



# SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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**Commodore's Corner:** Please make note of, and plan to attend the nominating meeting! Good Boating! *Dick Kjellberg*

**Nomination of Officers:** The club's bylaws specify that the "members shall elect successors for the directors" and "shall elect the Commodore"... and that time of the year is now upon us.

Nominations for Commodore, and separately for the various Board positions will be accepted from the membership at the meeting on September 19th.

Carefully consider the person or persons whom you would like to see leading our organization during the new year. We would like to have at least two members interested in the position of Commodore to accept nomination, and five or more willing to serve as Board member. Any member may be nominated to either or both of these positions. Although a member may nominate himself or herself, remember that all nominations do require a second. If your nominee is unable to attend the meeting, please determine his or her willingness to serve prior to placing their name in nomination. (All names on the enclosed list are eligible)

Those accepting nomination will be asked to submit a short, written position statement on a form which will be distributed at the meeting, and to return it to the newsletter editor prior to October 1st. Statements will be published, along with the ballots, in the October newsletter.

Ballots will be counted and new officers introduced at the Dry Dock Party. Term of office will run until the Dry Dock Party of 1996, or December 31, 1996, whichever occurs first.

**Editor's Lament:** I have enjoyed editing *Sail & Scale* during the past year, however; with the inauguration of a new slate of officers, I am prepared to step aside to make way for new blood. If any member would like to volunteer for the position of newsletter editor or if the incoming Board desires to appoint a replacement editor, I will cheerfully turn over the reins. *Jim*

**Fairwind Update:** On August 8th, we held our first *Fairwind* tuneup. Eleven boats showed for some very heavy and gusty south winds. Some skippers discovered more weight would have been a great asset. Mikio Kirihiro found out that in heavy winds you use up your battery power a lot quicker than usual as he landed on the rocks at the east side of the lake. Mike Trutwin, John Bishop and Dave Ulmer had added extra ballast and their boats handled the wind fairly well. Paul

Olsen's *Fairwind* made its debut...not bad! But Paul could have used more weight. Our next tuneup will be held on Thursday, September 14th. I hope we can get thirty boats in the water that night so we can help additional members get boats ready for the October 7th Regatta. Thanks to all who showed up in August, I hope to see you all again on September 14th. Bring a friend!  
*Dave Ulmer*

**Big EEEEEasy:** This electric event, postponed as a result of low water, has a new date, September 23rd (Saturday). The hours (4-8 PM) are set such that those boats equipped with lighting can run on into the hours of darkness. All powered boats are wanted. Fast and slow events are planned. *Jeff McCabe*

**Builder's Corner:** Did you catch the self portrait of our illustrious builder, Glenn Anderson in the November '95 issue of *Radio Control Boat Modeler* (pg.37)? Glenn has been asked to write an article on the research and construction of his steamer, "*John Fitch*", for a future issue of the magazine.

**CR-914 Nationals, (unofficial):** Although I received no report on the event, I was able to ascertain that five sailors from out of state joined eight club members and three others for a total of sixteen competitors at the August event. Regatta Director, Paul Olsen, oversaw eighteen heats on Saturday and twelve more on Sunday. I believe that Tony Johnson was victorious, accumulating only 18.5 points. Mike Baskerville finished second with 24.5 and Chuck Bottemiller, with 34, finished third. Greg Worth, of Worth Marine gamered fourth and Mike Trutwin took home the fifth place trophy. *Ed.*

## Upcoming Events:

Sep.14	•Fairwind Tuneup, South Pond	6PM until 8PM
Sep.19	•Nomination of Officers for 1996	7PM, Centrum
Sep.23	•Big EEEEEasy, South Pond	4PM until 8PM
Oct.7	•Columbus Day, Fairwind Regatta	10AM until 3PM
Nov.11	•Dry Dock Party, Centrum Bldg.	7PM until 11PM

**Classified:** Member, Mary Beth Braun still has original nautical art for sale. Perhaps she will bring a few pieces to the swap meet at the club meeting on November 21st.

**Lighthouses, Again!** The United States Postal Service has issued booklets of twenty 32¢ stamps featuring "Lighthouses of the Great Lakes". Yes! Split Rock beacon is included!

**October Newsletter Deadline:** Oct.3rd

**Board Meeting, 8/15/95:** After a delay waiting for the meeting room to be unlocked the Commodore called meeting to order at 6:45 PM. All board members were present. J.McCabe mentioned that it is time to start making plans for the Dry Dock Party. He suggested that we look for someone other than one of the usual few who tend to "do everything" to head up the gathering. McCabe also mentioned the new date for the Big EEEEasy event, Sept.23rd. and that it would be held in the early evening. J.Smith reported a 70% membership renewal rate. Although 24 members did not renew for '95, we already have 20 new replacements signed up. Membership stands at 80. Smith presented a tentative election schedule: Sept.19, Nominations and distribution of forms on which nominees will make their position statements.- Oct.10, Ballots (and possibly, surveys) to be mailed to all members along with the newsletter.- Nov.11, Ballots counted and new officers introduced at Dry Dock Party. Approved. Discussion followed regarding a November club meeting and swap meet. It was agreed to have a meeting on the regularly scheduled date, Nov.21st. and include a swap meet as was done last year. Board Meeting, Adjourn, 6:58 PM.

