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NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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Commodore's Corner: I want to thank everybody who made it down to Treasure Island for the Boat Show on the 19th and 20th of last month. We all had a great time and are looking forward to another good turnout at next year's show.

This month at the meeting we will be nominating a new Commodore and Board members...so plan to be at this important meeting.

I have asked Jim to include a copy of our Rules for Radio Control Boating at Centennial Lakes. The 1999 Board had reviewed these rules and felt that they are mostly common sense rules and should be adopted by the club. I would like to add that it is never alright to harass any wildlife (wildfowl) with your boat.

See you at the lake.

Dale

Nominations: Yeah, it's that time again. We need to tap at least one person to run for Commodore and four, or more for the Board. Club bylaws prohibit anyone who has served two consecutive years from running again without taking at least one year off.

Consequently, Dale Johnson and Doug Campbell are ineligible for re-election.

Please obtain prior permission before nominating anyone who will not be attending the meeting.

If we have two nominees for Commodore and/or more than five nominees for the Board, there will be a mail-in ballot enclosed in the October newsletter.

If an election is necessary, the winner's name(s) will be announced at the Dry Dock Party.

Welcome: The following gentlemen have joined us during the past month. Please add their names to your list. Welcome aboard, guys!

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| Cox, John | Anoka | |
| Hopwood, Greg | St. Paul | |
| Whiskey, Brian (yth) | Edina | |

Woodies: I spotted 16 members at the Antique and Classic Boat Show at Treasure Island on Saturday, Aug. 19th. 11 of those people had 36 boats on display, while 5 of the guys just put in an appearance. Conspicuously...there were no sailboats on display!

The Casino had widened last year's, unstable dock by about three feet, so we could safely operate our boats in the protected area along the shoreline. It's still a bit

difficult to launch a boat, but there's plenty of room on the dock from which to operate, once on the water.

Lighthouse Night, held on Sunday, the 20th, probably adversely affected the turnout on the second day of the show. However, nine members managed to display boats. A few did depart Red Wing early in order to attend the evening event at Centennial Lakes.

Speaking Of: Lighthouse Night saw 30 members in attendance. A boat count was impossible to ascertain, because of the huge viewing crowd, but there were at least fifteen boats on the water simultaneously several times during the evening.

The band was somewhat difficult to hear at the boating area because of the din of spectators' voices. Perhaps we can get the music "piped" in to the speakers in our area next time around.

The fireworks during the show's finale elicited lots of "oohs" and "aahs" from the crowd. I still believe that it would be a worthy expenditure to enhance the fireworks with a small donation from the bulging club coffers. What do you think?

Fairly Nice: Kirk Brust walked away from the competition at the Minnesota State Fair, placing first with his model of Captain Nemo's *Nautilus*. Kirk also brought home the "Sweepstakes" ribbon encompassing all six model categories, that is, best model overall. Congratulations, Kirk.

Meanwhile, down the street at the Ramberg Senior Center, Dick Edge garnered a third place award with his quarter scale sailing pram. Atta boy, Dick!

Holy Columbus! We have been showing the Columbus Day Regatta on our schedule of events as occurring on Oct. 8th. Since the departure of Alex Raupp, no one has stepped forward to organize this event. Unless someone volunteers, we will assume that the event is not in demand...and it will be cancelled. We'll try to work this out at the meeting.

Dry Dock Party: At the present time, it appears that the Centrum Building will be available for our annual, year end bash on the date originally planned. Re-mark your calendars for November 11th.

Contact the Commodore [redacted] if you would be willing to assist in the planning and/ or set-up of the event. The old proverb, "Many hands make light work!" applies here, as always.

Membership Meeting, 8/15/00: Commodore called meeting to order at 7:05PM. 44 members and guests in attendance. Commodore mentioned the upcoming busy weekend. Antique and Classic boat show in Red Wing on Saturday and Sunday and our own Lighthouse Night on Sunday. He passed around sign-up sheet for Red Wing show. He expects that we will have two tents and eight tables to fill up with boats. J. Bishop spoke about Lighthouse event. T.Smalley mentioned that Ships 'n Things in Manville, N.J. now has the Robbe, F-14, twin throttle FM radio available on 75MHz. The basic 4 channel transmitter, receiver, three servo unit is about \$300.

