



# SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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**Commodore's Corner:** No news (is that good news) from our illustrious leader this month. Dale

**Welcome:** Additions and changes. The following enthusiasts have joined us during the past month.

Marlyn Anderson	St. Louis Park
Richard Jacobson	Bloomington
Jay Richards	Bloomington
Ed Rogala (Midwest)	Hobart, IN
Paul Sturmer (Youth)	Mendota Hts.
Chuck Whitcomb	Burnsville
(Don Swain)	New Phone

Welcome aboard!

**Whoop!** No, that ain't no owl hootin'! It is a reminder to give some serious thought as to whom you would like to see running the club during the next calendar year. Historically, we have had nominations at the September meeting and have announced the new officers at the Dry Dock Party. Of course, if we only have one nomination for Commodore, and a minimum number (four) for vice-commodore, there will be no need for balloting, as was the case this year. Please get the permission of anyone who will not be at the meeting prior to putting his/her name in the ring!

Incidentally, all current officers are eligible for re-nomination, since no one serving has been elected to two consecutive terms.

**Sticky Stuff!** Although I am a dedicated West System epoxy fan, I recently came across an adhesive which you may find helpful. Bob Smith industries has a new rubber-toughened cyanoacrylate called IC-2000. It is supposed to form superior, shock resistant bonds on non-porous surfaces. Black in color, it has flexibility for bonding metals, fiberglass, rubber, etc. and may be worth a try for fastening motor mounts to glass hulls and similar applications. It may even be useful when gluing deck planking together, appearing as dark caulking between the timbers.

**Attention Net Surfers:** Check out the club's new web site which is "under construction" by Andy Valentine. If the advertisements bother you, just click on the club page to bring it to the foreground and the ads will remain in the background as you select additional pages. Find the club at: [www.emyc.org](http://www.emyc.org)

**Night Run:** Skies were threatening all day leading up to our Lighthouse Night on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, but neither we nor the Sousa band was deterred. Members started gathering about 6 o'clock for the 8:30 performance in order to stake out a spot in the parking lot and at the pond.

By show time, 36 members had appeared. Even charter member, Glenn Anderson managed to make it over from West St. Paul. I am certain that I must have missed more than a few members in among the huge crowd of spectators...so, club turnout was second only to our Parade of Boats show.

The concert continued until about 9:45, at which time the Washington Post March and a grand, low altitude fireworks display terminated the program.

Band director, Scott Crosby said that he planned on an even bigger production next year. I can't wait! Perhaps we should contribute some of our club's loot to the event for an even bigger bang in Y2K!

**Robbe:** We have lost our Robbe source in Minnesota. Since the sole remaining U.S. importer has been reported as unreliable, I have searched out a supplier in England who appears trustworthy, and willing to order boating items. Contact Midland Helicopters at the following web site. Gary Phillips  
<http://www.lance.co.uk/w3mh/mall/midheli/midheli.htm>

## Rules of the Pond:

- Rule #1 Operate your boat safely,  
sharing the frequency pin when there's a conflict.  
Rule #2 See Rule #1

**Newborn:** Hannah and Alex Raupp became the proud parents of a baby daughter, Sydney Lyn, on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day...of course! Congratulations, all!

**Veery Interesting:** Here's another item gleaned from the Atlantic Monthly magazine.

Steam powered toys were unearthed in the archaeological exploration of ancient Greece, and the ancient Egyptians had temple doors powered by steam...yet the steam engine did not emerge as a source of productive power until the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

And, steam powered model boats did not make an appearance at Centennial Lakes until 19??

