

“The B&O Marine Story”

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Over the years numerous articles have been published in the “enthusiast” literature that cover various aspects of the B&O’s marine operations. My partially self-defined enumeration of these articles is shown below. This does not include articles in trade publications as well as a handful of pieces that appeared over the years in the *B&O Employes Magazine* (later *B&O Magazine*). In addition, there are other issues of *The Sentinel* that include peripheral marine material (e.g. Curtis Bay ore pier, Curtis Bay Railroad, the Baltimore Banana Terminal, etc.) Finally, a fair amount of research data have been compiled that need to be assembled into publishable articles; a list of these potential topics appears below the published items.

- 1 “Fells Point, B&O’s Ultimate Oddity,” by Herbert H. Harwood, Jr., *The Sentinel* Vol. 13 No. 5, September/October 1991.
And
“Fells Point—Additional Thoughts and Views” by Herbert H. Harwood, Jr., *The Sentinel*, Vol. 13, No. 6, November/December 1991.
Also, the content and photos from the above articles were reprinted in *Railmodel Journal*, as “Baltimore’s Fells Point City Street Operation,” “Part I, Fell Street Tobacco Warehouse,” Oct. 1992; “Part II, Operations Overview,” Nov. 1992; “Part III, The Carfloats and Transfer Bridge,” Nov. 1992, and “Fells Point—Walk-In Layout,” by Rick Mugele, Oct. 1993.
2. “Operations at B&O’s Locust Pt. Carfloat Yard” by John Teichmoeller with Mike Buckelew *The Sentinel*, September/October 1995.
3. “The B&O on the Ohio River at Wheeling,” by John Teichmoeller, *The Sentinel*, Second Quarter 2000,
4. “Foothold in Gotham—The B&O’s West 26th St. Yard,” by Thomas R. Flagg, *Transfer* No. 27 (May/August 1999) and additional drawing of 26th St. Warren and Howe Truss floatbridges in *Transfer* No. 28 (Sept./Dec. 1999) (www.trainweb.org/rmig)
- 4a The above articles were enhanced with color and published in 3rd Quarter 2001 *The Sentinel* with drawing of the Howe Truss floatbridge in the 4th Quarter 2001 *The Sentinel*.
5. “Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Diesel Tugs,” by John Teichmoeller *The Sentinel*, 1st Quarter 2001 (article includes extensive list of references on B&O tugs).
6. “Moving A Floatbridge in 1949 (from Jersey City to Staten Island),” by John Teichmoeller, *The Sentinel*, 3rd Quarter 2003
7. “Northeastern Steel Carfloats Part 3-Launch and Delivery of B&O Carfloats 199-200, *Transfer* No. 38 (May/August 2003) Also reprint of article on launch of Carfloat No.211 from *B&O Magazine*, June 1956
- 8 “Giant Generator Floated by B&O,” Article and photos of a single track B&O carfloat reprinted from September 1960 *B&O Magazine*, *Transfer* No. 40 (January/May 2004).
9. Review of the Frenchman River Models kit of Carfloat 199-200 in *The B&O Modeler*, Vol. 2, No. 1, January/February 2006
10. “The B&O in Parkersburg,” by John King and John Howard, *The Sentinel*, 3rd Quarter 2006. Includes coverage of railcar barge operations from Parkersburg up the Little Kanawha and Ohio Rivers before the bridges were built from Parkersburg.
11. “George M. Shriver—The Painting, The Man, The Tug, The Artist,” by Ray Lichty and John Teichmoeller. *RABO Club News & Notes*, January 2011; also “Why Would Otto Kuhler Paint a B&O tug?—‘Steamstyling’ Advocate took Brush in Hand,” by Ray Lichty with John Teichmoeller, *The Sentinel*, 3rd Quarter 2011.
12. “Some Thoughts on Operating a Railroad Tugboat,” by Capt. Pamela Hepburn (transcript of after-dinner speech from 2003 B&ORRHS Society Convention). *RABO Club News & Notes*, January 2011 (also submitted to *Sentinel* 11/2010)
13. St. George Floatbridge, by Tom Griffiths, *B&O Modeler*, 2010; “The End of the B&O Line—The Last Marine Transfer,” *Railroad Model Craftsman* December 2011; For a limited time, Tom is happy to send anyone interested a CD containing the complete set of drawings and photos he used for \$6 Contact Tom at tgriff3871@gmail.com
14. “A B&O Wood Carfloat,” by Tom Griffiths, *B&O Modeler*, May-June 2010. *Railroad Model Craftsman* November 2011
15. Tug Drawings—Hugh L. Bond, Jr.—Modeler friendly re-drawings by Tom Griffiths and colored outboard elevation rendering; *B&O Modeler* May-June 2011.
16. “Modeling a B&O Stick Lighter” by Thomas C. Griffiths. *Railroad Model Craftsman* December 2012, January 2013

17. "The B&O's Baltimore Harbor Style Electric Transfer Bridges." Historic American Engineering Record Documentation Project, documented the B&O's two Locust Point transfer bridges beginning in 2010 and completed in early 2012. The package, designated as "HAER MD-180," is now on-line and available for download and viewing from the Library of Congress/American Memories website at <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/md1932/>. The material consists of one color and sixteen black and white 5x7 photos (although only the captions have been posted so far, with the photos to hopefully soon follow due to a "snag" at the Library of Congress), a 25 page historical write-up with 10 illustrations; and 7 pages of drawings of the facility. In particular, Plate 7 shows and describes the operation of the mechanism which is believed to be unique to the B&O in Baltimore Harbor. John Teichmoeller served as a volunteer "historian" and co-"project leader" with HAER's Christopher Marston. HAER's recently-retired and legendary Jet Lowe took the 5x7 photos and Lawrence Lee is listed as the project historian.

Potential future installments to the B&O Marine Story:

- Coal to Canada—Car ferries between Rochester and Cobourg by Ted Rafuse; excerpts from the book of same title
- Baltimore Harbor Sidewheel Car Ferries *Canton* and *John W. Garrett*
- Moving the President St. Floatbridge
- B&O's steam tugs—Historical Review and Fleet Analysis
- The B&O on the Ohio River, Part 2, Wheeling, Parkersburg and Study for a Proposed Ohio River Carfloat Service from Pittsburgh
- The Struggle with a Decaying Wooden Fleet—Review of management documents from the 1940s and 1950s
- B&O's Derrick Lighters
- B&O's covered barges

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