

# EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

## SAIL & SCALE

### NEWSLETTER

#### November 2023 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

This newsletter wraps up another great year in the club. Every year has its challenges and victories, this year was no different. Another year of minimal rainfall and that brought challenges with the floating weeds and debris in the ponds, pretty much like every year with just this year's special circumstances. Much to be thankful for in 2023 with pretty much great weather for all our events except for Light House Night #1 which actually had a pretty good crowd despite the less than favorable weather forecast that actually didn't happen, Channel 4 and 9 gave us great coverage plus the Star Tribune and KTIS radio. Three members represented the club at a DragonFlite 95 regatta in Tomah Wisconsin. We attended four, yes four, classic boat shows and it was the first year at the nationally known show at Gull Lake, which got us an invite back to next year's show which will be a national show - meaning lots of boats and attention for the EMYC! Very busy year and next year looks to be the same!

#### At the Swap Meet





There was actually quite a lot for sale this year, a good deal of which is not represented in the photo above. Attendance was a bit low but several boats were sold along with tools, materials and parts.

### Dry Dock Party

Just under 50 people attended the party. Famous Dave's provided the food again this year. The same two woman do the set up and serving as in past years and what they do for us is well beyond even great service. We very much appreciate how well they set up, serve, clean up, package up left overs, and even cut and serve the cake which they did not provide! Simply wonderful service. Todd showed his yearend slide show video and I gave a few comments of appreciation for the year that we had and club in general. I gave special thanks for the new members that have joined the club in recent years and for the enthusiasm, energy and talent they have contributed to keep the club vitalized and a very nice place to be. We also have to remember that the club has a very rich history since the inception in 1992, and that the club is extremely fortunate for the foundation we all grow upon in the long term members. There are no more important members than these two:



Dick Walker and Paul Olsen have made this club the classy, talented and all around wonderful place to be, and we are all extremely thankful for their passion and support



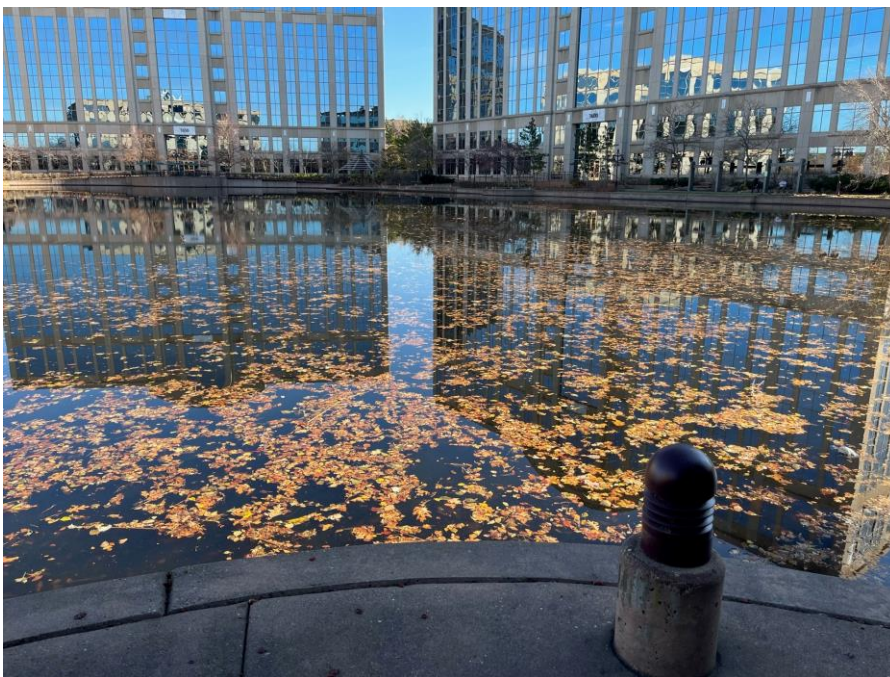
of the club and the members. For clubs everywhere, members do not come any better than these two guys!



### The Most Dedicated Sailors?

That title might just have to go to the racing group. Not the greatest year for cooperating conditions, winds often too high, lots of debris and weeds/plants in both ponds (Centennial South Pond and Smith Park in Bloomington), these guys are constantly on the watch for conditions that allow them to race, and always at the end of the season trying to see just how late you can get on the water before the temperatures are too cold or the ice in permanent. The ODOM racers and DF 95 racers have their own google forums and here is some of the chatter later this fall.

