



# SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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**Commodore's Corner:** I can not believe that it's August already. Where did the summer go? I have heard from many of the veteran members, that they felt this has been one of the best boating season's that they could remember for a long time. I admit that I may not be the best judge of these things, since this is only my third season. Despite our somewhat odd spring, so far this year we have had some very good turn outs for open boating nights. While many may think that the sail boaters are taking over the joint, there have been quite a few scale boaters out there from time to time, though not in the numbers that I remember from my first season with the club. We had our share of the hot muggy evenings, but nothing like what we had to put up with last year. Even the rain storms cooperated with us this year, I can remember one evening last year hiding out in the underground parking area listening to the tornado warning sirens going off. As the Commodore for this year, I can only wish that I could take the credit for all of the really nice weather that we have been having this year. But the season is not over . . . yet . . . I hope, even though this is Minnesota. I hear from some of my old friends at the Minnesota State Fair, that blizzards are kind of hard on the attendance records, so I am confident that I am not the only person who is hoping that we do not have a early winter this year. I would even be willing to settle for another fall like last year.

Speaking of the State Fair. I have not heard of any members who are planning to enter their projects for judging at the Fair this year. In the last few years some of our club members have done really well at the Fair, bringing home all kinds of ribbons for their work. Anyway, I want to extend a heart felt "Good Luck" to any and all members who may be planning to enter their projects for judging this year. Hopefully there will be some need to wish some folks a hardy congratulations at next months meeting.

As for the rest of August, this will be our busiest month so far this season. With the Wisconsin Manitowoc Maritime Museum Model Ships & Boats Contest, the Antique Boat Show in Red Wing, the Regional Championship Sailing Regatta for the Fairwinds, and of course our very own Annual Light House Night. I am getting tired just thinking about all of it. Volunteers are needed to help out with the Fairwind Regatta, manning our information booth at the Antique Boat Show in Red Wing, and for the FE Spectacular being held next month down at the South Pond. *Mike*

**Special Notice:** The date for the RC Laser Nationals has been changed to October 4 - 6, 2002 at Lake Calhoun Main Dock. Please mark your calendar and plan to race.

*T. Weigel*

**Lighthouse Night:** Rich in history and tradition, the Edina Model Yacht Club will once again float the now famous Jeff McCabe lighthouse for another evening of nighttime running. This popular event will be held Sunday, August 18th at 8:00PM at the central pond location. It is highly recommended that you arrive a bit earlier than this time since the evening, with all of its activities, tends to draw an unusually large crowd of spectators. Also, the Sunday evening concerts usually begin at 7:00PM and since a large number of people will be expecting this as a start time on the 18th, we can expect a mis-informed gathering around the 7:00PM time frame. The schedule is as follows: the lighthouse will officially be turned on at 8:00PM followed by the Sousa Band beginning their performance at 8:30PM. And to top things off, \$3000 worth of Gabberts fireworks will commence at 9:30PM.

The back drop for the evening is a 1/12th scale Great Lakes lighthouse built by Jeff McCabe years ago. It makes its presence only twice a year--once for the Parade show and once for Lighthouse Night. Jeff's custom built project features a high density foam base for floatation, cedar shake siding, internal and external structure lighting, and a fully functional rotating lighted beacon. He didn't build it for this event, it just worked out this way as idea for a simple night-running event.

The event will be limited to club members and their invited guests only.

Frequency use will be similar to opening boating evenings and clips will be used only by club members and their invited guests only. Everyone who runs equipment will be required to have a frequency clip attached to their antenna mast. Conflicts will be solved by either sharing the particular channel number or changing out the TX and RX crystals. If someone is on your frequency and you cannot change frequencies, let that individual know that you would like to "share" the frequency. Common sense will dictate how the time is to be shared.

Boat lighting is encouraged but it is not required. Plenty of ambient lighting will exist for those club members that don't have lights but would like to participate. The west edge of the central pond will be flagged off for club members. The protected area will include the distance between five light stanchions and provide an area for members of the club to sit and operate their boats. The portable frequency board will be at the base of one of the stanchions.

We expect a great showing of members and boats for this year's event. Come out for an evening of relaxing and enjoyable boating. *John Bishop*

**Membership Meeting, 11/20/01:** The Commodore called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Andy Valentine announced the "FE Spectacular" fast electric boating event that will be held on September 21. It will be a one day event and will have 3 classes of boats running. Non-member entry fee will be \$5.00. Racers from the Batavia, IL fast electric group and Wisconsin have already signed up. Volunteers will be needed from non-racers in the club to help out for the day. Dale Johnson talked about the Redwing Classic Boat Show on August 17-18 at Treasure Island Casino. A sign up sheet was available for volunteers to man our tables there. Besides the EMYC and classic real boats, the Toy and Model boat show that Paul Mickelson runs will also be there. Jeff McCabe talked about Lighthouse Night which will be on Sunday evening August 18. A large crowd always attends and members should arrive early 6:30 PM to assure a seat. Event starts at 8:00 PM. Also advised to bring extra crystals.

Fred Ferris was presented with a first place trophy's (3) for the recently held Laser regatta series.

Tom Weigel and Bill Coppage talked about the RC Laser National Sailboat Regatta that will be held at Lake Calhoun probably the last weekend in September--date had not yet been determined. Tom and Bill were requesting that the EMYC to be a sponsor so they could make it an official AMYA event. The Calhoun Yacht Club will actually run the regatta and will cover any insurance or liability issues. Members in attendance voted unanimously to approve EMYC sponsorship.