Commodore announced that the Centrum has been tentatively rented on the evening of November 11th, the date previously set for the Dry Dock Party. Possible alternate dates are Friday, Nov. 10th or 17th. He'll let us know when a date is firm. Dick Dahlquist displayed his single motor, twin drive gearboxes. They're available on either 3" or 4" centers and in a variety of ratios and cost about \$125. Dick also showed and highly recommended 3M's "Wetordry" Polishing Papers. They are available in six grades ranging from 30 micron (400 grit), through 9 micron (1200 grit), down to 1 micron. *Jim*

Schedule Of Upcoming Events

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| | Every Sunday | Open Boating | 4:30PM - 9:00PM |
| | Every Tuesday | Open Boating | 5:30PM - 9:00PM |
| | Every Thursday | Open Boating | 5:30PM - 9:00PM |
| Sep. | 16 th (Sat.) | St.Louis Admirals Regatta | Union Station, St.Louis, MO 9:00AM - 5:00PM |
| | 17 th (Sun.) | St.Louis Admirals Regatta | Union Station, St.Louis, MO 10:00AM - 3:00PM |
| | 19 th (Tue.) | Membership Meeting | Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM |
| Oct. | 7 th (Sat.) | Last Blast Before The Snow | South Pond 11:00AM - 3:00PM |
| | 8 th (Sun.) | Columbus Day Regatta | North Pond 10:00AM - 3:00PM |
| | 17 th (Tue) | Membership Meeting | Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM |
| | 21 st (Sat.) | Nat'l Model & Hobby Show | Rosemont, IL 10:00AM - 5:00PM |
| | 22 nd (Sun.) | Nat'l Model & Hobby Show | Rosemont, IL 10:00AM - 5:00PM |
| Nov. | 11 th (Sat.) | Dry Dock Party | Centennial Lakes Centrum 6:00PM - 11:00PM |
| | 18 th (Sat.) | Toy and Model Boats Show | Hopkins House Hotel 8:00AM - 2:30PM |
| | 21 st (Tue.) | Membership Meeting (Swap) | Centennial Lakes Garage 7:00PM - 9:00PM |

Web: Kurt Greiner of SeaPhoto now has an RC Model site up and running. The models are mostly military, but worth a look by any scale builder. Kurt also has a large selection of prototype photos available (hence the SeaPhoto name). *Tim Smalley*
< <http://members.aol.com/wmunderway/home.htm> >

Clear Sky, Fairwind: One evening, I was looking at the EMYC membership list, and was amazed at the number of members listed as owning a *Fairwind* sailboat. I decided to see if I could gather some of these sailors together for some fun sailing. I am told that fun events are for bragging rights only.

I called each person on the list with an invite to the north pond for some fun sailing on Sunday, Aug. 6th.

At this point, I should mention that the Blade & Bulb sailors had tackled the task of transporting and placing the buoys on the north pond. Thank you, B&B sailors.

Fairwind sailors in attendance were: Jerry Bell, Randy Christ, Fred Ferris, Bob Jester, and Doug

Person. Bob Jester's boat was in dry dock for repairs but he came to the pond to watch, give advice and help out. That is dedication. Thanks, Bob.

Blade & Bulb sailors on hand were John Dodson and Larry Johnson. They offered help, assistance and expertise. Thanks, John & Larry.

A good breeze out of the NW was somewhat gusty, and provided good sailing. With all the buoys available, we were able to sail two different courses and a total of four heats. On the last two heats, pedal boats came into play and provided challenging options for the skippers.

Since fun sailing is for bragging rights only, I won't go into the placings, but can report that Jerry Bell has those rights until the next fun sail. Not only does he have bragging rights, he has one "hooked-up", killer *Fairwind*.

We only had 10% of the available *Fairwind* fleet, but I think we had 80% of the fun that day.

Thanks to all the members who showed up and made the event possible. *Fred Ferris*

Seawind Ho!: Since the club's EC-12 numbers have dwindled to only one...and that boat belongs to an out of state (MA) member...the EC-12 has been removed as a club "class" boat. Since the "S" code letter is already in use to designate "Speedboat", new rosters will now show the letter "K" instead, indicating the *Kyosho Seawind*. There are now about a half dozen *Seawind* sailboats in residence.

Monthly Juice Returns!: Next Month, the Fast Electric group will hold a "Last Blast Before the Snow" race! Saturday, October 7th has been chosen. We'll run from 11:00 AM until our batteries give out...or until we get hungry. This will hopefully become an annual event for us and we may consider adding an event in the spring for an Ice Breaker. The goal is not to attract hoards of speed freaks but rather increase our exposure to the Twin Cities area. We are in need of a few more warm bodies to fill out the group a bit more, so that we can run a wider variety of boats on a regular basis. This may help. Also, this will be the perfect opportunity for any "Young Rookies" out there.

