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Another interesting summer meeting. Summer meetings are supposed to be light on the agenda to emphasize being on the water, but we had a some interesting items:

Previous Events

- The Chaska Fireman's Park event was on July 23rd. Great park atmosphere, excellent board walk for sailing/boating along the water, very enjoyable pond and winds, but very little interest from the public. We were the only real event for the day and there just wasn't many people at the park. It appears that the main celebration occurs on Saturday rather than the Sunday that we were scheduled to attend. The same was true for last year's event. It was decided that I would contact the person coordinating the event at the City of Chaska and see if we could be part of a larger celebration on Saturday next year. If this is not possible, then some club members may still want to participate (it is a very enjoyable pond and setting) but the level of participation will need to be determined next year to see if there is sufficient interest to make this a full club event, or if it becomes an informal event to run your boat without bringing the club's awnings and tables. I am contacting the city coordinator.
- Lighthouse Night was rained out. Rain started around dusk and per the radar was going to continue through the evening. A few sturdy club members waited out the rain for a 45 minute window of no rain, but most departed. We discussed rescheduling the event for the Saturday during the Fall Art Festival, and the event poster was modified accordingly. After lighting up a boat it would be nice to run them at more than one event, and the light house itself is worthy of being displayed at more than the usual two venues, so if this date works out I would like to consider making this one of the yearly club events.



RESCHEDULED EVENT
LIGHTHOUSE NIGHT

Saturday September 9, 2017 6pm

Lighthouse Night is a unique event, held once a year, where boats from the Edina Model Yacht Club light up after dark. Interior cabin lights, exterior running lights, and spot lights all shine bright on a variety of model boats. The backdrop for the evening event is a floating model of a lighthouse. Model Boats begin running at 6PM

Free Event at Centennial Lakes Park - 7499 France Ave. S., Edina



New Items

- Purchase of the new DragonFlite 95 sailboat on a club-wide basis has been arranged with the distributor. This boat has proven to be extremely popular - the distributor has sold 700 of these in the past year and a half. Here are the specifics of the arranged “fleet” purchase:
 - Purchase of 4 or more boats at the same time - \$328 without radio or receiver, but including hull and deck stickers/decals, free shipping
 - \$374 with (Flysky FS-i6) radio and receiver, including hull and deck stickers/decals, free shipping

The prices reflect a 10% discount on the \$345 price in the website in addition to the free shipping. To get the free shipping all boats have to be ordered together and delivered to the same address. The purchase is arranged by:

- sending me the number of boats you (each person) want
- your email address to send the invoice for payment
- what color rigging line (8 color choices)
- what color deck/hull stickers/decals (10 color choices)

- and if you want the (Flysky FS-i6) radio/receiver

I submit the list to Dragon Sailing NA noting it is an order for EMYC and individual invoices for payment are emailed to each person for payment. When all payments are received the boats are shipped together. With the fleet purchase we will receive extra rigging line and servos at no cost to support the boats.

- Purchase of 2 -3 boats, same as above except only free shipping, no 10% discount.

Check out the website for the color choices. The hull/deck stickers are intended to allow the boats to be different colors without having to actually paint the boat, which of course can be done if you wish.

<https://radiosailing.net/products/dragonflite-95-950mm-df95-class-rc-sailboat>

The distributor really wanted to get a boat in our hands so people could see and touch it before ordering, so I bought one with the radio/receiver, and since I don't have time to assemble the boat Burt Fisher and a friend of his are putting it together. Burt brought it to the meeting at about 80% completed. There is minimal assembly since the hull is all together with all electronics included in the model I purchased. Burt is indicating for a first time assembly they will have 8-10 hours into the boat, and it might be on the water as soon as this weekend.





