



# SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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**Welcome:** The following 18 folks have either renewed their membership or have joined the club since the publication of the roster last month:

We will have up-to-date rosters for distribution at the meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Be there to get one!

Tim Anderson  
Brooklyn Park,

Bill Bolen  
Bloomington, 5

James Bombenger  
Hinkley, 55037

Lyle Bover  
Bloomington, 5

Doug Campbell  
Minneapolis, 55

Jonathan Carlson  
Edina, 55410

Chip Evans  
Minneapolis, 55

Doug Hendrix  
Bloomington, 5

Kim Hochstein  
Minnetonka, 55

Mathews Hollinshead  
St. Paul, 55104

Bob Jones  
Holliston, MA, 0

Terry Kraus  
Andover, 55304

Alan Norton  
Deephaven, 553

Amie Rankin  
Edina, 55436

Steven Schmit  
Minneapolis, 55

Michael Tita  
Edina, 55439

Bill VanBenthuyzen  
Edina, 55435

Brian Whisney  
Edina, 55436

Please add their names

Note that the fol

Dave Anderson  
Richfield, 55423

Dave Bros  
St. Louis Park, 5

**Retrieval 'n Rescue:** Paul Olsen and Ron Bongard ventured forth on May 4<sup>th</sup> in the club's retrieval boat seeking Ron's *Fairwind*. The boat had succumbed to fierce winds and foaming seas and sank during the Poker Run a few days earlier.

Adept maneuvering of a fair sized grappling hook resulted in a successful resurfacing of the boat...not too much the worse for wear.

**Gas:** If you hesitate to fill the ol' beater up because of the recent hike in gas prices, take a look at the following: < [www.twincitiesgasprices.com](http://www.twincitiesgasprices.com) >

Listed are the 15 highest and 15 lowest prices reported around town during the previous two days.

**Great Response:** In the mid-morning of June 8<sup>th</sup>, we received notice that Ken Speake of Channel 11 wanted to do a TV shoot at one o'clock that very day. The piece was to be broadcast the next morning, the Saturday prior to the Parade

Several frantic telephone calls resulted in fifteen members and 20 boats at the lake, on time and ready to perform on cue, with less than a two hour notice. What a great group!

Special thanks to those who "dropped everything" to help out the club on such short notice....Blais, Bottemiller, Ferris, Jester, Kiriara, Olsen, Person, Pfeifer, Ross, M., Smith, J., Spletstoeszer, C., Spletstoeszer, T., Swain, Valentine, and Walker.

If you were there but are not mentioned, please accept our apologies.

**Parade:** After a stormy night, the weather cooperated for our tenth annual Parade of Model Boats. 80° and partly cloudy was the order of the day. 69 members participated, bringing 140 boats, and the show proceeded as scheduled. Spectators kept the Centrum crowded all day and the new venue at the bandstand saw heavy crowds throughout the day.

A.J. Broviak of Midwest Products brought along several kits that were distributed as door prizes. Mike Ross took home a Coast Guard Marine Lifeboat, Bob Larson a new, molded hull Tug and Jeff McCabe a Dinghy kit. Fifteen other donors contributed to the day's success. There will be an acknowledgement of all of them in the next newsletter.

**Membership Meeting, 5/15/01:** Commodore, Andy Valentine called meeting to order at 7:00pm. 40 members and guests in attendance. Report on Hub Hobby display. Very little spectator interest. Will consider doing it again, but doubtful. Weather may have affected turnout. Two or three folks expressed an interest in joining our club, but no memberships noted as yet. F.Ferris invited everyone to sailing event on 5/20. Commodore asked members to re-stock hobby shops with Parade flyers. G.Pfeifer requested members to show up at a boating demo at Alina Health System office on Hwy 100 and Bren Rd. on May 21, 22, 23 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. G.Pfeifer recently operated his Harriet streetcar boat with the "real thing", the Minnehaha. He will show it again at the Lafayette Club at an event of the Minnetonka Garden Club. Commodore requested those in attendance to sign up for various duties at the Parade. New event at Parade. Kirk Brust's Titanic will be chased by an iceberg (a foam covered polo tug). F.Ferris distributed medals to winners of recent event. Paul Olsen - 1<sup>st</sup>

Marblehead; Mikeo Kirihara - 2<sup>nd</sup> Marblehead; Doug Person - 1<sup>st</sup> Seawind; Jerry Bell - 1<sup>st</sup> CR-914 (sailing a Fairwind). D.Johnson requested potential members to see him to join up.

