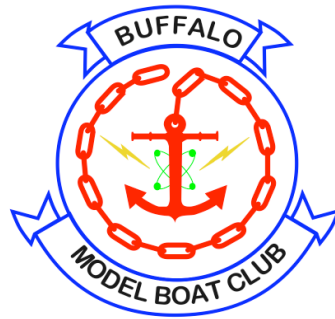


The Wave



April 2026



Balloon Buster Boats in Action

Buffalo Model Boat Club Officers 2026

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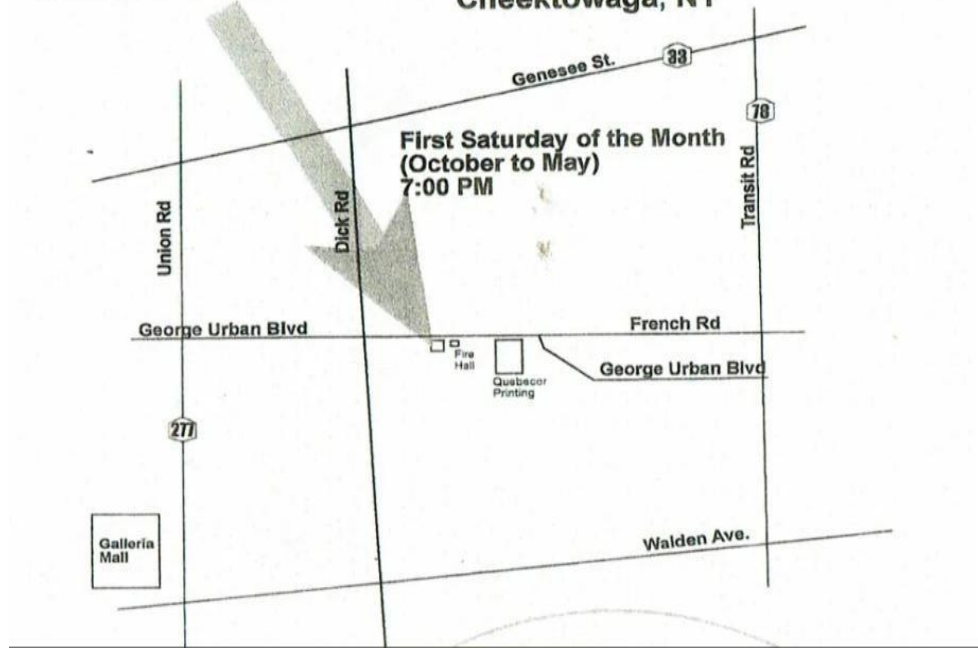
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MEETING LOCATION
Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church Hall
2311 George Urban Blvd
Cheektowaga, NY



Upcoming events

**April 11,2026 (please note change of date) fiberglass molding. 7 pm
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2311 George Urban Boulevard
Cheektowaga, N.Y.**

**April 12 IPMS Niagara Frontier Model Show Knights of Columbus
Event Center 2735 Union Road. The club will have a table there.**



BuffCon 41
Scale Model Show

THEME AWARD
SPIRIT OF '76

The Knights Event Center
2735 Union Rd, Cheektowaga, NY

Sunday April 12, 2026

Over 75 Awesome Categories!
including Gundam, Gunpla, Warhammer, LEGO

Doors Open at 9:00 am for General Admission
REGISTRATION CLOSSES AT 1:00, JUDGING FROM 1:00 - 4:00, AWARDS AT 4:00

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INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS SOCIETY
U.S.A.

Winner's Choice Raffle



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**May 2,2026 sailboat racing rules and tactics.. 7 pm Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church 2311 George Urban Boulevard Cheektowaga, N.Y.**

June 6, 2026, 6:30 at Muir Lake. In case of inclement weather the meeting will be at the church at 7 pm.

June 13, 2026, Triple R Campground run starts at 10 am more details to follow.

Monthly Membership Meeting March 7, 2026, 7 pm

Buffalo Model Boat Club Membership Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2026

The Buffalo Model Boat Club March Membership Meeting for March of 2026 was called to order by Commodore Don Spielberger at 7 pm March 2026 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2311 George Urban Boulevard Cheektowaga, N.Y.

