

# EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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### 2005 SPECTACULAR IN HINDSIGHT



**By Andy Valentine**

If you weren't here you missed the best one yet. In spite of the returning windy conditions we had a great time and have already started planning for 2006.

Registration in numbers was about the same at 15 registered competitors. As mentioned above, it must be stated that we could not have this much fun on the water without the crew from Mazomanie. Another bumpy chapter written in the book of "Dan Proulx vs. Doug Peterson - Boil the Water." The return of Paul Pachmayer of Antioch, IL was well received.



This man brings a lot of great attitude (drives the bright yellow bumblebee Dodge Ram, and loves Metallica in the morning). A new face appeared in the park, Klaus Mueller with his strengths being in the open hydro classes. These boats move, you blink and that's the race. The usual group of club members rounded out the program and added several boats to the mix since 2004.

Another great show of support from our sponsors this year! With no impact to the clubs wallet we were able to offer food and beverage, produce some top notch awards and replace the aging Minkota trolling motor on the club Pelican (retrieval boat). A 40lb thrust motor with new battery ought to motivate the Pelican at an appropriate rate of the speed.

**2005 Spectacular continues on 6**

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- *Open Boating every Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. and every Sunday 4:30 - 9:00 p.m. -*
- October 8, Sat .....9:30 am .....ODOM Regatta
- October 18, Tues .....7:00-9:00 pm .....Membership Meeting
- October 22, Sat .....11:00 am-4:00 pm .....Nautical Model Shipbuilders Show

COMMODORE'S CORNER



By Paul Olsen

Here we are in October and it is time once again to elect club officers. I have had the honor of serving as Commodore for the past two years and according to club bylaws it is now time to pass the torch.

There will be an election of officers for 2006 on October 18, 2005. Nominations will remain open until then. So far, the following have been nominated:

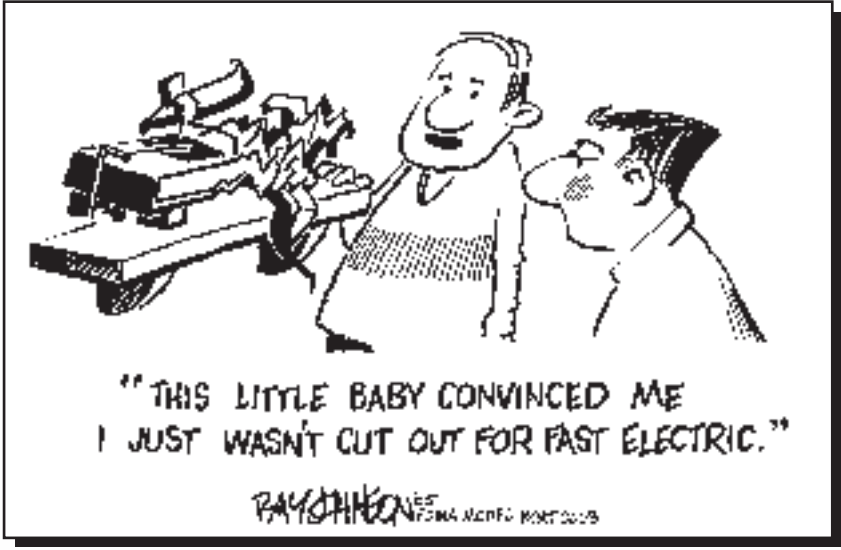
- Commodore: Dan Lewandowski
- Vice Commodores (4)
  - Alex Raupp
  - Andy Valentine
  - Terry Mackey
  - Larry Wheeler

Treasurer: Mickey Kirihara.  
Editor: Dale Johnson.

Anyone who wishes to run for any of these positions, please come to the October meeting and we'll see that your name gets on the ballot.

Please bring in your projects to share with the group after elections. See you at the meeting.

—Paul Olsen



POST-SEASON  
**DRY DOCK PARTY**

EMYC members and their significant others are invited to celebrate the end of the season on Saturday, November 12, at the Centennial Lakes Centrum from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

The Reception Hour begins at 6:00 pm and Dinner at 7:00 pm

All members are entitled to invite one guest, if a youth member would like both parents to attend arrangements can be made.

