



SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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Commodores Corner: Happy New Year and welcome all, old and new, to a new year with the Edina Model Yacht Club. We all will be starting a new year together with many new faces in all the old familiar places, and a fresh fish in charge again. For those members who are not familiar with me, my name is Mike Ross (though Terry Spletstoeser likes to call me "pond scum"), and I have been a member of the club for about a year and a half now (talk about being wet behind the ears). Being so new to the club, you could say that I am starting at the top, and working my way down. I have been informed that this is a natural occurrence for the club. A meteoric rise to the top, followed by a slow settling to the bottom. It all sounds like one of my boats.

Now that the holidays are over, I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas. I know that I did.

In addition to receiving my yearly supply of coal from Santa Claus. Thanks to my mother and George Pfeiffer's liquidation sale, my wife and I now have two new additions to our family. The African Queen by Billing Boats, and the Paddle Boat Creole Queen by Dumas. Along with my wife Jeanette, we now have between us. Three working boats, with two others under construction, and of course our two new *gently* used additions (that will no doubt need some work.)

In answer to the most frequently asked questions that some members have been asking me:

1.) Yes, it is true that I have been blamed for ending a seven-year drought in the Death Valley region of California. Even though I received a very polite letter from the California State Legislature asking me to never return to California. I prefer to think that if I can make the grass grow green in Death Valley, I can do anything.

2.) No, I really do not believe that a tornado will visit the Parade of Boats this year.

3.) Currently I am a retired machine designer, looking for a new career to go into. I have spent most of the last nineteen years, in contract engineering, specializing in the design and development of high speed automated machinery, mostly in the packaging industry. My primary boating interest, is with the sail

boats. That's right. I am another canvas back. But enough about me, for now.

As Andy, and the other club officers stepped down, after spending the past year working so hard to make things work around here. I would like to take a moment to let them know how much their work has been appreciated. Thank you, for all the fine work. I am sure that it will not be easy for me to fill Andy's shoes, mostly because he has the smallest feet of anyone I have ever met. *Mike*

Editor's Corner: Hello, it's me again! Bet you thought that you got rid of me? After eight years, as the editor and chief of the "Sail & Scale", Mr. Jim Smith has decided to step down for a much needed break. I would like to thank Jim, not only for all that he has done with this newsletter, but also for all of the years that he has been doing it.

By now most of you have noticed some of the new changes in the newsletter already. These changes are necessary because I do not have the same software, or hardware, that Jim has been using.

Some say that change is good, and I hope that will be true with this newsletter. If any of the members, have any suggestions for other changes that they would like to see, feel free to pass them along. *Mike*

On the Bright Side: Fred Ferris returned from the AMYA Nationals for the "R/C Laser" class sail boats, held in New London, Ct. Where he earned a fourth place finish. Congratulations to Fred. Keep up the good work.

New Art: At the November meeting, Mr. Dick Edge presented to the club two pieces of art work depicting the America's Cup Yacht Racing boats, that many of our models are fashioned after. These pictures were donated to the club by Victoria Bleise of Edina. It is hoped that we will be allowed to display them in the Centrum Building.

Membership Meeting, 11/20/01: The Commodore called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Due to the swap meet, the meeting was very short. A couple of pieces of artwork, commemorating the "America's Cup" races, had been donated to the club. The question was raised, whether the club had reserved the Centrum building yet, for the 2002 Parade of Boats" .. The Commodore stated that, that was in the works

Another question was raised, asking if it would be possible to move the "Light House Night", to a different date, that would not conflict with the boat show in Red Wing. Dale Johnson announced that the new membership cards, and business cards, would be ready in December. Dale had stated that his company had donated enough of the new membership cards, to last the club for the next 20 years or so. Dale brought along with him a sample of each, and they look really nice. *Mike*

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
Jan.	15 th (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Garage (Band Room) 7:00PM – 9:00PM
Feb.	19 th (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Garage (Band Room) 7:00PM – 9:00PM
Mar.	19 th (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Garage (Band Room) 7:00PM – 9:00PM

New Business:

2002 Membership drive: The bad news is that it's that time of the year again. As in the past, we are asking all members who wish to renew their memberships, to do so as soon as possible. The new membership cards, are going to be pretty enough to frame. Please don't! Those frames can be murder on your pant's pockets, and wallets. Not to mention the broken glass, you know where.

