

THE FOGHORN

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of New England*

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 1, 10:30 am- 3 pm: Sharon Day Fun Float and Static Display at Memorial Park Boat Launch.

Please note that you will need to be in the boat ramp parking area by 10:30 and must stay until 3:00. The town of Sharon will be shutting down the entrance to the boat ramp prior to the 11:00 start and the adjacent road will be closed to vehicular traffic until the event ends at 3:00.

Saturday, October 21, 4-7pm: Day/Night Fun Float at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon.

Sunday, November 12, 12-3pm: Indoor Meeting at the UCC Church Hall in Medway, MA.

Steering Course Results

Class A: Bruce Murray

Class B: Bill Michaels

Class C: Tim Logan

Class D: George Gargano (Best run of the day, with both a perfect score and the fastest time.)

Sharon Day Planning

– Frank Cook, Events Officer

I have been in contact with Linda Berger, the Sharon Rec Dept. director, and we are still scheduled to be part of their program on Sunday, October 1. All of the details relative to our arrival/departure times and designated parking location remain the same as last year. They want us to set up about 25 yards farther down the beach, heading toward our normal sailing area, than a year ago. Their rationale is it will increase visibility for our club as we will be closer to other events; putting up the sign(s) Steve Fifield made will also help. For the club's collective planning purpose, I will send the parking and arrival information to our members soon.

On the schedule of events for that day, the Rec Dept. has listed our plans for a boat parade and a tug-towing exhibition. They have not mentioned the Noodle Tugs as I told them that our use was dependent on water and wind conditions. I believe that is a good decision as it gives us flexibility in determining usage and removes any potential criticism for not delivering something that was promised.

I have not been able to come up with any sort of electronic broadcast system but have arranged to borrow a megaphone from the Sharon Rec Dept.

As for our schedule, I propose the following:

11:30 to noon: Boat Parade - we'll line up the boats of members who want to participate, space them several feet apart for announcing purposes, and sail once parallel to the beach.

12:30: Tug-towing Exhibition - for tugboat operators who want to participate, demonstrate tugs towing/pushing barges with information about the process being announced.

11:00 to End: Throughout the entire time period members sail their boats, thus demonstrating the varieties and capabilities of RC boating. We will also need members to help with the noodle tugs if we decide to use them. Also, we will need members not involved in sailing, or assisting with the noodle tugs, to oversee the models displayed on our tables. We should plan to bring the tent/canopy we've used in the past as there is no shade on the beach where we will be located.

See the Map on the last page of this issue of the Foghorn...

September Fun Float and Steering Event

We had a pretty nice day for this year's event-- no big waves or gale-force winds! We had a good turnout of members and boats. Not everyone attending ran the course for a score, but those that did had a good time. (Charlie remarked that we may have to make next year's course more challenging, as there were very few points lost on the course- best time decided the winners!

The boats were broken up into classes, based on length, From Class A (smallest) to Class D (largest). The winners of the coveted bragging rights for each class were:

Class A (under 20''): Bruce Murray, with his very seaworthy Lindberg Diesel Tug.
Class B (20 to 29''): Bill Michaels, with his USCG Motor Lifeboat 36500
Class C (30 to 39''): Tim Logan, with his ProBoats tug.
Class D (40+''); George Gargano, with his Happy Hunter tug.

George Gargano had the highest score of the day, with a perfect run and the fastest time overall.

Special thanks go out to Charlie Tebbetts, Tim Logan, and Shaun Kimball for all the work they did to set up the course!!

Here's Charlie headed out in his Kayak to rescue a model which got a buoy mooring line entangled in its prop...





Above (L to R): Charlie is concentrating on his model, while Bob Prezioso is scoring the run. Next to Bob is a young spectator watching Tim's model as he is getting ready to go.

Below: Charlie's big tug approaches the "Bow and Stern Touch"-- it was the most challenging part of the course!



Not everyone ran the course. Bruce Murray had his rowboat out for a run in the sheltered waters. This was the first chance we got to see the boat in action after reading all about it in last month's Foghorn. The boat was quite controllable, and was fascinating to watch in action!



Eric Bertelsen brought along a new model of a US Navy Arleigh Burke class Destroyer in 1/96 scale. The model looked very realistic on the water. (Check out Homeport Model's Facebook page for some great action videos!)



Maine Fun Float

Once again, we were blessed with terrific weather for our annual get together with the Maine club in Scarborough Maine. The privately owned pond is a wonderful site, with clean water and a big beach. (It is in a great location for a joint event, being about halfway between Boston and Rockland, ME.

