

SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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Commodore's Corner: I hope that Santa was good to all of you this year, and I would like to wish everybody a happy New Year.

It's time to renew your membership. We have included application slips in this mailing,...just fill it out and bring it and your dues to the January meeting. If you can't make the meeting you can mail your dues and application to the address on the application form.

I would like to thank the board members and everybody involved with the planning of the Dry Dock Party, I think it was a big success. Job well done.

This month Alex and Tony will do a presentation on Radio Controlled Ice Boats. They will follow up with a live, on the ice demonstration January 22nd, at the North Pond. Please bring in the winter project that you're working on and share it with the rest of the club. Dale

What's The Meeting?: This month, we'll have a presentation on building and operating a quarter scale "DN" iceboat. Since they build quite quickly, it's not too late to get one on the ice this winter.

Where's The Meeting?: Since the Centrum building is used as a warming house during the skating season, we will meet in the park's garage band room. Enter via the loading dock to the north (left) of Audio King's installation shop on the lower parking level (out of the snow!) at Centennial Lakes Center.

Welcome: The following modelers have joined our organization during the past two months.

Richard Studnek St. Paul
Richard Parry Edina

Welcome aboard!

Dry Dock: Seventy-two members and guests started gathering at about 6:00PM for the Edina Model Yacht Club's free, year end bash on November 13th.

Cathi Pfeifer and Connie Johnson once again played salad chef and gave up the better part of the social hour to that task. Thank you very much, ladies!

After a Boston Market chicken dinner, and before our Baker's Square pie, we were given a demonstration of our new web site by Andy Valentine and then shown a run through of all of the TV coverage that we had received throughout the year by Tim Smalley.

The gathering broke up a few minutes before 10PM.

The only negative of the evening was a list of twenty "no-shows", resulting in over one hundred dollar's worth of food going to waste.

Swap Meet: Wow! The band room was humming during our November gathering. I counted 28 members...I'm sure that I missed more than a few...and at least a dozen kits for sale and trade. I don't know how well others did, but I "unloaded" two dusty kits and a small pile of other trinkets.

Y2K: Well, here we are in the New Year, New Decade, New Century, and New Millennium....all at once. Wow!

Doug Person has started the year off nicely by contributing an article...on page 3.

My thanks also go out, as should yours, to Ray Johnson for his great cartoons. Not only are they "off the wall", they are right "on the mark"!

I hope that these two members' contributions move YOU to put pen to paper during the new year.

Too Bad!: Rumor has it that publication of the previously announced, *Maritime Modeler Magazine* is indefinitely postponed (probably, permanently).

Builder's Corner: The *Watts Wake Beacon* reports that an easy way to remove pencil marks from wood surfaces is to use denatured alcohol and a clean white rag. Wet the rag, not the surface, and use a scrubbing motion to remove the pencil marks.

I tried it, and it worked better than the *Pink Pearl* rubber erasers that I have been using for fifty years.

Final Outing?: Ron Bongard, Dave Bros and I met at the pond on Sunday, Nov. 21st to wet our boats for the last time of the season. But, it was not to be. George Merrill called me a week later, on 11/28, and we met at the pond to do a bit of ice-breaking. We were joined by Bros, Larson, Mielke and Spletstoeszer...none of whom produced a boat. And then, after two 'warm' evenings, I tested the waters once again on 12/5. Only Bob Larson appeared to cheer me on, even though the pond was totally ice free. A cool evening on Dec. 5th hardened up the pond for good! See ya there in April!! Jim

Finances: The enclosed annual financial report from our treasurer, Gary Phillips, indicates that we're still in pretty good shape. Along with the statement is a membership renewal form. Please fill it out and mail it to Gary at his home or at our France Avenue address. Your \$20 will help to ensure our continued solvency.

952, 763, 651, 612: Since a new roster will not appear much before June, please include your new telephone area code on your membership renewal so that your friends will still be able to find you after the transition.