The radio is a full featured radio with the ability to store the set up for 20 rc vehicles/boats/planes. A four channel receiver is \$13 on line so for someone without a radio this makes an attractive and affordable alternative to the more expensive traditional radio offerings. It is light weight and small which is also nice. Some of the ODOM group members are considering purchasing this boat not to replace the wonderful sailing ODOM, but as a secondary racing boat that will allow them to race with other clubs that have adopted the DF 95 boat for their own racing efforts. Much more affordable and much less assembly than the ODOM so for our and other clubs it makes an attractive way for some people to get into racing. Also note on the DF 95 website that there is a Joysway radio available for less money, but I would recommend spending the few extra dollars for this Flysky radio just for the flexibility of using it for other rc applications.

Several club members have checked out this boat more than I have but let me know if you have any questions and if I cannot answer them I will forward to someone that can. A lot of effort is focused on the ODOM national races September 15-17, so purchase of the DF 95 may be delayed until after this event. Right now there are 4 people that would like to order the boat so we already meet the minimum number for all discounts. If we get more people committing to purchase we could submit an initial order of 4 sooner than late September and follow with another order. Let me know if you would like to purchase this boat.

- Commodore, board member and treasurer positions are open for 2018. It is an honor to serve in any capacity for the Edina Model Yacht Club. The club has been fortunate to have had very good representation in all areas during the 25 years of club organization, and it is the different people that have served in these positions that keeps the club vibrant. Think about serving in one of these positions and let me know for which position you would like to be considered.

Show and Tell

Rick Luther brought finger lights he recently purchased and that he is using for lighting up his boat. They come in several colors including red and green for directional lighting and clear for general illumination. Power source is self contained.



Other items

In past years we have done a river cruise on the Mississippi with our own Captain David Robb at the helm. In recent years the interest has been smaller and Terry and I have gone on our own with a few other couples. Traditionally we have done the third or last Thursday in September and we have been consistently rewarded with excellent fall weather. This year the date would be Thursday, September 28th. Boat departs Bohemian Flats at the U of M at 6:00 pm for a 2 hour cruise with pizza and appetizers. Adults \$30 and Seniors \$28, and we may qualify for a discount depending on the final

count. These cruises fill-up fast so let me know within the next week if you are interested.

Upcoming Events

- Centennial Lakes Art Festival: September 9th and 10th
- ODOM National Races: Smith Park (Bloomington, just south of I-494/American Boulevard, between Portland Ave and 12th Ave south) September 15th - 17th

There is need for several volunteers for the following positions:

1. **a scribe**...who is dedicated to writing down everything the Principle Race Officer calls out, namely the sail numbers as they cross the finish line.
2. **observers** near the windward mark to be sure people actually round the marks and to call out those who don't.
3. **registration**: getting all documents together, AMYA numbers, collecting the entry fees, must be done before the race begins...
4. **social committee**...activities for Friday and Saturday night, local places to eat, maybe a real lake side home to invade and party at... ?
5. **trophies**...Tony has this covered
6. **Weigh-in** before the races start...needs to be recorded scales are needed.
7. **Chase boat operators** in case of snagged boats, or need to move buoys. We will have a kayak or canoe for this purpose but need two people willing to row and fetch boats or move buoys.
8. **Score keeper**...someone with a lap top that can record the results to a spread sheet during the races.

Contact: Kevin Kavaney @ kjkavaney@hotmail.com

This is a club sponsored event so please consider helping out for any or all days.

- Next membership meeting: September 19th, back to normal starting time at 7:00 pm.

Calendar

- September
 - 9th and 10th, Saturday and Sunday Centennial Lakes Art Festival
 - 9th, Saturday Lighthouse Night (6:00)
 - 15th-17th, ODOM Nationals, Smith Park (Bloomington)
 - 19th, Tuesday - Membership Meeting (7:00)
- October
 - 17th, Tuesday - Membership Meeting (7:00)
 - 2 and 3 Pond Races - to be determined
- November

- 11th, Saturday - Dry Dock Party
- 21st, Tuesday - Swap Meet

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