Fred Ferris said that members make an effort to thank park workers for their efforts this year when they see them and also mentioned having a joint barbecue for park workers and members.

Jeff McCabe talked on a tugboat project and displayed some hand made railings from brass. Doug C.

## 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. 9 <sup>th</sup> (Fri.)	26th Annual Wisconsin Maritime Museum Model Ships & Boats Contest	Manitowoc, WI.	
Aug. 10 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	26th Annual Wisconsin Maritime Museum Model Ships & Boats Contest	Manitowoc, WI.	
Aug. 11 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	26th Annual Wisconsin Maritime Museum Model Ships & Boats Contest	Manitowoc, WI.	
Aug. 16 <sup>th</sup> (Fri.)	Region 4 Fairwind Regatta Registration & Measurements	Centennial Lakes North Pond	3:00PM - TBD
Aug. 17 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	Region 4 Fairwind Regatta	Centennial Lakes North Pond	9:30AM - TBD
Aug. 17 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	Antique & Classic Boat Show	Treasure Island, Mn.	10:00AM - 6:00PM
Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	Lighthouse Night	Centennial Lakes Central Pond	7:00PM - 10:00PM
Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	Antique & Classic Boat Show	Treasure Island, Mn.	9:00AM - 4:00PM
Aug. 20 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum Building	7:00PM - 9:00PM
Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	St. Louis Admirals Regatta	Union Station, St. Louis, Mo.	9:00AM - 5:00PM
Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	St. Louis Admirals Regatta	Union Station, St. Louis, Mo.	10:00AM - 3:00PM
Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum Building	7:00PM - 9:00PM
Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup> (Sat.)	FE Spectacular	Centennial Lakes South Pond	9:00AM - 4:00PM
Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup> (Fri.)	AMYA RC Laser Nationals	Main Dock, Lake Calhoun, Mpls.	
Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup> (Fri.)	AMYA RC Laser Nationals	Main Dock, Lake Calhoun, Mpls.	
Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup> (Fri.)	AMYA RC Laser Nationals	Main Dock, Lake Calhoun, Mpls.	
Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum Building	7:00PM - 9:00PM

**Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous:** The Edina Model Yacht Club members will be displaying their boats at the Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous

Saturday and Sunday August 17th and 18th 2002

€ Location: Treasure Island Casino, Red Wing, Minnesota.

€ Admission is Free to participating Club Members.

€ We need members to display their boats on either Saturday or Sunday, preferably both days.

€ We need all types of boats.

€ 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. (about 8 or 8:30)

Try to make it to this event to help promote our hobby and our club.

Contact Dale Johnson [REDACTED] for further information *D. Johnson*

**August Meeting Seminar:** In August we will be covering the basics of Painting with an airbrush.

Many of us paint from a can and today's technology lets us get near perfect results with this simple and inexpensive process. But for certain projects the detail and precision in painting cannot be duplicated unless airbrushing techniques are used. We'll cover everything to give you a good idea of what is involved; you'll see the equipment, the paint, and the process. Anyone that wants will get the opportunity to give it a try at the end of the presentation. Many of the items covered will also apply to the general principles of painting as well, so there should be something for everyone. Member John Bishop will conduct this seminar. *J. Bishop*

**The 14th Annual Saint Louis Admirals Club RC Model Boat Regatta:** This annual event, will be held again at the Union Station location. This has been one of the largest shows in the Midwest, and as if the SLAC members don't have enough on their hands they will be hosting the Scale Ship Modelers Associations's Regional Regatta. Both Regattas will be held together and the public is invited to attend both. Entry into the St. Louis Regatta is open to everyone and the SSMA Regatta is open to SSMA members. You can find more information about joining the SSMA at <http://www.ssmama.org/>. Although registration, judging and awards will be handled separately for each Regatta, SSMA members are welcome to enter both events. More information can be found on the St. Louis Admirals Club web site at <http://www.stlouisadmirals.com>, or you can contact either

Kathleen Dalton, Regatta Chairman  
[REDACTED]

or

Tom O'Dell, Admiral  
[REDACTED]

For more information about the SSMA Regatta, contact  
Kurt Van Dahm, Regional Manager  
[REDACTED]

*Mike*

**Flags & Stuff:** The following is a copy of an e-mail that I received recently, and I thought that some members might be interested.

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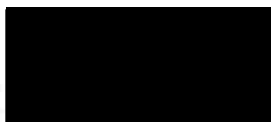
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**August Meeting Notice:**  
(Third Tuesday of the Month)  
**Tuesday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Centennial Lakes  
Centrum Building**

**NOTICE ALL FAIRWIND OWNERS**

Now that the Fairwind is a sanctioned one-design class of the AMYA, we're trying to get a regular sailing schedule going this summer. It could be just for practice and fun sailing or informal racing, depending on feed back. So, if you would like to get the Ol' girl into the water...this is the year to do it. Even if you'd rather keep her on the mantel, give me a call so we can get a boat count.

Anyone that's interested call Terry Mackey [REDACTED] was appointed to be the contact between the AMYA Fairwind Class Secretary and EMYC. The emphasis here is to get more fleet activity within our club and others. If you have any questions or comments, please call. Thanks.

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