



# SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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**Commodore's Corner:** Greetings all! By now the dust should be blown off the model(s) and the batteries in your transmitter charged up or replaced. The boating season is upon us.

The EMYCs biggest event of the year, the Parade of Model Boats is just around the corner. The event usually comes together nicely with many members lending a hand to make the event a success. If you haven't already spoken with John Bishop or me about helping out, please make it a point to do so.

At the last club meeting, I suggested that we get the membership together to help the city pick up the trash that litters the park after the long winter. As the idea came about rather last minute, there wasn't much time to communicate this event to the membership. Several club members did however, make it down to the park on April 26th to help out.. (See below, Ed.) The city of Edina extends their thanks to the club for our efforts. Dan

**What's The Meeting?:** Sailing tips. Learn the tricks of tuning and tweaking your sail powered machine.

**Where's The Meeting?:** Centennial Lakes Centrum.

**When's The Meeting?:** The third Tuesday, May 20th!

**Say Again, and Again!:** Several members have inquired as to the source of the information that Ken Stoltenberg used to build the ten second sound recorder that he demonstrated at the March meeting. The article was in the Jan./Feb. issue of *Model Engineer* magazine but is too lengthy to include in the newsletter. Consequently, I have made several copies of the piece and will have them available at the May meeting.

**Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up !:** Bishops (plural...Jamie showed-up too), Bros, Jones, Olsen, Proulx, Smith and Young made it to the Park Clean-Up session on April 26th. The biggest nuisances of the day were yellow plastic bristles from the park's rotary sweeper, closely followed by 14,276 (at last count) cigarette butts!

**Homepage:** We're still looking for a knowledgeable member to take over the upkeep of our web page. I read somewhere that it is possible for non profit, public service type organizations to work with, and have the University of Minnesota be their web server. Does anyone have any knowledge of this service? I wonder if the club would qualify?

**Deadline Note:** I would like to have the June issue completely filled with members hints and tips. Give me your ideas at the May meeting or anytime thereafter, by mail or phone. 100 words or less, please. That shouldn't

be too much to get down on paper. Deadline: June 5th so we can get to print prior to the Parade. Jim 831-8184

**Question of the Month:** Remember the intense effort expended during the 1980s by Presidents Reagan and Bush attempting to procure a 600 ship naval fleet?

**Q:** In addition to thousands of vessels such as landing ships and subchasers which only bore a number, how many named ships were used by the U.S.Navy during World War II?

Last month's question, If the Edmund Fitzgerald were placed on end in downtown Minneapolis, would it stand higher or lower than the IDS Center.....?

**Answer:** The Edmund Fitzgerald was 729 feet long, while the IDS Center rises to 775 feet. So!...The Fitzgerald would stand lower than the IDS, by 49 feet. (Both Norwest Center and First Bank Place rise to 774')

George Merrill came through with the correct answer this month. He wanted to know if I was looking for the building height with...or without the rooftop antennae. Geeze! There's always at least one aspiring trouble maker in the crowd! George also sent along next month's question...so, keep posted!

**Robbe, Robbe, Wherefore Art Thou, Robbe?:** As some of you may be aware, Pica and Robbe have terminated their marketing relationship. One of the largest distributors of Robbe helicopter equipment (Wayne Chernick of Heli North) is located in Big Lake, MN. Robbe has chosen Wayne as the new U.S. importer for their products. Robbe equipment will be available to our club at a 20% discount from list price. As more information is gathered about this, it will be communicated to the membership. Dan

**Good Buy:** Jene Sigvertsen wishes to sell his EC-12 meter sailboat to a good home. The boat has a red, white and mahogany Osmun hull with Osmun winch and sails. The Futaba radio is equipped with rechargeable batteries. A wheeled cart is included for ease of transportation. This 'like new', shoal draft boat, in which Jene has invested over \$900, is available for just \$600. Call Jene [REDACTED] for more information.

**Good Buy, Too:** Boat US, 8537 Lyndale Ave. So. has all stocked West System Products on sale through May 26th., at 17% off. That'll save you about five bucks on a quart of resin and seven ounces of hardener.

