

# SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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**Commodore's Corner:** I will defer to John Bishop this month. See his note, below. *Dale*

**Parade:** It's final planning time for the Parade of Model Boats. This is the club's most popular event of the year where we collectively display and run our boats for the public during a five hour period at Centennial Lakes. At the May meeting, we will preview the entire show. Please attend the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to receive the latest information. You will also find a detailed list of show activities in the June newsletter...which should be in your hands during the week of June 4<sup>th</sup>. *John Bishop*

**Where's The Meeting?:** Centrum Building

**What's Up At The Meeting?:** We were expecting one of our members to present his winter project. Unfortunately, that's not going to happen. Please bring your latest project for show-n-tell so that we will have some diversion from the Parade planning discussion.

**Welcome Aboard, Welcome Back!:** The following gentlemen have \*joined us or \*renewed their membership since the April publication of the roster:

•Charles Applequist	Bloomington	
•Bill Hull	Faribault	
*Simon Bosworth	Eagan	
*Fred Ferris	Burnsville	
*George Lammie	Minneapolis	
*Ralph Peter	Richfield	
*Fred Porter	Bloomington	
*Tom Watkins	Edina	

**Ore Boating:** The Lake Superior Marine Museum Association is sponsoring a \$10-a-ticket fund raising raffle. The prize? Three couples will win a six day ore boat cruise from either Duluth or Two Harbors across Lake Superior through the Soo Locks and rivers to a Lower Lakes Port. Accommodations will be in the staterooms of the owner's quarters. Send a \$10 check to the Lake Superior Marine Museum Ass'n., P.O. Box 177, Duluth, MN 55801. The drawing takes place on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The trip, named the "Cruise of A Lifetime" will take place during the summer of 2000.

**Stamps:** The U.S. Postal Service has issued a new 33¢ stamp depicting a Los Angeles Class (SSN-688) nuclear submarine. Mail your friends a U-Boat!

**Adios!:** Those of you who read the newsletter, "cover to cover", will notice Alex Raupp's name missing on the back page. He's off to Taiwan for a five (or 10) year adventure. Best of luck, Hannah, Alex (and Sydney)!

**Information, Please!:** Since I cannot attend every club event and gathering, I need reports from someone (anyone) who was there. I have been informed that because of poor weather, only about five or six members gathered on April 15<sup>th</sup> to clean out our garage storage room. Remember the old proverb?

"Many hands make light work!"

I paid a short visit to the pond on April 29<sup>th</sup> to check out the Poker Run. Apparently, only a half dozen members showed up for this event too...but I have received no "official" report...so, I'm not certain.

With so little participation, I wonder if perhaps you guys would prefer fewer...but bigger, events. Might the Parade, Lighthouse Night, and a Sailing Event followed by the Dry Dock Party, be enough for a full season?

**Monthly Juice:** This year the Fast Electric group is going to put a wider variety of boats out there to entertain, and satisfy the need for speed! We will run as usual, our staple, the 7 Cell Spec class on Thursday nights starting around 6:00. From week to week we will alternate between a few other classes of boats to spice things up a bit and increase the SPEED quotient a bit. 6 Cell Rigger, 6 Cell Mono and 7-8 Cell Hydro.

The speeds during a 7 Cell Spec race can reach near 15 mph. Just jumping up one notch into a 6 Cell Mono you're now over 25 and quickly closing in on 30 mph! We have added the rigger to the picture to take us into the 30s. Since we have a couple boats that do not fit into these four categories, we have another so named "Anything goes!" In an attempt at getting more boats out there for you and the public to view, we have gotten our fearless commodore, Dale Johnson to purchase a 6 Cell Mono to help fill out that class.

You may think the action is intense with our ABS "clunkers". But there's even less room for mistakes in the other classes.

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, our crew will be heading down to Batavia, IL for the Midwest Nationals to see what hardware we can bring home. We need some more practice, as always, thus providing some more action out there on the pond. *Andy Valentine*

**Fun Float:** The Indianapolis Admirals will hold a two day (fun) sail racing event on June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Two classes are planned, One Meter and 45" (or longer) Class. Registration is due one week prior to the event. Contact Gene Wisner evenings [redacted]

*Jeff McCabe*

**Note:** Early deadline for June Newsletter...**June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Membership Meeting, 3/21/00:** Commodore called meeting to order at 7:05PM. 45 members and guests in attendance. Because of the absence of J.Bishop, the planning and discussion of the Parade of Boats is postponed to the May meeting. There will be a preliminary meeting of those who previously signed up on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Garage. Commodore had Parade posters for distribution to hobby shops. He also had Club info booklets. A virtually unlimited supply will be available before and during the Parade. All printing has been donated by Dale's employer. Park has an updated outdoor speaker system which will keep spectators "in the loop" as to what is happening during the event. The Park will host a Disney oriented event on June 10<sup>th</sup>, the day prior to the Parade. Club has been requested to operate during event. Boat US in Bloomington has invited the club to put on a display during their parking-lot-sale on May 19-20. They have no tables or canopy, so we may decline the invitation. Some responses to our request for door prizes for the Parade have already arrived. Toy Boat show on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. St.Louis Admirals', Tom O'Dell is planning on attending. Should be some interesting boat kits for a change. D.Person showed the new Team Mates catalog. Order through Doug if you want a logo emblazoned shirt or other apparel for the Parade. A.Valentine gave a presentation on our new web site for those who do not have access. Commodore