**Membership Meeting, 8/15:** To order at 7:05 PM. Commodore distributed a list compiled by J.Smith of potential "rules" of the pond to those in attendance. Lists were to be reviewed, commented upon and returned to Board for future action. J.Bishop gave a presentation on steam engines, and produced some of his usual fine artwork in the process. He had the Saito whaling ship and its steam power plant which was built by E.Stevenson on display. More than just a bit of brass polish and elbow grease on that baby! K.Stoltenberg had his steam powered river boat and several steam engines which he has built from casting "kits" over the years. One of these kits has gone up 1100% in price since he purchased it. That is a either a heck of a commentary on inflation, or on how long Ken has been modeling! (How long ago did you make that purchase Ken?). Ken then operated his engines with compressed air. Paul Olsen displayed a double acting, two cylinder engine which he had built from scratch and fired up a four cylinder vee engine which just may end up in his "whaleback" ore boat, now in the planning stages. Several questions from the floor were answered buy John, Ken and Paul. No show 'n tell! Adjourn, 7:40 PM.

Following is a list of Twin Cities hobby shops that sell radio control equipment. Be aware that some may not handle boats or related items. It would be wise to call prior to going very far out of your way to visit. Many of these shops will grant club members a ten percent discount on selected items. Don't forget to ask! If you don't have a current membership card, give your editor a call!

Hobby Depot	1208 E. 66th St.	Richfield	869-4179	
Hobby Junction	1340 Duckwood Dr.	Eagan	687-0975	
HobbyTown USA	1960 Cliff Lake Rd.	Eagan	452-9260	
HobbyTown USA	4818 So. Hwy. 101	Minnetonka	470-7474	(Newsletter Advertiser)
Hobby Warehouse	7126 Chicago Av. So.	Richfield	861-5587	
Hub Hobby Center	6416 Penn Av. So.	Richfield	866-9575	
Hub Hobby Center	82 Minnesota Av.	Little Canada	490-1675	
Jerry's Radio Control	8322 Lake Drive	Lino Lakes	786-1336	
Jolly's Hobby	1992 Suburban Ave.	St. Paul	735-3350	
National Hobby Superstore	1202 E. Moore Lake Dr.	Fridley	571-9283	(Opening: "early September")
Outlaw's R/C World	7105 N. 10 St.	Oakdale	731-1925	
R/C City, Inc.	696 W. 7th St.	St. Paul	227-8253	
Scale Model Supplies	458 N. Lexington Pky.	St. Paul	646-7781	
Scale Model Supplies	4619 41 1/2 Av. No.	Robbinsdale	536-3979	
University Hobbies	8185 University Av. N.E.	Spring Lake Park	780-4189	
Valley Hobbies	203 1st. Av. E.	Shakopee	496-0350	
Wheels & Wings, etc	7620 Lyndale Av. S.	Richfield	861-6261	
Woodcraft Hobby	2100 Snelling Av. N.	St. Paul	631-0401	
Woodcraft Hobby	901 W. Lake St.	Minneapolis	927-1244	

**Attention Fairwind Sailors:** The enclosed membership list contains the latest information at hand. If you own a *Fairwind*, and your name is not followed by an "F" under the heading "boats", please contact me to correct that error. Since there will not be another newsletter prior to the event, I believe that all owners will receive a reminder before the October 7th race. If you are not listed as owning a *Fairwind*, you may just miss that message. You don't wanna miss the event! Call me [redacted] with changes, Jim Smith

**Tug Bits:** Microglass is producing a white, polyester fiberglass hull for the Midwest "Seguin" which will certainly speed the construction of that kit. Since this is a plain (no rub strakes), 39 inch long hull of 7 1/2" beam, it would lend itself to other scratch building projects as well. The price is \$100. A catalog is \$3. From: Microglass, 2960 Pearse Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**More Press:** The club and Centennial Lakes Park received another bit of favorable coverage in Tom O'Dell's piece on the Toy and Model Boat Show at which we participated in April. See the article on page 52 of the September '95 issue of *Scale Ship Modeler* magazine. Our own, Johann Brentrup appears in living color along with several ships of his fleet.

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For those who were not in attendance at the August 15th meeting, following is the list of proposed rules of the pond mentioned in the minutes on page two. It has been updated to reflect the comments received since the meeting and is still in draft form. Please contact any Board member or the editor with your observations and suggestions. It is planned to have a final version ready for distribution to members and for posting on the park bulletin board prior to boating in the Spring of next year.