The Recording Secretary's Report from the January Meeting was read since the February meeting was canceled. Brian Mau made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting George Specht seconded the motion all in favor the motion passed unanimously.

Corresponding Secretary, nothing in nothing out. Paul Spielberger made a motion to accept Kurt Hansen seconded it. All in favor the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report January we had 2091.26 in the treasury. We had 15 dues renewals in January, only one in February. Paul Spielberger made a motion to receive and file Mike Carroll seconded it . The motion to receive and file was accepted unanimously.

Committee

Pond, still there and frozen.

Publicity: The February train show was an enormous success. We had a great range of boats, and we were very well received by both people visiting the show and the people who run the show and their children. We are set to set up in the same place at the November show. Also our event at the Town of Tonawanda Aquatic Center was very well received too. Train Show attendance was 2800 adults and 900 kids. There were 5 people who left names in the box. Another visitor called Don and asked him to add his brother's name to the list. The kids had a great time running boats and we handed out a lot of brochures too.

Educational: Tonight's program will be restoring and refitting old boats.

Don gave his fiberglass boats presentation to a club in Rochester NY which was well received.

May's program will be Sailboat racing rules and tactics.

Fleet Captain's Reports

Fast Electric: drydock

Sail: a framework of a sail schedule is in the works.

Scale waiting for the thaw

Old Business: A reminder that the day after the next meeting on April 11 is the IPMS Show which lasts 1 day. We need boats. The people's doors open at 8 am on Sunday April 12 at the Knights of Columbus on Union Road just past the former Christmas Tree Store . We will be in the vendor room.

Kurt had information on Balloon Buster boat propellers that were better balanced.

New Business

Paul has been trying to waterproof the tugboats we use at the train show so they can't go full power forward or reverse.

Triple R Campgrounds will have us back this year on the second Saturday of June. The campground has changed hands. Kurt said that people at the campground thought it ended at noon the new owner will let people know that we will be there after 12 noon.

Kurt also has arranged a Cabin Fever event at Maryvale School's pool and there will be a fan for the sailboats. We will have a full-sized pool 3-to-12-foot depth with a fan for the sailboats.

At the train show Doug gave "Jr. Skippers" Cards to the kids. We had to get more of them at Office Max for \$60 we could get 125-150 cards for the show in November.

A motion was made to buy \$125 worth of the cards

In Memory

There will be service at Hamp Funeral Home 3/19/2026 4 pm -7 pm for member Scott Delbridge who died January 7, 2026. Hamp Funeral Home is at 37 Adam Street in the City of Tonawanda NY

The club would also like to extend its sympathies to member Doug Grinyer whose wife Giselle died. They were married 64 years.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm by Kurt Hansen and seconded by Joe Giamo the motion passed unanimously. The meeting concluded at 7:30 pm.