**Big Wheels:** I don't know the usual price of R/C car tires, but if you need bumpers for your latest big tug, the Bloomington AxMan has hundreds, in several tread designs. 3" dia., 3/4" and 1" wide. 75¢ to 95¢ each.

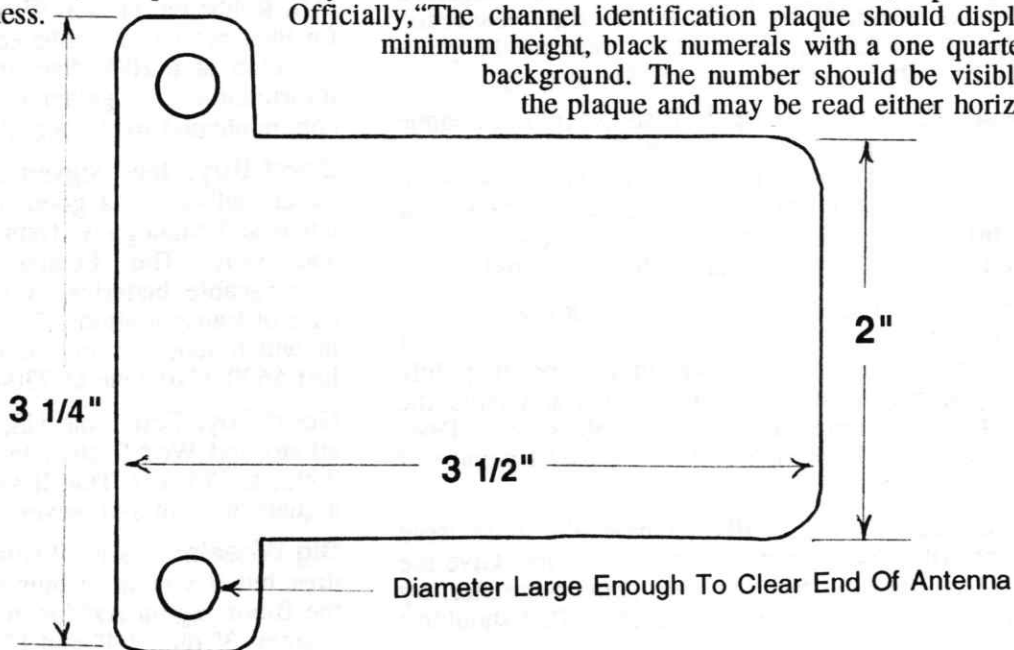
**Membership Meeting, 4/15/97:** 23 members in attendance. Commodore displayed the first of six club advertising barges. Dan commented on the newsletter, stating that it is the most important means of club communication. He asked members to contribute. Dan hopes for a large turn-out for our sailing tune up on May 25th. He commented on the popularity of the all-class sailboat regatta, last year, and hopes to be able to put one per month on the schedule this year. Dan spoke with Tom Shirley and offered the club membership for participation in the all-parks-clean-up-day on April 26th. Members will be contacted by phone. Buoys should be in place by early May. John Bishop noted that the Parade will be on the Centennial Lakes/Edinborough public calendar for May/June. Karl Bottemiller suggested imitating a San Francisco MYC racing/relay

event in which sailboats and electrics run sequentially in the same event. It was agreed to give this a try during open boating sessions. John Bishop stated that he had already reserved the Centrum building for the next Parade of Model Boats. The date: June 8, 1998. John asked members to fill out abbreviated data sheets for models at the parade in order to facilitate more accurate public address announcements. Joe Hjelmstad mentioned that he had a large supply of choice cherry wood available. Sizes range from 1/4" square to 1" square and run up to eight feet in length. Jim Smith stated that he had an electric trolling motor and set of transom mounted wheels which could be used on the soon to be purchased, retrieval boat. Price to the club: \$100.  
*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>May.</b>	20th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting (Sailing Tips)	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 8:00PM
	25th.(Sun.)	Sailing Tune-Up	South Pond 1:00PM - 4:00PM
<b>Jun.</b>	8th.(Sun.)	Parade of Model Boats	Centrum / South Pond 10:00AM - 4:00PM
	17th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting (Show and Tell)	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 8:00PM
<b>Jul.</b>	15th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting (Show and Tell)	Centrum Building 7:00PM - 8:00PM
	20th.(Sun.)	Big "E"	South Pond 1:00PM - 4:00PM
	26th.(Sat.)	Minnesota "Splash"	Both Ponds 10:00AM - 7:00PM
	31st.(Thur.)	Handicap Sailing	South Pond 6:00PM - 7:00PM