Please join us for this wonderful party. For your reservations you must call before November 1st 2005.

You can call: Mickey Kirihara  
Doug Person  
or Paul Olsen

**EMYC New Member**  
Al Bickford  
— Welcome to the Club —

# AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2005



By Jim Smith

Commodore, Paul Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Commodore asked new members and guests to introduce themselves. Al Bickford introduced himself. He is a retired Honeywell engineer who discovered the club at our Parade of Boats. He is working on a 'Northwind' that he says will not be finished before freeze-up.

Terry Mackey encouraged members to bring all club 'Fairwind' sailboats to the Center pond for a big, no rules gathering on Sept. 24th. He also mentioned a similar ODOM sailing event on the North pond on Oct. 8th.



New member Al Bickford.

Andy Valentine gave a very brief rundown on the Fast Electric Spectacular in late August. 15 boaters participated, running 72 boats of various sizes. Framed plaques were awarded to winners. Enough cash was generated to purchase a new trolling motor and enough remained to purchase a club membership in NAMBA. (There should be a report elsewhere in this newsletter).

Commodore reported on a confrontation between two club members



Commodore Paul Olsen presides at the September meeting.

over the use of a common radio frequency. Grave threats were made...so much so, that the Police became involved. The member who made the threats submitted his "permanent resignation" from the club. The Board replied to his letter accepting "permanent resignation."

Commodore had a serious discussion with the second member and believes that the matter is now closed. Commodore reiterated how important it is for members to share frequency usage in an equitable manner. Let common sense prevail!

Dan Lewandowski asked if there was any indoor pool venue available for Winter running. Commodore said that he would check with the park manager regarding the use of the Edinborough pool.

Treasurer reported that our current bank balance is just over \$3,300... sufficient to proceed with plans for our annual Dry Dock party.

Commodore mentioned our satisfaction with Famous Dave's the past two parties and asked for volunteers to work on the party. Tom Taft, Andy Valentine, Mikio Kiriara, Dan Lewandowski and Dick Walker volunteered.



Meeting September 20, 2005 with 37 members in the band room.

After asking if there were any members interested in being club treasurer or newsletter editor for 2006, Commodore asked Mikio Kiriara and Dale Johnson if they would continue in those positions for another year. Both agreed.



**Andy Valentine.**

Commodore then asked for nominations to the position of Commodore and Vice-Commodore for 2006. Dan Lewandowski accepted nomination for Commodore. Mikio Kirihara, Terry Mackey, Alex Raupp, Andy Valentine and Larry Wheeler accepted nomination to the position of Vice

Commodore. Nominations were held open until the October meeting, at which time additional nominations will be entertained and an election will be held if deemed necessary.

Show-n-Tell: Evan McNaughton, with the assistance of his Granddad, showed his new Vac-U-Tug kit to the members. He hopes that he and his dad can get it completed by Spring.

Vern Grimes showed his Dumas Mt. Washington paddle wheeler. He has doubts about the stability of this model. He is making every effort to keep the



**Evan McNaughton shows his latest boat project.**

superstructure light to prevent upset. He may add a short, weighted keel for stability.

Dale Johnson showed several turned brass bezels with photographically reproduced film inserts of various panel gauges for his ChrisCraft boats. He supplied a magnifying glass so that we old timers could read the instruments.



**Vern Grimes and his Mt Washington Model.**

Don Sektan suggested that members use large numbers cut from calendars to identify frequencies in use with our transmitters. It's an especially good idea when switching out crystals at the pond. Sheet material cut from plastic milk cartons makes passable flags for holding the numbers.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:20PM**



**Just received a New Catalogue!**



**EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB**  
Your contact for Yacht Club "Logo Gear" is  
**Doug Person** [REDACTED]  
I have three fantastic catalogues filled with clothing choices you can select to have embroidered by Team Mates, Egan. Some clothing examples include: Polo and Chambrarty Denim shirts... Sweatshirts, Jackets, Caps, Vests, or your own shirt or jacket, etc. Embroidery options include our club logo and/or burgee with your name, boat name, number, etc. Typical costs range from about \$28.00 to \$33.00 (of course, price will depend upon the garment choice and amount of embroidery you choose)

