

## May Newsletter

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### May 2022 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

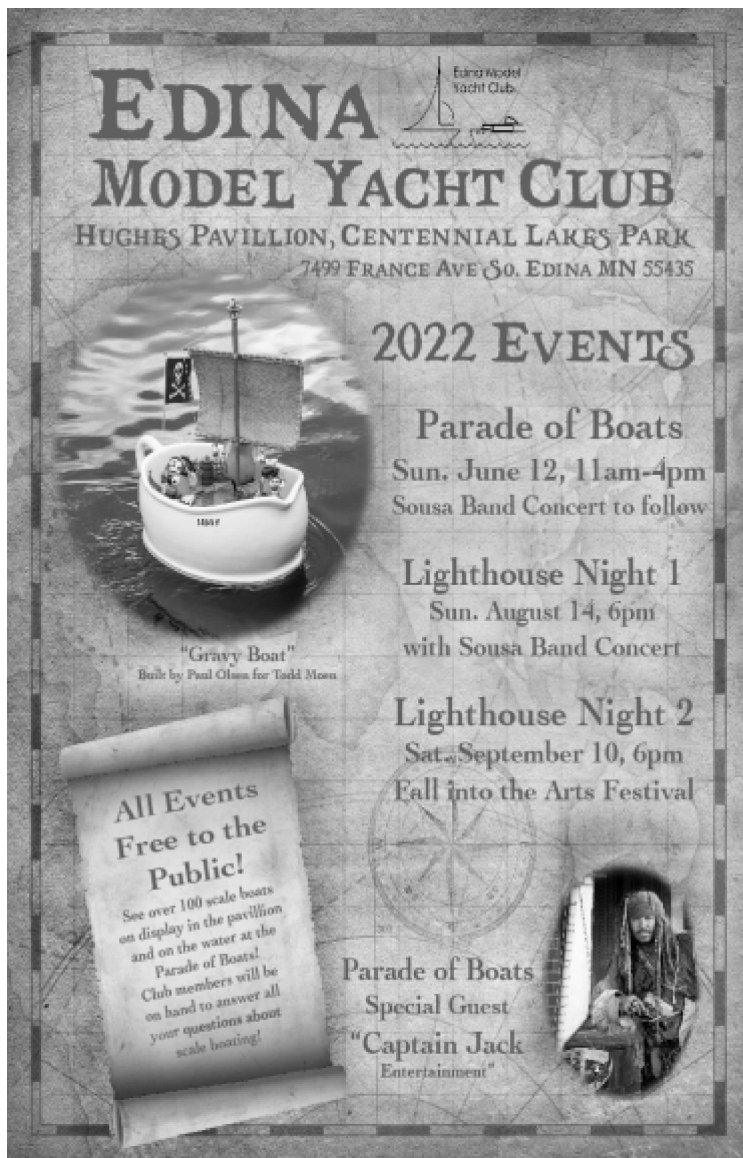
#### Sunday Breakfast

The inaugural season opener breakfast happened in splendid style! Not picture perfect conditions but that did not matter one bit as I was very pleased to discover! We arrived at 9:00 to complete the set up and it was raining with a purpose. I thought it would put a damper on things but it did not! Pinstripes showed up with a great breakfast, well presented and served. Everything was excellent! Plenty of food for thirty plus guests. At about 11:00 the rain stopped and it was a bit on the cool side but a very nice day. The ponds were up from the rainfall to about 6 inches below the sidewalk. It is really fun to be at the park during a heavy rainfall and watch the water in the ponds rise up. I have only been there one other time to see it get up onto the lower sidewalk. After the rain stopped there were 5 of us who had brought boats and we all got on the water for the first time this year. Several other people wished they had brought a boat after all, as it was a very special feeling to be there opening up the season. Many people told me they really enjoyed the get-together and we should continue doing it in the future. I even had one comment that it was better than the Dry Dock Party.



### At the Meeting

The yearly poster is completed and already being distributed around the area. It also made its debut on Facebook. Put together by Rob Segal, it is a dandy:



Thinking about next year I think we should also add our off-site appearances. One thing for sure, we have had excellent posters over the years and I know several people have the complete collection. Maybe something we should add to the website? It would be fun to look at the posters over the years. Many, many thanks to Rob for creating the poster this year. I just gave Rob some of the graphics and text for the poster and told him to have at it with complete license to do what he wanted. Trust well-placed!!

Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> was the beginning of the at-the-pond season for the club. And it included the first collision by a non-member's boat with a member's boat. Fortunately a very small speed boat was the offending boat and no damage ensued, but it does mark the official start of the potential problems for the season as

experienced last year. We have the new pond rules sign and it is up to the club to get it out. Unfortunately we are going to have to keep it in the cage so that means bringing it down from that location. We are not able to keep it in the Pavilion because of new security that will be in place and we will not be able to have access to it all the time. It is a bit awkward to bring down by hand, though I have done that, but we are able to ask for assistance from any of the park staff that has an electric cart, and we are looking into a two wheel dolly/hand truck too. Once it is at the center pond we are free to try different locations. I went over this with park manager Tiffany, and it would be good to try to place it where it will not be an additional obstruction to people on the sidewalks. Two locations to try out are on the pond side of the trash and recycle concrete containers at the end of the landscaping at the main walkway to the center pond; or adjacent to one of the light bollards. I think we can see if it might fit over the light bollard. It is important that we display the rules otherwise we have no ability to take offenders to task and we only risk damage to our boats. It will take a while to get into the habit of putting the sign up and taking it down but please help out and the more who participate in this task the easier it will be. Thank you ahead of time for your assistance.

A busier summer than it has been for a few years is just beginning. June is once again a busy month. Here is what is coming up:

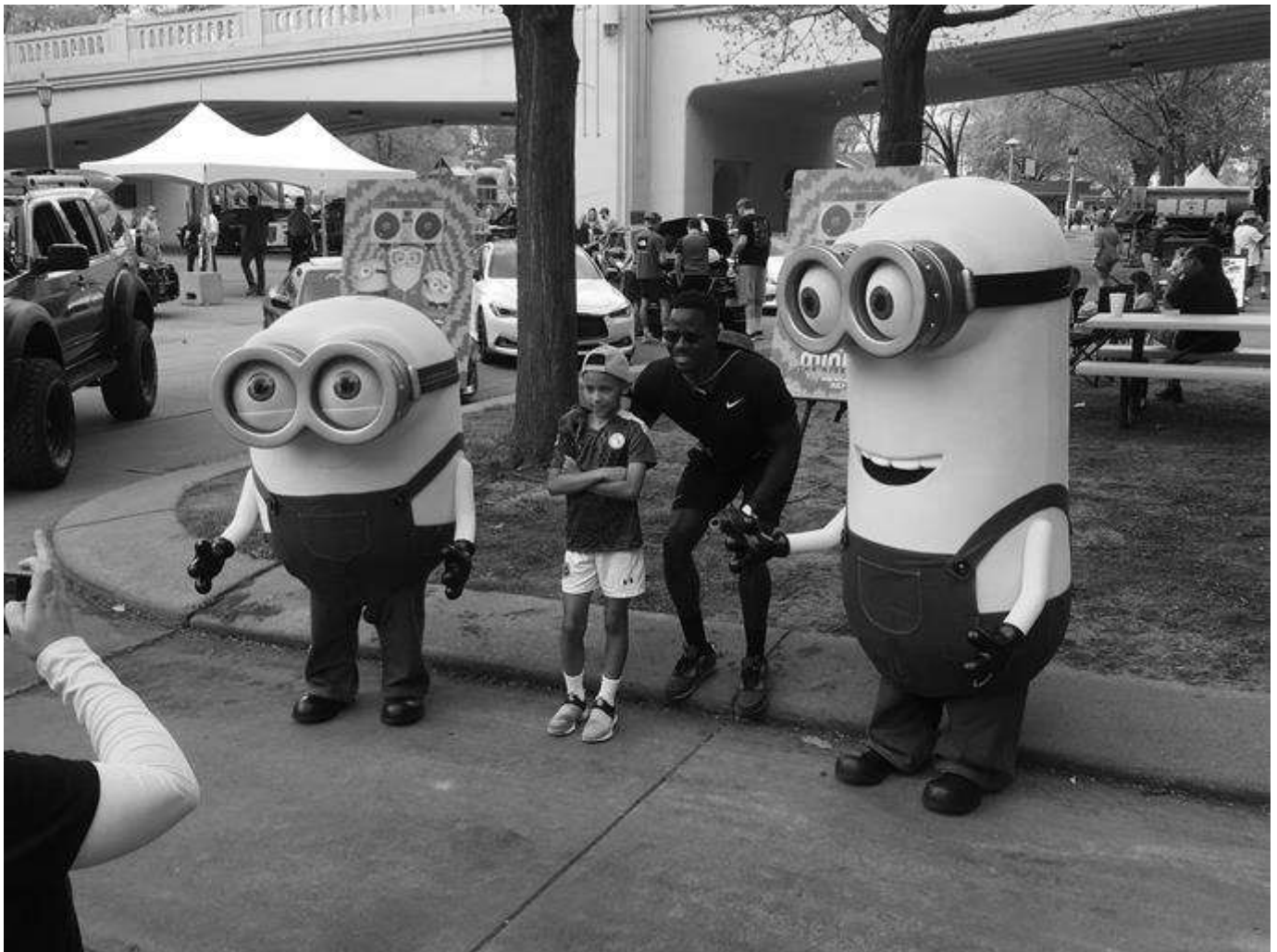
The Parade of Boats: Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Officially the Parade runs from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Set up starts at 8:00 am and we can sure use the help. Much to do, all you need to do is show up and you will be put to work. We have rolls, cookies, wrap sandwiches, drinks and coffee to get you jump started throughout the day. Also remember we have a group photo right before the official opening at 11:00. When the call goes out get over there asap so we can get the photo quickly. I think we can expect a really good crowd this year. Weather always plays a part, but regardless there is bound to be a good turnout. Therefore it is really important that you get all your boats down to the show, and please don't leave early with them if you can possibly stay for the full time. Also we really need to get the boats on the water! I know it is a very busy time and you want to visit with friends and the crowd, but it is equally important to get as many boats on the water as possible.

