



# SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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**Commodore's Corner:** June is a big month for us this year with a TV shoot on the 11<sup>th</sup>, the Parade of Boats on the 13<sup>th</sup>, a club meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> and a Sailboat race on the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. I think that it's important that all members try to participate in these events. You will find the complete schedule for the Parade of Boats in this newsletter.

KARE 11 will be at the pond on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> to do a piece on the club, we will need as many members as possible at the pond to make the show exciting.

The meeting this month will be a short one featuring a recap of the Parade and review of members' projects followed by open boating on the Central pond. If you're working on a project this summer bring it to the meeting and share it with the membership.

I hope to see you at lakeside.

*Dale*

**Where's the Meeting:** In the Centrum Building.

**Notice:** Mpls/StPaul magazine made note of our upcoming Parade in their June issue. We are listed on page 215 as an Editor's Choice, Special Events, entitled: "Small-Craft Advisory".

**Hi!** Greetings to new members who have joined or re-joined our group since the May posting of the club roster. Welcome Aboard!

Chad Spletstoeszer	Delano	
Terry Spletstoeszer	Delano	
Diego Gaston	Savage	
Tom Watkins	Edina	

**Somethin' Else To Do:** Tim Smalley, a new member has been beating the bushes to get us some media coverage prior to the Parade. He has really hit pay dirt...and needs our help. Several of the "old timers" are planning on attending...e.g Bishop Bottemiller, Merrill, Olsen, Phillips, Proulx, Smith, etc. but we'd like to have some new blood to help to fill out the ranks. "Come-On-Down"! Everybody!

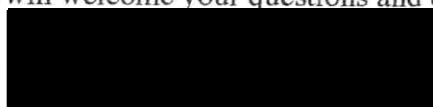
On this coming Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> we need as many members as can make it to the Central pond for a pair of television "shoots" by KARE-TV, Channel 11, starting at 8:00AM and running until about 11AM.

Kim Metcalf, producer of the weekday morning news show will gather with us at the pond at 8:00AM in order to prepare for a live TV broadcast from 9AM

until 10AM. One of the show's "personalities" will move about and interview as many club members as time allows. Immediately after that shoot, Laura Smith, producer of the Saturday morning news show will tape a piece with Belinda Jensen. Once again, this will include interviews and boats in action. This filming session will last until approximately 11:00 o'clock and should air on Saturday morning, the day before the Parade.

Since Tim has a professional working relationship with the station, it would behoove us not to make him look foolish by making a poor showing. Tim says, "We need bodies there folks. Bring as many working boats as you can along with any family members or friends who can run a boat and help to demonstrate what the hobby is all about."

Tim will welcome your questions and can be reached at:



Come On Out...We'll "do" lunch afterwards!

**Parade of Model Boats:** The 1999 Parade of Model Boats show is all set to go for Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The event officially runs from 11:00AM until 4:00PM with membership set-up beginning at 9:00AM. Please read the enclosed information detailing all aspects of the show. As a reminder, your last newsletter contained a model boat display form and a Ships Log form that should be filled out for each model you are bringing to display. This should only take a few minutes to fill out. If you did not receive or are missing these forms more will be available at the membership table the day of the show. If you have any special questions or needs for this event please contact John Bishop [REDACTED]. We are all looking forward to another great show this year.

**Premature?:** Probably not! Please call me regarding special rate hotel reservations at Treasure Island for the Antique Boat show over the weekend of August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. [REDACTED] *George Pfeifer*

**Don't Forget:** Report to the Central pond this coming Friday morning at 8:00AM for your fifteen minutes seconds of fame!

