

# EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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# WHAT THE CLUB MEANS TO ME



Doug Person

### By Doug Person

I joined EMYC some 9 years ago, at a time in my life that the Club, its members, the incredible variety of boat building skills, the genuine

friendliness of the members and the awesome boating venue we have at Centennial Lakes Park in Edina was a perfect fit for me. It still is! Many of my very best friends are members of this remarkable organization. . . Jeff McCabe was Commodore of the Club when I joined.

I truly believe we must have one of the nation's most beautiful R/C model boating venues. An enormous debt of gratitude goes to Tom Shirley, Manager, of the Centennial Lakes Park and Edinborough Park in Edina, the Edina Park and Recreation Board and Department and the City of Edina. They have all been most cordial and generous to the Club. We thank them all!

I like all of our events, from the annual June



"Parade of Boats" to the November "Dry Dock Party" because they are all very spectator, builder, and family friendly affairs. On Sunday evening "Open Boating", the Center Pond can become a veritable melting pot of different races and ethnic groups. All of whom seem to find enormous enjoyment in watching our boats, listening to Edina's "John Phillip Sousa" and other bands play in the band shell or just enjoying

the beautiful scenery of the Park. Those special evenings really reflect the ever-growing diversity of our Metropolitan Area.

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

February 10-13, .....See ad page 2. ....Boat show  
February 15, Tues .....7:00-9:00 p.m. ....Membership Meeting

## COMMODORE'S CORNER



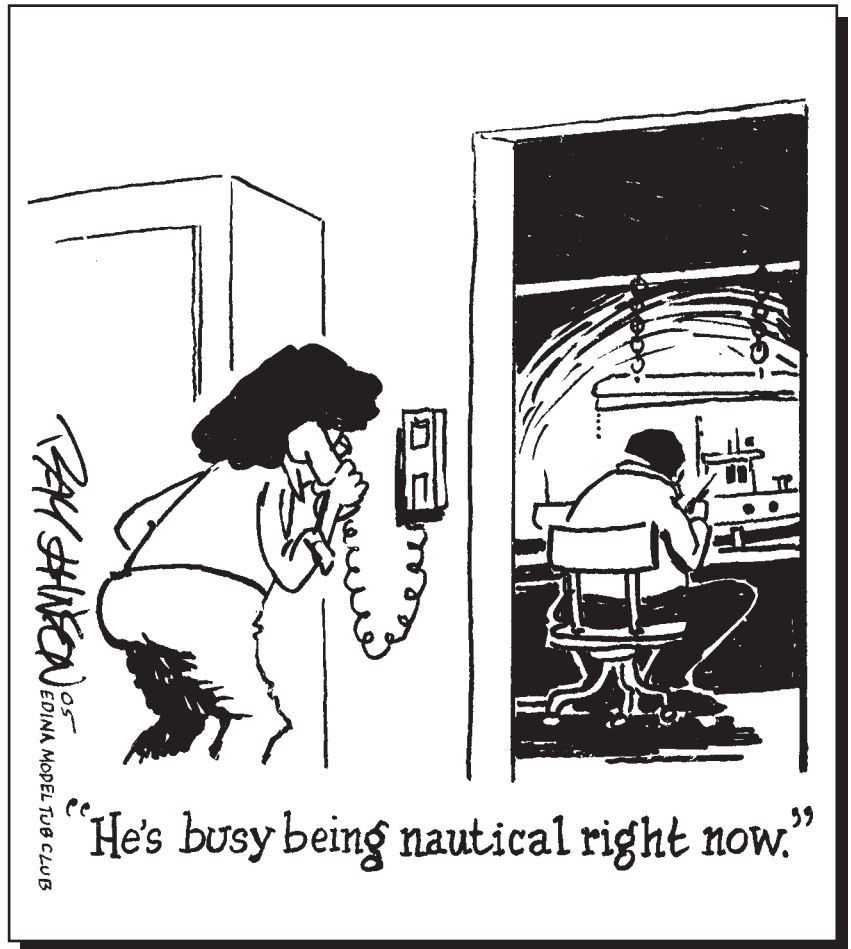
By Paul Olsen

The days are getting longer and the days for building are getting shorter!

Fred Ferris has volunteered again to coordinate the on-the-water boating and frequencies for the 2005 Parade of Boats. Fred has asked everyone to call and register their boats by type and frequency, the sooner the better (952-882-8744). It was decided at the January meeting to have the spectators vote on different aspects of our boats during the course of the day. We need a volunteer committee to work out the details.

At the February meeting I will demonstrate how I am building a six foot fiberglass hull steam powered streetcar boat.

—Paul Olsen



## SAFARI ISLAND POOL AND ICEBOATING EVENT IN WACONIA

### Boat & Marine Products Show

RiverCentre - St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 10-13, 2005

**4 Big Days**

**SHOW HOURS:**

Thurs. February 10, 12 Noon - 9:00 p.m.  
Fri. February 11, 12 Noon - 9:00 p.m.  
Sat. February 12, 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Sun. February 13, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Tony Johnson recently spoke to the new woman in charge of the Waconia Winter Fest. She was very apologetic about forgetting about us this year and said that we couldn't have the pool, but could do the iceboat display if we wanted.