New for this year: We are asking all members to choose if they want to receive their newsletters in the mail, as in the past. Or if they wish to receive their newsletters in an "Acrobat" PDF formatted e-mail. Those members, who do not specify a preference, will continue to receive their newsletters in the mail.

Also, new this year: The club is interested in updating the membership database. There is yet, another form for members to fill out this year. Oh Joy! One copy of the new form, will be included in the newsletter this month, along with the standard membership renewal form. In addition, these new forms will be available at the January meeting. We are asking members to fill out one of these forms, for each and every boat that they have.

I would also like to ask members to include in the comment area, whether or not you are willing to mentor fellow club members with their projects.

The comment area is for any additional information that you may wish to share. Such as any special tools, or skills that you have (i.e. casting, molding, machining, welding equipment, etc.), and would be willing to share with others. There is a wealth of information, and skills in our club. But if we are

unable to direct members, especially new members, to these resources we are cheating ourselves and each other.

If you are unable, or even unwilling to share with others, that is ok too. I would be most grateful for any information that you supply, and none of this specific information will be made public without the member's explicit permission. All inquiries, will be handled through the club's offices.

All general information, such as frequency usage, frequency of usage, and general model information, (once compiled) will be posted on the clubs web site.

Swap Meet: We had a decent turn out for the swap meet, this year. I am not too sure how much business was created though. This close to Christmas, not too many people have the money to spend. Fred Ferris picked up another "R/C Laser", along with what looked like a 6 foot "PT-109" hull. Dale Johnson acquire a "German Torpedo Patrol Boat". What's with this new demand for high speed attack boats?

Our guest from Rockford, Il., returned again this month, with another truck full of models to sell. It looked like everyone that showed up, left with something new (or gently used). For those members that did not do so well selling their stuff. I would like to suggest that they might want to list their boats for sale on the clubs web site. If anyone has anything that they wish to sell, and they are unable to get onto the web site, please feel free to forward your information to me, I would be more than happy to post their notices on the web site for them.

Edina Model Yacht Club Income and Expenses 2001

Submitted by: G. Phillips, December 5, 2001

Income, 2001

Dues	\$2,257.72
Shirts, Hats, etc.	\$587.15
Allina Health System Gift	\$100.00
Radio Control Hobby Trade Assn. Award	\$250.00
Total	\$3,194.87

Balance as of: 11/27/00 **\$2,920.04**

Income: 11/27/00 - 12/5/01 **\$3,194.87**
Previous Balance plus Income: **\$6,114.91**

Expenses, 2001

Web Site	\$99.90
Newsletter	\$379.38
Parade of Model Boats	\$183.23
Dry Dock Party	\$1,964.66
Battery and Charger for Retrieval Boat	\$115.70
Supplies	\$12.91
Shirts	\$615.15
Trailer for Retrieval Boat	\$100.00
Toy Show Table Rental	\$40.00
Misc. (Bank Charges) & Magazine Sub	\$24.25
Total	\$3,535.18

Expenses: 11/27/00 - 12/5/01 **\$3,535.18**
Balance as of: 12/5/01 **\$2,579.73**

Renew Your Membership In The Edina Model Yacht Club

Membership levels: Youth: (under 18yrs) \$10 per calendar year; Adult: \$20 per calendar year

Renewal Application

Mail to: Edina Model Yacht Club, 7499 France Avenue South, Edina MN 55435
See your web site: www.emyc.org

Please Print

(Please make checks payable to: Edina Model Yacht Club)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Phone () _____ Youth _____ Adult _____

E-mail address _____

Type(s) of SailBoat Operated _____

Type(s) of Electric Boat _____

Radio(s) channel # and number of boats operated per channel:

(1) Channel _____ How Many _____ (2) Channel _____ How Many _____ (3) Channel _____ How Many _____ (4) Channel _____ How Many _____

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Boat Data Form

Members Name: _____

Boat Type: _____

(Kit / Modified Kit / Plans / Scratch)

Type of Boat: _____

(Tug / Military / River Tow Boat / Polo Tug etc.)

Manufacturer: _____

(If kit)

Manufactures Name of Boat: _____

(Fairwind / Brooklyn / Chris Craft Barrelback etc.)

