

# EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

## SAIL & SCALE

### NEWSLETTER

#### November 2024 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

Here we are again, at the end of a boating and club season, and this year 2024 was a dandy. So many good things going on all year long, the club was really running on all 8 cylinders as the expression goes. Yearly highlight? I have to choose the Vac-u-tugs for the overall effort put in by many in the club including development of the boats and the absolutely amazing captain's stations, those that helped with running the stations, and the overwhelming positive reaction from the public! You might have a different highlight but this has been a year where highlights were there. The two final events of the year went off seamlessly after the rescheduling.

#### Dry Dock Party

The rescheduled Dry Dock Party was the best ever, and went off without a hitch - barely. The reschedule date and time was the only slot left for Famous Dave's in November! Just another sign of things going our way in 2024. The food was absolutely wonderful as has been completely true of all recent events with Famous Dave's, and the same two servers kept an eye on their schedule to make sure they were assigned to our party. We are favored because in their words "everyone is so chilled!" This year we had Todd's video as usual, which was the best yet in my opinion as it was completely chronological and I love seeing the year reviewed from beginning to end, and we also had to do tribute to some very special new things in the club. These were the new technology of computer printing and the vac-u-tugs. Short presentations were made by those members involved with each.



Tim Kowalik talks about his battleship Ryan Butler's pontoon boat was also displayed



Rob Segal talks about the tug stations



The tugs



The amazing tug stations



Lineup for great food!



Beautiful cake too!

Dave Brinkman also spoke on how the vac-u-tugs came to be while Rob described how the tugs, built by David Petrich and himself, evolved along with the stations starting with the initial use by Janet Clarks group of challenged adults way back in June. (Photos by Richard Dahlquist)

### Swap Meet

Another eventful swap meet. This time there were a lot of completed boats for sale. There were a few non-members that displayed items for sale indicating that it would be a good idea to open this up to the public. Some inquiries from non-members came through the club's website and perhaps learned about the meet through other means. I



did not get the notice of the event posted at Hub Hobby stores due to the rescheduling of the date. We can discuss it more in 2025, but my feeling is that we should open the meet up to the public for selling and purchasing items.

Here are some of the boats and kits that were for sale:





Some of these boats sold very quickly. Maybe the most ready to run boats I have seen at a swap meet. The lobster boat was built by former member Harold Blais and is for sale by his family. Price is \$150 or offer. Many of the boats in the photographs are still available so let me know if you see something you are interested in and I will get you together with the seller.

Two really outstanding sailboats remain for sale:

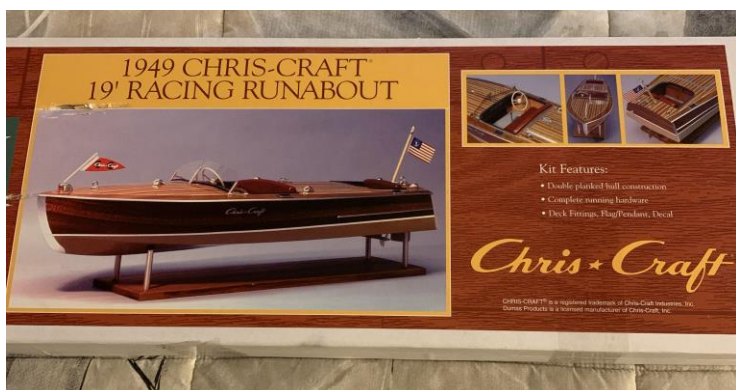


This DF 95 was purchased by Tony Johnson for resale and is a total bargain at \$350 which includes the Flysky radio.



This beautiful Santa Barbara is owned by Jerry Jones and he is open to offers.

This kit was to have been at the swap meet but the communication through the website came too late.



The sellers are looking for \$150 for this complete kit.

I had several comments from people that thought having the Dry Dock Party and the Swap Meet on the same weekend was a great idea. I also believe the Park managers think this is a good idea too so I will see if we can continue with this arrangement in the future.