Also, Captain Jack Sparrow Entertainment will be at the show from 12:00 to 3:00, and we will have an area for selling things, or you can display as usual and put up a for sale sign in place.

The White Bear Lake Classic and Vintage Boat Show is back this year and happens on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. I don't have any more information right now so let me know if you would like to attend so I can get you the information when I get it. This event is a ton of fun and those who have attended in the past try to make it every year.

I got a call from Bill Coppage, one of the ODOM racers. Bill is a very experienced rc boat racer and spends his winters in Florida doing just that as well as participating in the ODOM racing here in the summer. He is also a great mentor and has helped me a lot. Bill is very excited to provide assistance to newer boat owners who would like help in learning to sail their rc sailboat, and also learning about rc sailboat racing, if that is one of your goals. Bill has seen how the clubs are doing it in Florida and would like to get something similar started here. This is something the club has not taken on in the past as a separate activity, and should provide a great way to get some mentoring for sailing in general, and a less intimidating way to get introduced to racing. Rather than make this yet an additional activity I was thinking we could incorporate this introduction experience with the DF 95 group. The DF 95 was envisioned as a great way to get new people interested in rc sailboat racing, and sailing in general, and I think we can expand the intent of the DF 95 group to including any sailboats. Once persons get their skills established they are free to enjoy general sailing at any time and place on their own, the ODOM boats can join the ODOM racers if they wish and can race during the weekdays and afternoons, and the DF 95 boats can continue with their own racing series. We would like to get the introductory activity set up for Sunday afternoons, with the first get together set for Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm on the south pond. Park in the lot just north of the new Lobster Shack fast food on France Avenue. Enter through the main park entrance you will see as you enter the parking lot. We will have buoys set out to help with learning to sail only, we will not do anything with racing until there is interest from the group at a later date. If you would like to participate drop me an email just to let us know there is interest. Otherwise feel free to stop by anytime between 12 and 3:00.

Terry and I went to the Auto Show at the fairgrounds last Saturday. Look who was also there:



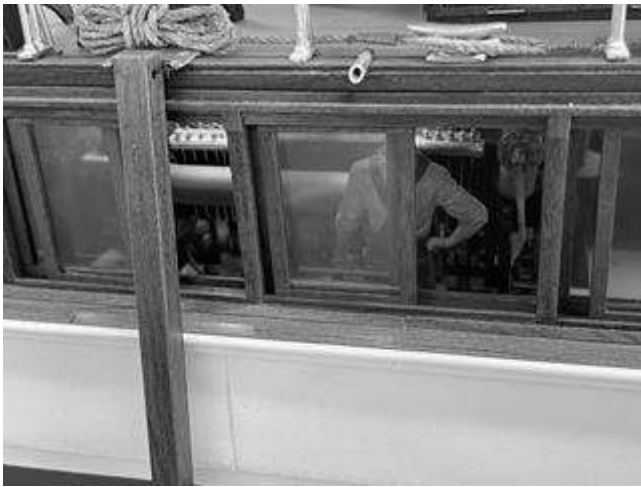
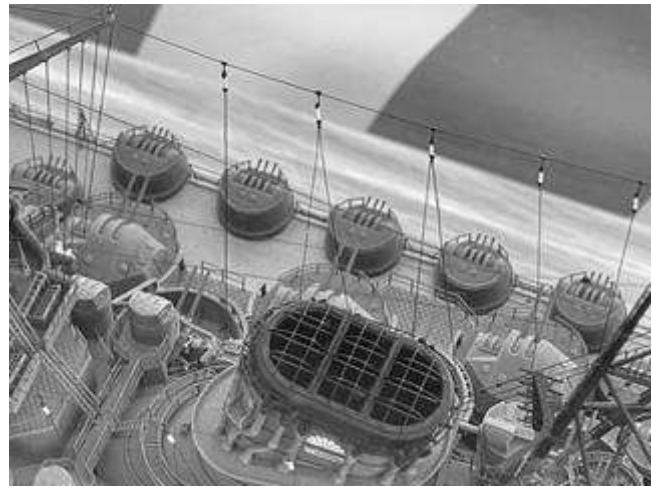
That's right!! It is Dave and Kevin from the minions! The new Minions 2 movie is due out in the theaters Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>! We stopped to talk to the handlers to see if these guys are local, but no, they are on a cross country tour to promote the movie for Universal studios. If the Minion boat was not popular enough you better stand back when it is on the water to keep from being trampled by little feet!

An outcome of the Breakfast was surprising. Rob Segal was at the same table as "Mr. Smooth, Mr. Ambassador", aka Dick Walker! A staunch supporter and promotor of our club, Dick's additional passion is the Midwestern Model Ships contest held at the Manitowoc Maritime Museum. Rob learned of this contest from Dick and since he (Rob) was free of other obligations that weekend he jumped on line and just made the deadline to submit two of his boats. Rob and his wife were off to Manitowoc and had a great time. If you have seen any of Rob's

boats you know he is an excellent and talented builder. Remember that the last boat was a Dumas kit and Rob used the wood parts but tossed all the metal trim instead making his own from three different metals. (Note if you plan on attending this event there are two basic routes. Lake Winnebago is just west of Manitowoc so you either take the north route around the lake or come up from the south. Take the south route unless you like flat boring drives. Rob took the north and it was boring. We have taken both and therefore the previous recommendation for the south route).

The short summary of the trip is that Rob was blown away by the detail and level of skill on display. He also learned that Dick is somewhat of a legend in the group, and per Dick this was unfortunately the first time in 25 years that he did not submit a boat. (See the event notice below) But Rob did the EMYC proud, two boats, two gold medals. The judging is very interesting and unique. The judges evaluate each entry on its own. The skill of the modeling is what is measured, not one boat against the others, so that there were several Gold awards, several Silver awards and a few bronze. Very well done Rob, congratulations! Rob took several photos and we will show them at a meeting this fall. Here is just a sample:

The screenshot shows a website page for the Midwestern Model Ships & Boats Contest. At the top is a dark navigation bar with the 'TRAVEL WISCONSIN' logo and menu items: 'Places to Stay', 'Things to Do', 'Dining', 'Events', 'Places to Visit', 'Stories', and 'Plan Your Vacation'. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Events > Arts and Culture > Museums & History > Midwestern Model Ships & Boats Contest'. The main heading is 'MIDWESTERN MODEL SHIPS & BOATS CONTEST'. A message states: 'This event has expired. This may be a recurring event, so please check the calendar in the future for updated occurrences.' There is a photograph of two men at a table with model boats. To the right of the photo are buttons for 'View Website' and 'Favorite (1)'. Below these are the event details: 'Wisconsin Maritime Museum', '75 Maritime Dr - Manitowoc, WI 54220', and 'Information: 920-684-0218'. There are also icons for 'View Map', 'Email', and 'Share'. A text block at the bottom right says: 'The 45th annual Model Ships and Boats Contest will be May 13 - 15, 2022. Rules and registration information will be posted closer to the event. Check out the Midwest's longest-running model contest and vote on your favorite! The models will be on display to the public Saturday and Sunday. Friday is a model setup.'