**Membership Meeting, 5/18/99:** 35 members and guests in attendance. Commodore called meeting to order at 7:05PM. Commodore showed the new, 3x6 foot laminated Tyvek club sign. Marketing-Promotion committee working on new membership packet. The club introduction booklet is ready for distribution at the Parade. Members were advised to keep an eye on their respective hobby shops to ensure that they have sufficient flyers in their displays. Sail committee working on June regatta. Unfortunately, the second day of the event is Father's Day. Entry fee for the AMYA sanctioned portion of the event (CR-914) will be \$5.00. Volunteers needed. Fast Electric committee reported that racing has commenced...Tuesday evenings at 6:30PM. Tom Shirley stated that Scott Crosby, the Sousa Band director would like to coordinate with us for Lighthouse Night. Since the new bandshell is reported to have rear (pond side) curtains when completed, this may be difficult. New member, Terry Spletstoeser introduced himself. Terry has 50 boats in his inventory. Doug Person took orders for

club shirts. Still time to get them by the Parade. J.Bishop has contacted Mpls/St.Paul magazine and Sun/Current newspapers regarding the show. T.Smalley will make additional Radio and TV contacts. John expressed reluctance to push the media contacts too far, fearing too large a crowd of visitors. John passed around a floor plan of the Centrum showing the table layout and locations of the various boat types. The anteroom off the Centrum kitchen will be reserved for members only. There will be a secure lock-up for those wishing to store cameras, etc. John requested all to complete the Ships Log forms for each boat to aid the PA announcer in identifying boats on the water. Newsletter will be mailed on the normal schedule, which will be the Monday prior to the Parade.

**Show-'n-Tell:** G.Pfeifer showed his 5 foot freighter. The forward and aft eight inches are heavily weighted. The center portion is built of 1/32 inch balsa. It is expected to be rammed by a wayward fast electric boat during the Parade, break in two, and sink. Ouch!

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
<b>Jun.</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> (Fri.)	KARE-TV Shoot	Central Pond 8:00AM-11:00AM
	13 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	Parade of Boats	Centennial Lakes Centrum 9:00AM - 4:00PM
	15 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 6:30PM - 9:00PM
	19 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	Regional AMYA Regatta	North Pond 10:00AM - 4:00PM
	20 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	Regional AMYA Regatta	North Pond 10:00AM - 4:00PM
<b>Jul.</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	Big EEEEasy	Central Pond 1:00PM - 4:00PM
	20 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 6:30PM - 9:00PM
	27 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Handicap Boating	Central Pond 6:00PM - 7:30PM
	31 <sup>st</sup> (Sat.)	Great Lakes Scale Regatta	Morris Park, Comstock, MI 9:30AM - 5:00PM
<b>Aug.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> (Sun.)	Great Lakes Scale Regatta	Morris Park, Comstock, MI 9:30AM - 4:00PM
	7 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	Antique & Classic Boat Show	Treasure Island, MN 10:00AM - 6:00PM
	8 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	Antique & Classic Boat Show	Treasure Island, MN 9:00AM - 4:00PM
	7 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	Wisconsin Maritime Museum Show	Manitowoc, WI 11:00AM - 9:00PM
	8 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	Wisconsin Maritime Museum Show	Manitowoc, WI 8:30AM - 4:00PM
	17 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 6:30PM - 9:00PM
	22 <sup>nd</sup> (Sun.)	Lighthouse Night	Central Pond 8:00PM -10:00PM

**Task Force 72:** I noticed several warships on display at the Toledo show which were built to a scale of 1:72 (1 inch = 6 feet). Upon arriving home I did a bit of web surfing (there he goes again), and found a group of ship modelers in Australia called *Task Force 72*, that build to this uniform scale.

A typical WW II destroyer scales out to about 4-1/2 feet; a cruiser, around 9; and a battleship, upwards of ten or eleven. An aircraft carrier, although quite large, would be a fine subject since plastic model aircraft are commonly available in 1:72. Actually, an escort carrier would only be about 6-1/2 feet long.

My favorites, the fleet tugs would scale out at about 2 to 2-3/4 feet in length.

The boys "down under" have gatherings at which many same-scale ships cruise. There is at least one photo on their web site that shows over twenty ships in the water simultaneously. There are numerous links to sources of hulls and supplies that are of interest even if you do not plan on building to 1/72<sup>nd</sup>.

