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EVENTS



2003 Fairwind Spring Regatta

Our 2nd EMYC/AMYA event is history. It was a great turnout for a perfect day of competitive sailing. Seven boats started the regatta and all seven finished. No major breakdowns...one semi-major collision (more later).

Six boats met at the north pond on Friday, 5/16 about 4:00 for registration, weigh-in, tuning and practice. Winds were around 8 knots and a SE windward/leeward course was set by Fred Ferris. A forecast for S/SE winds on Saturday held true, so as it turned out there was no need to alter the course for racing. It was nice to practice on the same course that we would race on. As the afternoon progressed we practiced starts, rounding buoys, procedures and reviewed racing rules. We were all set for the Saturday challenge. Race day started out with a light 4-5 knot S/SE breeze. It appeared we were going to have weather on our side. Last minute registered boats were weighed in and measured as needed.



Boats weighed from the minimum of 8 lbs. to a whopping 9 lbs-10 oz, sails ranged from stock Nylon to Mylar, masts and spars were aluminum and carbon fiber...all legal and within the Fairwind rules. The decision to add or subtract weight is always a critical one since no alterations in weight are allowed after racing starts. Race Director Tom Weigel held a skippers meeting at 9:30, reviewing instructions, rules and other necessary information. Scoring would be done on a low point system; 1 point for first, 2 points for second, etc.. Tony Johnson (#77) takes 1st in the first 5 heats. Heat #3 Judd Morgan (#6) gets 2nd. After that third heat, Tom announced we would try a 1 lap course until the winds picked up. The morning continued that way with some tight finishes. Sailors experienced some glitching from time to time blaming it on anything they could. Heat #6, Don Wesenberg (#169) takes 1st. We completed 7 races

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SCHEDULE OF CLUB EVENTS :

June 14th and 15th	All day	Mazomanie Sardine Regatta(see page 3)
17 Tuesday	7:00 pm	Club Meeting Centennial Lakes Park
July 15 Tuesday	7:00 pm	Club Meeting Centennial Lakes Park
August 02 Saturday	All day	Region 4 Regatta Ann Arbor, MI

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Radio Interference: In the week that I have had access to the new scanner that the club bought, I have already learned a number of things.

First: The ponds are not far enough apart. On one Thursday night, I was able to sit at the center pond and the scanner was receiving signals from transmitters operating on both the North and South ponds. I do not know, at this time, if a signal can reach from the North pond to the South pond. But judging from the signal strengths that I was reading at the center pond that night, I would doubt it. My testing is not complete yet, so this may not be such a big problem.

Between my wife and myself, we own six transmitters. Five of them have telescoping antennas. One radio, an Ace Nautical Commander, does not have a telescoping antenna. Of the five radios with telescoping antennas, three of them are Futaba Attack SR's (AM)(channels 65, 67, & 83), and two of them are Hitec Ranger II's (FM)(channels 79 & 83). The article that was published in the AMYA newsletter last year mentions the discovery that many radios will broadcast a secondary side band signal.

I have found that this is true for each of our five radios with the telescoping antennas, but the Ace radio with the fixed antenna does not. On further study I have been able to establish that this secondary signal will disappear, if the antenna is not extended more than a third of its length. I have not yet been able to determine what effect using a shortened antenna will have on a transmitter's range. But I have learned that we are able to control our boats (anywhere on the center pond) with the antenna shortened, without any noticeable problems.

Since we do not own a 27 MHz transmitter, I do not know if these problems exist with a 27 MHz radio. Likewise, since I do not own a submarine, or have access to a submarine, I do not know if there are any problems operating with a shortened antenna.

I am planning to experiment to see if it is really necessary to extend the antenna at all. It is my hope that we may be able to solve both of the major problems, with the same solution. As soon as I am able to get the scanner back from the sailing people, I hope to continue my studies and hopefully I will have more information for all of you in the coming months.



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by our lunch break at noon. Tony had acquired a substantial lead and only 10 points separated 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. Keith Gates (#217) and Steve Ronning (#69) (the two new Fairwind sailors) had their own contest going with a mere 2 points between them! Very exciting...the afternoon was going to be crucial. When we resumed at 1:00, we had 10-12 knots of air and building. Heavier boats could prove to have an advantage. Boats were being tuned to accommodate the new scenario. The course would now go back to two laps. "One minute to start of sequence", Tom announced. All boats were in the water ready for what would prove to be a long 3 more hours of excitement, friendly shouting and laughing...and certainly strategy setting. Interestingly, after 1:00, the rest of the fleet was starting to push. Heat #8, Fred Ferris (#71) gets a 1st! Finishes were getting tighter. The two "new guys" were still in heated contest. Races were now taking only 6-10 minutes. At this rate, a total of 20 races could be possible by 4:00. Heat #10, Terry Mackey (#5) takes a 1st. Some blows were getting close to 15 knots! Think heavy! Steve's 9lb-10oz'er was stable and doing well. Somewhere in the afternoon Don thought Fred aced him out of buoy room. Fred does his 360, then Don says he didn't mean for him to take a penalty turn. A few laughs ensued...Heat #17, Steve gets a 2nd. In the same race Tony rounds the leeward mark heading for the finish on port. Terry's 8lb boat approaches him closely on starboard wing-on-wing, gets a gust and is pushed into #77 downing her mast. Interesting site...the chase boat retrieves what appears to be a bobbing hull only. No damage, just the fitting disengaged. A redress and 5 minutes was awarded and three more races followed with Tony winning all three. Boat #5 re-tuned #77? Judd was coming on strong as we neared the 4:00 hour. We actually did end up getting 20 heats in. The top four were awarded metal plaques with their photos: (1) Tony Johnson, (2) Fred Ferris, (3) Terry Mackey, (4) Don Wesenberg, and the top three left with black chevrons from AMYA. Judd did well and held his own. Keith and Steve finished within 4 points of each other. Hoping to hear more about them in later regattas. Also thank you Edina Model Yacht Club for hosting this event and for holding the Fairwind Nationals this September 20-21, 2003. The Ann Arbor Model Yacht Club will be hosting the Region 4 Championships in Michigan on August 2, 2003.

