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***Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England***

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 18, 12-2m: Zoom meeting. We'll talk briefly about the plans for upcoming club events, but the main focus will be on just reconnecting and talking about what people have been working on.

Saturday, March 9, 1-4pm: Indoor Fun Float at the pool at the Linden Ponds Senior Living complex in Hingham. This is a new venue for us-- an indoor pool. Thanks go to (resident) Arthur Perlmutter for getting the ball rolling with the people in charge there, and to Events Officer Frank Cook for working out the details with the management there.

Wanted: Chris-Craft plans

Ahoy members! Do you have boat plans for a Chris-Craft or a cabin cruiser? Member Arthur Perlmutter is looking to borrow, or copy, such plans for a planned future build.

You can contact him at aperlmutter6@verizon.net or speak with him at the next event you attend. Thank you for your kind consideration!!!

Annual Holiday Gathering Very Well-attended

By Frank B. Cook, Events Officer

The Marine Modelers Club of New England wrapped up a very successful 2023 with the annual Christmas/Holiday Luncheon on December 3. Once again the venue of choice was the Prezo Grille & Bar in convenient Milford.

Reflecting the enthusiasm and increased attendance at all events this past year, we easily exceed the minimum number of attendees the restaurant required. The turnout of members and guests was the largest in recent memory!

Upon arrival, attendees enjoyed appetizers of gourmet cheese with crackers and shrimp cocktail. For the entree a choice of Baked Haddock, Tortellini Matthew, and Chicken Parmesan were offered. A garden salad and hot rolls were consumed while waiting for dinner to be served. The meal was capped with vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce and coffee or tea. Once again the fine chefs at Prezo produced a delicious meal!

Prior to dinner, First Officer Charlie Tebbetts welcomed everyone and spoke briefly, citing the highlights of the past year. He noted that attendance at all of our events was greater, attributing the club's increased presence on social media as the driving force. Charlie was a last minute Master of Ceremonies replacement for Commander Mike Hale who canceled due to illness.



Gathered around the tables were: Steve Fifield, Shaun Kimball, Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts, Frank and Sandie Cook, Tim and Nancy Logan, Stu Gralnik, William Gibson III, William Gibson IV, Linda Arini, Dolores Arini, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Alan and Susanne Beeber, Lou Hills, Hadley Fisk, Bob Prezioso, and Bruce Murray.

The traditional raffle was also on the menu and lucky recipients departed for home with the gift of their choice. While 2024 is now only a few weeks old, circle Sunday, December 8, on your calendar for this season's end-of-year luncheon!



Indoor Sailing Adventure Coming March 9

By Frank B. Cook, Events Officer

Breakout your boats, shake off their winter dust, charge your batteries, and make plans to attend our first sailing event of the year on Saturday, March 9. A great sailing adventure is in store at Linden Ponds, a senior living facility, in Hingham, MA. We have exclusive use of their Aquatic Center pool from 1 - 4 PM.

Information You Need to Know to Make Your Sailing Experience Enjoyable!

Details about the pool (size, depth, layout, etc.) were provided in the "Event Announcement" sent on February 8. Perhaps the most important fact to remember is that this is an indoor salt water pool. But, as is typical of salt water pools, the salt content is only about 10% of the salinity of the ocean.

Other reminders:

Electric motor boats only. Given the pool size, high speed boats cannot be operated. The facility is going to set up tables for displaying the boats, therefore you do not need to bring a table. You may find it more convenient to display your boats on the ledge surrounding the pool. Chairs are also being provided. You may enter the pool to access or retrieve a boat.

Summer Clothing in a Winter Setting

Although we are still in the grips of a fading winter, carefully consider your wardrobe! The temperature in the pool area is in the low to mid-80s ... and that is when the facility is basically empty! Fortunately we will have access to the adjacent locker rooms, thus you may want to dress for a warm July day. It is important to remember that while lockers are available you will need to bring your own lock.

Food and Drink Information

Again, a reminder that water in non-breakable containers - no other liquids or food – is allowed in the pool area. The “Harbor Cafe” is located on the second floor and sandwiches, drinks, etc., can be purchased cafeteria style. The operating hours for the Cafe are 11:30 - 2 PM.

Driving Directions From Route 3

Linden Ponds is located at **300 Linden Ponds Way in Hingham**. Here are general directions to the facility:

- Take EXIT 36, “Derby Street – Hingham/Weymouth”
- On DERBY STREET, head toward Hingham
- Turn LEFT at lights onto CUSHING STREET
- Turn LEFT at lights onto WHITING STREET (Route 53)
- Approximately 420-feet ahead turn RIGHT onto LINDEN PONDS WAY
- Approximately 150-feet turn RIGHT into the site and proceed to the Gatehouse

Arriving at Oakleaf Clubhouse

The Aquatic Center is located in the Oakleaf Clubhouse and is the only pool at Linden Ponds. To reach the pool:

At the covered entrance, go through the front door into the lobby.

Proceed straight ahead toward the library and turn right at the corridor.

Proceed down this corridor to the Fitness Center. The pool is adjacent to this gym.

The pool is approximately 150-feet from the entrance. We have reserved a flatbed if you need assistance transporting your boat from the lobby area to the pool.

Thank You Arthur!!!

This sailing event is due to the initiative of long-term member Arthur Perlmutter. Early last summer he, and his wife Irene, moved into the Linden Ponds facility. Shortly thereafter he began inquiring into the use of their Aquatic Center by our club. Arthur initiated contact between the facility’s fitness manager, Ian Richardson, and this officer. Later, Arthur and Irene arranged an on-site visit for me and my wife, which included a meeting with Mr. Richardson. Please make sure to thank Arthur while you are enjoying the season’s first on-the-water event of 2024.



Pool Size: 50-ft. by 20-ft.

Depth: 3ft., 3-inches to 4-ft., 2-inches.

Pool Edge: There is an exterior ledge, approximately 18-inches high by 15-inches wide, surrounding the pool.

Pool Access: Boats can be placed in the pool either by using the 3-ft. stepped area or from the exterior ledge. The water is approximately 4 - 6-inches below the ledge top.



Here's the pool viewed from the other end. The windows at the far end is where the fitness center is- the doors on either side are the entries to the locker rooms.

Parking Directions

Upon arrival you must stop at the Gatehouse (#1 on Map) and tell the guard you are attending an event at the Oakleaf Clubhouse with resident Arthur Perlmutter. The Gatehouse staff has been informed of the event.

To reach this clubhouse:

- Drive past the Gazebo (#2) located to your right
- Continue driving straight to the circular driveway (#3) on your right and enter the Oakleaf Clubhouse parking area
- You may park in any of the “Visitor’s Parking” spaces

IF ALL VISITOR PARKING SPACES ARE TAKEN: You will need to unload at the covered entrance and then move your vehicle to the nearby “Visitor Parking Lot” (#4). Head back in the direction of the Gazebo and take your first right. The lot is straight ahead as you drive up this short incline.