## Dorothy's Travels

Dorothy Zimmerman is not one to take it easy despite recovering from a fall in her home not that long ago. She had been in touch with the restoration of a full sized boat in Victoria, British Columbia, name of the boat was the “Dorothy”. A three year correspondence during the restoration process where Dorothy expressed she hoped to be able to be there at the completion of the project. The boat is believed to be the oldest British Columbian sailboat in existence, and is 30 feet long. “I am just 30 years younger than (SV) Dorothy” Dorothy said in an article in the Times Colonist in August 2024. Here is a portion of the article:



And another photo at the helm:





Dorothy steered SV Dorothy into the inner harbor as part of a 5 person crew and used only one arm as the other is still recovering from the fall. The event also garnered additional notice beyond the newspaper article. From Dorothy in a note to me:

*The attached is appearing in the November issue of the Pacific Yachting magazine. I'd forwarded the front page news about me to John some time ago (article above). Life was pretty good for that weekend.' Ended my 96th year with quite the celebration - albeit in Victoria, BC and not many know about it here (in Minnesota).*

#### THE OTHER DOROTHY

Angus and Sandy have not confined themselves to taking only young people sailing during the summer of 2024—they've also accommodated someone at the other end of the age spectrum. Three years ago, Minneapolis-based Dorothy Zimmerman, 97, discovered that her namesake, SV Dorothy, was being reborn. She knew instantly that she had to sail aboard the vintage yacht and made it a priority entry on her bucket-list. She tracked down Angus and they began an animated email correspondence. Plans were hatched and on August 28, Dorothy Jr. as Angus dubbed her, with her ample white curls, puffy pink jacket and twin trekking poles strolled down the mesh dock at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club with two accompanying friends, Mike Sawinski and

Bente Soderlint. Finally, she met her pen pal Angus in person. The sailors promptly donned life jackets, boarded Dorothy and sailed into Cadboro Bay with the sun glinting on the water and a 10-knot zephyr wafting them toward Discovery Island. "During the sail, the waters were littered with Ciplis, lasers, 420s, even some Minis," Angus said. "Dorothy was in the middle of this chaos with Dorothy Jr. at the helm. The 420s were holding at the race start line and we flew right by them." The gods certainly smiled on Dorothy and Dorothy. "It was euphoric," Dorothy Jr. told me afterwards. "I thought I'd sail a bit on Dorothy but the additional boat ride and the hospitality were an out-of-body experience. I felt like 'Queen for a Day.'"

*Dorothy aboard Dorothy.*



These images are from the November issue of Pacific Yachting.

“The Other Dorothy” article:

Angus and Sandy have not confined themselves to taking only young people sailing during the summer of 2024—they've also accommodated someone at the other end of the age spectrum. Three years ago, Minneapolis-based Dorothy Zimmerman, 97, discovered that her namesake, SV Dorothy, was being reborn. She knew instantly that she had to sail aboard the vintage yacht and made it a priority entry on her bucket-list. She tracked down Angus and they began an animated email correspondence.

Plans were hatched and on August 28, Dorothy Jr. as Angus dubbed her, with her ample white curls, puffy pink jacket and twin trekking poles strolled down the mesh dock at the Royal Victoria Yacht club with two accompanying friends, Mike Sawinski and Bente Soderlint. Finally, she met her pen pal Angus in person. The sailors promptly donned

life jackets, boarded *Dorothy* and sailed into Cadboro Bay with the sun glinting on the water and a 10-knot zephyr wafting them toward Discovery Island. “During the sail, the waters were littered with Optis, Lasers, 420’s, even some Minis,” Angus said. “*Dorothy* was in the middle of this chaos with Dorothy Jr. at the helm. The 420’s were holding at the race start line and we flew right by them.” The gods certainly smiled on *Dorothy* and Dorothy. “It was euphoric,” Dorothy Jr. told me afterwards. “I thought I’d sail a bit on *Dorothy* but the additional boat ride and the hospitality were and out-of-body experience. I felt like ‘Queen for a day.’”

Pretty cool Dorothy!!!

