



SAIL & SCALE

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Commodores Corner: Remember the Antique and Classic Boat show and Lighthouse night are on the weekend of the 18th. For information on the Antique and Classic Show, contact Dale Johnson.

We will be roping off the first step for our club members to run boats during the Lighthouse night. Park management agreed this would be very helpful in getting more boats out to the water. I will be there early on the 19th with some rope to hang around the light bollards with some little signs notifying guests of its purpose.

The next meeting is on the 21st. Please bring your projects in for show and tell. We'll have another short format this month allowing for more time on the water in the evening. Bring your project questions or suggestions along with you. We will also be giving away remaining door prizes from the Parade. Some books, among other items will be given away by drawing tickets from a hat. You must be there to win! See you then.

Andy

Welcome: New and renewed guys since last month!!

Moe Bakhtiari	St. Louis Park
Spencer Loomis	Bloomington
Dick Valentine	Edina

Thanks: Twenty members put in an appearance at Handicap Boating on July 11th. In no special order they were: Glass, Norton, Person, Olson, Ferris, Jester, Smith(J), Johnson (L), Bros, Ross (J), Ross (M), Splettstoesz (T), Hershey, Chryst, Bottemiller, Bongard, Walker, Swain and Boyer. Although all didn't sail with the guests, they helped the club "look good" to our benefactors at the City. Thank you all.

I am sure that the students appreciated your efforts.

Perhaps: Those of you who were otherwise "engaged" might be moved to make a bit more of an effort to participate next year, after reading a copy of the note that I received a few days after the event:

"Dear Jim,

"I was extremely pleased to see such a good turnout of members at the Adaptive Boating session on Thursday, July, 12th. I worked with a young man with Down Syndrome and he really enjoyed making

my *Seawind* go round in circles. I asked if he was having a good time? He struggled a "You bet!"

"I felt so very pleased to be a member of EMYC, giving something back to the City of Edina which does so much for the club. I always marvel at the outstanding facilities of Centennial Lakes Park.

"My thanks to all of the members who helped make this a very special evening.

"With very best wishes, (signed) Doug Person

Steering Regatta: Five sailboats and four scale boats showed up for the Steering Regatta on July 22nd.

Chad and I spent about 2 1/2 hours setting out the course. We had previously spent a few days bending, gluing up and painting the PVC buoys. We did manage to get a pretty good sunburn in the process.

Time was recorded for each participant. A penalty of 10 points was added for each buoy or channel marker touched. The sailboat final results placed Fred Ferris first, followed by Chad Splettstoesz, Mikio Kirihara, Dave Bros and Bob Jester. In the power boat category, Paul Olsen was first, followed by Terry Splettstoesz, John Bishop and Bob Glass.

Chad and I pulled the buoys at about 8:15 PM.

John Bishop drew the course on a large board so that spectators and participants could follow what was going on. Paul Olsen charged the retrieval boat battery. Fred Ferris, Gary Anderson, John Bishop, Bob Jester, Chad and I alternated as timekeepers. Thanks to all who helped out!

An additional note: Chad and I will not be back next year. Chad and Madison will be keeping Linda and me busy hauling them to sporting games at one place or the other and who knows where. But, we will keep in touch.

Terry Splettstoesz

Duh! Did anyone note the irony in Terry's report on the Steering Regatta?

He and Chad spent days building and hours setting out the regatta course...only to be greeted by seven other members willing to compete. That turnout, gentlemen, is exactly five percent of our membership!

Is it any wonder that members don't step forward to run events? The cooperation and thanks they receive is less than spectacular.

Jim

Membership Meeting, 7/17/01: Commodore called meeting to order at 7:05pm. 36 members in attendance. Commodore asked for comments from membership. D.Person suggested that we carry "HandicapBoating" as "Adaptive Education" in future announcements. Agreed. T.Spletstoeszer mentioned that his "student" was a 40 year old who operated Terry's boat for over two hours. He and his brother were headed off to the hobby shop to find a boat after the operating session. Only six students participated. Thanks to members who assisted. Commodore announced several upcoming events. He also asked members to submit articles to the newsletter editor. T.Spletstoeszer related several happenings that

occurred during a recent visit to Duluth harbor. Lots of new stuff on display.

