



SAIL & SCALE

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Commodore's Corner: A reminder: Nominations for Commodore and Board members for 1999 are due at the September meeting. The current Commodore (me!) is not eligible for either office per the by-laws. All current Board members and most other club members are eligible for either position. Just make sure that the nominee is willing to run/serve before placing his/her name in nomination.

George

Where's the Meeting: Centrum Building, September 15th. at 7:00PM. Bring a boat for show-'n-tell!

What's Up? (at the Meeting): Nominations for '99. And....a demonstration by Mark Gilbertson of dental drills refurbished for hobby use.

What's Up? (at the Pond): Water! By the time you receive this, footings for the floating bridge to the new amphitheater should be completed and the water level rising. The new South pond is scheduled to receive its liner on Sept. 20th.....and be filled for skating season.

Big Boats: The club put on a respectable showing at the Antique & Classic Boat Show at Treasure Island on August 15th and 16th. The "big guys" afforded us a very visible location adjacent to the ramp down to the docks. They also set us up with three tables, a dozen chairs and a ten by twenty foot canopy.

On Saturday, eight members displayed and ran 13 boats. At least three additional members put in an appearance sans boats. Our Commodore ran his gas powered (!!) cabin cruiser and just about everyone else got at least one boat wet. Numerous kids and even a few adults got to run our boats. Sadly, the breeze at river level was nil so sailboats didn't perform very well.

Unfortunately, on Sunday, only two of the seven (you know who you are!) who volunteered to staff the club booth showed up. Visitor interest remained strong however, as Paul Olsen and Doug Person were kept busy answering questions throughout the day. A wind gust at about 3:15 toppled our borrowed canopy which terminated the club display a bit prematurely.

Lighthouse Night: The John Phillip Sousa band put on the expected grand auditory spectacle on the evening of August 23rd.....and the boat club did the same for the visual senses. John Bishop called down the complete roster to remind everyone to attend. Consequently, thirty members put in an appearance and at one point there were twenty boats on the water simultaneously. The band leader announced our presence several times during the concert and as a result, several hundred spectators jammed the park after the

music ended. Most of the boats had a severe case of depleted batteries by the time we called it "quits" at about 9:30PM. Thanks for all the work, John!

Nautica: The club exhibition at Gabberts on August 29th was well attended. Eight members displayed a dozen boats at the Nautica furniture exhibit on the lower level, while Don Pearson put on a solo act with his ships-in-bottles at the upstairs main entrance. Unfortunately, the furniture display did not create a big draw of customers. Dave Bros estimated that only about fifty people came to view the new furniture line.

Sailing: Rod Crawford telephoned all club sailors to attend his regatta on August 29th....after the Gabberts show. Fourteen members and two guests raced in three classes. Since some folks raced in two classes, each class had at least six participants. A bit windy, but fun!

Happiness Is.....!: On Sunday, August 9, I was sailing my Fairwind, "Down Under", at the Central pond.

A young boy came over and sat beside me and quietly asked if I spoke Spanish. Regrettably, I said "no". He then asked some questions about my boat in very broken English. I asked him where he was from and he said, "Columbia". I asked him how old he was. He said "10". He was obviously very interested in my boat and its operation.

I asked him if he would like to try my boat. He said "yes" and proceeded to do very well. He asked where I had gotten the kit and I replied, "Hub Hobby" and wrote down the approximate address of the store.

The boy was incredibly polite and thanked me for every assistance I gave him. I will never forget that evening and the wonderful 30 minutes we spent together. He said that he and his Mom were visiting the area for the summer and that soon he would be returning home to South America.

I know that this story is not unique. You've probably all had experiences like this.

Not only do we "give" to Edina and the Twin Cities, we are "Goodwill Ambassadors" to many children, adults and business people who are on temporary assignment here from all over the United States.

I'm sure we have all noticed the cultural diversity of people who visit the pond to see our boats and talk to us, for sightseeing, listening to music, or relaxation. Their interest and questions are remarkable.

I am pleased to be part of the Edina Model Yacht Club and the part we all play in bringing wonderment and enjoyment to persons of all ages and highly diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Doug Person

Membership Meeting, 08/18/98: 31 members and guests in attendance. Commodore Pfeiffer called meeting to order at 7:10PM. Commodore reported on Classic Boat Show...Saturday attendance by members and interest by spectators was excellent...Sunday was disappointing in that only two members showed up. Spectator interest was still high, even though only three boats were on display. Several spectators expressed an interest in club members building replicas of their full scale boats. P.Olsen suggested the purchase of a sun / rain canopy for use at future shows. He will search out and price some examples. D.Proulx stated that he had seen samples at Northern Hydraulics for about \$200. Commodore suggested a change next year, with members staying overnight at the Casino Hotel on Saturday evening and then displaying both days. There also is a possibility of attending and maybe showing some boats at the Classic Boat Club's dinner at the St.James Hotel on Saturday. We were invited to the dinner at the last minute this year.