said that the Park had been waiting for Mother Nature to raise the water level in the pond. Since that didn't happen, they're pumping it up. Should be up to normal height by April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pond clean-up on 4/15 was rained out. Members did take that opportunity to clean out our Garage room, however. Buoys to be set on North Pond prior to the "Round The World- Poker Run" event. The total acreage surrounding the North pond is presently dug up in order to upgrade the landscaping.

**Show-'n-tell:** G.Pfeifer showed his resurrected Battleship Missouri in 1:96 scale (887feet = 9.25feet). It is of "bread and butter" construction which gives the model the look of a fair sized dug-out canoe when the superstructure is removed. George started construction on this behemoth only last November. The three turrets are the only parts salvaged from George's previous version, which was destroyed in '96. J.Smith showed his latest tug. He demonstrated that items published in the newsletter are of practical value: voltage reducer for lighting, waterline marking device and brass etching. H.Pierce showed his first boat, the scratchbuilt tug "Akron". It has been "tub" tested, but hasn't seen the pond yet. Good job! J. Schermeister showed a Sterling "Chris Craft 50' Catalina" that he purchased already built. John indicated that it would need quite a bit of work since it was built in the 70s using Ambroid and Elmer's glue. It also had no provision for running gear, as purchased. *Jim Smith*

## Schedule Of Upcoming Events

	Every Sunday	Open Boating	4:30PM - 9:00PM
	Every Tuesday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM
	Every Thursday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM
<b>May</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
	19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	Boat U.S. Parking Lot Sale	Boat U.S., Bloomington 12:00PM - 4:00PM
<b>Jun.</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	Radio Disney Summer Blast	Central Pond 10:00AM - 3:00PM
	11 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	Parade of Boats	Centennial Lakes Centrum 10:00AM - 5:00PM
	20 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Jul.</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM

**Props:** Small World Models has scale, silicon-bronze left and right handed props available in 3,4,5 and 7 bladed versions in diameters ranging from 1.2" to 3.4". Prices range from \$18 to over \$100. Several boat kits are in the planning stage at Small World too. Contact: David Manley at [REDACTED]

**Bags:** Another use for breakfast cereal box liners is as a sealer for paint bottles. Cut 2" squares and place them over the mouth of the bottle prior to screwing on the cap. The bottle can now be shaken without getting paint all over the cap's threads and inner cardboard seal. Use a fresh piece of liner each time you open the bottle. It works with solvent and water based paints such as Floquil and Badger and other paint jars/bottles with equal success.

**Cyberspace:** Here's another good reason to get "wired"! Kurt Greiner from SeaPhoto, Inc. has launched a new web site dedicated to RC model ship building. He includes a number of good model warship photos, plus handy construction tips such as making your own propellers, shafts and stuffing boxes, information about fiberglass hulls, working with automotive body filler putty, etc.

Most of this may be a bit basic for some of our more experienced builders, but for new guys like me, the information is quite helpful. *Tim Smalley*

<http://members.aol.com/wmunderway/home.htm>

**Photos:** If you start with < [www.navy.mil/](http://www.navy.mil/) >, you will find enough information on the US Navy...including photos, to keep you occupied for quite a long time!! *Jim*



# Edina Model Yacht Club

## PARADE OF BOATS

### Including:

- Military Ships
- Tugboats
- Sail Boats
- Commercial Boats
- Chris Crafts
- Ore Carriers
- Freighters
- Racing Boats

ADMISSION  
FREE

## Sunday, June 11, 2000

From 11:00 am. till 4:00 pm.

At the Centrum Building, Centennial Lakes Park,  
7499 France Avenue Edina, MN 55435

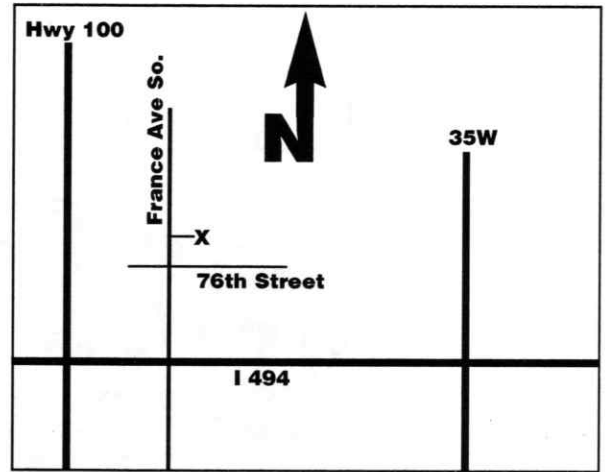
Come see over 100 radio controlled scale model boats on display and operating on the lake. All are Electric, Steam or Wind powered. The builders of these high quality models will be on hand to answer questions about the models or the hobby in general.