The south pond one day this fall:



Not a big deal as these are only leaves, but imagine they are floating weeds. More from Kevin Kavaney:

Friday, November 3, 2030

The winds were lite at first but as the day went on, the winds came up nicely and the weed situation is dramatically better...we had occasional issues with long reed type stems, but not the Green monsters that stop you cold like late summer..... in all today was an exciting day of racing especially given the date. I was struggling with my Odom when Jim (McKie) showed up, I needed a rest room break (thanks Dock 23!) and had Capt Jimmie sail my blue boat. After a few races Jimmie beat everyone with my crappy tuned boat!!! Just goes to show you: "it's not the gun, it's the shooter"!! There was talk of a possible repeat on Sunday...might be big winds so maybe DF-95B's stay tuned....

Kevin

Sunday, November 19, 2023

8 ODOMs on the water.



This was possibly the last day of racing, and it was a spectacular fall day. I managed to make this my first racing in probably two years so great to be back on the water racing. But was it the last day....

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

End of the season was today with 3 ODOMs and 4 DF-95's...three of which were B sails and Adam's was A sail... If the forecast had been correct, the B guys would have been much better able to handle the predicted high winds than the Odom's, but that didn't happen, rather the winds were about at the highest one would want to still be sailing an Odom...and having a ball doing it... Totally unfair, but I won a fair amount of races



today...not because I did anything special, I just had the best boat class for the winds we ended up with.

A special thanks to Terry (Mackey) for endlessly keeping the buoys working and Stu (-art MacPhail) for placing and retrieving the buoys at Smith and occasional rescue missions as well.

Kevin

Yes! A great “first last sail” to a good season. With this group, I wouldn’t start a refit yet. There just might be a “second last sail” - just inside the outer doors!

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Jim McKie

The watch continues.....

I hope others will want to join in the racing. Everyone is very supportive and helpful to new sailors. Good natured racing with competition that makes it really fun.

### In Memoriam

I sent out a special notice of the passing of Karl Bottemiller on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and noted that Karl was fully with us as of the Parade of Boats. Here is Karl second from the left:



Simply a very nice man and wonderful supporter of the club. His passing was a surprise as I clearly remember him and his participation at the Parade. Karl is exactly the type of quality individual that makes this club such a nice group of people to spend time with. Karl will definitely be missed at next year’s events.

Now I have to confess that I had a major omission in the April newsletter in that I had in my notes that another of our members, Paul Laederach, passed away on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Paul and Terry and I had housing in common, in that he lived at the 7500 York Senior

Cooperative, just on the other side of the condominiums on the east side of the ponds, and we are destined for 7500 York at some time in the (near?) future. I remember very well that Paul sent me an email a few years ago wanting to connect up with the other club members living at 7500 and could I furnish their names? Well I would have been happy to have done that but I told him he was the only one, but if he could wait a few years we would be over there too. Sadly that timing did not happen, but it did seem odd to me that of the 377 units in the cooperative Paul was the only one in the club. Maybe I can change that when we get over there. Here is Paul on a typically relaxing day at the center pond enjoying the day, with myself and two of our Corgis Charlie and Haunzi.



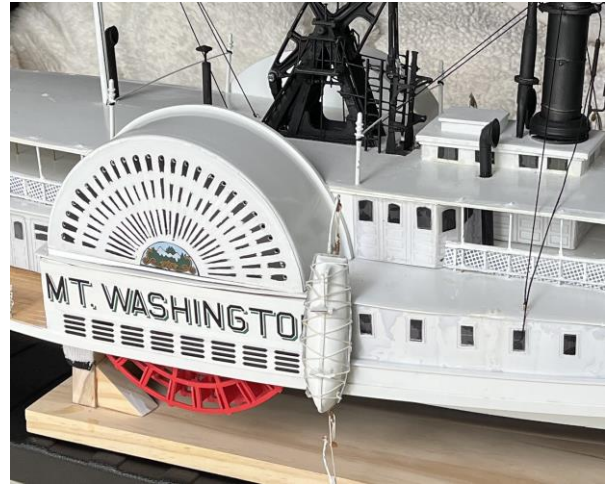
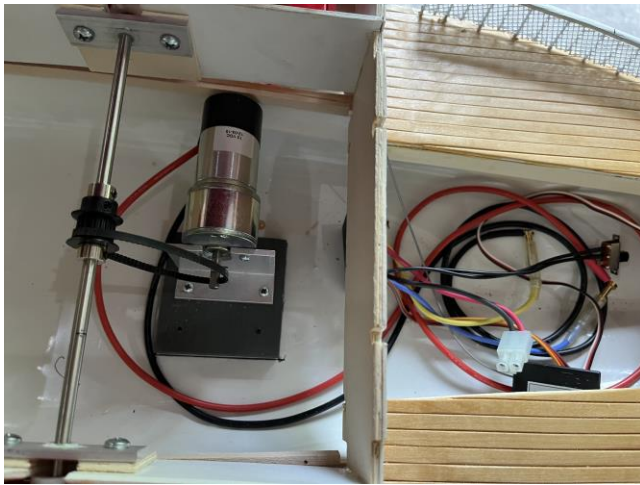
You can see from this photo what we all know, you don't need to have a boat at the ponds to enjoy the day and the people. The club is very fortunate to have such a wonderful venue to engage with our hobby/sport/interest but no matter what you brought with, or didn't bring with, Centennial Lakes Park is a very pleasant place to spend time.

