

## SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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Nominations (Revisited): At the September club meeting, the Commodore indicated that he would attempt to contact members to ascertain if they would be willing to run for club office for 2002. What precipitated this was the poor response from members at the meeting. Consequently, if you are interested in running for office, make your intentions known to any Board member before or at the October meeting. It is still not too late to serve. Give it a shot!

Final nominations and the election will be held at the October meeting. New officers have customarily been officially introduced at the Dry Dock Party (Nov.10th).



Many Thanks: As my tenure as editor comes to a close, I would like to express my appreciation to Ray Johnson for his contributions over the past two and a half years. Without him, I could not have filled many a blank space in the latest 25 issues. And, not only that, e has sensed and visually expressed to a "tee" the reality of what goes on in our organization.

Thanks Ray, for all the laughs!

Jim

Misfire: Many of you have received newsletters secured with multiple staples over the past several issues. It appears that my electric stapler is giving up the ghost and will be retired along with your editor at year's end. Hopefully, you have not received three, four or five staples EVERY month!

War: While reading the book: April 1865: The Month That Saved America, by Jay Winik, I came across the following quote which I thought very pertinent after the events of September 11th.

"What a cruel thing is war. To separate and destroy families and friends. To fill our hearts with hatred instead of love for our neighbors and to devastate the fair face of this beautiful world." Robert E.Lee

The book is an overall look at the U.S. Civil War, with a heavy concentration on the month of the title. I found it very interesting, exceptionally well written and very relevant in today's warlike environment.

It was well worth the lengthy wait at the library.

Polo Anyone?: In addition to the old standby Polo Tugs by Bros, McCabe, Merrill, Smith and others, several new examples by Valentine, Maldies, Glass and Wheeler have made an appearance of late.

If you are interested in a simple winter project, you may want to give one of these small, box-like vessels a try. I have made several copies of the original St. Louis Admirals plans and will have them available at the October meeting at two bucks a set.

Killin' Time: Warship....a history of naval technology is scheduled to appear locally on Public Television's Channel 2 in early November.

"Sea Power", wooden warships through armored ships will air: Wednesday Nov 7 at 8:00PM

Thursday Nov 8 at 2:00AM repeated on: "Submarines / Aircraft Carriers", 18th century through Wednesday Nov 14 at 8:00PM today will air:

repeated on: Thursday Nov 15 at 2:00AM

Party Time: Our annual year's end Dry Dock Party is coming up shortly. Please volunteer your services. There's work to be done! Thanks!!

Edina Model Yacht Club 1 October Newsletter Membership Meeting, 9/18/01: Commodore called meeting to order at 7:00pm. 45 members in attendance. Several new members and potential members introduced themselves. Commodore announced upcoming events: Columbus Day Regatta-Oct 6-7; Dry Dock Party, Nov.10; Swap Meet, Nov.20. Dry Dock Party will be a barbecue rather than the catered affair of recent years. Looking for volunteers for the event. J.Smith questioned the recent expenditure for a retrieval boat battery and charger since one of each was purchased in both '98 and '99. Apparently, city workers occasionally use the boat and "cooked" the battery when they hooked it up to the 50Amp output of the automobile charger. The new "trickle" type charger should be fool proof. The 50Amp unit will be stored out-of-sight. A new, easier to use boat dolly is also under construction. Nominations for club officers were taken. G.Anderson, D.Campbell, P.Olsen, M.Ross accepted. M.Ross volunteered to take on the newsletter editing task with assistance from D.Swain. Commodore will call a selected few members to see if they will be interested in running for Board or Commodore positions. T.Johnson gave a report on the CR-914 Regional Event which was held in Tulsa, OK. They have a very active group of about 25 sailors. T.Johnson and T.Mackey attended and did well.

A. Valentine then gave an extensive, one hour fifteen minute presentation, on the various classes of fast electric boats which are operated by club members at the South pond.

## Schedule Of Upcoming Events

**Every Sunday** Open Boating 4:30PM - 9:00PM Open Boating 5:30PM - 9:00PM Every Tuesday 5:30PM - 9:00PM Open Boating Every Thursday 7:00PM - 9:00PM Centennial Lakes Centrum Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> (Tue.) Membership Meeting Centennial Lakes Centrum 6:00PM -11:00PM Nov. 10th (Sat.) Dry Dock Party

7:00PM - 9:00PM Centennial Lakes Garage 20th (Tue.) Membership Meeting (Swap)

No Membership Meeting No Newsletter Dec.

## From Dollhouse Miniatures

by Wilma Kinder and Mary Koen:

You can use your own computer and printer and the methods shown here to express your creativity on textiles.

We have tested various ways to print on fabric for custom miniatures. Each method has advantages and disadvantages. For fabric based miniatures, we have used Epson and Canon ink jet printers. Results depend on the quality of your image, the model of printer used, the age of the ink cartridge and the color and thread count of the fabric used.

We prefer direct printing on fabric using freezer

paper backing and an ink jet printer.

Most Suitable For: Learning the process. Usable

for items that will never need to be washed.

Strengths: Simplest method to try. expensive. The end result is very soft and easy to sew or glue. Color retention is good as long as the item remains dry.