Commodore introduced Kirk Brust who gave a 30 minute presentation on the construction of his latest scratch-built model, a 1937 European fishing trawler. He discussed building a mold for and casting a fiberglass hull, complete with plating. He also discussed making fiberglass parts having compound curves, making thin parts by vacuum forming using his kitchen oven and shop vac. He also explained how he weathered the finished boat using artist's oil paints. Finally, he used Testor's Dullcote overall.

**Show-'n-Tell:** D.Smith showed his Amati speedboat. A beautiful example of what a half dozen coats of polyester resin and 50 plus hours of sanding can do to a wooden surface. Don didn't recommend the kit. He noted that the mahogany veneer over plastic hull was rather unusual. The boat has yet to receive its running gear or radio equipment.

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
<b>Jun.</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	Parade of Boats	Centennial Lakes Centrum 10:00AM - 5:00PM
	19 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Jul.</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> (Thur.)	Handicap Boating	Central Pond 6:30PM - 7:30PM
	17 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
	22 <sup>nd</sup> (Sun.)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Steering Regatta	Central Pond 3:00PM - 6:00PM
	28 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	Whitefish Antique Boat Show	Crosslake, MN 10:00AM - 5:00PM
<b>Aug.</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Model Ships & Boats Contest, Manitowoc, WI 12:00PM - 9:00PM	
	5 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Model Ships & Boats Contest, Manitowoc, WI 10:00AM - 3:00PM	
	18 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	Antique & Classic Boat Show	Treasure Island, MN 10:00AM - 6:00PM
	19 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	Antique & Classic Boat Show	Treasure Island, MN 9:00AM - 4:00PM
	19 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	Lighthouse Night	Central Pond 7:00PM - 9:30PM
	21 <sup>st</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM

**Pearl Harbor:** The newly released movie about December 7, 1941 brings to mind a few interesting anecdotes relating to World War Two.

- The first German serviceman killed in the war was killed by the Japanese (in China, 1937). The first American serviceman killed was killed by the Russians (in Finland, 1940). The highest ranking American killed was Lt. Gen. Lesley McNair, killed in July 1944 by a U.S. Army Air Corps bomb.....So much for allies!

- At the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, the top U.S. Navy command was called CINCUS (pronounced "sink us"). No comment necessary.

- The youngest U.S. serviceman was 12 year old Calvin Graham, USN. He was wounded and given a Dishonorable Discharge for lying about his age.

- The German submarine U-120 was sunk by a malfunctioning toilet. That stinks!

- Among the first "Germans" captured at Normandy were several Koreans. They had been

forced to fight for the Japanese Army until they were captured by the Russians and forced to fight for the Russian Army until they were captured by the Germans and forced to fight for the German Army until they were captured by the U.S. Army. And.....

- Following a massive naval bombardment, some 35,000 U.S. and Canadian troops stormed ashore at Kiska. Twenty-one troops were killed in the firefight. It would probably have been much worse had there been any Japanese on the island!

Regarding the new flick, I viewed it on opening day along with about ten million other folks. It's too bad that they didn't disguise the shape of the modern naval vessels a bit more. And the hour of love story leading up to the attack...plus another hour thereafter was just a bit much. Then, jamming the Battle of Britain and the Doolittle Raid into a movie called *Pearl Harbor* was a bit of a stretch!

But, ...it's still worth seeing

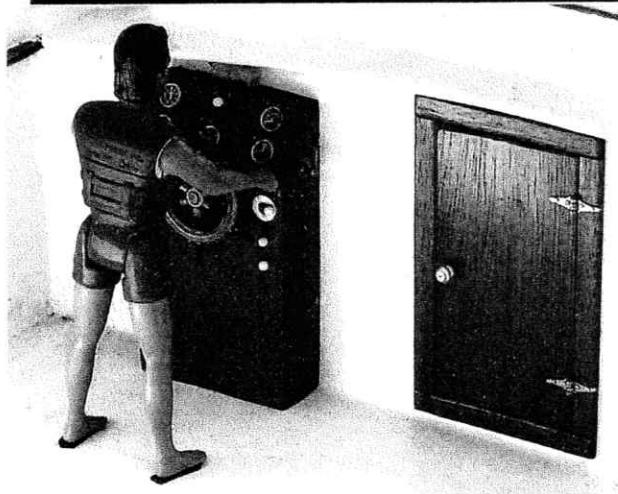
Jim

# 2ND ANNUAL STEERING REGATTA



WHEN: JULY 22nd STARTING AT 3:00 pm  
WHERE: CENTRAL POND

Edina Model Yacht Club  
[www.emyc.org](http://www.emyc.org)



Steering regattas demonstrate the skills of the captain and his/her vessel while steering the model through a set course. The course will have both, buoys and channels and a layout of the course will be given to each captain the day of the event.