***Fly your colors...EMYC!!***

# NAUTICAL MODEL SHIPBUILDERS SOCIETY SHOW



**Nautical Model Shipbuilders Society to Hold Jim McFadden Annual Show on Saturday October 22, 2005**

**T**he Nautical Model Shipbuilders Society will hold the Jim McFadden Annual Model Boatbuilders

Show, Saturday, October 22, 2005, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, MN. The show is free and open to the public. The highlight of this years show is the recognition of the 200th anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar, with the display of a model of the HMS Victory. The model is nearly five feet in length and was built by society member Allan Rossman. Mr. Rossman will also have photographs of the Victory's Fore Topsail that is believed to have used during the battle. The battle of Trafalgar fought on October 21, 1805 is considered to be one of the greatest naval battles ever fought. During that battle the British

Navy defeated a combined naval force of the French and Spanish.

The show will also feature a scratch built model of a lumber scow "Bull of the Woods" based on an underwater survey conducted by the Minnesota Historical Society. Society members will also be displaying a wide variety of over twenty models ranging from "Ships' in a Bottle", Steam driven side paddle wheelers, a Viking Ship, to power and sailing craft of different types. Some of the models on display are based on home-based designs of society members.

The Nautical Model Shipbuilders Society is based in Saint Paul and has a membership of more than 30 individuals from all over the twin cities area with an interest in building wooden model ships or the general history nautical events. The society is particularly interested in getting young people interested making model ships and learning nautical history through this rewarding activity.

The 2005 show and future year's shows are named after Jim McFadden who was the Commodore of the Society when he recently passed away.

—Jim Sims, Show Chair

## LIGHT EMITTING DIODES (LED'S) FOR R/C BOATS



**Starting in November  
- A Three Part Series -**

**By Dan Lewandowski**

**L**ight emitting diodes are a great option for most lighting on R/C boats - they use very little power and last thousands of hours. This three part article will hopefully answer most of your questions, brighten all your boats and help make next years' Lighthouse Night the brightest ever.

Here's an outline of what's coming in the series:

- Part 1:** Intro to LED's - What are They, What's Available and Why Use Them
- LED Basics
  - Types of LED's

- Sources for LED's
- Cost of LED's vs. Incandescent Bulbs
- Advantages (and Disadvantages) of LED's

**Part 2:** LED's - LED Circuits for Any Battery Voltage

- Basics of LED Electronics
- Basic Wiring Diagrams
- Other Circuits
  - o Using a Voltage Regulator
  - o A Flashing Circuit

**Part 3:** LED's - Scale Lights on Your Model

- Mast Lights
- Navigation Lights
- Deck lights
- Interior lights
- Flashers
- Tips and Tricks

—Dan

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### — A large thanks to this list of vendors: —

- Octura Models Inc  
(Parts sold in local hobby shops)
- Fullers Fast Electrics  
<http://www.drcwebservices.com/ffe/default.htm>
- HillTop Batteries  
<http://www.battlepack.com/>
- Offshore Electrics  
<http://www.offshoreelectrics.com/>
- Castle Creations  
<http://www.towerhobbies.com/>
- Classic Hydros  
<http://classichydros.com/>
- Tower Hobbies  
<http://www.towerhobbies.com/>
- Hughey Boats  
(Parts sold in local hobby shops)
- Hub Hobby  
(Penn Avenue)

Time spent by our turn marshals Larry, Joe, and Fred (looked for Curly, Fred was a good stand-in) on Saturday and Sunday was appreciated. Just having someone there with the title of marshal is enough to advertise the idea of enforcement.

Without the assistance of a friend of mine, Rick Kangas I think a few of the boys would have gone for a swim. Just his appearance alone (big guy) helped advertise the idea of "you are being watched." Gave me much needed time to keep our electronic scoring system accurate and current.

Thanks to Tom Shirley for providing use of an EZ-Go for the weekend. This helped compensate for the lack of bathroom facilities in close proximity to the pit area. A great help in transportation of our drivers stand as well.