Channel Number: _____

(Channel Frequency Number)

How Often is Boat Sailed: _____

(Always / Often / Sometimes / Seldom / Never)

Comments:

Back to School: Fellow EMYC member David Pratt and I spent a week during this past August at the WoodenBoat school in Brooklin, Maine taking a class in building wooden "pond yachts." Each year a different model is built: in our session, it was a fin keeled Marblehead, planked with cedar strips over station molds. We installed ribs over each mold before planking, and fastened the planks with tooth picks tapped into tapered holes. By the end of a very enjoyable week our hulls were completely planked, and in only another two or three hundred hours the boats should be finished. Two full size boat building classes and several classes covering other boating topics were in session while we toiled on our models, and there was ample opportunity to observe and kibitz with other students. The school is located on a magnificent waterfront property. A fleet of approximately twenty boats ranging in size from twelve to twenty feet is available for students to use at the end of class each day. Housing is provided in two large comfortable former homes, or students can elect to camp on the school grounds. Food is good, plentiful, and culminates on the last school night with a lobster dinner. It was a most enjoyable experience, and I highly recommend the school. Class schedules for next summer will be announced in early December, and registration begins on January 2. Classes fill very quickly, and it is important to register on the first day. Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information. *Pierre Dussol*

The Dry Dock Party: The end of the season bash, was very good this year. Quite a few people showed up, though there were a couple of empty tables. The TV and video equipment was set up at the end of the room for those who wanted to watch the clubs press videos. The park board personnel did the set up for us. So those people, who had volunteered to help set up, got off with a free ride this time. We ended up with way too much food, so quite a few people were able to take home a couple of extra meals. I am not sure if we ordered too much food, or if the caterers simply over estimated how much each person would eat.

Andy presented an award to Jim for his years of service to the club, as the newsletter editor. He then presented our new Commodore (that's me), with my new "EMYC Commodore's" shirt. Raising the question: Is it really a good idea to present the incoming Commodore with the shirt, before they even take office? After all, I only accepted the position as Commodore, for the shirt in the first place.

I would like to thank all of the people, members and their families, who served up the meal, and helped to clean up afterwards. *Mike*

New Members: Lets all welcome the newest member to our club.

Bill Rickman

Edina, MN 55424

Interest: CR 914 Racer

Now What: Now that the holidays are finally over, we come to that time of the year that I like to refer to as the construction season. My second favorite time of the year, when I head down to the basement, and try to prove to my wife that there is more to this hobby than just spending money, inhaling large amounts of glue and paint fumes, and having fun playing with power tools. With the right kit, the construction season can be almost as much fun as sailing.

Last year I started work on my wife's Amsterdam, and it soon dawned on me that the Amsterdam may not be the *right kit*. Luckily for my family, and for my own sanity, I rather enjoy sanding. I am however, more than a little concerned about trying to sail a boat, that has more filler than anything else. Thankfully the Amsterdam has a one piece, plastic hull. Yet this year, I am still working on the Amsterdam, and my wife is becoming a little suspicious about what it is that I am really doing in the basement.

As though the Amsterdam, was not enough. I need to work on the Coast Guard Life Boat, that I won in the drawing, at last years Parade of Boats. Also keeping this newsletter going, along with being the club Commodore. It's a real good thing that I am a work-a-holic. Once the sailing season starts, I my not have time for any of the rest of this stuff.

As I see it there are four major disciplines of boating in the club. High Speed Electrics, Sailing, Scale (including Military), and the Submarines. I am hoping to generate a series of informational articles, over the coming issues, to help all members of the club (myself included) to get a better insight into what the people in the other disciplines of the club, find so enjoyable about their specific discipline. Since I have no idea what it is that the "High Speed Electric" group see in running a boat around in circles, for only three or four minutes. I would appreciate any input that any of *those* people, would be willing to provide. Being a canvas back, I know what it is that I like about sailing, and I am sure that some of the other canvas backs may not agree with my views on the subject. These people are more than welcome to add their two cents worth, in response to any of the sailing articles that I will be writing. Likewise the scale, and military people should feel free to join in the fun. *Mike*

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First Class



**January
Meeting
Notice:**

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

**Centennial Lakes
Garage (band room)**

Commodore:
Vice Commodore
Vice Commodore
Vice Commodore
Vice Commodore
Treasurer

Michael Ross
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Paul Olsen
Gary Anderson
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