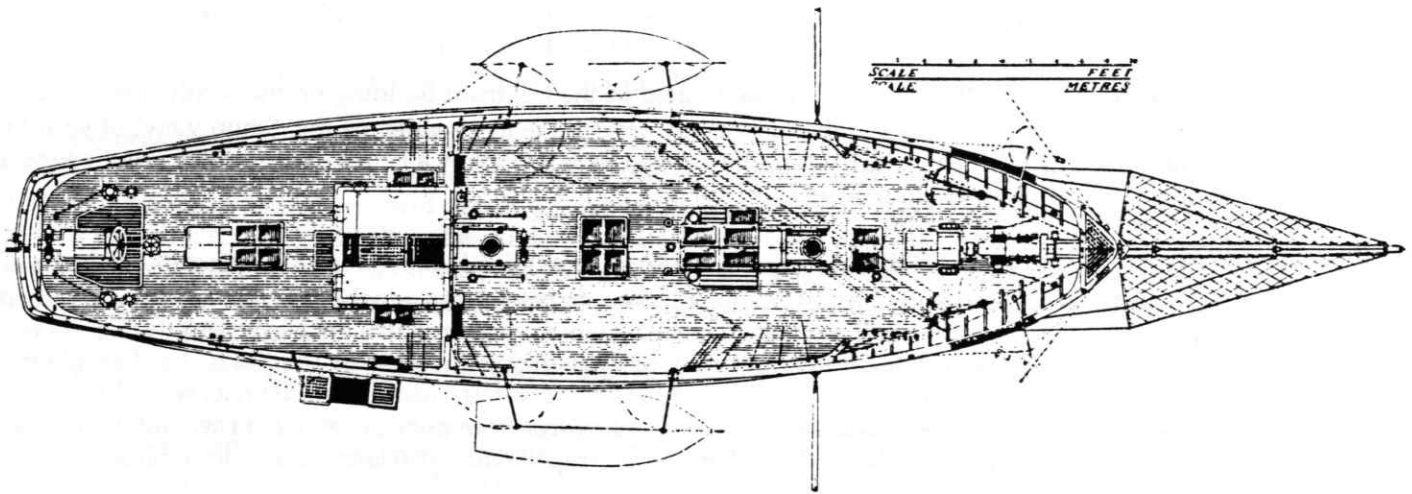
**Frequency Flags:** FCC requirements notwithstanding, it is also club policy that all transmitters be equipped with a flag designating the broadcast channel number. All new radios come with such a flag. If you have misplaced yours, or changed crystals, a simple replacement can be cut from an empty laundry bleach bottle. Simply cut one to the approximate outline shown below, add painted or vinyl stick-on numbers from the hardware store, slip it down the antenna and you're in business. Officially, "The channel identification plaque should display two digits, one and a half inch minimum height, black numerals with a one quarter inch stroke, on a white background. The number should be visible from both sides of the plaque and may be read either horizontally or vertically."



# EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB'S 6TH ANNUAL

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# MODEL BOAT SHOW



FROM SAILBOATS TO TUGS TO SUBS.....  
OVER 100 SCALE BOATS WILL PARTICIPATE

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH 1997**  
**11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

