



Is this your last newsletter? I have removed some people from the newsletter mailing list but there are still several members from last year that have not renewed their membership for this year or let me know that they would still like to continue to receive the newsletter. If you have a question on your membership status please get in touch with Julia Moen.

### August 2022 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

There was not a membership meeting due to my finally succumbing to covid right before the meeting date. This also meant that I missed my favorite event of the year, Light House Night #1, which by all reports it was one of the best events ever.

### Light House Night #1

From John Bishop:



From Jeff McCabe: Lighthouse night was big, at one point we had 20 boats on the water, no crashes, but one hung up in the line holding the fireworks raft.

From Rob Nopola (aka Little Bear Towing Co.): It was a fun event for sure. I arrived around 3, Tim Kowalik was already there with his 3d printed battleship. We tag teamed "harassing" the pedal boaters, racing them and shooting our water cannons towards them to their and our amusement. The children love this, and the Little Bears are mischievous.

This was my first lighthouse event and it was wonderful to see so many boats on the pond. Despite the plethora of boats, there were very few mishaps. David got his boat's prop hung up on the ropes, I wound my towing line around my prop a couple of times. The Minion, the two military boats, Dave's small tug and the Little Bears all took turns shooting water at the kids in the crowd. It's their fault as they dared to be squirted. All was impressive that night. The camera cannot do the lighted boats justice. Simply a fun and enjoyable evening!



Curt Peterson: It was a beautiful night for the event!



Todd Moen:



## Other news

The wind has not been our friend for most of the year - thankfully it seems to have blown itself out as we have had some very pleasant times just boating about and racing recently. Harvey Freeman posted this article on the ODOM forum: From today's Star Tribune (7/24/22): "So far in July nine days with gusts over 30 mph. June was the second windiest on record, and 4 months so far in 2022 have tied, broken or shattered the record for gusty days."

Several Sunday open sailing sessions were canceled due to high winds, but that changed for the 8/21 sailing on the south pond. Winds and weather were finally outstanding and we had 12-13 boats on the water, including Terry Mackey's DF 95 with the 'B' suit of sails. Many of the DF 95 sailors have opted for the 'B' sails which are smaller than the 'A' sails that ship with the boat. The smaller sails should allow for sailing in slightly higher winds when the ODOM's are overwhelmed. 'B' sails are popular in other parts of the country where higher winds are more a normal part of life. In addition to the 'A' sails Dragon Sailing offers the 'B', and then 'C' and 'D' sails also. There are YouTube videos of the 'D' rigs sailing in really high winds and in the video I watched the boats were mostly horizontal. I didn't see the appeal but if you are into extreme sailing maybe it is the thing for you! The nice thing about having a couple of different suits is that they should be able to be swapped out relatively easily for the different wind conditions.

More DF 95 news: Tony Johnson posted this link to a great YouTube video on tuning your DF 95: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDYxr2Xr1gk> , and Tony further notes that much in the video applies to the ODOM as well.

I have also been contacted by a person looking to purchase a DF 95 boat. Do you have one that you would like to sell? Let me know and I will get the two of you in touch.

Consider coming out on Sunday afternoon on the south pond from noon to 3:00 to join in the open sailing. This last Sunday saw a couple of boats belonging to newer sailors being fine-tuned by experienced sailors. Just interested in trying out sailing? This is the place for you. All types of help is available: getting rigging and sails set up for optimum performance, learning about racing, what boat to get, how to read the wind.

Major boat rescue attempt. On the south pond a boat went down and soon an unprecedented salvage attempt was underway. The operation was nicely chronicled in Facebook by Rob Segal where the rescue attempt was initiated by his future/probable son-in-law who works with underwater sonar equipment. The boat was located though Rob states that it was maybe more luck than the equipment as it was reported that the water was the most visually impenetrable experienced yet seen by the operator. Unfortunately the boat was not able to be recovered at that time and may yet be rescued by a future effort. See Facebook for more complete coverage of this adventure.



Dave Giovanini in Aberdeen SD sent these photos of his two J boats on the land and on the water:





Kevin Kavaney has the only J boat here in town and these boats are simply magnificent. We have to hope to see all three together some day.

You have seen quite a bit about and by newer(ish) member Rob Nopula in the newsletters, and if you have been to any of the ponds you have probably seen Rob there too. Rob has kindly offered to tell a little about himself and his RC boating experiences:

In high school (1980s) I bought the Dumas PT109 gas powered kit. The top half was lost during some moves of our home. All I have left is the hull which I set aside for now. Maybe I'll convert it someday to electric and a crab style fishing boat. Then there were trips to Paris where I enjoyed watching the pond yachts and RC sailboats in the Luxembourg and Tuileries Fountain ponds. The trips inspired me to purchase and build the T37 racing sailing sloop from Tippecanoe Boats (below and on the water last Sunday - JB). Then I bought and built the 36 inch Dumas Shelley Foss tugboat. I joined EMYC back around 2018. I sailed a few times but health issues, and then the various covids, kept me away. Sailing alone is fine but this club provides friendly camaraderie and a wealth of knowledge. And boat envy that will drain the pocketbook.



Rob Nopola

I have mentioned before but it is worth noting again that the club has benefited from a very large increase in the new membership over the past couple of years. Rob is just one of the many new members that have brought a new enthusiasm and dimension to the club.

### Coming up

September 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, starts the wrap up of activities for the year. Yes it is true, it is State Fair time already and once you get to the State Fair the year really zips by to conclusion. That Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> is a double event of the Lake Minnetonka Classic and Vintage Boat Show at Lord Fletchers during the day, and Light House Night #2 happens later that day on the middle pond as part of the Fall into the Arts Festival. I don't have information on the Boat Show yet and will pass it along as it is received.

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