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Commodore's Corner: The elections are finally over, and the final ballot count is now official. I will be the club's Commodore for 2003. I would like to claim that I won the election with an overwhelming landslide, after all the decision was unanimous.

The Edina Model Yacht Club officers for 2003 will be:

Commodore - Mike Ross

Vice Commodore: - Gary Anderson

Vice Commodore: - Doug Campbell

Vice Commodore: - Neil Maldeis

Vice Commodore: - Doug Person

With Doug Campbell, and Doug Person as the only old-timers on the board, the old-timers will be out numbered by the newbies three to two (this doesn't look so good).

Mike

They also serve, who volunteer: I know that there are times when our club does not seem to be very big, or complex. However there are a lot of little things that need to be attended to. The Devil truly is in the details, and these details are far too numerous for the board to handle without help. Over the years the club has developed several unofficial positions filled by volunteer's. There have been times in the past, when it was difficult to find the volunteer's needed, but someone always came forward when they were needed the most. So far we have filled the following positions, for next year.

Club Treasurer: Gary Phillips

Newsletter Editor: Doug Campbell

Membership Chairperson: Dale Johnson

Fairwind Fleet Captain: Terry Mackey

RC Laser Fleet Captain: Tom Weigel

CR914 Fleet Captain: Tony Johnson

Fast Electric Fleet Captain: Andy Valentine

We still need to find volunteer's for the following positions:

Parade of Boats Chairperson:

Light House Night Chairperson:

Dry Dock Party Chairperson:

Mike

2002 In Revue: Over all I would give the 2002 season a C+. With a couple of exceptions, the weather was nearly perfect this year. The most notable exception was of course, the fact that we did not have a spring to speak of. The fall of 2001 lasted into February of this year, with a short week of Indian Summer in the second week of February. Which also brought us our first ninety-degree day of the calendar year. After that, winter finally arrived, and lasted through mid May. Without the usual spring, and the "Spring Cleaning" that goes with it. Many club members were unable to get their boats out, to make ready for our "Parade of Boats" show in June. The second noticeable exception about the weather this year, were the fairly high winds that we experienced at the "Parade of Boats" that kept many of the larger boats off the pond. Even a small boat like my wife's "African Queen" got blown all over the place. The few larger boats that did brave the winds were nearly impossible to steer. The rest of the season, weather wise, was almost ideal. Even the rains cooperated, and came late at night. Though the more severe storms did cause several problems for us, when the runoff would raise all the dead weeds, and other junk, up off the bottom of the ponds. Leaving the park people to catch all of the blame for the weeds that were making it all but impossible for us to run our boats.

As for club-sponsored events. The "Around the World" sailing regatta went very well. The "Parade of Boats" except for the winds, went off very well. Our annual "Light House Night" event, was almost perfect with a very good turn out. While some of our annual events were hurt badly because of scheduling errors. Hub Hobby scheduled their open house with us, on the fishing opener weekend. The "Spring Sailing Regatta's" were scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend. The "Assisted Living" evening had to be rescheduled a couple times, because people were unable to show up. Other annual events like the "Marblehead Regatta", and the "Steering Regatta" never got off the ground.

The sail boating enthusiasts have been running racing events for the "RC Lasers" all season long. Though the attempts to organize the "Fairwind", and "CR 914" boats were not quite as successful. The very first ever AMYA Fairwind Regatta, "The Region Four Championship Regatta" was very successful despite the punishing winds. "The AMYA RC Laser National Championship Regatta", went well considering that it was held so late in the season. Even the fast electric people got into the act with their "2002 Fall Spectacular" event. While these last three events may not have been overwhelming successes, they all did very well for first time attempts. Leaving me very encouraged about the future.

Overall; The club's membership went down some this year. While participation at the meetings has been steady, participation at open boating nights had been overall lower than in the past. This just goes to show that there is room for improvement. *Mike*

Membership Meeting, 10/15/02: The Commodore called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. New member Gale Dunlap joined the club. He was a member of the Milwaukee Boat Club and has been a modeler for over 40 years.

Fred Ferris reported on the Laser National Regatta held at Lake Calhoun. Jim Smith brought up the idea of reducing dues for those who sign up before the end of the year to \$15.00 because of the large balance in the club treasury. Discussions were brought up about spending the club's money and spending more for events this coming year. A vote was taken to reduce dues or not. Members voted to keep dues the same. Nominations for Commodore and Board members continued.

No new nominations were accepted for board members or Commodore. Dave Bros nominated Doug Campbell to be newsletter editor for 2003. Doug accepted.