Discussion followed regarding Lighthouse Night, the Gabberts show, Rod Crawford's Sailboat Regatta, participation at Ken Rosland's retirement, and the Dry dock party.

Don't forget nominations for club offices at September meeting. D.Bros mentioned that he had been approached by the Tuesday night sailboat racers complaining that "their" buoys are being moved...ostensibly by the fast electric racers. That accusation was strongly denied and a suggestion was made that the sailboat racers show up at a club meeting and voice their concerns in person.

L.Boyer stated that he was offended by the reference to "toy" boats in the advertisements for the Classic Boat show. It was suggested that we supply the Classic boat show with acceptable copy prior to the preparation of ads for next year's show.

Program: G.Pfeifer showed his African Queen, Big River Tow and Working Barge with diver, all of which have been "weathered" using different techniques.

Show'n Tell: D.Johnson showed off his latest Chris Craft, the *Cobra*, under construction. One layer of light fiberglass and eight(!) heavy layers of polyester resin are in place. Man, was that baby ugly! If the builder had been anyone other than Dale, I'd have told him / her to start over. However, with about \$35 worth of sandpaper and 100 hours worth of elbow grease, Dale will have that boat looking like the proverbial, "million bucks"! *Jim Smith*

Schedule Of Upcoming Events

	Every Sunday	Open Boating	4:30PM - 9:00PM
	Every Tuesday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM
	Every Thursday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM
Sep.	13th.(Sun.)	Sailboating - Rosland Party	Central (Old South) Pond 2:00PM - 4:00PM
	15th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting (Nomination of Officers)	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
	19th.(Sa), 20th.(Su)	St.Louis Admirals Regatta, Union Station, St.Louis	9:00AM - 5:00PM
Oct.	11th.(Sun.)	Columbus Day Regatta	North Pond 10:00PM - 3:00PM
	20th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting (Elections)	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
	31st.(Sat.)	Model & Hobby Show	Rosemont Conv.Ctr., Chicago 10:00AM - 5:00PM
Nov.	1st.(Sun.)	Model & Hobby Show	Rosemont Conv.Ctr., Chicago 10:00AM - 5:00PM
	14th.(Sat.)	Dry Dock Party	Centennial Lakes Centrum 6:00PM - 11:00PM
	17th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting (Swap Meet)	Centennial Lakes Garage 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Applicable to RC Boating?: The wealthy businessman from the North was horrified to see his younger brother, a Southern fisherman, lying lazily beside his boat, drinking a lemonade. "Why aren't you out fishing?" said the older brother. "Because I have caught enough fish for the day," said the younger. "Why don't you catch some more?" "What would I do with it?" "You could earn more money" was the reply.

"With that you could have a motor fixed to your boat and go into deeper waters and catch more fish."

"Then you would make enough to buy nylon nets. These would bring you more fish and more money. Soon you would have enough money to own two boats...maybe even a fleet of boats. Then you could really enjoy life."

His response? "What do you think I am doing now?"

From: *The Song of the Bird* by Anthony DeMello

DRY DOCK PARTY

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RESERVATIONS NEEDED BY NOV. 1ST

CALL JEFF MCCABE



The Racer's Edge: Do you notice your fast electric or larger sailboat, for that matter, not responding to the tiller the way you'd like it to? Perhaps your steering servo is wimpy! Radio manufacturers supply almost all of their radios with inexpensive servos which generate about 40 in.oz. of torque.

Futaba's, smaller than standard sized, S-5101 puts out 55 in.oz., while their standard sized S-9402 turns twice as fast and puts out a whopping 111 in.oz. Hitec has the mini HS-225BB, at 65 in.oz. and the standard sized HS-615MG which boasts 132 in.oz. Airtronics has the almost standard sized 94151 at 70 in.oz. So, there is no reason to struggle with marginal steering.

Sure! These servos cost a bit (or a lot) more, but wouldn't you like to be assured that when your pride and joy is heading rapidly toward the rocks, that it is not going to be the fault of an impotent steering servo if you can't quite steer away quickly enough?