### Adopt a Boat

Need a project to help out the club? Need a project to just have something to do? Need a project that has real history with the club? We can help out with all of these. Recently the club received a donation of the Mount Washington boat that was reported on in the September newsletter. There have been several people interested in this model of a very unique boat with a walking beam paddle wheel drive system. The boat is very much intact and contains all the pieces needed to make a fully functioning



boat, however the drive system is missing a pulley on the motor to drive the shaft that turns the paddle wheels, and as we all know, minor damage has occurred to parts of the model accessories and features. The boat is still up for sale as-is, or it would be much more sellable with the drive system completed and minor repairs affected. Let me know if you would like to take this boat under your wing for the club.



Also as reported in the March newsletter, the two model boats that were formerly displayed in the entry foyer of the Hughes Pavilion, were moved to the cage storage area. When we cleaned the cage last winter we brought these boats down and are looking for people to adopt them to get them cleaned up, updated and back fully functional. Let me know if you have an interest. Once refurbished these boats are to remain with the club to put up for sale or otherwise use as we would like.



## For Sale

Again as included in a previous newsletter David Geovaninni has an EC 12 up for sale. There also was an EC 12 for sale locally that was purchased by one of the sail boat racers. That makes three EC 12's in the club and bringing another one into the group would make four, and that is a nice little regatta. So I solicited more information from David and more photos too:



More from David: "I purchased the EC12 about 6-7 years ago from a listing on AMYA. It was owned by a gentleman in Canada. It was registered as 2205 in Canada and I was able to transfer the registration to AMYA. I have sailed it on the local pond half dozen times since I bought it. It has a functioning drum winch. New A rig sails, mast and booms along with a set of B rig sails. Both sets of sails are mounted on their own mast and booms. Also have the transmitter, receiver and batteries for the boat. I repainted the hull about 3 years ago and it has only been on the water with new paint 1-2 times. I changed out most of the hardware to brass so if someone wants to compete with it they might want to change out fittings. I recently purchased a launcher/carrier that also would go with it. Has the newer square rudder. I also still have some paint that I would be happy to give anyone interested for future touch ups along with a few spare parts. Seems to have decent speed but needs an owner who will work on setting up properly" David is looking for \$1,100 for the complete boat and equipment. He lives in



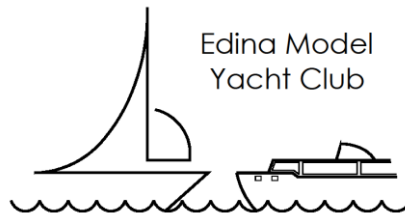
Aberdeen South Dakota but I am sure you can work out something with David for delivery. Let me know if you are interested and I will put you in touch.

### Coming Up

We need to put together a display for the Wayzata Library as was presented in the October newsletter. Our display would need to be ready to install around February 1<sup>st</sup> next year. Please think about contributing to the display even in a small way and I know this will come together without too much effort. Let me know if you have an interest in helping out.

The board meeting is in January and there are a few things on the agenda already, but I would love to hear from anyone any suggestions on things to consider as to how to change some things that we already do, or things to look into doing that we are not currently doing, or things we are doing that maybe we should not be doing, or just any comments at all about what you would like to see to make your enjoyment of the club even better. But most of all I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season with your family and friends, and I look forward to a new year in 2024.

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