Tom Sweeny, who is opening a nautical store in St Paul on Grand Ave, attended the meeting and spoke about his grand opening which will be November 9th from 10AM to 6PM. The shop is called Boart'art Gallery, 844 Grand Ave, St Paul, MN 55105. It is next to Ciatti's. Tom is looking for interested boat modelers to display their work and perhaps sell them on consignment. Tom has built about 30 boat models himself. Phone number is [REDACTED]

Karl Bottemiller talked about his completed show and tell project, a Corel Italian tugboat kit. *D. Campbell*

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Nov. 9 th (Sat.)	Dry Dock Party	Centrum Building	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Nov. 19 th (Tue.)	Membership Meeting Swap Meet	Garage Band Room	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Dec.	No meeting and no newsletter Have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year		
Jan. 21 st (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Garage Band Room	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

So long, and thanks for all the fish: The club's newsletter "Sail & Scale" will be getting a new head jackal for next year. At the October meeting Doug Campbell asked if he could become the editor of the newsletter again, and I agreed to turn it over to him. This is not because I no longer want the job, I simply do not wish to discourage volunteer's. When this news got out at the Dry Dock Party, there were quite a few members who approached me, and asked me not to stop writing. While this will be my last issue of the newsletter as the editor, I will continue to write my "Commodore's Corner" column. And maybe Doug will be kind enough to include any other articles that I might submit to him?

I would like to thank all of the club members who have been so supportive of my efforts over the past year, especially to those members who have asked me to never stop, I really do appreciate all of your encouragements.

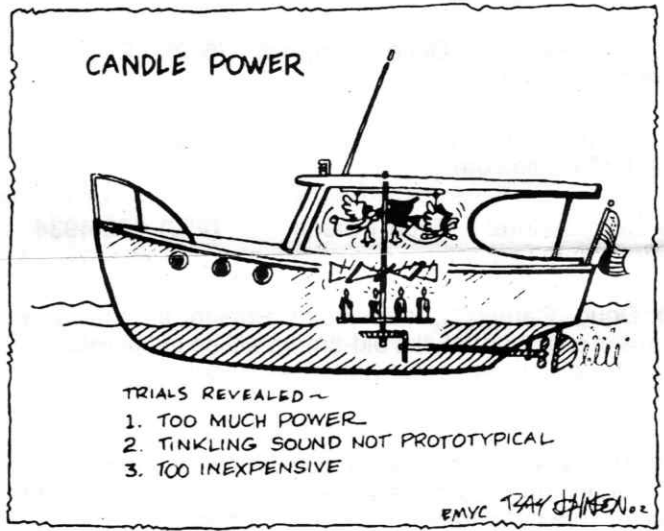
I would like to ask everyone to give Doug Campbell the same support and to show him the same encouragement that you all have shown me.

In thinking back on it all, I must admit that being the club Commodore & the newsletter editor was not the best combination. When ever I would go nosing around for something to write about for the newsletter, people would see the Commodore coming, and run me off for sticking my big nose in where it didn't belong. This confusion got so bad, that I almost bought a special shirt that I could wear when I was acting as the newsletter editor. After all I was given a shirt to wear that identified me as the Club Commodore, why not another one to identify me as the Club's Head Jackal. Then again, since Doug Campbell is also on the board next year, as one of the Vice Commodore's, we may still need to get a shirt for him. The power of the press should not be diminished just because we sometimes need to wear more than one hat.

Mike

Wanted:

Fairwind RC sailboat to race.
Call John Dodson [REDACTED]



The 2002 AMYA RC Laser National Championship Regatta: Was held this year at Lake Calhoun, in Minneapolis. The event was co-sponsored by the Calhoun Yacht Club, and the Edina Model Yacht Club. The three day event which ran from Friday October 4th through Sunday October 6th, included a sailing seminar for the RC Laser, a banquet, twenty-one races, wet feet, and incredibly enough no reported cases of frost bite. More than half of the eleven person racing field were locals from our own EMYC, and were fairly well prepared for the weather conditions. From what I could tell there were not a lot of spectators present to watch the races, not even the usual assortment of ducks that seem to gather at these kinds of events. The top four finishers were:

1. Jon Elmaleh New York, NY 24 points
2. Steve Lang Evergreen, CO 45 points
3. John Gratton San Francisco, CA 68 points
4. Bill Coppage Edina, MN 68 points

T. Weigel

Building: It is so easy for many of us to lose sight of the fact that the Edina Model Yacht Club, spans over many different hobbies. Radio Controlled Boating is only one of the many hobbies that the club supports. Model Building is another hobby. Many members of our club are involved just because they love to build things. There is a certain satisfaction in seeing something that you have built yourself, work the way it is supposed to. Most of my efforts in the past were with plastic models, I learned from some very early attempts at working with wood models, that I did not care for it that much. However while working on my wife's Amsterdam, I have discovered that there is something therapeutic about sanding. I have also learned that using sanding as therapy to work off anger, when working with Balsa or Bass Wood is not a really good idea.