Show -n-Tell: Bob Glass gave a presentation on his first scratch built project. The four foot, 50 pound, Kort Nozzle powered tow boat is loaded with interesting details. Its two ounce fiberglass surface did not meet expectations so Bob replaced it with two layers of 6 ounce glass with more on the "corners"...no further problems. Bob's presentation concentrated primarily on the lighting and electronics on the boat. He thoughtfully brought along two dozen Digi-Key catalogs for those interested in following-up on his lighting and/or sound system ideas. He also had handouts describing various circuits and a list of several web sites that he used during construction. *Jim*

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
Aug.	18 th (Sat.)	Antique & Classic Boat Show	Treasure Island, MN 10:00AM - 6:00PM
	19 th (Sun.)	Antique & Classic Boat Show	Treasure Island, MN 9:00AM - 4:00PM
	19 th (Sun.)	Lighthouse Night	Central Pond 7:00PM - 9:30PM
	21 st (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Sep.	6,7,8,9 th	Int'l Model & Hobby Show	Rosemont, (O'Hare) IL 10:00AM - 5:00PM
	15 th (Sat.)	St.Louis Admirals Regatta	Union Station, St.Louis, MO 9:00AM - 5:00PM
	16 th (Sun.)	St.Louis Admirals Regatta	Union Station, St.Louis, MO 9:00AM - 5:00PM
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Oct.	6 th (Sat.)	Last Blast Before The Snow	South Pond 11:00AM - 3:00PM
	6 th 7 th (S&S)	Columbus Day Regatta	North Pond 10:00PM - 3:00PM
	6 th , 7 th	CR-914 Nationals	Evergreen, CO
	16 th (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Disembarking: We would like to announce the arrival of: Christian Lewis Gaston,

July 18, 2001, at 03:38am

Displacement: 9.4 lbs L.O.A.: 21"

Poop Deck: Fully operational!

Anne and I thank you all for your support this past year and appreciate you welcoming our newest shipmate!

Diego Gaston

Salled West: Member, Bill Bach, Sr. passed away quietly on August 1st. Bill was the father of Bill Bach, Jr., who was instrumental in the formation of our club. Although Bill, Sr. was confined to a wheelchair and lived in St. Cloud he made an effort to attend our Parade of Boats each year. I was pleased to have had a few minutes with him at our recent Parade

Bill was a fine gentleman and he will be missed by those of us who knew him. Our sincere condolences go out to his family during this difficult time. *Jim*

Drills: I broke my last 1/64 HSS drill bit while experimenting on making my own rail stanchions. The hobby shops want too much for their drill bit sets, so I shopped the internet and found just the place. Its called Bisco of Florida. Their address is

<http://www.biscofl.com/index.htm>.

I ordered a package of 12 - 1/64 bits for only \$12.03 including S&H. *Don Swain*

Lead: I would not be surprised if you have noticed a light to dark gray powder on and around model ship fittings made of lead when last you visited a maritime museum. Perhaps you have even noticed a similar deterioration on your own ship models.

There is a web page devoted to the subject hosted by the "Curator of Navy Ship Models" which is worthy of a look. Next time you visit a museum, you'll know what to look for and what you're looking at.

http://www.dt.navy.mil/cnsm/lead_01.html

Fast Electric Racing in Batavia, Illinois:

The Fast Electric group took part in the Midwest Nationals July 27-29th. Racers from Arkansas, Ohio, Michigan, Tennessee, Indiana and Wisconsin were in attendance. Dan Proulx, Doug Campbell, Mark Anderson and I did well stacked up against some well-polished racers who travel the country seeking competition.