See map on back

## Directions to Centennial Lakes Park

From I-494 and France Avenue, go north on France Avenue for 2 blocks. Take the first right turn after 76th Street and park in the lower level of the parking ramp.

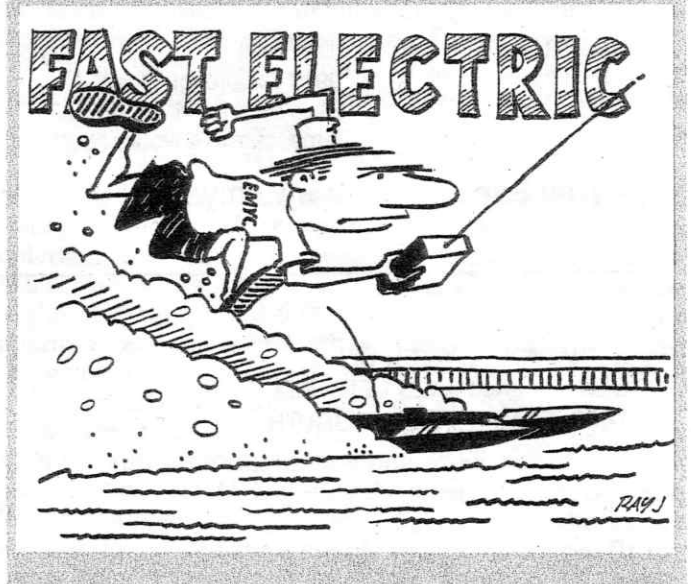
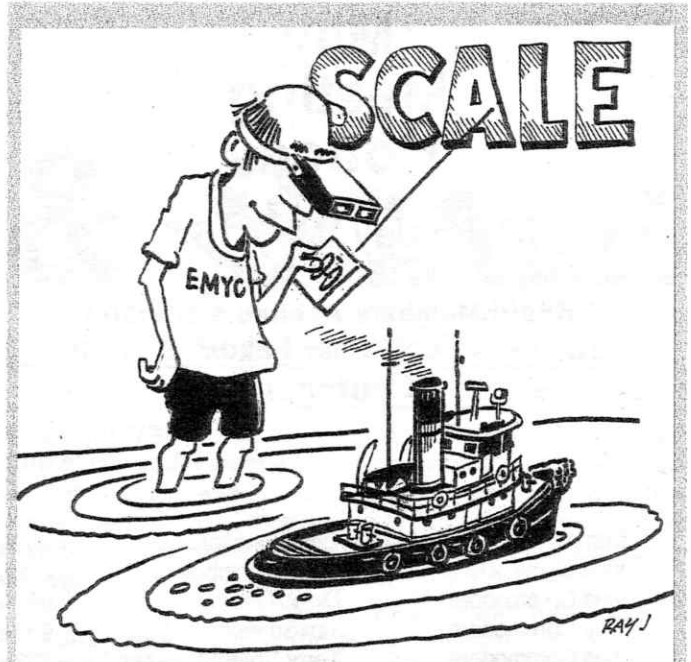
Food is available at Centennial Lakes Plaza from:  
McDonald's, Subway, Circus Pizza, Q Cumber's, Samo's  
Two Guys From Italy.



**Artist:** By this time, you are all well aware of the artistry of Ray Johnson, whose cartoons have graced these pages over the past several months.

Ray recently created several whimsical pieces to identify the various club "special interest groups" on the club web site. They are displayed here for those who do not have access to the web.

Give Ray an "atta boy" the next time you see him hanging around the pond. We need more of his "stuff" to continue to keep us smiling!



**Paints:** Contrary to what has recently appeared in the modeling press, Badger Modelflex Marine Acrylic colors are on the market. Demand has been so high, according to the local distributor, that the paints are hard to find. Badger has 145 railroad, military and automobile colors along with extender, clear flat, satin and gloss available. It is highly likely that one of those will fit your needs in the short term.

But! If you are truly in need, Model Shipways' Historic (38 colors) and Modern (80 colors) Marine Paints (both Acrylic) are available on sale (until 6/15) from Model Expo, Inc. [REDACTED] or, check their web site at: [www.modelexpoinc.com](http://www.modelexpoinc.com)

**Futaba:** Not only does Futaba have 2 and 4 channel surface radios available, but they will soon bring a 6 channel unit (model 6YG) to market for those of us using 75MHz. (It'll also be available on 72MHz, if you insist on flying airplanes)

# May Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)  
**Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 P.M.**

( Board Members Available at 6:30 )  
Centennial Lakes  
Centrum

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