Awards will be based on Best Driver, Youngest Rookie, Fastest and Best Looking boats. Groups will be assembled based loosely on age and boat speeds or handling. Contact me with any questions.

In other news, Dan Proulx finally achieved some speed last week in his *Sabre* mono. He is running a new brushless motor system - Aveox. It is truly and impressive set up considering the no maintenance factor, although at high cost. One for you to check out on a cool Thursday evening.

Andy Valentine



Gangster's Sale: Joe, at Outlaw's R/C World (7105 N. 10th St., Oakdale) advises that his store is moving five doors south, adjacent to the Petco shop.

A moving sale, from Sept 9th through 16th, has some very good prices. Single tag sale price, 30% off retail. Other sale merchandise, 20% off. Unfortunately, the sale is already in progress, but it may not be too late to pick-up a bargain or two.

New Tug: Northeast Narrow Gauge is advertising the *Kennebec*, a 23" Maine Harbor Tug, for \$140, including shipping. A power package is available for an additional \$50. Contact Northeast Narrow Gauge at P.O. Box 191, Wiscasset, ME 04578 or on the web at: www.nemodel.com

John Bishop

(Editor's note: This boat looks suspiciously like the Freedom Song 16" tugboat, "Arnold S"...only increased in size by 40%. [Freedom Song is now part of this company]. The 23" size will make it a much easier boat to radio control!)

Twin Throttles: The Robbe F-14 radio is now available on 75mHz from Al Matava at *Ships N' Things* in New Jersey. It's spendy though, at \$299 for a four channel unit. The advantage of course, being all the expansions available for it. Tim Smalley

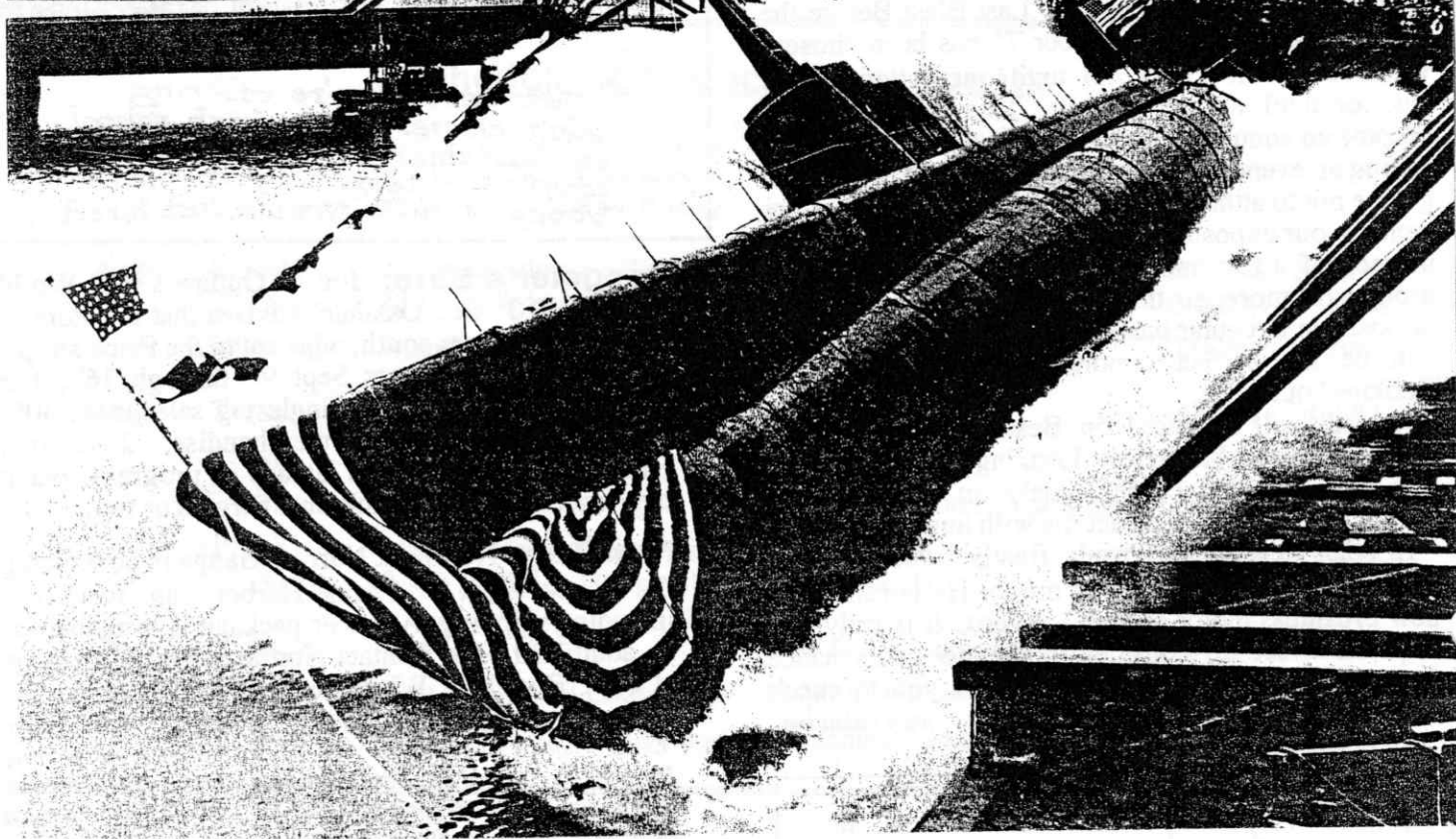
Say What?: Overheard recently in a conversation between a couple of spectators in regard to us model boaters: "This must be some sort of sub culture". (And...at the time, Tim and his submarine were nowhere to be seen, Ed)