**Membership Meeting, 8/17/99:** Commodore called meeting to order at 7:10pm. 34 members and guests in attendance. Commodore announced free soda pop, left over from the Red Wing show. Commented on the fine turnout at the show. Crowd hindered somewhat by threatening weather and early rain on Saturday. Said that spectators could use a schedule of events at the show. It is anticipated that we will have an acceptable running area next year. J.McCabe distributed samples of the new Badger acrylic paints and Badger literature to one and all. J.Bishop spoke on the upcoming Lighthouse Night. He said that Scott Crosby, the Sousa band director is planning on floating 150 luminaries during the concert and expects 500-1000 spectators. There will be low altitude fireworks too. D.Gaston stated that he had very little response to his request in the August newsletter. If you want him to publish a source list, give him a call. Commodore introduced Andy Valentine who has agreed to administer our, soon to be new, web site. A show of hands indicated that well over 50% of those in attendance had web access. The goal is to have a master page with links to separate Sail, Fast Electric, Scale, etc. pages. A sale and/or auction page is planned for the future. Cost should be minimal, possibly free, with

an advertisement or two. The address "EMYC.Org" appears to be available for a nominal annual fee. A.Raupp said that Tony Johnson and Rod Crawford were off to California for the one meter Nationals. Alex reiterated that Fairwind Racing was still scheduled for alternate Thursday evenings at the North Pond. He said that you should think of it as a learning experience rather than cut-throat competition. J.Bishop gave a fifty minute presentation on simple wiring with an emphasis on running lights adequate to get members on the water during Lighthouse Night. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

**Show-'n-Tell:** J.Smith showed his Microglass Great Lakes Tug hull under construction. It will no longer be a 1:32 scale boat but rather 1:48. Everything up to the deck/bulwark level is finished. Superstructure is bare and incomplete. T.Spletstoeszer displayed his Lingberg mini tug in "EdnaG" colors. He ran it after the meeting since the pond was ripple free. T.Smalley gave a short review of his trip to Connecticut to the Sub-Committee annual gathering. K.Bottemiller showed his newly released Midwest Coast Guard Lifeboat kit. He figured that if anyone was planning on purchasing one, they might like to see one up close and personal prior to forking over their cash.

*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>Sep.</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	St.Louis Admirals Regatta	Union Station, St.Louis, MO	9:00AM - 5:00PM
	19 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	St.Louis Admirals Regatta	Union Station, St.Louis, MO	9:00AM - 5:00PM
	21 <sup>st</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum	7:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Oct.</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	Columbus Day Regatta	North Pond	10:00AM - 3:00PM
	19 <sup>th</sup> (Tue)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum	7:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Nov.</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	Toy & Model Boats Show	Hopkins House Hotel	8:00AM - 2:30PM
	13 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	Dry Dock Party	Centennial Lakes Centrum	6:00PM - 11:00PM
	16 <sup>th</sup> (Tue)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum	7:00PM - 9:00PM

**St. Louis Show:** I received the following e-mail from Tom O'Dell, Commodore of the St. Louis Admirals. (Note the "dig" as he brags about the "Largest in the Midwest"... what was our Parade of Boats...chopped liver?).

"Hi Jim, just thought we'd remind your great group of our event. Happy R/C boating and stay cool this summer".

"The St. Louis Admirals 1999 - 11th annual event, September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Over 150 models to be displayed & run. The Largest in the Midwest, a gathering for Steam, Electric & Sail. Huge 8 ft. long War Ships, Tugs, Barge tows and more!

"Held at downtown, Union Station Complex. Event info / rules / registry forms at:

< <http://www.ktis.net/~wzumwalt> >

"Go to the Admirals Page and arrow down to 99 Events - tap "Icon" to print out entire page of info, then arrow down and tap "Entry Form" to print as many copies as you need, (one form per boat). Come, Join Us! Novice to Expert, Young & Old Salt or River Rat, its pure R/C Fun."

Contacts: Thomas P. O'Dell, Commodore,  
[redacted] East Alton, Illinois 62024

Wm. (Old River Bill) Zumwalt [redacted]  
New Florence, Mo. 63363 [redacted]

**Notable (Not!):** Following the Battle of Trafalgar, Admiral Nelson's body was preserved in a barrel of rum and carried back to Britain for burial. I wonder what became of the rum?

**Chicago, Ho!:** Rod Crawford trucked on down to the "windy city" over the July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup> weekend to enter the Chicago R/CMYC's sail regatta. The event was similar to our mixed class gatherings in that it consisted of only two classes, Under-50" and Over-50" boats.

