the old one. The new shop has two levels, with a large work area and display area. The upper level has room to store a lot of large hulls, and space for drawings and computer workstations.



September Navigation Course

On September 13th, we held our Navigation Course event as planned at the lake in Sharon. Last year's event was a blowout-- with strong winds and high seas. This year, the weather was more accommodating, with a strengthening wind as the day wore on. The seas were a little rough as a result, but not bad enough to endanger the models, and the winds made the course a bit more of a challenge! Members attending were Charlie Tebbetts, Shaun Kimball, Frank Cook, Bob Prezioso, Linda Arini, Johanna and Bob Okerholm, visitor Jerry Trahan, and later-to-become-a-member Bruce Murray. Charlie provided the placement standings, based on Class:

Class C - Model length 30 – 40”

Shaun’s tug Goliath with 0 points @ 5 minutes – 36 seconds

Bill’s USCG Lifeboat 36500 with 1 point @ 3 minutes – 22 seconds

Charlie’s Booth Bay Lobster Boat with 2 points @ 4 minutes 50 seconds

Class D – 40” & UP

Charlies’ Fuel Chief with 1 point @ 8 minutes 0 seconds

Linda’s Green Ripper with 5 points @ 5 minutes 59 seconds

Shaun’s Thresher (Traxxas FE) with 7 points @ 9 minutes 28 seconds

Because the water was a little rough, none of the smaller boats ran the course. Also, I was busy helping score the runs, so I forgot to take any photos for the newsletter while the event was ongoing. But I did get a chance to take a shot of my 36500 on the course afterwards. (That boat lives for rough conditions!)



Model.Navy is Launched

Eric Bertelsen also sent along this Press Release:
My Friends. It's time...

My team and I have been working hard on what the future of Model Ship building will be. We've had some late nights talking about how to keep the hobby going, and where it might be 5 years from now. There are a lot of great ideas, but the biggest question that always comes up is: "How do we get more ships on the water."

So far, Homeport models has been expanding our tools by buying a laser cutter, a vinyl cutter, and working with great companies like Shapeways, but as all things, we need to change with the times. And this is the time to bring Homeport Models to the next level.

I introduce to you Homeport Models expansion site: <http://www.model.navy>

Model.navy is creating masterful parts for your ships that will not only give your model amazing detail, but get them to you faster than Shapeways and with stronger, sharper detail.

Want more? The next generation of model builders does not even need Shapeways. Model.navy has great options for people with SLA printers. We now offer the STL file for your ship, tested and ready for your printer. This means the wait time for your parts went from years, to months, to weeks... and now to hours. Literally HOURS to get your parts printed on your own machine.

We will be adding parts weekly, focusing on specific ships as we go, starting with the Perry Class Frigate. We will include doors, the stack, and even the mast for you to order in parts, or as a complete ship. You can print these parts, or have us print and ship them for you. All with one click.

We are just getting started, and we still have some kinks to work out, but we know this will change the way you think about model building. I'm really excited and I know you will be too.

Thanks for building, and we will see you on the pond.
Team at Model.navy

Club Business Notes

At the end of the Day/Night run, the club officers had a brief meeting to discuss our plans for the next few months. Our consensus:

November Meeting: We are canceling our indoor meeting. Linda will contact the Church to let them know. Instead, we are going to try a Zoom meeting that is focused on social time and talking about our current projects.

November Elections: At this point we are thinking we'll just hold off until we can get together in person for a proper election. All the current Officers are willing to continue to serve until this can be arranged. (Depending on how the Zoom meeting goes, we may be able to do an online election.)

December Holiday Dinner: We are canceling this as well, and Mike has let the restaurant know. has been a busy month for me, work-wise, so didn't get a chance to collect This month, I've got a weathering technique to share....

January Planning Meeting: The Officers will hold our usual planning meeting in January (via Zoom, most likely) to work out a preliminary activity schedule for 2021. No decisions on whether or not we'll hold in-person meeting in February or March have been made yet.

Editors Notes

Auction: The Merrimac Valley Ship Modelers' annual auction will be held on November 14th as scheduled. It will be a virtual auction, conducted via Zoom. The club has made special arrangements to use the Church hall the following weekend so that people can drop off their sold items and pick up their purchases in a "one at a time" safe manner. Contact me if you want to know more. Details will be posted on the MVSM website at www.mvsmc.org - just click on the Gallery to see the items.

It has been a busy two months for me, work-wise, so I didn't get a chance to collect project updates from the membership. (So you'll have to show them online in November!) My own update is "not much to report". I have tried to get my new carrier out for a shakedown voyage twice in the last month, but was chased off by high winds both times!

SSMA Journal: The SSMA has a new editor for the SSMA Journal! Mike Architzel just took the job. Welcome Aboard, Mike! I'll be sure to add you to my cc list for this and future issues of the Foghorn!

For Sale

FOR SALE: model of a typical large steam yacht from the era (1890s - 1930s) when they were how the truly wealthy showed off. J.P. Morgan was asked by another wealthy man, "How much does it cost?" Morgan replied, "If you have to ask, you're not rich enough." This model, about 90% complete, is distinctive not only for what it represents, but also for some unusual features. Read on!

Scale: 1:48

Hull: fiberglass, not plastic, and tough, being several layers thick. 72" on deck. It is very fair, with no ripples or waves in it.

Power: installed inside are two Astro motors, the best you can buy, along with servos and wiring; bow thruster.

Functions: forward, neutral, reverse; rudder; bow thruster!

Propellers: 2 medium (scale) size, brass; 2 larger for extra speed and power.

Deck: single piece, removes entirely, cabins and all attached.

Fittings and accessories: Whitehall-type pulling boats molded; vintage auto (1:43 scale); steam launch; sailboat; davits; some stanchions, other fittings.

Display stand: has three drawers for parts, etc.

R/C gear: old Futaba transmitter and servos.

History: I carved the plug for this around 1980. The mold was created by Tony Silva of RI, an expert model-maker. Three hulls were produced: this one; one completely and fabulously finished belonging to a friend in Mattapoissett; and the last finished by the late Elio Oliva of the Cape. The plug is gone, so no others will be created. Originally I powered her with steam, a Saito boiler and burner and two Japanese steam turbines. It ran very well, but I wanted simpler operation and converted to electric drive, with two very fine and powerful Astro motors. They drive her at a far-above-scale speed! I know I will not finish the detailing since my interest these days is a full-size boat, which takes much of my time.

Price: I have almost \$1000 in this fine model, but if you convince me she's in good hands and will be completed, I will accept \$600. Please contact me for details: Ridge White 508-208-9938 ridgewhite44@gmail.com



