

# SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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**Commodore's Corner:** It's hard for me to believe it is August already. This month we have two events to keep in mind. The first event is the Antique and Classic Boat Rendezvous at Treasure Island on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have a large tent, tables to display our boats, and they are also making rooms available to us at their rate. If you are interested in booking a room call me [REDACTED]. Refer to the enclosed flyer for more details.

The second event is our annual Lighthouse Night on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Treasure Island event. Please keep that in mind-don't forget to be there.

Dick Dalquist will be our guest at this month's meeting. Dick has manufactured some gear drives and will demonstrate them for the club. He will also bring his 1/4 scale Century Sea Maid. It should be a great presentation.

The Edina Model Yacht Club wishes to express our deepest sympathy to Diego Gaston and his wife Anne for the sudden loss of their son, Alexander. It is never easy to put into words feelings of such a loss, but you are in our hearts.

Finally, I have a correction from last month's corner. I meant to say that Tim Smalley and Andy Valentine were the members largely responsible for the door prizes. Sorry about that Tim.

Dale

**Support:** Many thanks to the eighteen members who reported for duty on short notice to offer a boating experience to students of Edina's Adaptive Education department on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Even though the pond was choked with weeds, several members launched their boats to give the students a taste of model boating. You all know who you are!

Thanks guys (and gal)! Perhaps, next year, we can get the pond treated before hand to offer a better experience to the kids!

Jim

**Welcome:** The following gentlemen have joined us since the publication of our latest roster in July. Please add their names to your list. Our membership now stands at a baker's dozen x 10. Welcome aboard, guys!

Murray Casserly	Eagan	[REDACTED]
John Sword	Eden Prairie	[REDACTED]
Jack Trudeau	Eagan	[REDACTED]
John Whitesides	Minneapolis	[REDACTED]

**State Fair:** Entries for Creative Activities, such as model building, will be accepted at the exhibit building at the Fairgrounds on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM and on the 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon (only). If you have a new boat (or ship) that you'd like to show to the world, now is the time and the State Fair is the place. No prior registration or forms are required, just show up with your boat. Items must be picked up on September 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>, and will not be available prior to that time.

**Seawind Ho!** I am attempting to compile a roster of all of the Kyosho *Seawind* sailboats and their owners in the club. If you operate a *Seawind*, or have one abuilding please call me so that I can add your name to the list. [REDACTED]

John Dodson

**Trivia:** On a typical Sunday in June, the fast food restaurant in Centennial Lakes serves about 550 meals. On Parade of Boats Sunday, this year, over 1,300 meals were served. How's that for "draw"?

**Dangerous:** Our poor radio procedures and the incompatibility of "slow" boats and fast electrics were discussed last month. In addition to those dangers, we now appear to have a few members who enjoy "buzzing" the slow boats (and occasionally hitting same) with fast scale boats or "not so fast" electrics.

If you find it necessary to run that type of boat at high speed, do so at the south end of the pond...down toward the amphitheater, and away from the slower boats...Please! You are certainly welcome to operate in among the slow boats if you operate at a more compatible (read saner and slower) speed.

**Illuminating:** Don't forget Lighthouse Night on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. The Sousa Band concert is scheduled to begin at 8:30 PM, so...if you arrive much after about 7:30, parking will be pretty tough to find.

**Sharing:** As a result of our expanding membership and the limited number of available frequencies, conflicts are not uncommon. It is expected that if two or more members are on the same channel, they will share operating time equally. "Do unto others...."

**Membership Meeting, 7/18/00:** Commodore called meeting to order at 7:05PM. 38 members and guests in attendance. Commodore spoke about upcoming Steering Regatta. D.Gaston invited all members with powered boats to attend. He said that sailboats are probably not going to be able to maneuver the course. Lighthouse Night was discussed. J.Smith suggested that club offer to help pay for the fireworks

that evening as a bit of pay-back to the city. Commodore expressed his feeling that the city did not need any financial assistance. Commodore is checking into rooms, etc. for the Treasure Island show in August. Details should be in August newsletter. The remaining Parade door prizes were distributed.

D.Bros gave a half-hour presentation on hand tools.

Show-n-tell: No projects were shown.