N2 Mono (6 cells)

- 1) Doug Twaits
- 2) Andy Valentine
- 3) Dan Proulx FT 1:00

O Sport Hydro (8 cell scale hydro)

- 1) Ken Mayuga
- 2) Dan Proulx FT 1:00
- 3) Ken Joye

P Spec Hydro (12 cell 700bb motor)

- 1) Bill Enright
 - 2) Steve Voepel
 - 3) Steve Hill
- FT 1:21 Doug Campbell

N1 Mono (stock motor 6 cells)

- 1) Dan Proulx
- 2) Allan Nayman
- 3) Mark Anderson FT 1:23

P Spec Offshore (12 cells 700bb motor)

- 1) Dan Proulx 25 laps
- 2) Ken Joye
- 3) Andy Valentine

Note that Doug Twaits is a national racer and the legend Ed Hughey didn't make podium in N2. I had a fast boat in N2 but trim problems kept me slow on the straights. Dan had a good chance as well if it weren't for a 3rd round DNF. Dan had O sport Hydro nailed if it wasn't for the first round tumble. He ran a Doug Campbell built Shovel Nose Hydro using foam and wood construction. Doug couldn't shake the bugs out of his Graupner Taifun in P Spec Hydro to complete the first two rounds. I was trying to take pictures of him racing. The third round I left the camera in the bag, and did not watch the race. Coincidentally he finished first and was able to at least claim Fastest Time. Go figure? With our experience in SPEC classes here at home N1 was a shoe in. Mark could have had first if it weren't for his lane coach (Dan) trying to get him in closer to the buoys. Smacked one and gathered a DNF. Sounds a little fishy, probably not a good idea to use competition as your lane coach. Mark and I ran our Electro Vs in P Spec offshore and amazed them with our speed. However that speed would become our undoing. Unknowingly to us, the format was a counterclockwise M. We run a clockwise oval at home. One week prior to the event we learned of our mistake and had to make changes for this format change. We scrapped out some respectable numbers in the end. We will be heading back next year to run for team EMYC.

Andy Valentine

China Trade: On a recent trip to Shanghai, China, I went to a model ship exposition. As I was looking around, I saw a picture of one of the builders in a case, and saw him in the gallery. Eventually, I went up to speak to him, and, in my broken Chinese, we had a nice talk. It turns out that he was the designer of the western ships on display, which were actually from a local factory. He also made all of the Chinese ships on display, and told me about some details, like junks with masts mounted on the sides of the ships.

He pulled out a model of a river boat and explained to me why the aft end was not straight across. This boat is rowed from the back, with the oars pointing back (you waggle the oar side to side). The longer oar is for rowing and the shorter one is for steering.

While we were talking, a photographer of some sort wanted to take our picture. So, we stood in discussion while she took some shots. The next day, the English newspaper, the Shanghai Daily had a one page article on model ships, and sure enough, there is our picture! I gave master Xu the EMYC web site address, and told him to take a look at the wonderful models shown on the site.

It is great to discuss model boat building with people from different cultures. Even though our lifestyles are so completely different, we appreciate similar, unique things.

Alex Raupp

Batteries: Nickel-Metal Hydride (NiMH) cells by Ray O Vac, Energizer, Radio Shack and others are available at discount stores around town. Cost has come down to where they are definitely less costly for a single season of sailing than alkaline cells...if the boat is frequently used.

(note: Fred and the "every night" sailing group. Ed.)

A package of four NiMH cells can be found for as little as \$11. Purchase the 1600mAh versions. They are no more costly than the 1200s and will give 8+ hours in the transmitter and 5+ hours in the boat.

For about \$25 for a charger and 4 cells, you get a set of batteries that will last for hundreds of uses, costing less than six sets of alkaline cells. Of course, you will need an additional eight cells for your transmitter.

John Dodson

The Eyes Have It: Very lightweight, bright yellow practice golf balls are available at Wal-Mart and other sporting goods stores. They are not the "whiffle" ball type, but a smooth and soft foam ball. They are sold in packages of four for about \$3.