Challenges: Printed piece is not washable

How it's done:

- 1 Cut a 9 1/2" x 12" piece of pre-washed white or ivory cotton fabric and a same sized piece of Reynolds plastic coated freezer paper (found with the foils and baggies in the grocery store) Cutting pieces slightly larger than the normal 8 1/2" x 11" makes it easier to trim later.
- 2 Using a dry household iron on medium heat, press and secure the fabric to the shiny, waxed side of the freezer paper. The freezer paper wax melts just enough to stiffen the fabric but not enough to damage

- it. Make certain that the fabric is firmly attached to the freezer paper and that there are no bubbles or wrinkles.
- 3 Place a piece of 8 1/2" x 11" computer paper on top of the freezer paper-fabric sandwich to use as a cutting guide. Use a ruler and rotary cutter to trim the fabric sheet to the exact size of the computer paper. Snip any loose or frayed threads. If necessary, reseal the cut edges with the iron.

4 Place the fabric sheet in the printer's tray so as to print the fabric side. To avoid getting an "out-of paper" error, leave a few sheets of regular paper in

the tray when printing the fabric.

5 Load your software and open the file you want to print. Most printers print well on fabric using the "plain paper" setting. With some printers, better results may be obtained by adjusting the paper thickness setting.

6 Print your fabric miniature. Keep an eye on the printer to make sure that the fabric is feeding properly. Place the printed fabric on a flat surface to dry. Remove the freezer paper backing and iron the fabric with a dry iron on the "wrong" side. You can now work with the fabric as you normally would to complete your miniature item.

> 1971 Getting out to a new, hip joint 2001 Getting a new hip joint

> > 1971 Rolling Stones 2001 Kidney stones

> > > 1971 Screw the system 2001 Update the system



Fource List For Ship Plans (In no particular order)
Hopefully, most of these contacts are "live"

Smithsonian Institution: Three catalogs are available.

- 1: American merchant ships, small craft from canoes to clipper ships.
- 2: Warship plans. American sailing and steam warships from mid-18<sup>th</sup> century to 1900.
- 3: Maritime Administration and DOT plans. Liberty and Victory ships, tankers, container ships of the 1950s and 60s and additional ships such as the S.S. United States. Smithsonian Ship Plans web page:
- < www.si.edu/nmah/csr/hot/shipplan.htm >
  Mail address Ship Plans, c/o Paul F. Johnson, PhD.,
  Curator of Maritime History, Smithsonian Institution,
  NMAH-5004/MRC 628, Washington, DC 20560-0628

**National Archives:** Plans of numerous USN ships from 1776 to early 1950s. Also available are some plans of Imperial Japanese Navy and post WW II Japanese Navy.

Ships Plans (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) (301) 713-7040 Photographs (5<sup>th</sup> floor) (301) 713-6625 x 234 Mail address U.S. National Archives, (Archives II), 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park MD 20740-6001

Wisconsin Maritime Museum: Plans for 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century Great Lakes vessels. (920) 684-0218

Mail address Wisconsin Maritime Museum, 75 Maritime Dr, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Towboat Joe's: Plans and photographs of river workboats.

Web site link: < http://www.dragg.net/jbrown/ >
e-mail: jbrown@dragg.net (606) 836-1431

Mail address: Towboat Joe's, Joe Brown 1010 Turley Ave.
Flatwoods, KY 41139

Sink'um & Float'us Salvage Co.: Plans and videos for towboats and barges

Web site link: < http://www.ktis.net/~wzumwalt/ > e-mail: wzumwalt@ktis.net (573) 835-3158

Harry Archer: Plans for the tug Toledo (Microglass builds a 30" fiberglass hull for this boat), Whaleback, Ed. Fitzgerald.

Mail address: Harry Archer, 5902 Swan Creek Dr,

Toledo, OH 43614

Coastal Forces: Plans and books for PT boats and other small naval craft.

Web site link: < http://www.vbangor.com/coastal/ >
Mail address: Al Ross, Coastal Forces,
136 West Broadway, Bangor, ME 04401

U.S. Coast Guard Museum Northwest: Factory and official plans for most major 20<sup>th</sup> century types and some from the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century as well. Excellent source for U.S.C.G. plans. (206) 217-6993

Mail address: U.S.C.G. Museum Northwest, 1519 Alaskan Way South, Seattle, WA 98134

John Fryant Plans Service: Plans for riverboats, tugs, barges, ferries, e-mail: jnoboat@aol.com
John Fryant Plans Service, 6508 Dorset Dr.,

Alexandria, VA 22310-3018

**Great Lakes Historical Society:** Plans and photographs of Great Lakes vessels. 1 (800) 893-1485

Mail address: Great Lakes Historical Society,

P.O. Box 435, 480 Main St., Vermillion, OH 44089-1099

Hart Nautical Collections: General archival plans (617) 253-5942

Mail Address: Hart Nautical Collections, MIT Museum, 265 Massachusetts Av., Cambridge, MA 02139

Mariner's Museum: Plans, photographs.

(804) 596-2222 e-mail: tmmlib@infi.net

Web site link: < http://www.mariner.org >

Mail address: The Mariner's Mus., Research Library,

100 Museum Dr., Newport News, VA 23606-3759

**Rocky Mountain Shipyard:** Large selection of plans, including R/C combat vessels. (970) 434-0703

Web site link: < http://www.wic.net/~rms/ >

e-mail: rms@wic.net

Mail address: Rocky Mountain Shipyard 590 Ronlin St., Dept.LR, Grand Junction, CO 81504

**Floating Drydock:** Hundreds of excellent, mostly military, plans and ordinance drawings. Photographs.

Web site link: < http://floatingdrydock.com > e-mail: drydock@floatingdrydock.com

Mail address: The Floating Drydock, P.O Box 250,

Kresgeville, PA 18333 (Catalog \$4.50)

## October Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)
Tuesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>
7:00 P.M.

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