We declined and said that we would possibly be interested next year.

—Alex Raupp

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We have a remarkable group of serious sailors on the North Pond, the ODOM Fleet, along with some other classes of highly competitive sailboats. That group hosted the ODOM National Regatta.

Equally remarkable the Fast Electric Fleet on the South Pond has been making their mark on the national scene. This year they sponsored the Upper Midwest Fast Electric Spectacular. I attended the Saturday session of each of these weekend long regattas and was impressed with the intensity of the competitors, as well as their building and skippering skills.



They continue to put EMYC on the national map of a R/C Club and model boating venue of highest regard. Some 1000 Internet users from around the world, logging onto the World Wide Web visit our Website, "EMYC.org", created and maintained by Andy Valentine, daily.

When I show friends our "Sail and Scale" monthly newsletter, edited by Dale Johnson and Alex Raupp, people can not believe the incredible color graphics, layout and articles published in it. Long-time Club member, Jim Smith edited this newsletter, for 7 years, passing the quill on to former Club member Doug Campbell. Doug and current co-editors, Dale Johnson and Alex Raupp, with Mike Ross editing the newsletter during his two-year tenure as Commodore, have made the publication truly remarkable.

Although I am a Kyosho "Seawind" Class sail boater, I enjoy reading the wind patterns of the Center Pond, along with other sailboats, and many truly beautiful scale model boats.

The museum quality building skills of so many of our members are a source of perpetual amazement to me. We are most fortunate to have another type



of model builder, Don Pearson, who learned the art of fabricating very special tools and creating ships-in-a-bottle, as a lad of four, growing up on the Coast of Maine. I believe he learned this art from his grandfather. Don has a national reputation as an esteemed builder and has at least one of his masterpieces in the collection of model boats, at Mystic Seaport (Connecticut) Maritime Museum His demonstration table at the Parade of Boats is a source of fascination to many of our visitors.

—Doug Person




**EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB**  
Your contact for Yacht Club "Logo Gear" is  
**Doug Person (952) 926-4934**

I have three fantastic catalogues filled with clothing choices you can select to have embroidered by Team Mates, Egan.

Some clothing examples include: Polo and Chambrarty Denim shirts... Sweatshirts, Jackets, Caps, Vests, or your own shirt or jacket, etc. Embroidery options include our club logo and/or burgee with your name, boat name, number, etc.

Typical costs range from about \$28.00 to \$33.00 (of course, price will depend upon the garment choice and amount of embroidery you choose)

***Fly your colors...EMYC!!***

# AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2005

By Jim Smith



Commodore, Paul Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Commodore asked new members and guests to introduce themselves. Dan Lewandowski did so. He found out about the club at Hub Hobby and is working on a Billing kit.

Dale Johnson inquired as to the club's participation in the February event in Wauconia. There appears to be a new person in charge and we have had no contact from her.



Board members Tim Smalley, Dave Bros and Commodore Paul Olsen preside at the January meeting.

Commodore noted that there was a meeting of the board at his home in January. A discussion was held about club events for '05. In addition to the Parade of Boats in June, an early spring sailboat tune-up on a Saturday morning after ice-out, a "Poker Run," and a scale boat obstacle course of some type were discussed. A "judging" competition of some type was talked over by the general membership. It was suggested that members think this one over and be ready to discuss it in more detail at a later club meeting.

Dick Walker mentioned that he had attended a couple of such events in England. A select group of judges evaluated the boats and awarded prizes in

categories such as "most attractive," "best scratch built," "best kit built," etc.

Most members felt that the Parade of Boats was too busy an event for a judging competition, however a "people's choice" award might be an alternative. It

was suggested that an early season time for a "best looking" competition might be best. . . . before the boats begin to show wear due to use.

Fred Ferris again volunteered to run the frequency control board at the Parade. He suggested that members call him immediately to "reserve" a frequency and time period(s) for operation. Fred feels that some early organization and planning could result in considerably more boats operating throughout the day.



Don Sektnan showing his DC power supply project.



Meeting January 18, 2005, 37 members in attendance.

Don Sektnan showed a pair of old computer power supplies that can be easily converted to clean, 12 volt DC power sources for commercial, DC only battery chargers such as the Triton. Don generously donated one of the modified supplies to the club. It will be raffled off at the February club meeting.



**Tony Johnson and Alex Raupp discuss RC ice-boating.**

Tony Johnson and Alex Raupp gave a 50 minute talk on scale ice-boating. Tony and Alex manufacture and operate quarter scale "DN," "Knight," and "Renegade" boats. They can be operated as land yachts as well, thus extending their season beyond winter-only. Tony suggested a look-see at the IRC-SSA.org web site for anyone interested in additional information.

Jim Smith asked what was happening on the EMYC web site? Other than an occasional item added to the "forum" nothing has been up dated in months. Meeting dates, calendar of events, etc. are all last year's information. Dan Proulx said that Andy Valentine has been busy but that he'd check and see if the site could be improved. Commodore also said that he'd contact Andy.

