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NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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Commodore's Corner: No words of wisdom from our leader this month, but he asked me to remind you of the upcoming nominations at the Sept. meeting.

Nomination of Officers: It may be hard to believe, but the club year is drawing to a close.

Nominations for the position of Commodore, and separately for the four Board positions will be accepted from the membership at the September club meeting.

Carefully consider the person or persons whom you would like to see leading our organization during the next twelve months. We would like to have at least two members interested in the position of Commodore to accept nomination, and five or more willing to accept for the four Board positions. Any current member may be nominated to either or both of these positions. Although a member may nominate himself or herself, all nominations do require a second. If your nominee is unable to attend the meeting, please determine his or her willingness to serve prior to placing their name in nomination. All currently paid up members are eligible for nomination (The present Commodore, Dan Proulx and Board members Doug Campbell and Dave Bros, having served two consecutive terms, are ineligible).

Mailed (only) ballots will be counted at, and new officers introduced at the Dry Dock Party in November. Term of office will run until the Dry Dock Party of 1998, or December 31, 1998, whichever occurs first.

Roster: An up-to-date membership list is enclosed to enable you to identify all who are eligible for nomination.

Radio Discipline: One simple rule! Do not turn any transmitter on at the pond until ascertaining that no other radio is in use on that frequency!

Hobby Shop Notice! Rumor has it that some hobby shop owners are reluctant to display our newsletter since it contains advertising for another shop. We are very pleased that Dan Ring has seen fit to support us over the last several years. If you would like to have an ad for your shop appear herein, please forward it (2 1/4" x 5") along with a check in the amount of \$75 for the 1998 calendar year (11 issues) to: Gary Phillips, Treasurer, at our Centennial Lakes address on the cover sheet.

Question of the Month: Last month's answer:

(What other Federal ship was involved during the engagement of the *USS Monitor* and *CSS Merimack* on March 9, 1862?)

Ans: The steam Frigate, *USS Minnesota*.

(You really should have gotten this one, guys!)
We had no correct answers this month!

Q: The Japanese battleships *Yamato* and *Musashi* had the largest guns ever used on a naval vessel, with a bore of 18.1 inches (460mm). What was the weight of a single turret on these super-battleships?

Antique Boat Rendezvous: Ten members attended our first event of August, the *22nd Annual Lake Minnetonka Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous*. After an appearance by the world's largest "weed eater" several modelers managed to entertain the spectators by sailing and squirting. Participants started to leave by noon...unfortunately, no additional members appeared to replace them. Perhaps, if we're invited back next year, we can organize things a bit better. Morning and afternoon teams would insure that we don't display an empty booth before closing time at 4:00PM.

Lighthouse Night: A chill breeze (an all time record low, high temperature for the day) and enough of a drizzle to cause the band concert to be cancelled did not pull the switch on Lighthouse Night. Twenty-three members brought twenty-one boats to display and run. Our Commodore ran his "Polizei" (Is that Polish for Pizza delivery ?) boat for the first time. It sounded as good as it looked. Ken Stoltenberg's new liner *Normandie* was very impressive. Unfortunately, a bit more ballast will be required to keep her on an even keel. I think the prototype had the same problem! Chris Haertil's scratch built destroyer slammed into the wall resulting in considerable damage to the bow when another transmitter was fired up on channel 78. To repeat Yogi Berra's famous words, it "seems like deja-vu all over again" guys! Please, let's be a bit more observant and careful out there!

All Class Regatta: A grey and threatening dawn evolved into a blue sky dotted with cheerful cumulus by race time. Eighteen members hauled 14 boats out to the North pond for the regatta; 5 Fairwinds, 3 Marbleheads, 2 Seawinds, 1 EC-12, 1 Yamaha, 1 Tradewind, and a 1-meter. There were the usual frequency conflicts which resulted in a maximum of ten or eleven boats on the water at any one time. A light and variable wind seemed to level the playing field as demonstrated by the winners. The first five heats were won by a Seawind, Yamaha, Tradewind, Marblehead and the EC-12. The big boats appeared to have no advantage in the prevailing conditions. It was interesting to note the number of built-up and partially built-up boats in evidence as opposed to the abundance of Fairwinds in years past. We'll have to wait and see if that trend continues at the Columbus Day gathering!