We had a good turnout again this year-- with 35+ boats and 15+ skippers. MMC members in attendance included Charlie Tebbetts, Tim Logan, Glenn Williams, Bill Michaels, Bill McKeon, Bill Gibson III, Jonathan Eno, and Bruce Murray.

This year, we had some outside help-- There was a minor collision between a sailboat and Glenn's USCG Buoy Tender. The crane on Glenn's boat got snagged in the sailboat's rigging, and went overboard. Fortunately, one of the visitors, Crystal Gewlas was there. She spotted the crane floating off...



Crystal came with her parents and her children to watch the event but saved the day by wading in to retrieve boats and parts after the unfortunate mishaps on the water! We cannot say enough about her kindness and enthusiasm - thank you Crystal!

And to top it off Crystal's children and their young friend all tried their hand at running a tugboat and immediately proved themselves as excellent Captains. It was a most enjoyable time for everyone!



Above: Tim Mayer's Fort Valley. Tim uses a converted nebulizer to generate the cloud of “smoke” that is really just water vapor. Tim says it was a lot less mess than using the more traditional oil-based smoke units.... (Richard Shapiro photo.)

Below: Jonathan Eno's HMS Bluebell, a 1/48 scale Flower-class Corvette. It is the Graupner Ready to run model, with a number of improvements made by him. Jonathan said he thinks he got the last one available of this model when he picked it up- he hasn't seen one for sale since!





Above: Jonathan Eno's big Elco 80 foot PT Boat looked great at speed! (Photo by Bill M.)
Below: Glenn Williams' 1/96 scale Buoy Tender USCGC Willow. (R. Shapiro photo)



Richard Shapiro, from the Maine club, sent Tim Logan over a dozen great photos of some of the models that day. My apologies to the builders – I was too busy having fun to capture all the names of who brought what! Here are some examples-- the rest are on the club Facebook page....





Good Weather, Great Turnout at Annual Picnic

By Frank B. Cook, Events Officer

Threatening skies burned off just as the club's annual picnic was getting underway at Lake Massapoag on Saturday, August 26. As a result, the attendees were treated to a marvelous day of beautiful weather, the fellowship of RC mariners, and superb sailing on a glass-like surface.

Again superbly handling the chef duties were Linda Arini and Charlie Tebbetts who served up a delectable duo of hot dogs and hamburgers (some with cheese). A full assortment of picnic treats, including the necessary condiments, chips and dips, pasta salads, desserts, soft drinks, plus plates and cutlery, were supplied by club members. Among those providing these items were Mike Hale, Shaun Kimball, Steve Fifield, Ted Correia, George Gargano, Arthur Perlmutter, Ann and Stu Gralnik, Glenn Williams, Jason Chenard, Frank Cook, and the father-son team of the Bill Gibsons (III and IV).

With so many new people joining this year, and to further develop club camaraderie, a brief gathering was held in which everyone introduced themselves and announcements of upcoming events were presented. Making their Lake Massapoag debut this day, as members or guests, were Glenn Williams, Jason Chenard, Bob Violanto, Bill Gibson III, Bill Gibson IV, Alan Cervelli, and Greg Monaco. In total 26 members and friends attended the event, including long-time member John Cooper.



Above L to R: Tim Logan, Jerry Trahan, Glenn Williams.



An exciting new development was the gathering of several members to begin planning construction of a pier complex! This idea had been discussed via email by several members in recent weeks, but the picnic provided the ideal opportunity to begin to translate thoughts into reality. Glenn Williams is now heading up this effort so look for more details in a future newsletter!

But of course, sailing is our raison d'être and a finer day for sailing would be difficult to find! Several new vessels making their way on the lake included:

- the tug "Nancy L" built by Tim Logan and named for his wife who was also in attendance
- Rich Magee's 45-in. "Shelly Foss" tug
- "Karen," a Chris-Craft just completed by Steve Fifield and named for his wife.
- Bill Gibson IV piloting a Vosper 72 foot PT boat.
- The USCG Buoy Tender "Willow" made by Glenn Williams.
- Bob Violanto arrived with his Marblehead 50 type sailing yacht. This large boat is about

7-ft. In height and several members graciously assisted Bob in determining some repair work needed before it will be ready to sail again. (Photo: Rich McGee helping Bob.)