Schedule Of Upcoming Events

	Every Sunday	Open Boating	4:30PM - 9:00PM (90 days, and counting!)	
	Every Tuesday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM	" "
	Every Thursday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM"	" "
Jan.	18 th (Tue)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Garage	7:00PM - 9:00PM
	22 nd (Sat)	Ice Boating Demonstration	North Pond	10:00AM - Noon
Feb.	15 th (Tue)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Garage	7:00PM - 9:00PM
Mar.	21 st (Tue)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Garage	7:00PM - 9:00PM

Web Shops: I have found two new Internet shops that might be unknown to others. The first one is Lowell's Hobbies in Nova Scotia, Canada. They can be found at

< <http://www.geocities.com/Eureka/Plaza/9506/> >

Their phone is [REDACTED]. They carry the Robbe and Graupner lines and Rivabo 3, 4, and 5 bladed props. I have dealt with and purchased some items from Lowell and he is a treat to deal with and will answer any questions you might have. His prices are not bad and he can get anything you don't see on his catalog. His catalog (\$5) shows more than what you can see on the website and you can order it by calling him or e-mailing him.

The second shop is C&T Hobbies in Cheboygan, Michigan. Their web site is at:

< <http://www.cthobbies.com/> > and their phone number is [REDACTED].

I don't believe they have a printed catalog. They carry stuff for rockets, boats, planes and helis, but mostly boat items. For boats, they carry Robbe and Graupner along with Model Slipway, Midwest, etc. If you don't see something on his website he will find it for you. As a sample, I was after the discontinued Futaba Skysport 6CH on 75mhz. Tower hobbies was sold out, and since it is a discontinued item, Hub Hobby could not order one. Hub told me it was \$235. I got the last that C&T had for \$169.99 (he gave me \$10.00 off the web site price since it was the last one he had). Anyway, these are great radios that are discontinued. Chuck from C&T called me later and told me he can get 4 more radios from his supplier and then that is it. If you have been looking for one of these babies, give him a call. I could not find them anywhere else. Nice guy, and he ships right away (I received my radio in just 2 days).

I will bring some C&T cards to the next meeting. I will also bring the catalog from Lowell's for you to take a look at. These two new sources will be added to our "Source List". And...as always, before you buy, shop around.

Diego Gaston

Help!: If you're out surfing the web and notice a link to our club at the old "Ringworld" site, drop the webmaster a message and advise him/her of our new address: < www.emyc.com > Thanks!

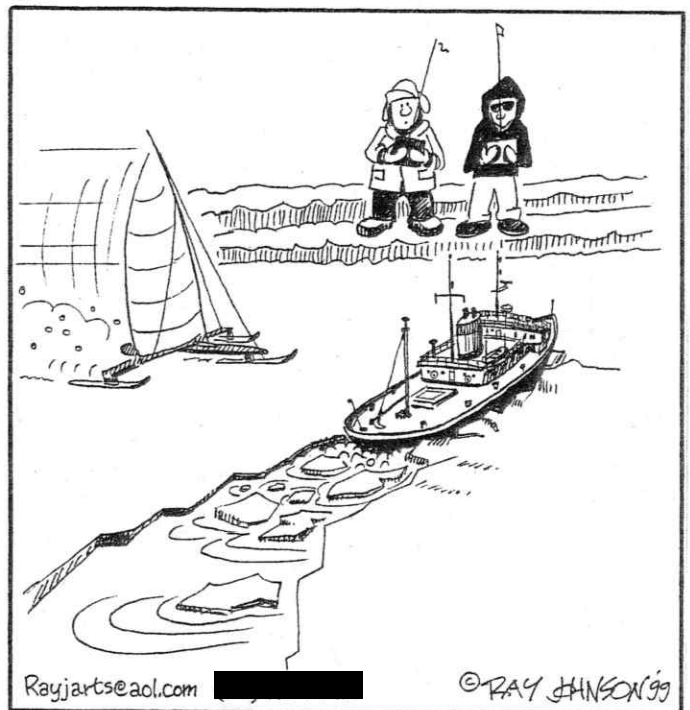
Diego

Resilient: Did you hear what finally happened to the *New Carrissa*, the ship that ran aground and broke up at Coos Bay, Oregon last year?

A Crowley tug, the 7,200HP *Sea Victory* (the tug that towed the *USS Missouri* to Hawaii) attempted to tow the forward section to sea, but the towline parted. A second attempt was successful, and the wreck was towed 200 miles offshore for scuttling.

Navy demolitions experts blew the bottom out of the hulk, but the *New Carrissa* wouldn't sink. A Coast Guard cutter then fired 75 5-inch shells at the wreck, but it remained afloat. Finally, a Navy submarine was summoned and it managed to dispatch the derelict to the bottom with a torpedo.