On to show and tell.

Jeff Brenhaug came in from Hutchinson with his just completed DragonFlite 95:



The skin is one of many offered by the aftermarket on line, as are the sails.



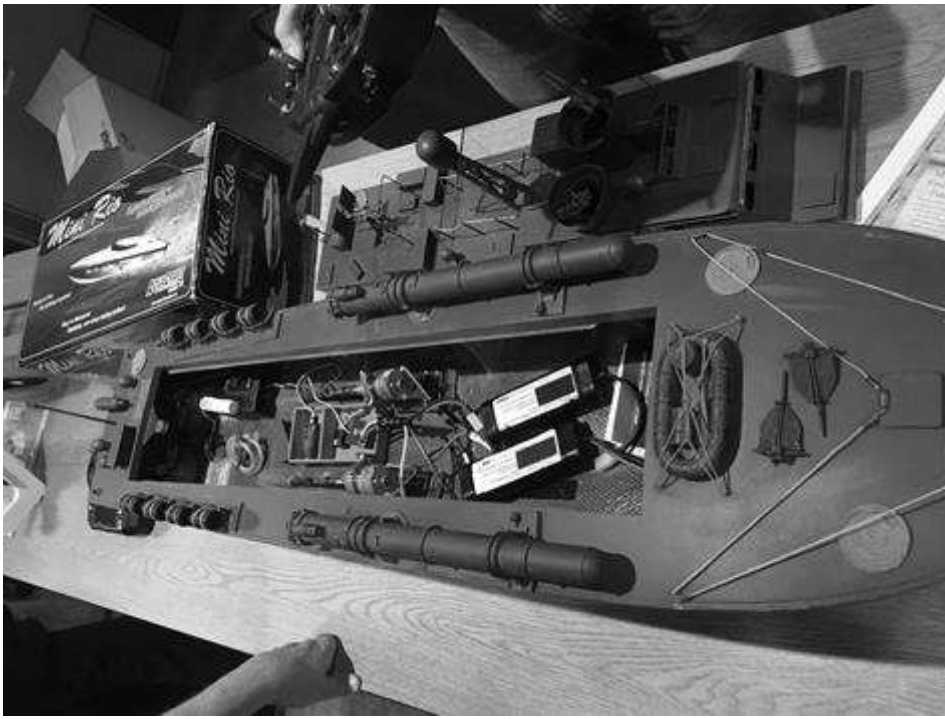
Jackie Carlson checks out the boat and the stand:



This is a versatile stand called the Ultimate Stand made by Breaking Wind. On the far side of the keel, the bottom of the legs, has two strips of material (covered in carbon fiber tape) that create a slot into which the keep bulb can be placed to hold the boat at a slant to aid in adjusting the sails in a static position. Jeff and Mike Corbett said the stand goes for \$99.

Todd brought in his Huckins PT boat, one of five sold back to club members by the builder Ray Meifert.

David Petrich has been working on some improvements for Todd.



Four of the five PT boats, mine included, were dumas kits, but this one is a special collaboration of several club members including Paul Olsen who made the fiberglass hull. Note that there is no internal bracing. The hull is very strong and completely open making placement of all the running gear relatively easy compared to the usual hull structure. The Huckins was never used in WWII but was designed and built later in the war and was used for training only.

Other news from the members:

The christening of the new battle ship Minneapolis St. Paul is taking place now in the Duluth harbor. Not the same ship as in WWII, but the modern equivalent. See YouTube for videos.

The Split Rock Light House is lighting up on the night of Thursday, may 26th, a rare lighting from the usual in the fall. This lighting is delayed as the lighthouse was struck by lightning in a recent storm.

Finally, a reminder to get your club dues in for the year. Many people pay at the Parade which is absolutely fine.

Julia is there to get you set up for the year. The membership form is also on the website and you can mail it in.

\$30 individual, \$40 family.

Gary Tschautscher and I had our Fairwinds out last Sunday. Just love these older boats. Let's look at having a Sunday afternoon Fairwind gathering in July. Get your old Fairwind out of the closet, spiff it up and plan on

bringing it down in July. More on that next month.

Coming up

- Parade of Boats, Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>
- Membership meeting, Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (starts 8:00 starts for summer)
- White Bear Lake Classic and Vintage Boat Show, Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

See you at the ponds!

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