Jim

## 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>Aug.</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
	19 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	Antique & Classic Boat Show	Treasure Island, MN 10:00AM - 6:00PM
	20 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	Antique & Classic Boat Show	Treasure Island, MN 9:00AM - 4:00PM
	20 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	Lighthouse Night	Central Pond 7:00PM - 9:30PM
<b>Sep.</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.)	St.Louis Admirals Regatta	Union Station, St.Louis, MO 9:00AM - 5:00PM
	17 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	St.Louis Admirals Regatta	Union Station, St.Louis, MO 9:00AM - 5:00PM
	19 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Oct.</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.)	Columbus Day Regatta	North Pond 10:00PM - 3:00PM
	17 <sup>th</sup> (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
	21 <sup>st</sup> (Sat.)	Nat'l Model & Hobby Show	Rosemont, IL 10:00AM - 5:00PM
	22 <sup>nd</sup> (Sun.)	Nat'l Model & Hobby Show	Rosemont, IL 10:00AM - 5:00PM

**Whatt?:** In the July issue of S&E (Sailplane & Electric) Modeler, Steve Neu, a very respected electric flight competitor, made an extensive comparison of the various cells used in electric flight. His report should be of interest to "fast electric" boaters. Steve's findings indicate, once again, the superiority of Sanyo cells. At currents in excess of 20 amps, both the Sanyo 2200 NiMH and Sanyo RC2400 NiCd outperform the Panasonic 3000 NiMH by a considerable margin. The 3000 NiMH cells that Steve tested actually demonstrated a capacity closer to 2300mAh, even at a "low", 20 amp rate while the two Sanyo cells came in just about "as advertised", even at 40 amps.

Terry Spletstoeser reports that the RC2400 pack that he recently installed in his Coast Guard boat has significantly increased its run time between charges.

**Renewal:** I have mentioned *Epoxyworks* in the past but perhaps it's new to you. This publication, produced semi-annually by Gougeon Bros. (West System epoxy), is very valuable if you do any work at all using epoxy. It's loaded with helpful tips, and the articles are interesting for their variety.

For a free, three year (6 issue) subscription, call Gougeon [redacted] or fill out the form on their web site at: < [www.westsystem.com](http://www.westsystem.com) >

**Where:** The Department of Defense has removed the "degradation" from the Global Positioning System (GPS). It is now possible to ascertain the exact location of any address in the USA (maybe, not such a good idea?). After typing in an address and zip code at the following site, it will calculate the latitude and longitude of the location to six decimal places!!! < [www.geocode.com/eagle.html-ssi](http://www.geocode.com/eagle.html-ssi) >

**Breakers:** Environmental concerns have all but eliminated the "recycling" of ships in this country and in the nations of the European Union.

The August issue of *The Atlantic Monthly* magazine contains a 19 page article on this very dangerous activity, as it is now done in the third world, especially along the beaches of Alang, India.

On a six mile long stretch of sand, 40,000 men struggle by hand to tear apart a steady stream of discarded ships...usually about 200 at any one time.

Although the article deals primarily with the politics of southern Asians doing a job that no one else will do versus Greenpeace and others claiming that they know better how to protect the worldwide environment...it is still a good read.

And, if a photograph is worth a thousand words, then the article is worth a look on that count alone.

# **Edina Model Yacht Club**

**Members to display boats at the**

## ***Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous***

**Saturday and Sunday August 19th & 20th 2000**

- We need members to display their boats on either Saturday or Sunday or both days.
- Admission is free to participating Members.
- Any type boat is acceptable
- Display runs 8:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday and 9:00am to 5:00 on Sunday.
- Location: Treasure Island Casino, Red Wing, Minnesota