Membership Meeting, 8/19/97: 23 members in attendance. D.Proulx made a brief report on Handicap sailing. We had more members in attendance than guests. Suggestion was made to have a permanent notice of club logo clothing put in newsletter. Dan noted that the September meeting will be nominating time for Commodore and Board for '98. Time to give something back to the organization. Dry Dock party on November 8th needs a chair person. D.Bros suggested reducing dues to \$15. After discussion, suggestion was withdrawn. Dave had photos of San Francisco MYC boats and venue. Next year will be their 100th anniversary. Maybe worth a visit! Mention was made of the accident at the Lighthouse

event. Frequency control will be stressed in future. Dave will check with park to see if an unobtrusive frequency control board can be mounted on park property, adjacent to our boating area. Dan would like small logo stickers to be available for members to place on boats, sails, etc. He will check on cost. J.Smith suggested that we place a notice in the newsletter advising hobby shops that they can advertise in the newsletter. Approved. A.Zbikowski reported on club web page. It's currently on his own isp account. To get our own domain, name would cost about \$500 per year. Group felt that was excessive. G.Pfeifer said that he would check with his employer to see if we could get some free space on their server. *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
Sep.	16th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centrum Building
		(Nominations & Kit Reviews)	
	20th.,21st.	St. Louis Admirals Regatta	Union Station, St. Louis
	21st.(Sun.)	Fast Electric Regatta	South Pond
			1:00PM - 4:00PM
Oct.	12th.(Sun.)	Columbus Day Regatta	North Pond
	21st.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centrum Building
		(To Be Announced)	
Nov.	8th.(Sat.)	Dry Dock Party	Centrum Building
	18th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centrum Building
		(Swap Meet)	

Radio waves: I recently contacted Futaba in regard to having my old seven channel (gold case) Futaba radio converted from 72 to 75 mHz. The service technician at Futaba recommended that I contact Radio South in Florida for this work. Tony Steelman at Radio South stated that they specialize in this type of service on all current radio brands and several that are no longer in production. To switch your radio from air (72mHz) to surface (75mHz) will cost about \$40. Narrow banding is an additional \$15. They will also convert European (40 and 41mHz) equipment to the FCC required, 75mHz. Our Winter "slow time" is an excellent time to get this kind of work accomplished.

Radio South is located at: 3702 N Pace Blvd. Pensacola, FL 32505. [REDACTED]

Website at: < <http://www.wtp.net/DBEST/radiosouth/RS1.html> >

Gary Phillips

Ace, Alive!: I had a telephone conversation with a representative of Ace R/C on August 20th. I was advised that as of 8/19, Ace was back in production. They will fill back orders first and then attempt to build an inventory which will preclude excessive order delays. Those twin stick radios may be available, at last! (Don't hold your breath, Ed.) *Gary Phillips*

Twin Sticks?: The February issue of the British magazine, *Model Marine* illustrated a twin throttle stick gimbal available for Futaba radios. It replaces the left side, two directional stick gimbal on your 4, 5 or 6 channel radio with a two, parallel forward-aft stick unit. Futaba, USA told me that they won't be available here! I am checking with a contact in the UK to ascertain cost and availability through England. The work necessary should be minimal...unsolder six wires, remove four screws, remove old and install new gimbal, replace the screws, and re-solder. This will result in a transmitter similar to, and much cheaper than either the Ace, Robbe or Sub-Tech radios. *Bob Jones*

Good Deals: Tim Crain has an unpainted, fully functional *Fairwind II* for sale for \$150. This baby is complete with a Futaba SP-T2GS two stick radio on channel 76. I don't think you can find a better buy than this on a *Fairwind*!

Tim would also like to dispose of a Traxiss *Villian IV* twin drive ocean racer. This boat has a mechanical speed control, a Futaba SP-T2BC, pistol type radio on Channel 72 and can be yours for \$150. A charger and two six cell packs will add another \$50 to the price. Give Tim [REDACTED] if you are interested in either of these boats.

