



THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2026: Our 36th Year!!
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Ice Breaker – this Saturday April 25th

After a long, cold and snowy winter, Spring has finally arrived. Our club will kick off its outdoor events season with the annual Ice Breaker. As the event name implies, this event usually ends up as cool windy day. The latest forecast indicates a sunny start to the morning with clouds coming in around mid-day. Predictions call for a high of 50 degrees, with wind at 8 mph and gusts up to 17 mph out of the Northeast. Winds out of the Northeast are generally not too bad at Lake Massapoag as the beach is located on the Northern shore and the breeze will be offshore.



Mike and George were prepared for the cool Ice Breaker day in 2018



Shaun running Goliath at the 2019 Ice Breaker



Ice Breaker 2022 with Mike and Charlie dressed warmly. A 1:9 scale automated Nauset lighthouse is in the background

General Information

Your officers have found a new pond location for fun floats in the months of July and August. The new location is a very secure pond at the Capron Park Zoo in Attleboro, MA at 201 County Street 02703. The tentative dates are July 18th with a rain date of July 25th and August 8th with a rain date of August 15th. Event times are from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This pond is on the smaller scale and not appropriate for high speed vessels. So bring your displacement vessels with good maneuvering capabilities for a smaller pond. Also, this pond is rather shallow with a low causeway bridge across the middle, so sailboats with deep keels and tall masts won't work very well at this pond.



Confirmed 2026 Events Schedule

April 25th 2026:	10:00 - 2:00 Ice Breaker Regatta @ Lake Massapoag, Sharon, MA
May 9th 2026:	10:00 - 2:00 Fun Float @ Tuscan Village, Salem, NH
May 30th 2026:	10:00 - 2:00 Fun Float @ Lake Massapoag, Sharon, MA
June 13th 2026:	10:00 - 2:00 Fun Float @ Lake Massapoag, Sharon, MA
TBD (June ~23rd 2026):	Fun Float with DESMG at Scarborough, ME
July 18th 2026:	10:00 - 2:00 Fun Float @ Capron Park, Attleboro, MA
August 8th 2026:	10:00 - 2:00 Fun Float @ Capron Park, Attleboro, MA

August 29th 2026: **11:00 - 3:00 Club** Picnic & Fun Float @ Lake Massapoag, Sharon, MA

September 19th 2026: 10:00 - 2:00 **Fun** Float @ Lake Massapoag, Sharon, MA

TBD (either 9/27 or 10/4) 10:00 - 2:00 **Sharon** Days @ Lake Massapoag, Sharon, MA

October 17th 2026: 3:00 - 6:00 **Day/Night** Sail @ Lake Massapoag, Sharon, MA

November 15th 2026: 1:00 - 4:00 **Elections** – Show & Tell @ UCC Church, Medfield, MA

Notes from the Newsletter Editor

Please remember that dues are payable for this year. So, if you have not already done so, consider paying your dues at this Saturday's Ice Breaker event.

A Bit of Humor

This is a photo of the current state of highways in New England as a result of the 2026 winter. Can you believe it, a pothole big enough to float an ocean liner!



Photo provided by Bruce Murray