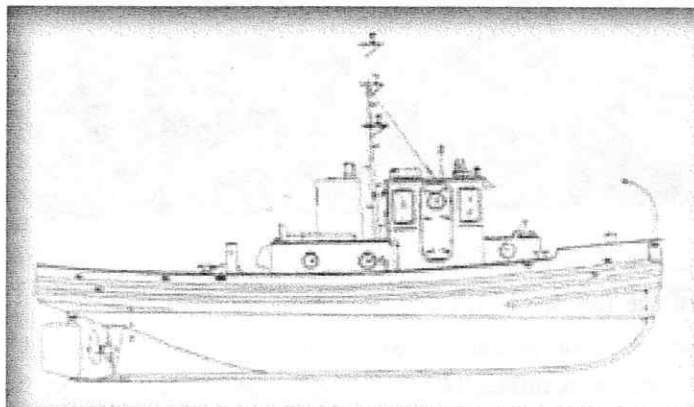
*Task Force 72's* web site can be found at:

< [www.healey.com.au/~mkear/tf72.html](http://www.healey.com.au/~mkear/tf72.html) >

**Afloat:** The floating bridge access to the bandstand on the Central pond is now in place, making it impossible for our retrieval boat to get through to the new South pond without a tough "portage". Nuts!

**Canal Park:** The 45 foot, 45 year old tug *Bayfield* is now on permanent display at the Canal Park visitor center in Duluth, MN. This class of boat was designated "ST" in Army service and "YTL" by the Navy. They were originally conceived during WW II, sported a 170 HP diesel, and were designed to fit upon a standard railroad flat car of the period...without disassembly.

George Merrill



Microglass, operated by Karl Kalb and located at:  
2960 Pearce Rd. N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

Phone: [REDACTED] offers a 17 inch, (1:32) fiberglass hull for the "ST" at \$45 and a 34 inch, (1:16) version for \$110. I've just added one of the larger examples to my inventory.

Jim Smith

**Another Show:** The Mid-Michigan Scale Model Ship Association will hold their 1999 *Great Lakes Regatta* over the weekend of Jul.31<sup>st</sup>, Aug.1<sup>st</sup>. For information, contact: Jim Hunter, 849 Orleans Av., Battle Creek, MI 49015. [REDACTED]

**Slip, Slidin' Away:** The battleship *Oklahoma* was seriously damaged during the attack on Pearl Harbor, and she remained there for over five years. In early 1947 a decision was made to tow the hulk to Oakland, CA for scrapping. About 600 miles east of Hawaii, *Oklahoma* started to list to port so the captains of the two tugs, *Hercules* and *Monarch* attempted to return to Hawaii. Shortly after the course reversal, the battleship started to go down by the bow. It was only a matter of seconds before she was going down faster than Wall Street's stock market in 1929.

With both tugs' engines in all-ahead-panic, they were hauled abaft at a speed estimated at about 15 knots. The reverse wash on the tugs' propellers soon stalled their engines and the velocity of the two tugs approached 30 knots - backwards!! The *Oklahoma* hit bottom at 1200 feet. By that time the tugs' tow cables had been fully extended to 1400 feet. Two hundred more feet, and.....!

Now, that's excitement, rarely experienced!

(Note: The *Hercules* is still functional and is berthed at the Naval Maritime Park at Hyde Street Pier in San Francisco, CA)

Previous article on the Oklahoma....

Thanks to *the Towline*, the journal of the National Association of Fleet Tug Sailors, Ed.

**Awards:** The Radio Control Hobby Trade Association (R/CHTA) has renewed their Media Coverage Award Program for 1999. Print and Radio coverage awards are \$100 while Television coverage results in an award of \$200. Each club can earn up to \$500 per calendar year. If you see the club mentioned in any of the above mentioned media, send the full page or audio or video recording of the coverage to me. Let's see if we can rack up the full amount for the club "kitty"!