Shipbuilding quality, or floatability, at least, appears to have come a long way since the days of the "unsinkable" Titanic.



Attention Editors: Please note that our artist / cartoonist in residence, Ray Johnson asks that you contact him prior to any use of his copyrighted drawings in your publications. Ray can be reached at [REDACTED] or via [REDACTED]

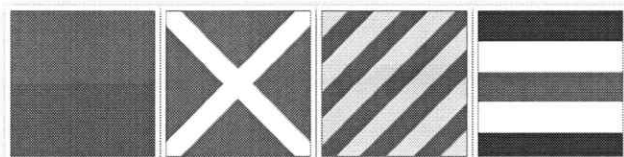
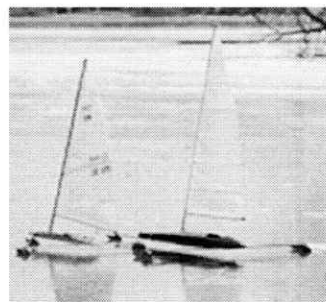
Radio Controlled

**ICE BOAT
DEMONSTRATION**
Saturday, January 22, 2000

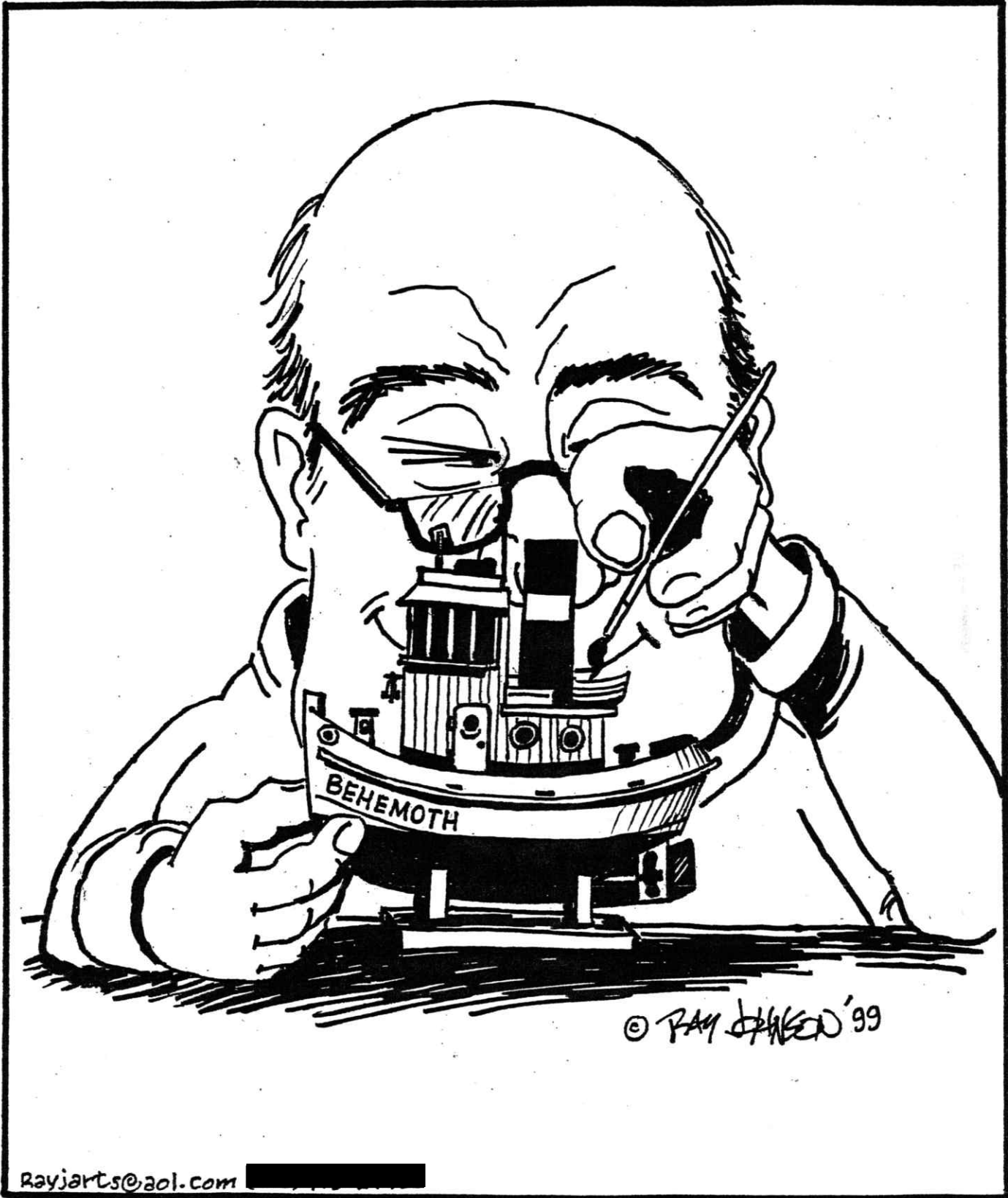
Starting at 10:AM

Centennial Lakes, North Pond

All club members and friends are invited
to see and try these fascinating R/C models.
Everyone with an R/C iceboat is encouraged to bring it as well.



Edina Model Yacht Club



Edina Model Yacht Club Income and Expenses 1999

Submitted By: G. Phillips, Nov. 27, 1999

Balance as of: 11/27/98 \$2,097.35

Income, 1999

Dues, Shirts, Hats, etc. \$ 1,926.88

Radio Control Hobby Trade Assn. Award \$ 500.00

Total \$ 2,426.88

Income: 11/27/98 - 11/27/99 \$2,426.88

Previous Balance plus Income: \$4,524.23

Expenses, 1999

Newsletter \$ 368.27

Parade of Model Boats \$ 169.17

Dry Dock Party \$ 917.20

Retrieval Boat Battery and Charger \$ 114.35

Supplies (club banner, buoys, course mks., printing) \$ 357.02

Shirts, Hats \$ 131.00

Toy Boat Show Table Fee \$ 40.00

Antique & Classic Boat Show \$ 32.48

MISC. (magazine sub., bank chgs, video tape, photos) \$ 91.02

Total \$ 2,220.51

Expenses: 11/27/98 - 11/27/99 \$2,220.51

Balance as of: 11/27/99 \$2,303.72

Become A Member Of The Edina Model Yacht Club

Membership levels: Youth: (under 18 yrs.) \$10 per calendar year., Adult: \$20 per calendar year

Membership Application / Renewal

Year 2000

Please make checks payable to the Edina Model Yacht Club, and mail to:
Edina Model Yacht Club, 7499 France Avenue South, Edina MN 55435

(Print) NAME: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Youth _____, Adult _____

Type(s) of Sailboat Operated: _____

Type(s) of Electric Boat: _____

Channel Number of Radio(s) - and - Number Of Boats Operated Per Channel (in parenthesis):

CH: _____ (_____), CH: _____ (_____), CH: _____ (_____), CH: _____ (_____)



BB-62: This photograph of the battleship *New Jersey* was taken by Robert J. Lewis on the Delaware river shortly prior to her return “home” to the Philadelphia Navy Yard on Veteran’s Day, Nov.11, 1999. The Crowley tug, *Sea Victory* (mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter) was completing a sixty day, 5,800 mile, \$2 million tow from the Bremerton Navy Yard in Washington state, via the Panama Canal. Before any restoration can commence, a decision as to her final mooring at either Camden or Bayonne, New Jersey must be made.

New Jersey exhibits 16 battle stars (more than any other ship) for service in WW II, Korea, Vietnam and Lebanon.

Ramblings On '99 : As a member of the Board of the Edina Model Yacht Club (EMYC) during the 1999 season, I had an opportunity to get to know our Commodore, Dale Johnson, much better. He will serve again as Commodore during Y2K. (I am also very pleased that Tim Smalley will take my place on the Board. He has many talents to share). Terry Spletstoeszer (the man of 1000 boats) and Diego Gaston (the man of 1000 hobby sources) will both be fine additions to the Board in 2000 as well.

Beneath Dale's quiet demeanor, is a man of incredible boat building talent and computer art and graphics skills. We owe him a great deal of gratitude for those things as well as his desire to achieve some measure of consensus in the Club and to overcome some of the divisiveness of the past.

