

# EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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### “Theodore” Tug Boat

By **Todd Moen**

When I first saw the “Theodore” tug on the Centennial Lakes pond owned by Paul Olsen, it brought back memories of watching the Canadian TV series about “Theodore” a tugboat who

lives in the Big Harbour with his many friends who are also boats. The many boats and equipment were all radio controlled, during the filming of this children’s TV series.

The original idea for the series came to Halifax native Andrew Cochran, as he tried to explain the unique characteristics and work of Halifax Harbour vessels to his three-year-old son while walking along the Halifax waterfront. They saw two tugboats and a large container ship,

which appeared to be having a conversation as the boat horns were blowing. According to Cochran, “When you are with kids, you tend to give human characteristics to buildings, cars and boats.” Cochran and his production company, Cochran Entertainment, went on to lead the development of the series with the CBC in Canada, starting in 1989. Production commenced in 1992 with the first broadcasts aired on CBC in 1993.

As a result of the popularity of the TV series, Cochran commissioned a life-sized replica of Theodore Tugboat



“Theodore Too” in Halifax, Nova Scotia Photo taken by Bill Uhl

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#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

February 19, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	Membership Meeting
March 19, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m	Membership Meeting
April 16, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m	Membership Meeting

**COMMODORE'S CORNER**



**By Wayne Snyder**

**W**hat a great presentation from Captain Dave last meeting. Its got to be fulfilling to be in control of such a large

machine. Jonathan Kessler from Control Freaks will be our next presenter. The Ramsey outing is now scheduled for Wednesday, June 5. It will be midday this year with vendors for food and a band. They are trying to attract more visitors. I expressed the concern of many in the club about a different place to launch our crafts. I will go up there the week before and see if we can decide how to resolve this issue. I think he said they may be able to get a dock in the pond but don't know this for sure. I can use suggestions for March's program. If anyone goes to winter sailing contests or other activities in the warm parts of the country it would be great to hear about them.

I have gotten the sails off the sail boat we are going to give to the blind organization and Joy has washed them. I have yet to add any thing to the hull as far as control lines for the sails. Any ideas are very welcome for this project. - *Wayne Snyder - Commodore*

**Special Thanks...**To members that contributed their time to this issue: Bill Uhl, John Bertelsen, Dale Johnson & Wayne Snyder. - *Todd Moen*

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## NAUTICAL KNOW-IT-ALL - RIVER QUIZ

By Orrin D. Waters

**H**ow well do you know the rivers of North & Central America?  
Answer this quiz to find out.

1. Which river runs through the third largest city in the US?  
A. Chicago      B. Buffalo Bayou      C. Los Angeles      D. Missouri
2. How many rivers are there in New York City?  
A. Two      B. Four      C. Three      D. Five
3. Which of the 50 US states has the most rivers?  
A. Washington      B. Rhode Island      C. Minnesota      D. Alaska
4. Which North American city would you find the Red, the Assiniboine, the La Salle and the Seine Rivers?  
A. Fargo, North Dakota      B. Montreal, Quebec  
C. St. Cloud, Minnesota      D. Winnipeg, Manitoba
5. How many rivers form part of the border between the US and Canada?  
A. Six      B. Nine      C. Three      D. Twelve
6. The city of St. John, New Brunswick lies at the mouth of what river?  
A. Passamaquoddy River      B. St. John River      C. Miramichi River      D. Restigouche River
7. What is the longest river in Mexico?  
A. Rio Bravo      B. Rio Balsas      C. Rio Caliacan      D. Rio Lerma-Santiago
8. Where does the Columbia River rise and where does it debouche into the Pacific?  
A. Columbia Glacier, Alberta/Seattle, Washington  
B. Rocky Mountain Trench in B.C./ west of Astoria, Oregon  
C. Columbia Glacier, Alberta/Siuslaw, Oregon      D. Columbia Lake, B.C./Portland, Oregon
9. What is the longest river in Canada?  
A. Fraser      B. Mackenzie      C. St. Lawrence      D. Yukon
10. What percentage of the world's rivers are in Canada?  
A. 25%      B. 50%      C. 33.3%      D. 20%

## ANSWER TO DECEMBER'S KNOW-IT-ALL QUESTION

The life sized model boat kit was built by Swedish artist Michael Johansson. It was built using a dinghy and welded together for an art exhibition in Malmo, Sweden in 2001. It currently remains "unbuilt"

## "Theodore" Tug Boat (cont.)

(nicknamed "Theodore Too") to satisfy the many requests for the character's personal appearances.