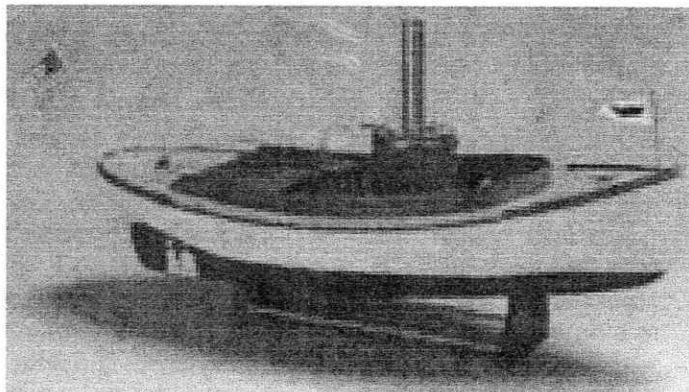
With any luck at all, the Mpls/StPaul article mentioned previously, should get us started. Jim

**Chris-Craft:** The Mariner's Museum in Newport News, VA is a repository of much early (1922-1980) Chris-Craft information. Contact the archivist, Jerry Conrad, [REDACTED]

**Surprise:** I mentioned the Modeler's Boatyard in last month's issue. Since then, I have been in e-mail contact with Tony Suess, the operator of this fine web site and proprietor of the Boatyard.

When Tony heard of our Parade, he immediately offered to supply us with a kit to be raffled off among club members participating in the Parade.

I have since received the Midwest Launch kit complete with operating steam engine from Tony.



If you'd like to contact Mr. Suess for availability and pricing of your next hobby purchase, the Modeler's Boatyard can be reached at:

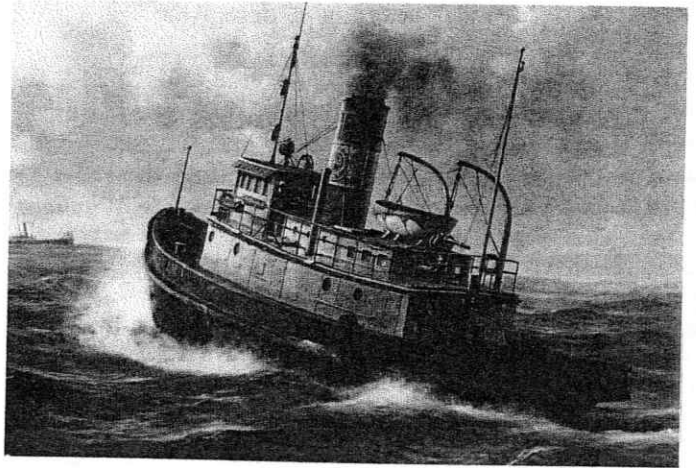
< [www.modelersboatyard.com](http://www.modelersboatyard.com) > or:  
51 S. Clayton St. Suite #208  
Lawrenceville, GA 30045  
[REDACTED]

**Parade:** Don't forget! This coming Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> is Parade of Boats day. Be There, Your Help Is Needed. And, you could win the kit!



# June Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)  
**Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
( Board Meeting at 6:30 )  
Centennial Lakes  
Centrum Building



Commodore:	Dale Johnson
Vice Commodore	Kirk Brust
Vice Commodore	Doug Campbell
Vice Commodore	Jeff McCabe
Vice Commodore	Doug Person
Vice Commodore	Alex Raupp
Treasurer	Gary Phillips

Newsletter Editor Jim Smith

**Edna G.:** Len F. Tantillo has produced a lovely work of the famous Minnesota tug, *Edna G.* The color print titled "Distress Call" illustrates the tug, rushing to aid a freighter in difficulty. The 16x22 inch work is printed on 21x26 inch stock and sells for \$85 (\$8.50 shipping). Mr. Tantillo can be contacted at: 243 Irish Hill Road, Nassau, NY 12123

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