

Brian Sheron's Trackside Marina



While growing up on Long Island during the 1950s, my father owned a small marina on Huntington Harbor on the north shore of Long Island. I have many fond memories of spending my summers there, ferrying customers out to their boats moored in the harbor, and, as the water rat said in “Wind in the Willows,” “...simply messing about in boats.” Although the Long Island Rail Road did not run close to Huntington Harbor, I wanted to recreate a model of my dad’s marina on my HO layout. The entire structure was built from scratch and from memory. Other than making the walkway out to the dock shorter due to space limitations, the rest of the structure is fairly accurate. The photo (right) shows the back side of the building. My father actually launched customer’s boats using a sling hoist powered from a winch on the front of a truck! **Brian Sheron, MMR**