### Wayzata Library

You may recall that we were requested to do a display at the Wayzata Library earlier this year in February. The exhibit was up for only one week but it got great notice through an article in the local Sun Newspaper. It went so well that I thought we might get a request to display again this year - and we did. Here is an email I received from Julie Schaefer, the display coordinator of last year’s exhibit, introducing the new coordinators to us (myself and Tim Kowalik):

*Dear John and Tim,  
Please meet Cathy Gunderson and Lily Johnson! They are replacing me in management of the exhibit case at the Wayzata Library. Cathy and Lily, this is John and Tim. They and a third installer (David Petrich) were the most stalwart exhibitors, solutions abounded, no problems were unsolved. Unexpectedly, the Sun Sailor ate up the exhibit with a news piece and two photos. Speaking for the new Friends of the Library volunteers, two questions pull at our heart strings: Will you be back? Did the February time slot work?*

*Please reply to Cathy and Lily!*

*Julie Schaefer*

Actually, the display space was limiting and I contributed nothing, it was all Tim and David. It was smashing! The librarian said they had people coming into the library asking where the exhibit was, which had not happened before. Here it is:



Blair Harrington has already agreed to put some of his boats in the display this year. Would you also like to participate? We are being offered more time on display than just one week and I have requested at least two, and keeping with the February time slot. Note that the glass shelving is very limiting as to what can be displayed and they do not want us to move, or remove, any shelves. Let me know asap as I need to get back to Cathy and Lily to get a time scheduled for us.

### Late season boating

The quest for last boating for the year is on. I doubt, hope, we can beat last year, which was December 29<sup>th</sup> on the south pond. The weather continues to be very mild this year and two sailors were recently able to get on the south pond with beautiful Newports. Here is Kevin Kavaney's report:

*We stayed at the Southwest corner so we were in the sun the whole two hours...the winds were perfectly smooth while light, the Newports are very efficient and they cruised the total pond in tandem...fun day should this be the last outing of the year....lots of people out and about, many commented on the scene...*



Beautiful boats! The scale of these boats is just perfect for the south pond and are simply a delight to see, and like all the larger boats a treat to pilot.

### In the shop

I really love winter, not the below zero part, but all the rest of it. It provides for a much less hectic pace and very few distractions to doing things in the "shop". Mine was never conceived for modeling, being in my former life more into wrenching on cars and motorcycles, but now as I am older crawling under a car or kneeling beside a motorcycle is very much less appealing. Our house was never planned with basement space, so instead a shop area was planned in the garage, with heat and running water. I love my time there doing things in the shop area with motorcycle and cars nearby, tunes playing through the stereo receiver (remember those?) or videos playing on the screen. Man's land Terry calls it.





There will be more on other people's shops coming up in next year's newsletters, certainly they will be more outfitted and setup for model hobbies, but whatever you have I hope you enjoy your time there. Drop me a note if you would like to share your shop with the other members.

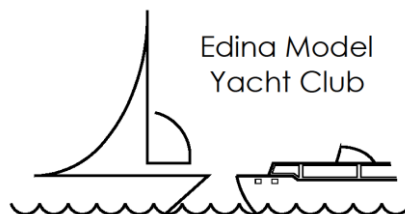
### Final words

At the Dry Dock Party one of our members told me that his health insurance provider covers the cost of his EMYC dues to encourage seniors to participate in activities. You might want to check that out!

That is a wrap for 2024! Many, many thanks to all of you that participated in or spectated/supported the club events this year. Very important to participate and support the various events and activities that the club does. The purpose of these newsletters is to make people aware of all the different activities you can become a part of throughout the year and hopefully encourage you to participate. But if you are unable I hope these articles make you feel part of the club.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful holiday season and I am looking forward to next season.

John Bertelsen  
*Commodore*  
*Edina Model Yacht Club*



Vice Commodores: Gary Tschautscher, Rob Segal, David Brinkman  
Treasurer and Membership: David Brinkman

Sailboats: Tony Johnson

Scale Modeling: Kevin Waldo

Website: David Petrich

EMYC, DF 95 and ODOM Forums: Gary Tschautscher

Dry Dock Party, Spring Breakfast: Terry Bertelsen, Julia Moen

Face Book: Richard Dahlquist, Todd Moen, Dave Brinkman

Off site events: Rob Segal

Newsletter: John Bertelsen