I started building models when I was about seven or eight years old. I started with the usual WW II airplanes, then model cars, and eventually I worked my way up to tall ships. I enjoyed working with these ships the most. In fact I enjoyed building the tall ships almost as much as my cats loved to play with the rigging after I had finished one. This explains why I do not have any of my old models around to show off any more. Whenever my mother would find a cat tangled up in the rigging, with the rest of the ship scattered all over the house, my mother always felt certain that this time a cat was going to die a slow painful death. But of course that never did happen. I do not believe that either of my parents really understood, that for me, it was about building. I still enjoy building, even though I am not very good at it.

My two most recent attempts with wood models, have shown me that I still do not like working with wood. Today's CA glues sets a lot faster than Elmer's ever did, and this allows pieces to be joined with a lot less damage from clamping. But CA sets too fast, and too hard, making the joint too brittle. Modern epoxy adhesives are water proof, which is a big improvement over the old wood glues. But they take even longer to set than the old wood glues did, and they still require clamps to hold everything together while the epoxy sets. So I have been experimenting with using epoxy to join pieces, and then using a small amount of CA to hold the pieces together long enough for the epoxy to set. By using the CA glue as a liquid clamp, I am trying to eliminate the need for using mechanical clamps. This then eliminates many of the problems that clamp's can cause. Trying to work with two different glues simultaneously, can get really messy. But I have found that if I remain patient, the extra effort usually pays off. *Mike*

The EMYC Swap Meet: The month of November is not just for Thanksgiving and Turkey, but it is also the month when the Edina Model Yacht Club holds its annual Swap Meet. As usual the swap meet will be held in place of the membership meeting. Here is the opportunity for members, and nonmembers alike, to sell or trade away some of that unwanted clutter. You know what I am talking about. Those tools that you feel you no longer need, or those tools that do not do, what you were hoping they would. Maybe clear out some of those projects that you really do not have the time for after all. I am sure that most of us have something that we bought, that we were sure was a "good idea at the time." Well now is the time to see if anyone else has any use for, those things that you no longer have a use for. Just before Christmas, may not be the best time for holding a swap meet. But I have heard from quite a few wives, who are very happy that we do not hold our swap meet in the spring when those tax return checks are floating about. *Mike*

The Dry Dock Party: As a committee member on this year's Dry Dock Party, I want to thank those on the committee for their time and great effort in putting this event together on Saturday, November 9, 2002.

However I am disappointed to see approximately 20 people out of 77 who signed up for the party did not attend!!! Emergencies do happen but the committee did not receive any cancellations. This has happened in past years and the club is committed to the caterer for those who did make reservations.

It was a shame to see so much food leftover. The EMYC could have spent this money for better use. *Mickey Kirihara*

The Dry Dock Party - Part II: Personally I think that everything went very well. I thought that the food was excellent, though I did hear from a couple of people who were not enthusiastic about the Chicken dish. I did try some myself, and while I thought that it needed a little more pepper, and some noodles. I thought that it was pretty good. As for the Beef Stroganoff, I thought that the beef and the sauce were very good, but the dish is just not the same without the noodles. If I sound as though I am a little noodle happy? It is because I am. As far as I am concerned Pizza, Hot Dogs, and Hamburgers are the only three dishes that should be served without noodles! But that is just my opinion.

The most important thing that separates the Dry Dock Party from the rest of our club's other events, such as the Parade of Boats and the Light House Night, is that the Dry Dock Party is just for the members of the club. It is the one time when the public is not invited.

The Dry Dock Party serves two purposes. First, it is intended for the club to show it's appreciation for all of the hard work, from all of the members who help with all of the other events that we sponsor. Second, it is a chance for the members to just relax and socialize with each other. All members who wish to attend are encouraged to bring their spouses along, to meet the other members of the club.

Normally there would have been a short ceremony to introduce the new Commodore along with the other board members for the coming year. But since this year we will not have a new Commodore, and since the only new board member who could attend was Doug Person. It was decided to forgo that particular ceremony.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Dry Dock Party Committee: Paul Olson, Mickey Kirihara, Jack Gilbertson, and Warren Freeman for all of their efforts that allowed the party to happen. Next I would like to thank all the other volunteer's who showed up early to help set things up. Lastly I would like to thank all of those who stayed after to help clean up. *Mike*

Merry Christmas to all: Another season with the Edina Model Yacht Club, is coming to an end. The leaves, and the temperatures are falling fast. The days are growing shorter, and the nights are growing longer. As we all should know by now, the snow and ice can not be far behind. Soon Christmas, and The New Year will be upon us. Here at the Edina Model Yacht Club, we take the entire month of December off. There is no membership meeting for December, and there will not be a newsletter either. So I would like to take the opportunity now to wish everyone a very happy, and safe Holiday Season.

See you next year. *Mike*