Member Projects

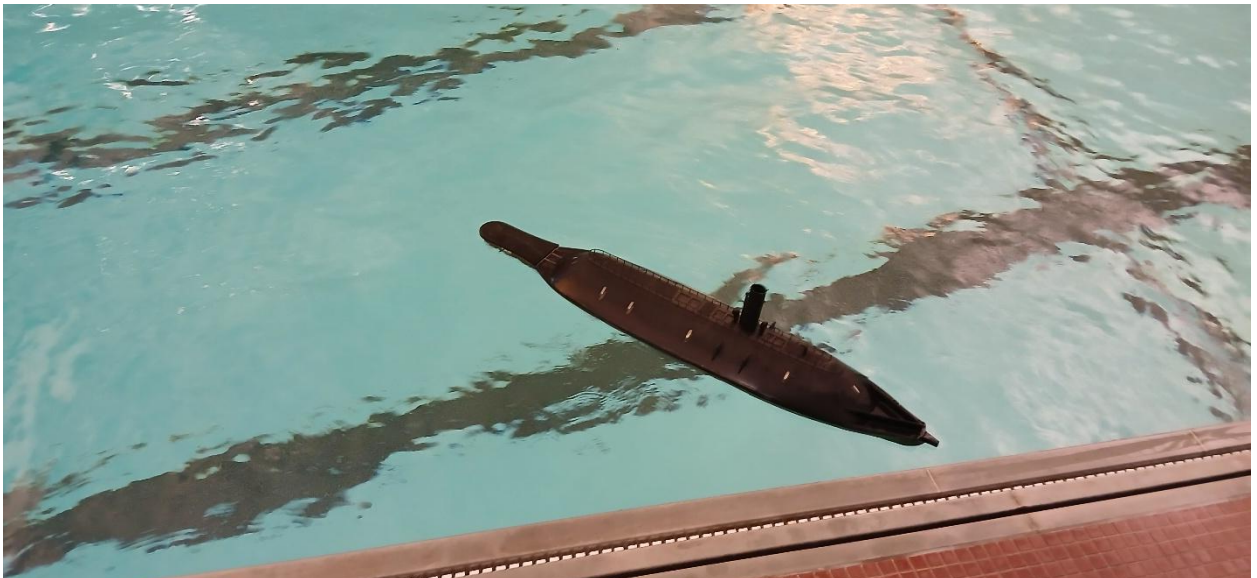


Bill's Cruiser



Ron's building jigs

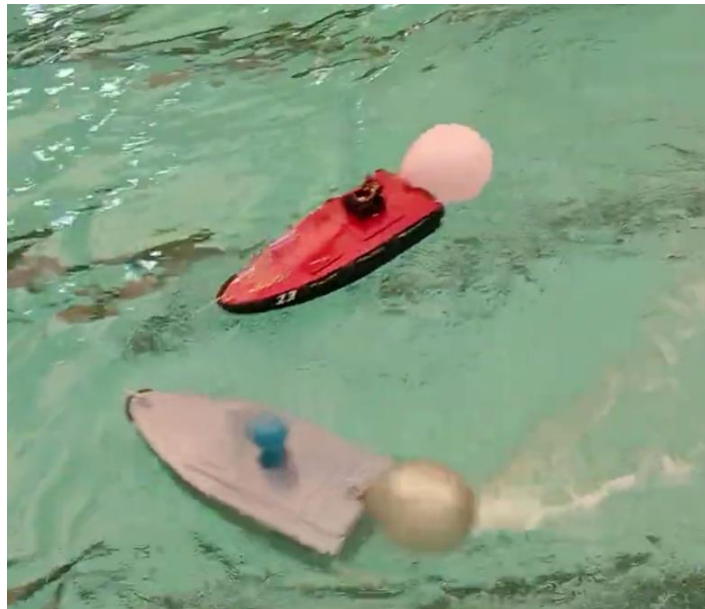
Cabin Fever at Maryvale High School Sunday March 22