Builder's Corner: Did you know that the shelf life of Cyanoacrylic (CA) "super" glue at room temperature is only about 60 days? After two months of storage in the hobby shop and/or your shop, the integrity of the resulting glue joints begins to drop off slowly until about the 180 day point and then weakens much more rapidly until about 360 days. At one year of age, the glue becomes unusable. It pays to buy "fresh" CA. Probably, the only way that you can hope to achieve that is to purchase from a source that has a rapid turnover of product, or directly from a manufacturer.

CA should be stored at temperatures of 5°C (40°F) or lower. It is safe in your food freezer since CA does not freeze and it can be stored there indefinitely with no thickening or loss of strength. Hardware store type CA glues have additives which extend the above mentioned times, however such glues are only about 30 to 50% as strong as hobby type CAs to begin with.

Thin CA glue is stronger than thick...because it penetrates more deeply into the wood. The thicker the CA...the weaker the joint. The more accelerator you use...the weaker the joint. The sloppier the parts fit...the weaker the joint. Good CA never fails...the joint fails because the substrate material (the wood) fails or because the glue could not penetrate the surface (such as glass or smooth metal).

More Builder's Corner: If you have ever tried to draw a pencil line on cloth, as needed for laying out a sail, you will find that the cloth does not stay put. Try taking fine grid sandpaper (100 grit, or so) and place it on your work surface, grit side down. Tape several sheets together, edge to edge until you get a sheet as large as the sail that you are preparing to make. Flip the whole thing over. Place the cloth on the grit side, making sure that the cloth is straight, and pencil-in the outlines as needed. Make certain that you add enough material for a hem. I use a product called "Quilter's Edge tape for machine piecing" and iron this onto the hem. Fold the hem over onto the material giving it a crease. Remove the tape backing and iron the hem down. The hem is now ready for stitching. The same thing can be done for individual sail panels. *Dave Bros*

Screwing Around: If you find it necessary to explore the innards of your radio transmitter, (probably voiding the warranty in the process,) be careful that you don't strip the threads in the plastic case when replacing the self tapping screws. Place the screw in its proper sized hole (there are usually two different sized screws) and turn it gently counter-clockwise (backward) until you feel it click into its old threads, then turn clockwise until it seats firmly. If you initially turn the screw clockwise, you risk the possibility that the screw will cut new threads in the case, permanently weakening its grip.

Web Crawling: From *The Boathouse* magazine:

The Antique Boat Museum:

< www.thousandislands.com/abm/default.htm >

The Center For Wooden Boats:

< www.eskimo.com/~cwboats >

Antique & Classic Boat Society:

< www.acbs.org/danc.htm >

Chris Craft Antique Boat Club:

< www.chris-craft.org >

Garwood Society:

< www.garwood.com >

Where Would..... be a good place to look for wood? Elmos' Lumber and Plywood, 3481 Laverne Av No., Lake Elmo [redacted] is reported to be a good source for domestic and foreign hardwoods, for Okume and Teak plywoods, and for Baltic Birch (voidless) plywood as well. (My bride suggests that perhaps the best supply of wood in town can be found in our garage! Ed.)

Mr.Clean: For cleaning brushes without using too much thinner, put a small amount of thinner in three jars (pickle jars or 'Real' peanut butter jars are a convenient size), and label them #1,#2 and #3.

After wiping your brush on a rag, rinse the brush in jar #1, followed by #2 and #3. By the time you get to jar #3, the brush and thinner will be pretty clean.

When jar #1 gets too dirty for use, discard the contents (or use it for thinning washes if you like to 'weather' your boats), transfer the contents of #2 to #1 and #3 to #2 and refill #3 with fresh thinner.

I have had six such jars (three, mineral spirits and three, lacquer thinner) under my workbench for years.

Head Scratcher: What ever happened to the Big EEEEasy...our best electric event?

Last Minute...Help Needed: The retirement party for Ken Rosland, long time Edina City Manager is coming up this Sunday, September 13th. Croquet, lawn bowling, golf and model sailboating are all planned.

I'd like to have about a dozen members of the club to demonstrate R/C sailing but primarily to allow party goers to operate their boats.

The party will be from 2:00 until 4:00PM, so you won't have to be at the pond all day. Mr. Rosland is in no small way responsible for the existence of Centennial Lakes Park so this is a good opportunity for us to show our appreciation to the city.

Want to join-in? Call me [redacted]

Jim Smith

September Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)
Tuesday, September 15th
7:00 P.M.

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Centrum Building

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