CENTENNIAL LAKES IN EDINA  
7499 FRANCE AVENUE SOUTH  
EDINA, MINNESOTA

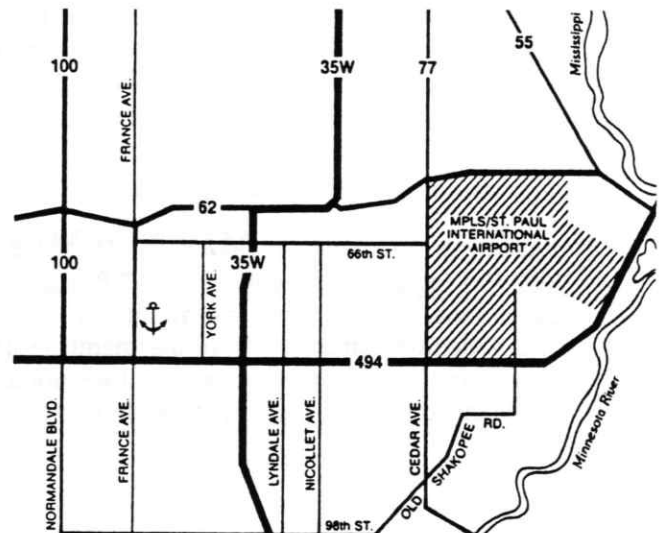
## Directions to Centennial Lakes Park:

### FROM SOUTH (easiest way)

Exit Interstate 494 at France Avenue (Northbound)  
Proceed North on France Avenue .3 mile, to W. 76th St.  
Take first right turn after 76th St. (Plaza Drive)  
Proceed straight ahead (down) to Centrum Bldg.  
Park on lower level, either left or right of Centrum  
Boating is at South Pond, right of Centrum, behind Circus Pizza

### FROM NORTH

Exit Crosstown Hwy. 62 at France Avenue (Southbound)  
Proceed South on France Avenue 1.5 miles to W. 76th St.  
Turn left on 76th St., make first left turn, into parking lot  
Wind through parking to Plaza Dr., turn right to Park Centrum



Food is available at Centennial Lakes Plaza from: McDonald's, Subway, Circus Pizza, Q Cumber's, Sarno's Two Guys From Italy, and a Coffee Shop

The **indoor display** is a great opportunity for you to show your boat(s) within the Centrum building and you are encouraged whenever not running to have your boats in this area. It will be protected by EMYC members at all times and certain areas of the room will be roped off to provide extra protection for those that want non-public-contact protection for their models.

The **membership/general information** table will provide a focal point for information about the hobby of radio controlled boating, the organization of the Edina Model Yacht Club, and information about the group and its activities. It will also act as a resource area for handing out literature. This area will be located in the entry of the Centrum building.

The **building projects** table will also be located in the Centrum Building on the south side. If you are currently in the process of dry dock construction and would like to give people the "shop view" of your boat, please bring it along. This often gives those not associated with the hobby a better understanding of the time and effort involved in finishing a boating project.

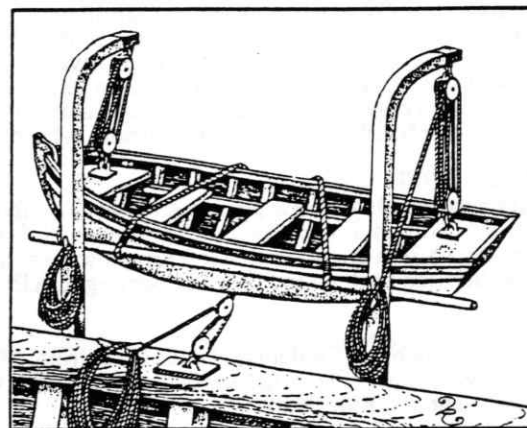
**Frequency Control** will allow us to track 36+ channels for independent operation of the boats. The frequency board will be used and if you run you will need to have a clip attached to your transmitter antenna displaying the frequency you're on. If you have finished running, please return the clip promptly. Conflicts will be resolved by sharing the available time for an event, or by changing out crystals. The EMYC has five additional crystals that can be loaned out, but if you have extra personal crystals please bring them as well. Transmitters may be stored in a protected area within the Centrum building free from public access, but each radio remains the personal responsibility of its respective owner. Charging and repairs may also take place within this area.

**Involvement** within the Parade of Model Boats is a rewarding part of the show. A lot of enthusiasm is usually generated during this event and the more you become involved the more you'll enjoy this event. Three different areas will be staffed by members-- membership/general information, frequency control, and the indoor display-- and if you would like to sign up for a one hour time slot in any of these areas please attend the upcoming May meeting or call John Bishop [REDACTED]. Additionally, if you would be interested in helping out in any other way for the Parade show please let the John Bishop know.