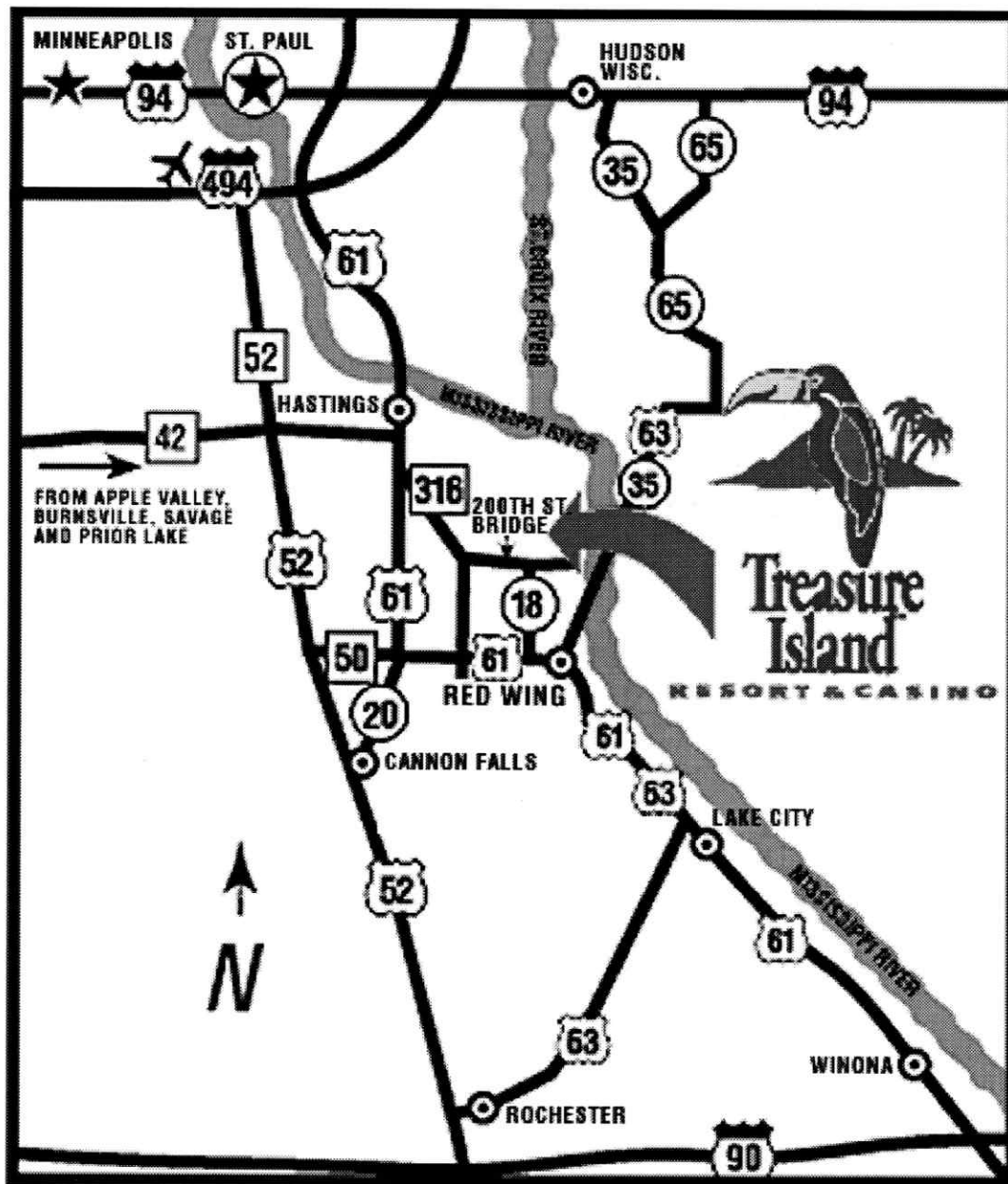
Contact Dale Johnson [REDACTED]

Hotel rooms may be available at the Casino for Saturday night.  
Contact Dale for details.

**We need boats for a big display this year**  
***Don't miss this fun event!***

**—See map on back—**

# Directions to Treasure Island



## Arriving from Minneapolis/St. Paul:

Drive south on Highway 52, then east on MN Highway 55, OR take U.S. Highway 61 south to the city of Hastings. On the south side of Hastings take MN Highway 316 south to 200th Street. Follow 200th Street over the Etter Bridge for 8 miles.

## Arriving from Burnsville, Eagan, Apple Valley or Rosemount:

East on County Road 42 to the city of Hastings. On the south side of Hastings take MN Highway 316 south to 200th Street. Follow 200th Street over the Etter Bridge for 8 miles.



**Steering Regatta 2000:** Well, Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> came and we had a lot of fun with our first, annual (hopefully) steering regatta. 23 members showed up and 13 actually participated.

George P. and I had a very hard time setting up the course. The difficulties arose because the wind coming across the lake made the dinghy pretty difficult to maneuver. Added to the dinghy's inherent instability were two people, a bunch of buoys, cord and weights and well...you get the picture. That the pond has a continuous varying depth did not help either. I guess we provided the comic relief to the guys on shore for a while! (The loss of the propeller from the dinghy's electric motor didn't speed things up, either, Ed.) After setting out most of the buoys, we started almost an hour and a half behind schedule.

Most people did pretty well, but a few got tangled up on the south channel, which made it inoperable after that, but then again Theodore the Tugboat is still learning the "ropes." Most boats that participated were Tugs or Towboats with the exception of one speed boat and Fred's BIG sailboat. I tell you, just seeing Fred maneuver his sailboat through the course was worth all the effort. He did amazingly well.

The youngest participant, Donald Stephens received a round of applause after completing the run with his Villain IV speedboat. Most of the adults wished that they could have done nearly as well.

