

THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2023-- Our 33rd Year!!

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 19, 1pm – 4pm: Indoor meeting at the UCC Church Hall in Medfield, MA. We'll do a little bit of club business (2023 schedule updates, if any, etc.) and then Bill Michaels will do a **presentation and demo** on how he uses his Silhouette Cameo4 Cutting Machine on his models. We'll have plenty of time for talking about boats, so bring along whatever you have been working on! Also, we are encouraging new members, old members, prospective members, to bring their projects in!

Saturday, April 29, 10am to 2pm: Icebreaker Fun Float at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. We're going with our usual theme: "I should have worn warmer boots!"

Dues Reminder

Dues are \$25per person (\$30 family) for 2023. You have multiple options to pay:

1. Pay in person at the meeting.
2. Mail a check to Linda Arini (form is attached to this issue)
3. Pay via Paypal. (Link is on the club website, or you can just send the money directly from your Paypal account to clubdues@marinemodelers.org. (If you send it as a "donation" we don't get with the processing fee.)

Publicity and Growing the Club

Tim Logan has taken on the job of Publicity Officer, and he is working closely with Frank Cook and the rest of the club officers to promote the club and our events. Some of the actions we are currently working on include:

- Revitalizing the club's Facebook presence.
- Maintaining an active club presence on the RCGroups forum. (www.rcgroups.com/)
- Refreshing the club website.
- Participating in Nautical-themed exhibitions (such as Piscataqua Riverfest).
- Searching for a year-round “home port”.

The officers (and especially Tim) would love to hear additional ideas from the membership on ways to make it easier for prospective new members to find us!

The last item on the list is one we think would improve our visibility as a club-- to have a “home pond” that we can use year round. That makes it easy for people to find us-- think about how the RC airplane and sailboat clubs do it. For example, if you are interested in learning more about RC sailing, the MYC can say “if you go to Redds Pond on a weekend, you will likely meet members of our club sailing there.” Currently, we don't have a simple answer to “where do you guys run your models?”

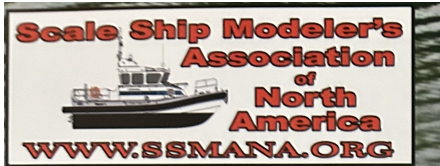
Finding a home pond has always been a challenge-- so we are asking everyone to keep an eye out. The idea location for would have:

- A central location
- Weed free!
- Plenty of parking close by
- Easy access to the water (for launching large/heavy models)
- Access to a toilets

Have you looked at the Scale Ship Modelers Association lately?

Probably the best RC scale boat and ship publication in the US is the SSMA quarterly journal. It is full of pictures and information on scale boats and clubs that you really won't want to miss!

From the About page of their website: "The Scale Ship Modelers Association of North America, Inc., (SSMA) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1988. Our purpose is to promote the hobby of radio control and static ship modeling. We encourage all types of model boating in electric, sail, and steam power as well as the building of plastic and wooden static models. SSMA is comprised of clubs and individuals throughout North America and acts as a clearing house for information concerning the modeling industry. SSMA works with the modeling industry to address the needs of the modeling community."



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Bob Muller, Member, Portland
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We urge our members to join the SSMA, and receive the quarterly journal.

We firmly believe you will be absolutely delighted every time you receive your quarterly issue!

Check out the website at:

<https://www.ssmana.org>

Tips & Techniques: Hobby Glasses

From the Bluejacket Ship Crafters monthly newsletter:

“I've always used those slip on your head magnifiers. But they have a problem - between my glasses and those magnifiers, there's 4 surfaces of glass to clean. Plus, they restrict your view.

Back around 15 years ago, I asked my optometrist to give me a special prescription where the overall prescription is my reading strength, and a 2.5 x magnifier in the bifocal area. I leave these glasses on my workbench. When I go to model, I take my glasses off and put my hobby glasses on.

Now, mind you, I can't see anything past 2 feet clearly, but I really don't need to.

Here's a picture of my regular glasses on the left, and the hobby ones on the right.”



(Source: Bluejacket Ship Crafters March 2023 Newsletter. Used with permission.)

2023 Club Events Schedule
(rev 2/10/23)

Date	Time	Event/Theme	Location
Sunday, 19 March	1pm - 4pm	Indoor Meeting Cameo4 Cutting Machine Demo	UCC Church Hall Medfield, MA
Saturday, 29 April	10am - 2pm	Icebreaker Fun Float	Memorial Park Beach, Sharon, MA
Saturday, 20 May	10am - 2pm	Fun Float/ Sailboats	Memorial Park Beach, Sharon, MA
Saturday, 3 June	9am - 5pm	Piscataqua RiverFest	Portsmouth, NH
Sunday, 11 June	10am - 2pm	Fun Float at Tuscan Village (LL Bean pond)	Salem, NH
Sunday, 9 July	1pm - 4pm	Fun Float/ Warships	Redds Pond, Marblehead, MA
Saturday, 26 August	11 am - 3pm	Fun Float/Club picnic/ Tugs and other Workboats	Memorial Park Beach Sharon, MA
Wednesday, 20 Sept	10am - 4pm	Joint Fun Float with Maine Club (rain date 21 Sept)	Scarborough, ME
Sunday, 1 Oct	10am – 3:30pm	“Sharon Day” Exhibition	Memorial Park Beach, Sharon, MA
Saturday, 21 October	4pm - 7pm	Day/Night run	Memorial Park Beach, Sharon, MA
Sunday, 12 Nov.	12pm - 3pm	Indoor Meeting	UCC Church Hall, Medfield, MA
Sunday, 3 Dec.	12pm - 4pm	Holiday Dinner @ Prezzo Grille	Milford, MA

Note: Check the club website for address info/maps and any changes to the schedule. Most (but not all) Saturday events have a rain date of Sunday.