The Halifax, Nova Scotia-based producer of family programming, stated that the Theodore vessel is "committed to helping children and families be safe while having fun in and on the water."

"Theodore" is also the "spokes boat" and official Ambassador of the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC). As Theodore says, "Be Boat Smart From The Start. Wear Your Life Jacket!"

Built at Snyder's Shipyard in Dayspring, near Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, the "Theodore Too" boat was fitted with large, movable cartoon eyes and a big red baseball cap.

"Theodore Too" was designed by two Nova Scotians, Fred Allen and naval architect Marius Lengkeek, the ocean-going "Theodore" Tugboat runs with the help of a captain and two full-time crew members.

The twenty-meter-long (65 feet), seven-meter-wide (22 foot), 105-ton vessel is powered by a 400-horsepower Caterpillar 3406 turbocharged diesel engine. It carries enough fuel for a cruising range of about 800 miles.

The boat's face (with hydraulically controlled blinking eyes),



"Theodore Too" photos taken in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

## “Theodore” Tug Boat (cont.)

hat and smokestack were made of fiberglass.

The \$1 million dollar tug debuted in Boston Harbor joining the Tall Ships during Sail Boston 2000 from July 11-16 and also made an appearance in the Washington area to commemorate National Transportation Week and National Maritime Day. “Theodore Tugboat” appeared twice on the NBC-TV Emmy-winning Rosie O’Donnell Show.

“Theodore Too” was captained by Bill Stewart (aka Captain Jerome), a veteran tugboat captain with over 25 year’s experience who spent nine years as a 44-foot motor lifeboat coxswain in the Canadian Coast Guard.

The boat displays a number of prop details such as winches and towing bits inspired from real tugs but operates as a tour boat, not a real tug boat. The Theodore Too is available for harbor tours in Halifax at Murphy’s Cable Wharf and Restaurant. A Mini-documentary highlights the making of Theodore as a traditional ship build with hand crafted techniques combined with CAD design on YouTube. Article compiled from various sources. -*Todd Moen*



“Theodore” boats by EMYC members Paul Olsen shown on left & Bill Uhl’s shown above.



The “Theodore” boats at Centennial Lakes last November - Photo by Todd Moen

# AT THE JANUARY MEETING

Captain David Robb presented his last year's unique experience in navigating the Netherland's cargo ship Alamosborg through the Aerial Lift Bridge Canal into the Duluth/Superior harbor.

This ship was recently built by Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding Co. Ltd. in Shanghai, China. It is owned by the Dutch Company Wagonborg Shipping and was first launched in 2011. It arrived in Duluth to pick up a shipment of wind turbine parts that were manufactured in North Dakota & being shipped to Brazil.



Top photo: Approaching Duluth  
Center photo: Wind turbine blades fully loaded  
Below Right: Loading the wind turbine blades  
Below Left: Docking at the Duluth Terminal.



**EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB  
INCOME and EXPENSES 2012**

Bank Balance Jan 1, 2012	\$131.72
<b>INCOME 2012</b>	
Dues 83 Adults 2 Youth	\$2,055.00
Ads	\$380.00
Donations	\$130.00
River Cruise	\$765.00
Dock Party sur charge	\$225.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,555.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES 2012</b>	
Newsletter	\$994.65
Web Site	\$143.40
Parade of Boats	\$88.48
River Cruise	\$765.00
Misc	\$114.35
Dock Party	\$1,167.46
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$3,273.34</b>
 <b>Balance 12-31-12</b>	 <b>\$413.38</b>
Respectfully Submitted Larry Wheeler Treasurer	

**PLEASE WELCOME  
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MEMBERS**



Candy Buending



David Buending



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## FEBRUARY MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013 7:00 P.M.  
CENTENNIAL LAKES GARAGE BAND ROOM

### AGENDA:

-Jonathan Kessler from Control Freaks Hobby Store  
-new products for the RC hobbies.

Show and Tell - Bring your winter building projects!

### Special Interest Contacts:

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