Jim and I were the only ones that ended up with a scoreless card. I was pretty excited about it although I did confirm some steering flaws on the Amsterdam that need to be addressed for next year.

After the event, my Amsterdam towed George's Missouri around for what was an eye opening for me. It is pretty easy to tow something behind, but it is pretty hard to tow it where you want it to go. My Amsterdam weights about 30 pounds, the Missouri runs about 130. That means you have to be pretty careful not to be over-run by your tow as it will continue moving long after you have stopped. You also have to be very careful about turning as the tow has the capability of pulling you sideways and capsizing the tug, just like in real life. Most of the tug towing competitions are done in teams of two, and I would definitely like to set up such a contest for next year, so look for a partner and start practicing.

Well, all in all, I think we had a great time. Everyone enjoyed running through the course and most people became a little surprised about the capabilities of their models - good and bad - and how different it is running around an open pond versus having to do specific tasks.

We need to work on the event a little more so it runs a bit smoother. We also need to come up with a better and easier way of setting out the buoys, but other than that, I am ready to do this again next year with the help of George. Hopefully more than once

(call me crazy). Many thanks to Fred and Larry who gave a hand when necessary. Thank you George for putting up with me, working very hard in setting up the course and allowing me to tow your Missouri around knowing I had never done that before (then again, I can't do much more damage than you can with a chainsaw!).

Thank you all for coming and let's look forward to the regatta next year.

Diego Gastón

**How To!** Read between the lines of a used boat ad: (Note: most definitions apply equally well to models, Ed.)

*Mint Condition* - recently washed and waxed

*Good Condition* - needs repair

*Needs Repair* - hopeless

*Glass On Wood* - already repaired

*Cute Galley* - tiny galley

*Compact Cabin* - cramped quarters

*Custom* - homemade

*Sporty* - taped-on racing stripe

*Robust* - has big steering wheel

*Frisky* - uncontrollable

*Performance Proven* - worn out

*Big Wheel Trailer* - heavy boat

*Heavy Duty Trailer* - heavy trailer

*Powerful Motor* - adequate motor

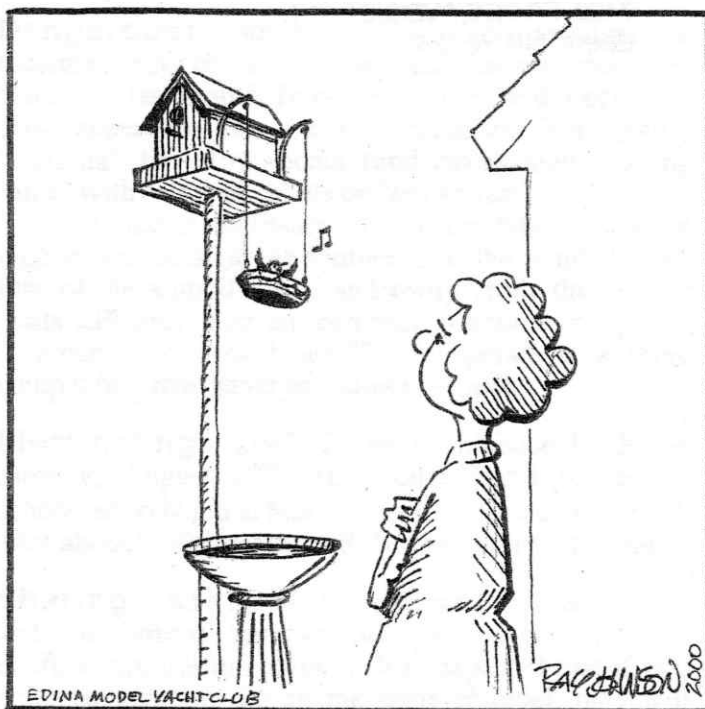
*Reliable Motor* - inadequate motor

*Make Offer* - admittedly overpriced

*Price Firm* - make offer

*Poor Health Forces Sale* - owner sick of boating

*Estate Sale* - boat killed him



# August Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)

**Tuesday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 P.M.**

( Board Members Available at 6:30 )  
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Centrum

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## WANTED

New member, John Whitesides is looking for any one of the following sailboats.  
(A built-up boat is preferred, but a kit or unfinished boat is not out of the question)

*Fairwind - Seawind - CR-914*

John Whitesides

## FOR SALE

*Dumas Tug Brooklyn*

New, in box, with fiberglass hull

With running gear, (no motor)

Asking \$285 (Tower price \$327)

Dave Bros

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