**Additional items** in no particular order: Food is also available from the surrounding complex and covers everything from fast to fine dining. Members and guests will be able to relax within an environment of couches and chairs (behind the scenes) throughout the day. Benches will be set up outside for spectators' comfort. Paddle boats will be rented out but will not be allowed to run beyond the flagged-off area just North-East of the Centrum building. The water of Centennial Lakes is treated by the City of Edina and will hopefully be weed-free.

This newsletter is sent out to club members, local hobby shops, and several R/C boating clubs in surrounding areas. If you are not a club member but would like to participate in this event, please feel free to attend and run with us. No advance reservation is required, but if you would like us to know that you are coming or if you need more specific information than what is listed in this newsletter you may write to the Edina Model Yacht Club, Centennial Lakes Centrum, 7499 France Avenue South, Edina, Minnesota 55435, or call John Bishop [REDACTED] or Dan Proulx [REDACTED].

Please plan to attend the **May 20th Meeting** at 7:00 PM for a final review of the '97 Parade of Model Boats show. We'll discuss last minute items of concern and welcome comments from the membership in the final planning stages of our event. If we don't see you at the meeting, we'll see you at the show!





# '97 Parade of Model Boats-Final Details

by John Bishop

**The Parade of Model Boats show will take place on Sunday, June 8th, from 11:00 AM to 4:00PM, with the setup beginning at 10:00AM.** The show is planned to provide entertainment for the general public and to introduce the hobby of radio controlled model boating. But equally important, it is a chance for our club members to meet new people, display and run all types of boats, and have some fun for an afternoon. It is our club's main event of the year and has proven to be very enjoyable and rewarding for those that have participated. Be advised that even if it does rain, the Parade Show continues, as an indoor display until the weather cooperates and permits us to run outdoors.

The show is organized in a way that will expose, up close, all aspects of the hobby. For the entire time of the show, a membership/general information table will be staffed by club members to answer specific questions about R/C boating, a building area will reveal current projects under construction, and an indoor display within the Centrum building will allow the public to view all of the boats up close when they are not running on the water. In an attempt to create an entertaining show for running, a schedule has been organized that provides a chance for all types of boats to be operated several times during what we have considered to be optimum operating hours for the day.

The following is the **schedule of events** for Sunday, June 8th:

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Setup</b> indoor membership, building, and display areas. Setup outdoor running and frequency control areas. Setup and test outdoor P.A. and music systems. Display signs
<b>10:50 AM</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b> in Centrum building. Review schedule, frequency use, answer questions, etc.
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Indoor Display</b> within the Centennial Lakes Centrum Building. All boats will be on display. This is a great opportunity for club members to get reacquainted again and browse around the room to see new projects. It also a great time for the general public to collectively see all the boats and builders in one place. Final show preparation can include buffing and battery charging.
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Open Boating/Open Water</b> A general introduction to the Edina Model Yacht Club and the hobby of radio controlled boating will be presented during this segment. Everyone is invited to run during this half-hour time period. This opening event is set up so as to show the variety and diversity of R/C boats among the membership of the EMYC.
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Military Boats</b> flotilla including PT's, destroyers, battleships, a sub, etc.
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Fairwind Fleet</b> demonstration and racing events
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Fast Electric Boats</b> display of individual high speed boats and several group racing events
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Electric and Steam Boats</b> running types includes tugboats, work boats, cruisers, pleasure craft, barges, paddle boats, steamers, etc. <b>Smoke and Rescue</b> new for this year, involves a smoldering R/C boat that will be doused with water from EMYC boats equipped with water cannons.
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Other Sail Boats</b> includes anything other than a Fairwind. AC-914, Marblehead, EC12, Schooners, Sloops, etc. are all invited.
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Open Boating/Open Water</b> will fill the remaining hour of the show and provide for a relaxing post-show running opportunity for EMYC members and Parade show guests. Members can continue to run for as long as they want. Frequency use after 4:00 PM will be at the discretion of each individual member.

# May Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)  
**Tuesday, May. 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Centennial Lakes  
Centrum Building**

Commodore:	Dan Proulx
Vice Commodore	Dave Bros
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