## **Rules For Radio Control Boating At Centennial Lakes** (Proposed)

- **1 Only approved 'ground' frequencies are to be used.** There are six 27 Mhz and thirty 75 Mhz channels (61 through 90) available for surface users. Eighteen additional channels on 50 and 53 Mhz are reserved for licensed ham radio operators only. No aircraft band (72 Mhz) transmission is permitted.
- **2 Transmitter frequencies must be identified.** All radios come from the manufacturer with 1.5 inch high, numerical placards or flags which attach to the transmitter antenna. These flags must be displayed. Paper substitutes, which are difficult to read, have proven to be unacceptable. Replacement flags are available at hobby shops for less than four dollars. (27 Mhz transmitters are required to display an additional, colored streamer)
- **3 Priority.** Members of the Edina Model Yacht Club, a city chartered club, have priority over non-members at Centennial Lakes. Non-members will only be allowed to operate with the consent of members.
- **4 Sharing frequencies / Frequency conflicts.** Two or more members on the same frequency must share operating time equally. Radio crystals can be changed to avoid conflicts, however a member can not be required to do so since the crystal swap can result in a transmitter which is not optimally tuned. Note:- Transmitter identification flags must also be changed if crystals are changed.
- **5 Allow a line of sight.** Give fellow boaters a clear view. Do not walk in front of other operators who are seated or standing along the edge of the pond. Safety and good manners dictate that the user who finds it necessary to stroll along with his or her boat should pass behind other boaters.
- **6 People first.** It is not uncommon to see children sitting on the edge of the pond with their feet dangling in the water. Do not operate close to these spectators...especially with a fast electric (see item #8).
- **7 Wildlife second.** Do not harass pond residents...ducks, geese, etc.
- **8 Keep clear of traffic.** Operators of expensive models can become excitable. Fast electrics may be perceived as unguided missiles. Motorists are cautioned to maintain a one car length following distance for every ten miles per hour of speed. Use similar figures for your power boat. While a slow moving tug can safely pull up alongside another boat, a fast moving electric may need to maintain a ten or twenty foot spacing close in and even more at a distance where depth perception becomes questionable.
- **9 Common sense shall prevail.** Although modern radios are fine pieces of equipment, they are not perfect. Another transmitter or group of transmitters much closer to your boat than you are, can easily overpower your transmitted signal and cause loss of control. e.g. A fast electric boat being operated from the vicinity of the Centrum Building and running at the south end of the pond while several sailboat operators are broadcasting near the south buoy, is an accident waiting to happen.
- **10 Take responsibility for your actions.** Unfortunately, accidents do happen. If, as a result of carelessness or equipment failure, you cause loss or damage, step forward, make your apologies and offer to repair or replace the damaged equipment to the best of your ability.
- **Act responsibly.** That, most of all, will preclude the necessity of further burdensome regulations. Rules only become necessary when people stop using good manners. Prudence is the key!

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**Sorry 'Bout That!:** The "Frequencies in Use" list that was published last month resulted in a few "hey, you missed me" telephone calls. Please ad the following members and their radios to your list:

Hjelmstad - 87(1),      Olsen - 62(1),64(1),66(1),74(1),90(1),      Lysne - 74(1)  
Pfeifer - 66(1),76(1),78(1),84(1),27.195(green)(1)

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**Battery Deal:** Target stores are selling packages of three Hi-Grade or four Standard-Grade Scotch video tapes for \$6.99 which contain a coupon for four free AA or AAA size Rayovac *Renewal* reusable alkaline batteries and a \$10 rebate coupon for the \$13 charger.

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"A hobby is something in particular you go goofy over, to keep from going nuts over things in general.", Gordon Light, *Air World* , Nov.1947

# September Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)

**Tuesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>**

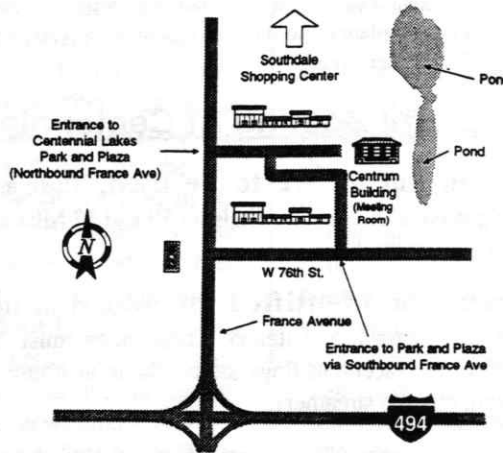
**--Nominations!--**

**7:00 P.M.**

Following the Open Board Meeting at

**6:30 P.M.**

**Centrum Building**



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