Tugs Galore!: Since we had such an enjoyable time last year in New Orleans, Corinne and I and 45 others headed west over the Labor Day weekend to attend the Tugboat Enthusiasts Society of the Americas 1997 gathering in Seattle, Olympia and Portland. In addition to crawling all over some fifty tugs, we managed to secure a ride on Foss Maritime's oldest boat, the 108 year old *Arthur Foss*; Crowley Marine's winner of the Seattle Tug Race, the 7,200 horsepower *Hunter*; and Shaver's newest river tow, the 91 foot, *Deschutes* with its 45 foot high pilot house. The performance of the *Deschutes* reminded me of a Valley Fair ride with its dual 360 degree rotatable drives. *Jim Smith*

Edina Model Yacht Club

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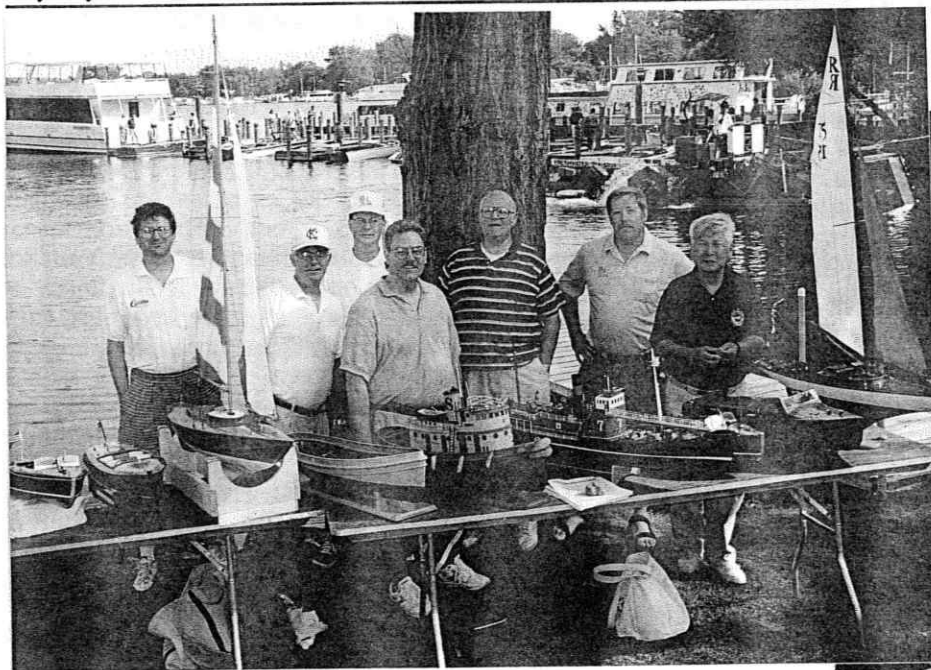
Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Boat(s)Year
Anderson, Glenn		West St Paul	55118		OQC 97
Anderson, Ralph		Richfield	55423		F 97
Bach, Bill		Bloomington	55437		97
Balay, J. Michael		Edina	55424		97
Baskerville, Marty		Edina	55435		FA 97
Bishop, John		Edina	55424		FSCT 97
Blaha, Kyle		White Bear Lk	55110		PW 97
Blais, Harold		Bloomington	55420		F 97
Bottemiller, Karl		New Hope	55428		CT 97
Boyer, Lyle		Bloomington	55438		FSC 97
Bros, David		Minneapolis	55424		FOTW 97
Brust, Kirk		Richfield	55423		C 97
Campbell, Doug		Minneapolis	55417		FMSO 97
Capiz, Stephen		Mendota Heights	55120		W 97
Crawford, Rodney		Excelsior	55331		MP 97
Dodson, John		Shorewood	55331		O 97
Dokken, Jon		Woodbury	55125		EOP 97
Edge, Dick		St. Paul	55106		OPS 97
Eilers, Harry		Sarasota, FL	34232		O 97
Erickson, Tom		Edina	55424		97
Esse, Ronald		Edina	55439		W 97
Field, Orrin		Edina	55435		F 97
Frank, J.W. "Bill"		St. Paul	55118		A 97
Fredrickson, Jerry		Bloomington	55431		97
Freeman, Warren		Plymouth	55447		97
Gowdy, Kim		Edina	55436		A 97
Halverson, David		Plymouth	55447		CO 97
Hershey, Kimberly		St. Louis Park	55426		TO 97
Hjelmstad, Joseph		Battle Lake	56515		P 97
Horan, Larry		Edina	55424		FSW 97
Iverson, Kenneth		Edina	55439		TP 97
Jacobsen, Doug		Minnetonka	55345		97
Jester, Robert		St. Louis Park	55416		FAO 97
Johnson, Dale		Bloomington	55425		P 97
Johnson, Rick		Edina	55439		F 97
Johnson, Tony		Excelsior	55331		FAO 97
Johnston, Jim		Edina	55436		FP 97
Jones, Robert		Apple Valley	55124		FEP 97
Kartes, Tony		Bloomington	55438		FW 97
Kirihara, Mikio		Bloomington	55420		MOP 97
Kjellberg, Dick		South St. Paul	55075		MTS 97
Larson, Robert		Edina	55424		F 97
Liljequist, Kurt		Plymouth	55441		W 97
McCabe, Jeff		Bloomington	55431		FMST 97
McMahon, Neal		St. Paul	55104		F 97
Merrill, George		Roseville	55113		TC 97
Metz, Stephen		St. Paul	55104		FOS 97
Meyers, Steve		Wayzata	55391		F 97
Mielke, David		Bloomington	55420		O 97
Mielke, Robert		Delano	55328		97
Miller, Paul		Wyoming	55092		WCT 97
Nelson, Joel		Eden Prairie	55346		P 97
Olsen, Paul		Bloomington	55420		FMOT 97
Parker, George		Eden Prairie	55347		97
Patterson, Don		Plymouth	55447		97
Pearson, Donald		Deephaven	55391		97