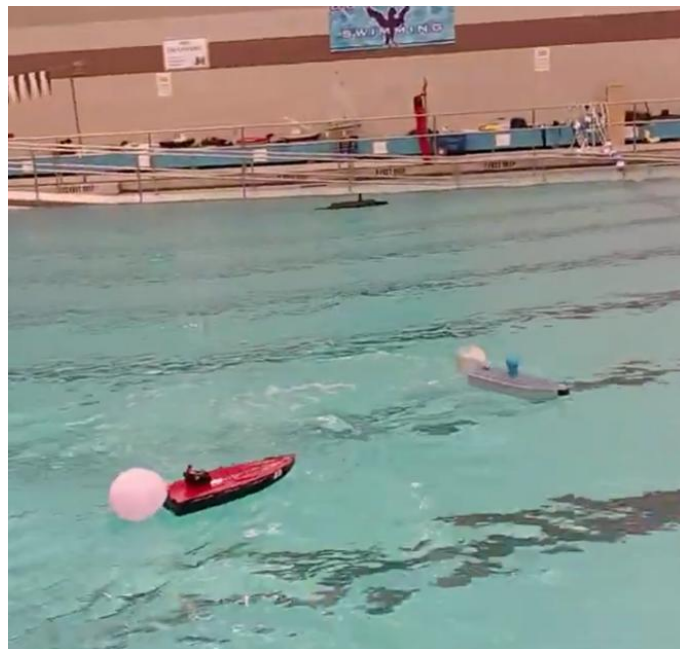


Paul's CSS Virginia / ex USS Merrimack



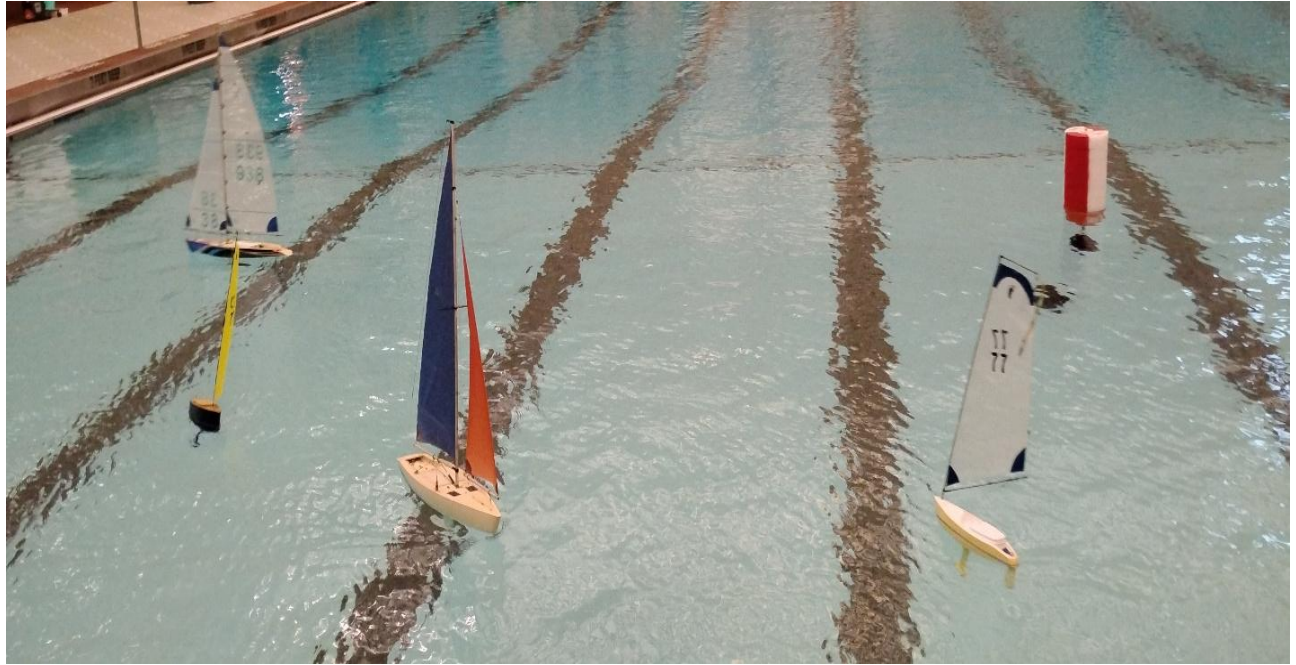
Balloon Buster Boats in action we had 3 of them at this event





CSS Virginia cruises by while Kurt and Ron's boats battle it out

Sail fleet too...



Sail Fleet 2 Victoria's (Dennis & Joe) and 2 footies (Brian & Paul)

For Sale

From Don

I have 2 Graupner GR 65 RTR sailboats for sale. Same length as the DF65.

Complete with steering and winch servos. Just need your transmitter and receiver and battery.

Brand new in box.

\$50.00 each See Don Spielberger for more details





Nirvana complete as shown \$150 please contact Bob Waldraf for more details



Name Tags



Name Tags The name tags will have magnetic attachment and be \$15.00 each.

Order Form for Name Tag

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Lapel Pin

\$5.00 let Don know if you are interested in one





Membership Application & Renewal Form

Please complete this form to renew your membership or to become a new member.

Annual Dues: \$25.00 New Member Registration Fee: \$5.00

If payment is made after Sept. 30th of current calendar year, membership will extend to the end of the following calendar year. Please make payment no later than February 1. Members renewing after February 1 will be assessed a new member registration fee.

Mail payment with this form to:

Buffalo Model Boat Club
7527 Gilbert Road
Bergen, NY 14416

OR

Give it to the treasurer at the next meeting

Name		Phone	
Address			
City		State	ZIP
Email		Spouse Name	

AREAS OF INTEREST	YES	NO
Sail		
Scale		
Fast Electric		
Steam		

DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE MARITIME MODELS ?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

MEMBER SIGNATURE:	DATE
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PLEASE WRITE ANY COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON BACK OF THIS FORM

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