Saturday morning drivers were called to attention and racing started in the nine o'clock hour. This was the day to run club spec classes mixed with some modified speed fiends. With a larger number of heats to run than Sunday, day one would set the tone for high points calculations by race completion. No lost boats or fires to mention this year. Lots of good racing accompanied by a lot of trips in the retrieval boat. The guys made the pizza from

Macaroni Grille short lived. Did they down size their portions or what? Former club member Mark Anderson had a convincing lead in high points by days end.

Sunday was an easier day by number of boats competing, and the faster overall speeds the pace was relaxed. Given appropriate conditions we know some records can be set here. The participants are that good, and several hold current records from events in the past year. Again no disasters or electronic fires to report.

A complete list of scores is available on the club website at [www.emyc.org](http://www.emyc.org) on the articles page. Overall High Points was scored by counting the number of entries in any boat class. First place netting that total number. For SPEC points finish place scores were added up for all rounds in our three club SPEC classes. Mark Anderson won both categories. Key to his victory was his placement in the new category of avoidance. A ratio of heats raced to penalties or DNF's was calculated. Mark Anderson finished second in this category to C.J. VanVoorhis who completed in one class and finished all three rounds clean.

The avoidance category proves the theory, racing to finish is as much if not more important than racing to win.



# 2005 FAIRWIND FUN SAIL



By Terry Mackey

**W**ere we having fun yet? Yep, I think everyone had a good time. Attendance was excellent with 11 boats! Thanks for showing up.

Too bad if you didn't make it...it was great to have that many boats out at once. Good times and good sailing!

Weather turned out to be very tolerable...a few drops, but we sought shelter under the Centennial roof when it got wet. That worked well...

Winds were perfect from the south at 5-8 mph. Buoys were set at about 9:00 and adjusted only once during the day.

We almost started the event on time, but we needed to discuss how we wanted to run this event. The consensus was to race. So that's what we did...19 races for the day. I also mentioned that rules would not be enforced, so just sail and sail and sail...and try not to hit anyone. There were some incidents of plastic on plastic...nothing serious.

Morning racing started around 10:00 with lunch at 11:30



Skippers line the west edge of the center pond in the afternoon.



Great turnout! Six of the eleven Fairwinds turning the buoy.

(that's when the air died). Winds came back in the afternoon and racing continued from about 12:30 to 3:00.

During the entire day, only four boats got hung up on the rocks. Other than that we had no problems other than replacing batteries.

Since I was trying to document this event with photos and really enjoyed watching, I probably participated in only 5 races all day. That gave a few guys a chance to test their skills with old #5. Miki sailed it all morning then Eric and another part of the afternoon. Tony, Judd and Paul also shared their boats. Getting new sailors into Fairwind racing was part of the goal...maybe it worked!

Fred sailed all 19 races with the majority of racers sailing 15-16 heats. If a boat didn't race, only a blank was entered...no penalty!

Thanks to Dale Johnson for coming down to take even more photos.

Maybe we'll have to hold this outing a couple times next year...?

# HANDICAP SERIES 2005



**By Terry Mackey**

**A**fter 17 race weeks, handicapping is over for the year. Good weather this summer...with only 2 rain-outs.

The last night (9/22) was casual sailing and awards were given out. There were 9 Fairwinds...another great turnout. I couldn't make it...thanks to Judd for doing the honors.

This year racing was handicapped by boat class not by skipper experience, thinking that we all got the experience we needed last year. Smaller (slower) boats left first by 30-60 seconds. Seemed to work well until only certain classes of boats showed up, so we all left at the same time. Still proved to be some great racing.

A total of 19 sailors participated this year compared to 23 last year. One night we only had 3 boats (threatening rain), but most nights 6-9 boats would be racing. Scores were entered weekly on our Excel spreadsheet (thanks Tony Johnson) and emailed to all sailors (and 11 more) with a short description of the previous evening's excitement.

Five different classes got their keels wet...16 Fairwinds, 7 ODOMs, 4 EC12s, 2 Lasers and 1 Marblehead. We sailed 17 heats of 6 races totaling 102 races...not including the 5-6 fun races afterwards. Lot of thumb time!