Drill a 1/4 inch hole halfway through the ball and affix it to your transmitter antenna. Now! Not only have you marked your transmitter with the FCC required yellow "flag", but you have added a considerable safety factor in the event someone accidentally gets too close to the antenna with an unprotected eyeball

John Dodson

(I have used these balls on all of my radios for years...and haven't poked out any eyes, yet. Ed.)

Edina Model Yacht Club

Members to display boats at the
Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous

Saturday and Sunday August 18th and 19th 2001

- We need members to display their boats on either Saturday or Sunday preferably both days.
- Admission is Free to participating Club Members.
- Any type boat is acceptable.
- Display runs 9:00am to 6:00pm on Saturday and 9:00am to 5:00pm on Sunday. Plan to be there earlier than that to set up.
- Location: Treasure Island Casino, Red Wing, Minnesota.

Contact: Dale Johnson at 952-854-3243 for further information

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Saturday 9am - 6pm
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For Hotel Reservations:

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Mailbox 4

Just tell them your with the
Edina Model Yacht Club

You must have a credit card to
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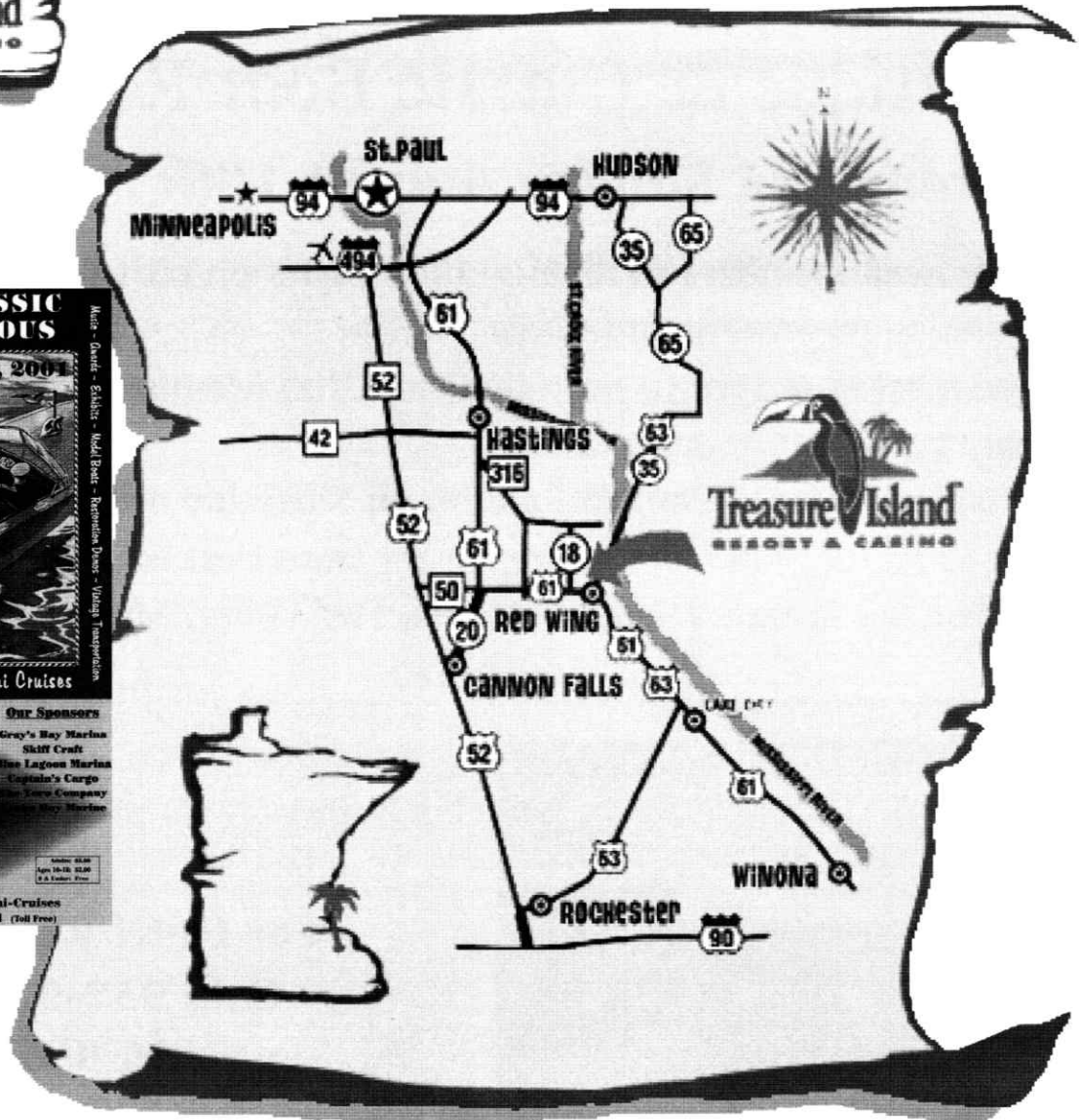
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Arriving from Minneapolis/St. Paul:

Drive south on Highway 52, then east on MN Highway 55 to U.S. Highway 61, OR take U.S. Highway 61 south to the city of Hastings. On the south side of Hastings take MN Highway 316 south to 200th Street. Follow 200th Street over the Etter Bridge for 8 miles.

Arriving from Burnsville, Eagan, Apple Valley or Rosemount:

Drive east on County Road 42 to the city of Hastings. On the south side of Hastings take MN Highway 316 south to 200th Street. Follow 200th Street over the Etter Bridge for 8 miles.

Arriving from Rochester:

Route #1: Take U.S. Highway 63 north to U.S. Highway 61 north through Red Wing. North of Red Wing, take County Road 18 north.

Route #2: Take U.S. Highway 52 north to Hampton. Take Highway 50 east to U.S. 61 south (east). Turn north on County 18 (east).

Arriving from LaCrosse, WI or Winona, MN:

Take U.S. Highway 61 north through Red Wing to County Road 18 north.

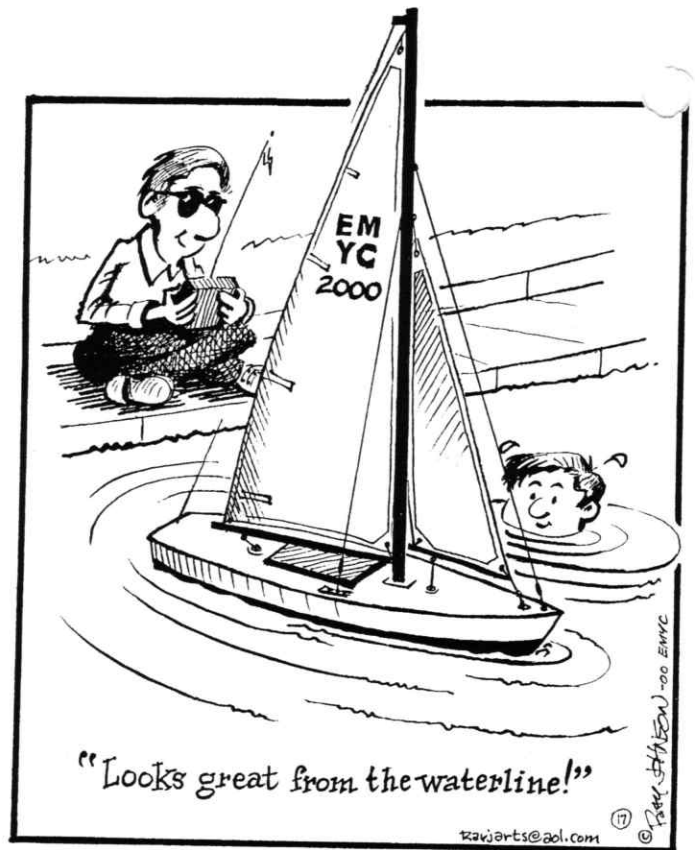
August Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)
Tuesday, Aug. 21st
7:00 P.M.

**Centennial Lakes
Centrum**

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Vice Commodore	Fred Ferris
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