A scheduled 11:00AM start time on Saturday was intended to accommodate travelers, as was the 2:00PM finish time on Sunday.

Mechanical problems blamed on strong winds claimed four dropouts on Saturday. Unfortunately, Rod's one meter was among them. His German "M" class boat fared considerably better however, taking one second place followed by seven first place finishes for the day. Six additional races were held in each class on Sunday. A "Santa Barbara" class boat edged out Rod's "M" boat in each heat, but did not accumulate enough points to prevail. Rod captured the Over-50" prize with a score of 24.25, 9.25 ahead of the second place finisher.

According to Rich Matt, of the Chicago club, "The Under/Over 50 thing served a great purpose in getting folks to come out and play, but in order to have some serious sail racing competition, we need to sail one of the recognized AMYA classes".

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**Museums:** As an addendum to my July list of Nautical Museums, you might like to refer to a really definitive source. Check out the new book by Robert H. Smith entitled "Maritime Museums of North America including Canada". This \$20, 470 page paperback lists nearly 600 sites. Your book dealer can order the book using: ISBN 1-887678-14-X.

The author also maintains a web site at which you can keep the book current:

< [www.bobhudson.com/smiths/index.html](http://www.bobhudson.com/smiths/index.html) >

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**Periodical:** Hundman Publishing Inc., out Washington state way is planning a new bi-monthly magazine called *Maritime Modeler* which should hit the streets around the first of the new year. For additional information call: (800) 810-7660.

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**Speedy:** FMA Direct (the initials stand for Fred Marks, who was long associated with development at the "old Ace") has three new electronic speed controls that may be of interest.

SC300 - A 30 Amp. car type unit with Fwd, Rev, and BEC, rated for use with 4 - 10 cells (12 v) \$60

SC700 - A 30 Amp. water-cooled unit featuring Fwd, Rev, and BEC for use with 6 - 12 cells. \$60

SC800 - A 50 Amp. water cooled, forward only, non-BEC racing unit for use with 8 - 24 cells. \$70

FMA Direct, 9607 Dr. Perry Road #109, Ijamsville MD 21754 (800) 343-2934 Free catalog!

< [www.fmadirect.com](http://www.fmadirect.com) >

I inquired as to operating the nautical units without water cooling and was advised to either use the car unit, or to restrict the nautical ESCs to 15 Amps. Jim

**Envious:** I visited the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) retail display at their Annual Convention in St. Paul in July. All three levels of the Roy Wilkins Exhibit Hall were jammed with over 900(!) vendor's booths and two dozen working model railroads. Visitors were elbow to elbow throughout the hall during the time I was there. Boy! If model boating could put on a show of only one tenth that size, I'd be really delighted!



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**LA, LA:** Tony Johnson and I traveled to Anaheim, California to attend the one meter accr at the end of August. The trip was enjoyable even though our sailing was putrid. The first heat had us recording our best finishes of the regatta. Tony was first and I was third. Things went down hill from there.

The lake had a weed problem, (which almost caused the regatta to be postponed). We both were not starting very well and so, could not find free air without picking up weeds. If you didn't sail over to shore and free yourself of weeds you were sure to finish in the rear of the fleet. Several times I just couldn't force myself to do that.

The California sailors lived up to their reputations and sailed very well. They weren't making many mistakes, which made it hard to catch up. At the end, Tony was fourteenth and I was seventeenth...not a very good representation for E. M. Y. C.

We learned a lot and made some new friends. I am looking forward to returning next year for San Diego's race week which is going to be the host of several classes of a.c.c.r.

Rod Crawford

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**Attention Editors:** Please note that our artist / cartoonist in residence, Ray Johnson asks that you contact him prior to any use of his copyrighted drawings in your publications. Ray can be reached at (612) 475-2442 or via e-mail at: [rayjart@aol.com](mailto:rayjart@aol.com)

# September Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)  
**Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**7:00 P.M.**

( **Board Meeting at 6:30** )  
Centennial Lakes  
**Centrum Building**

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