Sailboat Codes: F=Fairwind, E=12-M, M=Marblehead, A=CR914 O=Other Sail
 Non-Sail. Codes: C=Commercial / Workboat, T=Tug, P=Pleasure, S=Speedboat, W=Warship / Military, Q=Other Non-Sail

Trinkets: Club logo emblazoned shirts, hats, jackets, etc. can be obtained from Team Mates, Inc. in Burnsville. Contact Mike Little or Sharon Moline [REDACTED] They have both the original, 'sailboat style' logo and the newly designed 'international signal flags' style available for embroidery on their, or your clothing item.

The "Big Show": The St. Louis admirals want you! Their Sept.20-21st show has the following classes: Pleasure Craft/Sail Boats, Commercial, Work, River Work, Military & Government under 150', Military & Government over 150', Runabouts, Miniature, Scratch Built and Self-Designed Boats. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be presented in all of the listed classes in addition to Skipper's Choice, Admiral's Prize and Best of Show awards. Flyers will be available at our September meeting, or call me for additional information. *Jim*

Photos: I recently became aware that the Mail Boxes, Etc. store in Southtown has a feature on their newly installed black and white copiers called "photo enhance". I can now add photographs to the newsletter, of the quality illustrated below, at no extra cost. As a matter of fact, by purchasing copies in bulk, the newsletter can be printed for 21¢ per copy, or about 15% below the "other place"! Unfortunately, I'll have to spend an extra couple of hours folding, since Mail Boxes doesn't have a folding machine! Ugh! If the idea of photos strikes your fancy, why not send me copies of pictures you have taken at club events and you'll see 'em right here in a future issue! Don't expect to get your shots returned. Since I'm bound too loose track of them and will probably cut most to fit space anyway, I don't want to make any promises that I can't keep. So! Send me copies! My address is on the cover page.



At The Lake Minnetonka Rendezvous

The Famous "Lighthouse"



Ken and the
"Normandie"



What's Wrong
With This Boat?



September Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)

Tuesday, September 16th

7:00 P.M.

**Centennial Lakes
Centrum Building**

Commodore:	Dan Proulx
Vice Commodore	Dave Bros
Vice Commodore	Doug Campbell
Vice Commodore	George Pfeifer
Vice Commodore	Joe Hjelmstad
Treasurer	Gary Phillips

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