Results:

- (1) 20.7 points- Tony Johnson #77
- (2) 34.0 points- Fred Ferris #71
- (3) 40.0 points- Terry Mackey #5
- (4) 47.0 points- Don Wesenberg #169
- (5) 71.0 points- Judd Morgan #6
- (6) 91.0 points- Keith Gates #217
- (7) 95.0 points- Steve Ronning #69

Photo on left; clockwise: Keith, Steve, Judd, Tom, Tony, Fred, Don, Terry.

SCALE NEWS

Paul Olsen Fixes Family Heirloom

My uncle was a prolific model boat & ship builder, and when my aunt passed away, surviving my uncle by two years, I inherited his model of the Danmark. In the late 1970's, Roland Roehner married my Aunt, who pushed him to continue his model ship building. At that time, he was building the Danmark, so it was the first model ship my siblings, cousins and I were exposed to. We all saw the real Danmark as it sailed into Naraganset Bay around July 4th, 1976, when we lived in Newport, RI.

Since that time, my Uncle built many ships from scratch and kits and repaired several along the way. The only R/C model he built was the Calypso, but since he lived on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, had only salt water to sail her in, which didn't prove to be an environment conducive to R/C boating. I know that this model of the Danmark is a Billings kit, as Uncle Roland mentioned it to us and said that he needed to purchase fittings separately from the kit. When the model was shipped from the Outer Banks to Minnesota there was enough damage to warrant repairs by an expert modeler, and that's where Paul Olsen comes in.

Paul did an excellent job repairing and restoring the model while keeping the original look and feel intact. He matched colors and followed the same building styles used by my uncle to build the Danmark.

The fully restored Danmark is now on display in our living room and is enjoyed by all of our family and visitors. Paul told me it was a labor of love, because, as he told me, Paul is Danish!

-Alex Raupp



Poker Run Review

Here are the results from this years Poker run:

Name	Award
Tony Johnson	Sailing Fast Time
Don Wesenberg	Fairwind First
Tom Weigle	Laser First
Dave Bros	Seawind First
Paul Olsen	Marblehead First
John Dodson	Seawind Second
C.J. Vanvoorhis	Victoria First
Terry Mackey	Fairwind Second
Larry Wheeler	Tradewind First
Ed Goldstein	Fairwind Third
Bill Poland	Soling 39 1st (DAL Award)
Andy Valentine	Electric Planing Boat First
Brian Finks	Electric Boat Planing Second
Niel Madelis	Electric Boat Planing Third

Model Boating Event in Mazomanie Wisconsin June 14th and 15th

On June 14th and 15th, the 3rd annual **Sardine Regatta** will take place in Mazomanie Wisconsin. Mazomanie is 20 minutes west of Madison on Highway 14. The event will be on Lake Marion on Highway KP just off Highway 14. Take a left on KP off of Highway 14. Anyone from the EMYC is invited to attend. This is an open all electric and sail event in which you can sail or cruise with other RC boaters, sailboat race, participate in fast electric exhibition racing or just enjoy the fun. Other clubs in attendance will be the Wisconsin Scale Boating Association, Wisconsin Shoreline Skippers, Southeast Wisconsin Model Yacht Club and the Madison area Fast Electrics. For more information, contact Doug Robichaud [REDACTED]

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-Doug Campbell

MEETING NOTES -

EMYC Meeting Notes for May 2003

Discussions centered around details for the planning of Parade of Boats and suggestions of what members should expect and participate in. Following discussion Fred Ferris gave a review of this years Poker Run.

- Doug Campbell



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JUNE MEETING :

TUESDAY , JUNE 17-7:00P.M.
IN THE BAND ROOM

RADIO FREQUENCY ISSUES

We will be discussing tests which have been done.

OR

TOYS THAT YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

John Bishop and Mike will talk about some of the accessories that are out there on the market today.

BRING YOUR BOAT TO THE MEETING !

Members ARE ALWAYS ENTERTAINED by seeing finished or unfinished nautical projects! So please bring your boat project to the meeting.

2003 C OMMODORE AND BOARD MEMBERS

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