The scoring: Each participant starts with 100 points. There is a 5-point penalty for each buoy touched and a 10-point penalty for each buoy missed. The winner is the one left with the most points.

You can enter any type boat and as many as you want, but all number 1 boats will go first, then number 2, and so on. For example, if you have more than one boat

you want to use, first we will run all participant's first boat, then we start again with their second boat, etc. We will have a sign up sheet the day of the event for you to register your boats.

You can make modifications to help your steering. For example, you can make a bigger rudder, add a Kort nozzle or Z-drive, etc.

Come on over, bring your boats and have a good time !

**Marblehead Regatta:** I arrived at the park at 8:30AM (May 6<sup>th</sup>), put in the club dingy and set the buoys for the regatta. I placed a pair for the start/finish line just east of the "key" walkway. The wind was out of the SSE so the windward mark was placed close to the entrance to the north pond. A jibing mark was to the east of and in line with the start/finish line. Three leeward marks were placed to offer course changes without moving buoys.

The skipper's meeting was scheduled for 10:00AM, however there were no skippers. Bob Jester arrived about 10:20 and Paul Olsen a bit later. Mikio Kiriara strolled up at about 10:50 and Jerry Bell arrived shortly thereafter. The wind was forecast at 15 to 25 from the SE and showers possible. It was agreed that a heat or two should be run. About this time, Doug Person arrived with his Seawind, and it was time to sail. We ran two heats and had a short adjustment period. Racing was resumed with another 5 heats sailed for a total of seven.

After the Poker Run the week before, and in view of the forecast winds, I was surprised that anyone showed up. Results were as follows:

Marblehead (displacement keel)

Paul Olsen	6 first, 1 second	6.50 points
Mikio Kiriara	1 first, 6 second	13.00 points

Seawind

Doug Person	7 first	5.25 points
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Fairwind

Jerry Bell	6 first, 1 DNS	6.50 points
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CR-914

No Entrants

True, only four boats sailed but great fun was had by all. Especially Paul's spur of the moment rule, "do not pass the blue and yellow boat." Miki forgot about the rule in the 6<sup>th</sup> heat and grabbed his first, first place.

Spectators who stopped by were Andy Valentine, Doug Campbell, Mike Carlson and Dick Walker. Yellow mini soling #58 made an appearance and sailed after the racing. Dick Walker and Bob Jester were at the garage to help put the dingy away.

Thanks to everyone who came out to the pond in support of the event. *Fred*

**Fairwind Regatta:** After a Sunday off for Mother's Day, the Fairwind Regatta arrived on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The weather was being predicted as cloudy, 60s with SE winds 10-15. I arrived at the pond at 8:00AM, put in the dinghy and set out the course buoys. By 9:30 I had the course established and was waiting for the skippers to arrive.

Nine Fairwinds arrived at the pond and 8 were sailed in actual heats. One Seawind was in attendance. The Seawind sailed in the same heats with the Fairwinds. In the skipper's meeting we

decided to sail 2 heats then have a 10 minute adjustment period.

The first heats were sailed and after the adjust period, six more heats were sailed. The wind was out of the SE with some gusting. There were also periods of extreme calm along the run to the jibing mark. Having sailed a total of 8 heats, another 10 minute adjust period was decided.

The next two heats were lengthened to add some variety and the 11<sup>th</sup> heat was also changed to a still longer course. This concluded the sailing as some of the skippers had to leave to attend other functions.

In addition to the regatta participants, Gary Anderson did the start sequence, Andy Valentine was the results recorder and George Pfeifer took a bunch of pictures. Thanks Gary, George and Andy.

In addition to the results below, an additional award was presented to Randy Chryst for sailing the Newest Fairwind.

Course clean-up was made easy because of the use of buoys with small weights. The course was clean and the dingy put away by 3:30PM.

Thanks to everyone who came out for the event.

Fairwind (Tradewind) Placings were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> -	Larry Wheeler	26.75 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> -	Terry Mackey	28.00 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> -	Fred Ferris	30.75 points

Followed in order by: Bell,J., Chryst,R., Carlson,M., Johnson,D., and Bongard,R.

Doug Person sailed every heat with his Seawind, thereby placing 1<sup>st</sup> in that category. No 914s, Mini-Solings or Marbleheads competed. *Fred*



# June Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)  
**Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Centennial Lakes  
Centrum

Commodore:	Andy Valentine
Vice Commodore	Fred Ferris
Vice Commodore	Paul Olsen
Vice Commodore	George Pfeifer
Vice Commodore	Tim Smalley
Vice Commodore	Terry Spletstoeszer
Treasurer	Gary Phillips
Newsletter Editor	Jim Smith

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