Also taking advantage of the superb sailing conditions were Bob Prezioso with his "Midnight Sun" and a 14-in. Runabout; Mark Sarofeen's 48-in. Chris-Craft Corvette; George Gargano and the "Happy Hunter" (recently purchased from Jerry Trahan);

Jerry's "Atlantic" tug; Mike Hale and his multiple fleet of watercraft including his Jet-Ski; Charlie Tebbetts' "Sky Chief" tug and lobster boat; and, Shaun Kimball's "Titanic". While pausing for lunch, a fast-moving pontoon boat greatly disturbed the otherwise serene surface of the lake, creating several rows of high waves. Several boats resting on the shore edge were swamped by the resulting deluge, including Ted Correia's USCG MLB which appeared to take-on the most water. Fortunately no permanent damage was sustained by any of our RC mariners and it did not put a damper on an otherwise thoroughly enjoyable day.



Left: Jerry Trahan's tug and new barge.



Above: Tim Logan's "Nancy L".

Below: Steve Fifield with his Gundalow and new Chris-Craft.



Club Clothing is now available!

Our club store on Cafe Press has been updated. We have created an MMC Storefront, uploaded our our logo, and listed a variety of items available for purchase. You may visit the site here:

<https://www.cafepress.com/mmcne>

How the process works: Cafe Press is a print-on-demand service. The items are printed and shipped by Cafe Press directly to the buyer when ordered. There are no minimum order requirements, and then club did not need to pay anything ahead of time.

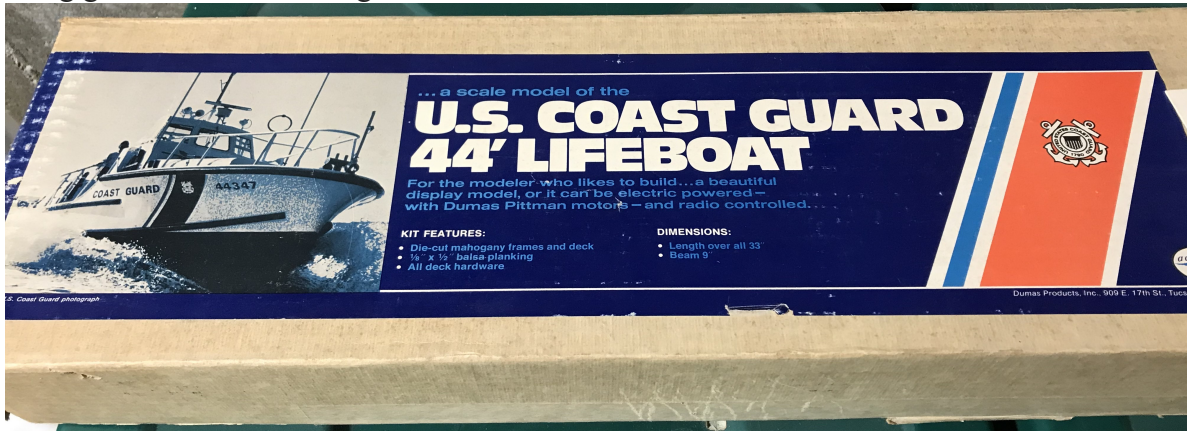


LOW STOCK ALERT: Cafe Press is still having some supply chain issues this year. As a result, the items offered may go in an out of stock over the next several months. (If an item you'd like to buy is OOS, you can sign up for an email notification when it becomes available. The Cafe Press site can give you the impression that everything is in stock until you put it in the shopping cart. Once you look at the shopping cart, it will give you the final verdict as to whether or not the specific item/size/color it is in stock.

September Update: Stock issues seems to have abated-- it is easier to order the items now!

For Sale

Dumas U.S. Coast Guard 44' Lifeboat kit. Kit is complete and unstarted. It also includes an extra "Running Gear" package from James Bliss & Co. That set includes shafts, stuffing tubes, brass rudders, etc. This is clearly an older kit, as Bliss has been out of business for decades. The wood looks to be untouched, and of good quality. I picked it up about 3-4 years ago, and now I realize I'll never get around to building it. New kits are about \$200, and don't include the running gear-- I'll let this one go for \$130. - Bill Michaels



FOR SALE by Tim Logan: Pro Boats Sonicwake V2 36". Comes with 4 batteries. Self righting feature works very well. Used twice and in great shape for \$300. I can bring it to Sharon on Oct 1 if you like. Thanks. Here's a link about them:

<https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/sonicwake-v2-36-self-righting-brushless-deep-v-rtr/PRB08032V2.html>



(Tim's contact info is in the masthead on page 1 of this issue)

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

Date	Time	Event/Theme	Location
Saturday, 26 August	11am - 3pm	Fun Float/Club picnic/ Tugs and other Workboats	Memorial Park Beach Sharon, MA
Saturday, 9 Sept	11am - 2pm	Fun Float and Steering Competition	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.

Map of the Beach area for Sharon Day. The “P” is where we park, and the circle is where we will be setting up....