When Dale became Commodore a year ago, he told the Board members, Kirk Brust, Doug Campbell, Jeff McCabe, Alex Raupp and me that he wanted to create committees which would reflect the various boating interests in the Club. He also wanted the Board to become a training ground for Commodores in subsequent years.

We had numerous committee meetings throughout the year, with one or more Board members in attendance at each meeting.

There were a special events scheduled throughout the season for the "High Tech" sailors, static model builders, steam powered interests, the Fast Electric group along with the Fairwind, Seawind, Marblehead, CR914, and one meter sailboats, tug, tow, military, Chris Craft, and pleasure craft boaters, as well.

We are immensely fortunate to have such outstanding facilities available to the club. Our sincere "thank you" to the City of Edina and to Tom Shirley and his helpful support staff.

The Round the World, Poker Run in April, using all three ponds as the race course, was enjoyed by so many people. (Not being very swift or agile, I appreciated the fact that my transmitter battery went dead halfway through the race!)

Our annual "Parade of Boats", in June, drew record crowds. New member, Tim Smalley used his vast list of media contacts to obtain radio, television and print coverage of the event. Much of this coverage was before the fact, resulting in a huge crowd of spectators. I estimate that 1,500-2,000 people attended. After many years at the helm, John Bishop has the planning and execution of this show down to a precise science. For me, this is the highlight, and most anticipated event of the boating season.

"Lighthouse Night", a regular August evening event, coincided with the last concert of the year by Edina's "John Phillip Sousa Band". The band put lighted candle luminaries on the pond, and these, combined with our lighted boats were quite a remarkable sight. The concert was followed by a stunning fireworks display. Jeff McCabe, assisted by several other members created the fully functional lighthouse from which, this event gets its name.

I really enjoyed our year end "Dry Dock Party", held in the Centrum Building in November. I believe a record number of members, spouses and significant

others attended this grand event. Andy Valentine, our new "Web Meister", treated us to a high tech demonstration of what our new web site (www.emyc.org) looks like, and showed the various features of the site. Tim Smalley then proceeded to show a video of our local TV coverage of the Parade of Boats and films of such memorable features as the ore boat being rammed by the speedboat and the burning barge being tended by the fireboat and other water cannon equipped vessels.

I am sorry that I missed many of the season's activities due to multiple orthopaedic surgeries throughout the year. I am really anxious to get my Seawind, the Kiwi II, on the pond in 2000. George Lammie really deserves the credit for turning my dream for a Seawind into a reality! Thank's, George!

Club membership now exceeds 100...the largest number that we have ever had. Many bring incredible talent to the club, both in terms of model building, graphic arts, and so many other fields. All appear to be nice people, with an amazing collection of life's experiences as well. For me, a lot of the fun of being in the club, is the camaraderie, talent sharing, beautiful evenings, inquisitive children and adults, or just being on the shore of one of the three lovely ponds that we have at Centennial Lakes. The Edina Park and Recreation Department deserves enormous credit for the role they played in designing, planning and construction of the amazing multiple-use complex that the club calls "home". In terms of being model boat friendly, we must have one of the nicest model boat lakes/ponds in the entire country!!

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge Jim Smith who maintains our membership list and writes and edits our monthly newsletter, "Sail & Scale". I believe that he has been the editor of this publication for well over five years.

About 4 years ago, I "stumbled" upon the boats and Club while walking around Centennial Lakes. I spoke with several members and was impressed with the enthusiasm and skill they had, as well as their enjoyment in talking about the sport. Many of the Club members are among my best friends today and have given me remarkable assistance and have answered my many questions. I also am pleased that the Club operates only electric, steam and wind powered boats. While I enjoy gas powered models, we really don't have the space for them, and too, we are in a residential area.

In closing, I must indicate how much I love the Club, its members and the numerous indoor and outdoor programs the Club sponsors.

Thank you all for a wonderful 1999 boating season! May Y2K be good to you all.

Doug Person

Stacks: I have acquired a large collection of magazines, books and catalogs from Tom Watkins and others. Now! I need bookshelf of some sort to put in our Centennial Lakes garage space in order to make these publications available to all. Have you got an unused bookshelf that you'd be willing to donate?

Call me, if you do. [REDACTED] *Dave Bros*

January Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)

Tuesday, January 18th

7:00 P.M.

(Board Meeting at 6:30)

Centennial Lakes

Garage Band Room

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