More Web: This site will keep you busy for a long time. There are more boat modeling links here than you can investigate in a month of spare time.

< <http://www.boat-links.com/linklists/boatlink-19.html#models> >

Jim

Nominations: If God wanted us to have elections, he would have given us candidates! This applies to club as well as national politics.



Splash!: Doug Person passed along this interesting photograph showing the launching of the *USS Peto* (SS-265) at Manitowoc Shipbuilding in Wisconsin in 1942. The caption states that *Peto* is "The first to be built and side-launched on the Great Lakes for the U.S.Navy." *Peto's*, keel was laid in June 1941, while the last boat (*Mero* SS-378) was not commissioned until four years later.

It is interesting to note that of the 288 United States submarines that saw service during World War II, 28 were built in Manitowoc, 700 miles from the nearest ocean and over 1,800 miles (as the crow flies) from the Pacific, where 25 eventually saw action.

The 25 Wisconsin boats sank 132 Japanese ships totaling over 488,000 tons. Four were themselves, sunk by the Japanese.

USS Cobia (SS-245), not one of the twenty-eight, serves as a memorial to these vessels at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc. She's open for tours, and is certainly worth a visit.

The 28 Wisconsin-built submarines were:

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| U.S.S. Peto (SS 265) | Commissioned | 4/30/42 |
| U.S.S. Pogy (SS 266) | Commissioned | 1/10/43 |
| U.S.S. Pompon (SS 267) | Commissioned | 3/17/43 |
| U.S.S. Puffer (SS 268) | Commissioned | 4/27/43 |
| U.S.S. Rasher (SS 269) | Commissioned | 6/08/43 |
| U.S.S. Raton (SS 270) | Commissioned | 7/13/43 |
| U.S.S. Ray (SS 271) | Commissioned | 7/27/43 |
| U.S.S. Redfin (SS 272) | Commissioned | 8/31/43 |
| U.S.S. Robalo (SS 273) | Commissioned | 9/28/43 |
| U.S.S. Rock (SS 274) | Commissioned | 10/26/43 |
| U.S.S. Golet (SS 361) | Commissioned | 11/30/43 |
| U.S.S. Guavina (SS 362) | Commissioned | 12/23/43 |
| U.S.S. Guitaro (SS 363) | Commissioned | 1/26/44 |
| U.S.S. Hammerhead (SS 364) | Commissioned | 3/01/44 |
| U.S.S. Hardhead (SS 365) | Commissioned | 4/18/44 |
| U.S.S. Hawkbill (SS 366) | Commissioned | 5/17/44 |
| U.S.S. Icefish (SS 367) | Commissioned | 6/10/44 |
| U.S.S. Jallao (SS 368) | Commissioned | 7/08/44 |
| U.S.S. Kete (SS 369) | Commissioned | 7/31/44 |
| U.S.S. Kraken (SS 370) | Commissioned | 4/30/44 |
| U.S.S. Lagarto (SS 371) | Commissioned | 10/14/44 |
| U.S.S. Lamprey (SS 372) | Commissioned | 11/17/44 |
| U.S.S. Lizardfish (SS 373) | Commissioned | 12/30/44 |
| U.S.S. Loggerhead (SS 374) | Commissioned | 2/09/45 |
| U.S.S. Macabi (SS 375) | Commissioned | 3/29/45 |
| U.S.S. Mapiro (SS 376) | Commissioned | 4/30/45 |
| U.S.S. Menhaden (SS 377) | Commissioned | 6/22/45 |
| U.S.S. Mero (SS 378) | Commissioned | 8/17/45 |