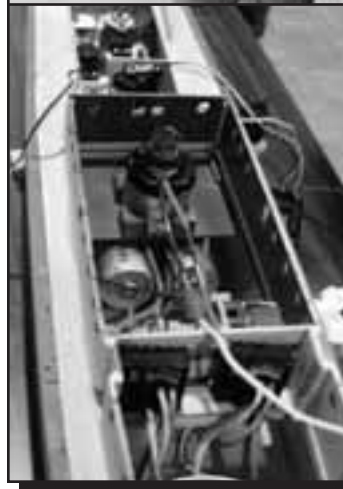
Tony Johnson asked for a show of hands of those willing to participate in the Wauconia indoor sailing event... if we are invited. Turnout was poor last year and Tony didn't want to pursue it if folks were not going to participate. Six or eight members expressed interest so Tony will make some calls. The date is believed to be Saturday, February 12th. If we are invited, Tim Smalley will get an email message out before hand.



**Dan Lewandowski.**

Show-'n'-tell: Dan Lewandowski showed his Billing "Calipso." He's been working on it since November and has installed a multitude of automatic functions.

Joe Steele showed his "Helen," under construction. Joe had a



**Inside Dan's Calipso.**



**Joe Steele and his Helen.**

large selection of sub assemblies in a brown paper bag. By the time he pulled them out and laid them in place on the hull, he had virtually assembled the boat before our very eyes. Both boats are expected to be Parade ready!

**Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM**

# ANOTHER RC ICE BOAT RECORD SET

## — Or, No pain. No gain.—



By **Tony Johnson**

The last speed attempt for the year in Minnesota has battered my previous record of a few weeks ago.

**New record 12/31/2004: 36.0 mph**



Temperature in the low twenties. Wind near 20 mph. The weather claimed that there were gusts to 34 mph but I can't confirm that and do not think that it was that strong when I was running.

My comment on 'no pain no gain' was



because the first attempt today reached 35.9 mph before I broke the main sheet attachment on the boom. Easy fix.

The second attempt was successful at reaching the 36.0 even but in my final reach I spun out and a large part of the clew ripped out. Mylar sails seem to do that in the cold. Probably tape reinforcing the entire perimeter of the sail could avoid this problem.

Well, now just to hear Bill Korsgard and John Kuhn check in on their speed trial attempts from this PM.

36 mph may be a very short lived record with the 40 mph mark getting ever closer.

—Tony Johnson

## GREAT LAKES VESSELS INDEX

**B**owling Green State University in Ohio maintains a web site entitled "Great Lakes Vessels Index." You enter any number of specifications, such as: Vessel's Name, Builder, Place Built, Year Built, etc. A complete dossier on the vessel appears, including a pretty decent photograph (click on the thumbnail picture).

It's an excellent place to start if you are looking for information on a Great Lake "boat."

Give it a look at: <<http://129.1.59.220/lakes.htm>>

—Jim Smith

## USS SAN FRANCISCO

**A**pra Harbor, Guam (Jan. 27, 2005) - The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS San Francisco (SSN 711) in dry dock to assess damage sustained after running aground approximately 350 miles south of Guam Jan. 8, 2005. The Navy former dry dock known as "Big Blue" is capable of docking ships that weigh up to 40,000 Long Tons. The Navy certified Big Blue for the one-time docking of San Francisco. USS San Francisco is the second fast-attack submarine to be attached to the forward-deployed Submarine Squadron Fifteen, home ported on board Naval Base Guam. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Mark Allen Leonesio.

—Submitted by Tim Smalley



## SPECIAL THANKS

To all the members that contributed to this issue of the Sail & Scale. Without you this publication would be nothing.

Fred Ferris, Ray Johnson, Tony Johnson, Paul Olsen, Doug Person, Alex Raupp, Tim Smalley, Jim Smith.

## RESERVE YOUR FREQUENCY NUMBER

**T**his year, in an effort to fill the pond with boats at the Parade of Boats Fred Ferris has come up with the idea of reserving frequency numbers well ahead of the event. This idea should allow us to maximize the number of boats on the water at any given time.

At this point we will assume that the running schedule will be the same as in years past, which would be as follows:

**12:00pm Open Boating**

**12:30pm Tugboats and Work Boats**

**1:00pm Sailboats**

**1:30pm Fast Electric Boats**

**2:00pm Military Boats**

**2:30pm Scale Boats**

**3:00pm Tugboats and Work Boats**

**3:30pm Open Boating**

Please take advantage of this opportunity to reserve your frequency and call Fred Ferris at 952-882-8744.

## CLUB SHIRTS HATS ETC.

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## **FEBRUARY MEETING**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2005 7:00 P.M.  
CENTENNIAL LAKES GARAGE BAND ROOM**

### **PRESENTATION ON BUILDING TECHNIQUES**

At the February meeting Paul Olsen will share with us some of the building techniques he uses during work on his model of the Minnehaha.

### **Special Interest Contacts:**

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