So when it came time to give out awards, an important calculation was attendance. Three trophies were given out...Keith Gates was first by sailing 76% of the time with his Fairwind. Larry Wheeler took second at 70% sailing a

Fairwind (Tradewind), ODOM and EC12. Fred Ferris had 65% for third, and sailed his Fairwind, ODOM and Laser. I was there every race night (Fairwind and EC12)...but that's only because I had to run the darn thing...!!! LOL

All but two sailors' averages went down during the series...does that mean everyone just got better and prevented anyone from dominating? That's the hope...

The other part of the awards was to find the sailor who sailed at least 60% of the races (a threshold set last year) and had the best point difference between Week 1 Avg. and Final Avg. Since Keith, Larry and Fred were the only ones that fit the



criteria of 60%, their point differences for all classes they raced were averaged. Keith won Best Point Difference with +.27. Congratulations...last year he won the award for Most Improved!

I'd like to thank everyone that competed and had fun. Also thanks to those that helped with scoring, buoys and running the tape.

There has been discussion on whether next year should be just different fleets each Thursday night instead of handicapping. To make handicap purposeful, different classes need to race against each other...but that happened only occasionally. More discussion will pursue before next ice out. All comments welcome

See you next year!

—Terry



## WE ARE AMBASSADORS



By Alex Raupp

It is troubling that this needs to be written, but due to recent events, we have found it necessary to say something about our public actions.

Every time we appear at the Centennial Lakes area, we are ambassadors of the Edina Model Yacht Club and the City of Edina. This includes when we are running our boats, wearing our logo shirts & caps and when we are just visiting the lakes. As such, we must present the best that our club and the city have to offer. We must maintain a courteous demeanor towards our club members, the public and park workers.

Conflicts will arise, but it is how we handle those conflicts that show who we are. If those conflicts involve the public, we can contact park staff. If the conflict is between members or park staff, we can contact the board or bring it up at the general meeting.

Remember, what you say and do reflect directly on the club, the park and the city.

—Alex

## SPECIAL THANKS

To all the members that contributed to this issue of the Sail & Scale. Without you this publication would be nothing.

Ray Johnson, Dan Lewandowski, Terry Mackey, Paul Olsen, Doug Person, Alex Raupp, Jim Sims, Jim Smith, Andy Valentine.

## - NOTICE -

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

During this time of year it is very difficult to tell exactly where the monthly meetings will be held. We will try to hold them in the Centrum Building but often times the building is not available, in that case the meeting will be switched to the Band Room in the Garage, as in the winter.

- Please check both locations. -

## SAIL & SCALE STAFF

I am still looking for a writer to join the Sail & Scale staff. A person that can write a monthly column and deliver it as an electronic file (preferably over the internet) ready to publish, not meaning formatted, just a plain text file spelling and grammar checked. You must have a respect for deadlines.

If you are interested contact Dale Johnson at: [REDACTED]

## - BOATS FOR SALE -

Don Swain is moving and he is proudly offering parts of his fleet for sale. The new place just does not have the space necessary to house the fleet in it's entirety so sacrifices must be made.

There are five model ships for your consideration ranging from \$50.00 to \$700.00. Photographs and descriptions have been posted at this web link—

[http://www.emyc.org/articles/article\\_event.asp?id=38](http://www.emyc.org/articles/article_event.asp?id=38)

For further information you can contact:  
Don Swain at [REDACTED]

## CLUB SHIRTS HATS ETC.

Contact:  
Douglas Person [REDACTED]

## Cub Burgees and Stickers

Contact:  
Tom Weigel [REDACTED]



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## OCTOBER MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2005 7:00 P.M.  
CENTENNIAL LAKES GARAGE BAND ROOM

### ELECTIONS

At the October meeting we will be electing officers for 2006.

### Special Interest Contacts:

#### Membership:

Dale Johnson [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

#### Scale Boating:

Tim Smalley [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

#### Sail Boating:

Tony Johnson [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

#### Fast Electric:

Dan Proulx [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

## 2005 Board Members

**Commodore:** Paul Olsen [REDACTED]

**Vice Commodore:** Tim Smalley [REDACTED]

**Vice Commodore:** Dave Bros [REDACTED]

**Vice Commodore:** Dale Johnson [REDACTED]

**Vice Commodore:** Alex Raupp [REDACTED]

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