Goin' Around, Comin' Around: Five years ago, the following article appeared in the newsletter as a suggested "rules of the road" for boating at Centennial Lakes. Our Commodore has suggested that with the extensive growth of the club, and a corresponding outbreak of what appears to be an almost complete disregard for other members, and their boats...that it be reprinted. If you notice others removing their boats from the pond as soon as you launch yours...please reexamine your operating habits!

Manners, Manners, Manners!!

(As a result of a recent accident at the lake, several members have suggested that a list of rules be developed for the pond.)

By: Jim Smith 8/95

With the arrival of many uninitiated new members and a laxity on the part of some veterans, radio usage and boat operation at the pond has become somewhat careless, possibly dangerous. Several items need to be addressed and should apply to all users at Centennial Lakes, club members and non-members alike:

- **1 Only approved 'ground' frequencies are to be used.** There are six 27 Mhz and thirty 75 Mhz channels (61 through 90) available for surface users. Eighteen additional channels on 50 and 53 Mhz are reserved for licensed ham radio operators only. No aircraft band (72 Mhz) transmission is permitted.
- **2 Transmitter frequencies must be identified.** All radios come from the manufacturer with 1.5 inch high, black on white numerical placards or flags which attach to the transmitter antenna. These flags must be displayed. Paper substitutes, which are difficult to read, have proven to be unacceptable. Replacement flags are available at hobby shops for less than four dollars. Buy one and use it, or you may not operate at this location. (27 Mhz transmitters are required to display an additional, colored streamer)
- **3 Priority.** Members of the Edina Model Yacht Club, a city chartered club, have priority over non-members at Centennial Lakes. Non-members will only be allowed to operate with the consent of members.
- **4 Sharing frequencies / Frequency conflicts.** Radio crystals can be changed to avoid conflicts, however a member can not be required to do so since the crystal swap can result in a transmitter which is not optimally tuned. Note that transmitter identification flags must also be changed if crystals are changed. Two or more members on the same frequency must share operating time equally.
- **5 Common sense shall prevail.** Although modern radios are fine pieces of equipment, they are not perfect. A transmitter or group of transmitters much closer to your boat's receiver than you are, can easily overpower your transmitted signal and cause loss of control. A fast electric boat being operated from the vicinity of the Centrum Building and running at the south end of the pond while several sailboat operators are broadcasting near the south buoy, is an accident waiting to happen.
- **6 Allow a line of sight.** Give fellow boaters a clear view. Do not walk in front of other operators who are seated or standing along the edge of the pond. Safety and good manners dictate that the user who finds it necessary to stroll along with his or her boat should pass behind other boaters.
- **7 People first.** It is not uncommon to see children sitting on the edge of the pond with their feet dangling in the water. Do not operate anywhere near these little folks...especially with a fast electric. Run into the wall, crash onto the rocks, sink a buddy's boat but do not, under any circumstances, ever come anywhere near hitting a spectator. Nothing will get us expelled from the park quicker! Additionally, do not harass the local wildfowl!
- **8 Keep clear of traffic.** Operators of expensive models can become excitable. Fast electrics may be perceived as unguided missiles. Freeway drivers are cautioned to maintain a one car length following distance for every ten miles per hour of speed. Use similar figures for your power boat. While a tug can safely pull up alongside another boat, a fast moving electric may need to maintain a twenty or thirty foot spacing close in and even more at a distance where depth perception becomes questionable. Prudence is the key.
- **9 Take responsibility for your actions.** Unfortunately, accidents do happen. If, as a result of carelessness or equipment failure, you cause loss or damage, step forward, make your apologies and offer to repair or replace the damaged equipment to the best of your ability.
- **10 Act responsibly.** That, most of all, will preclude the necessity of further burdensome regulations. Rules only become necessary when people stop using good manners. It has been suggested that posting a list of "Rules of the Pond" on the Centrum bulletin board might be of value to members and non-members alike and serve to avoid future conflict.

September Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)

Tuesday, Sep. 19th

7:00 P.M.

(Board Members Available at 6:30)

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