

# EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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# Saving the 108 year old J. B. Ford

By Bill Hamelink

I noted an interesting article in the 28 November 2011 St. Paul Pioneer Press. It seems there is an old laker named the J. B. Ford docked in the harbor in Superior, Wisconsin. This boat was made in 1904 and is now scheduled for the scrap yard. To counter this, a non-profit organization - Great Lakes Steamship Society - was established and is trying to obtain pos-

session of it and refurbish it so it can be used for public tours (static I assume) as a living example of lake industry 100 years ago. They estimate the cost of this endeavor at \$1.5 million to \$2 million. Alpena, MI. and Kenosha, WI. have expressed an interest in receiving the Ford.

The J. B. Ford was built by American Ship Building Company in Lorain, Ohio and was launched on 12 December 1904 as the bulk freight steamer EDWIN F. HOLMES.

Edwin Francis Holmes was a director of the Hawgood & Avery Fleet. The Holmes was a Spartan carry-all ship of the time. She was nothing special, nothing unique, just a good freighter. She is a mere 440' LOA, 50' beam and 28' depth with a load capacity of 8000 tons. Power was delivered by a triple expansion steam engine (cylinder diameters of 22", 35" and 40"), 2 scotch boilers, and was coal fired. She had 4 cargo compartments accessed by 12 hatches. The Edwin F. Holmes was sold in 1915 to the Pittsburgh Steamship Co. (later to become the U. S. Steel fleet) (cont. on page 4)



The J.B. Ford originally known as the Edwin F. Holmes in 1904 and the E.C. Collins in 1915. Became the J.B. Ford in 1956.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

**-Open Boating every Tuesday and Thursday 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. and every Sunday 4:30 - 9:00 p.m.-**  
April 17, Tuesday .....7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. ....Membership Meeting  
April 21, Saturday .....9:30 a.m.-:3:00 p.m. ....3 Pond Race  
May 15, Tuesday .....7:00 p.m- 9:00 p.m. ....Membership Meeting

## COMMODORE'S CORNER



By Wayne Snyder

The March meeting was a great success as we learned more about how to trim and adjust our various sail boats. I always learn more each time I see such a presentation. I have been trying out Tony's suggestions on my Fairwind. The April program will have something new for the club. A talk from the harbormaster at the lock and dam in Minneapolis. This should be very interesting. Thanks to Captain Dave Robb for getting him. April also has the Fairwind Three Pond Race scheduled for the 21st. As we noticed Sunday, Fred has the buoys out already for practice. So even if you don't have a boat or want to race come out and enjoy the race and see what it's all about. I have seen several young people with their boats on the pond. I haven't taken time to talk to them but I plan to do just that in the future as I would like to see more young members so that the club doesn't just grey out and fold as we all get older. Does anyone have a connection with a TV station that would give us some air time the morning of the Parade of Boats like has happened in the past sometimes? I think that R/C boating is one of the most relaxing hobbies around. Even when Joe Steele gave me "Mighty Mary" to sail while he worked with his young

relative, (nephew or grandson), I had a great time and found that it's easier to sail than the Fairwind. See you at the meeting. -Wayne

## FIRST IN THE POND by Todd Moen

Fred Ferris launched his boat at 2:35pm CST on Wednesday March 14, 2012, marking the official start of the 2012 boating season. After taking a quick survey of where the "icebergs" were floating, so as not to have a Titanic episode similar to 100 years ago, he strategically placed his boat in the water and had a successful launch in the center pond. Launch officially witnessed by Todd Moen on this day-- March 14, 2012 at 2:35pm.



Fred Ferris observing the location of the remaining icebergs



First in the pond, 2:35pm March 14, 2012



## NAUTICAL KNOW-IT-ALL - H.M.S. TITANIC'S SISTER SHIPS

By Noah C. Eiesberg

In the news media much has been mentioned about the H.M.S. Titanic's disastrous voyage 100 years ago. Test your knowledge about the sister ships identical to the Titanic.

### 1. What was the name of the shipyard that built the "Titanic's" sister ships?

- A. Harland & Wolff      B. Cammel, Laird & Co. Ltd.      C. Cunard      D. Yarrow Works

### 2. What was the name of the British warship the first sister ship collided with in her first year of operation?

- A. HMS Audacious      B. HMS Hawke      C. HMS Hood      D. HMS Sheffield

### 3. Both sister ships played large roles in World War I. Which one was put into service as a hospital ship?

- A. Britannia      B. Olympic      C. Britannic      D. Olympia

### 4. Which sister ship was used for a troop transport ship during World War I?

- A. Britannia      B. Olympic      C. Britannic      D. Olympia

### 5. During WWI, one of the sister ships rammed and sunk a German sub. What was the sub's designation?

- A. U-571      B. U-110      C. U-103      D. U-505

### 6. One of the sister ships sank in 1916. In what body of water did she sink?

- A. Caspian Sea      B. Caribbean Sea      C. Aegean Sea      D. Sea of Tranquility

### 7. Who was the female who survived the sinking of both the "Titanic" and one of her sister ships?

- A. Clara Barton      B. Violet Jessop      C. Victoria Woodhull      D. Molly Brown

### Answers to the March Know-It-All Questions

1. Captain Hook's ship in the novel "Peter Pan" was named *Jolly Roger*.
2. Captain Ahab's Ship in the novel "Moby Dick" was named *Pequod*.
3. The ship that rescues Ishmael in the novel "Moby Dick" was named *The Rachel*.
4. Jason searched for the Golden Fleece in the ship named *Argo*.
5. Captain Nemo's boat (submarine) in "Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea" was named *Nautilus*.
6. Submarine from "Ice Station Zebra" is the *USS Tigerfish (SSN-509)*.
7. The boat from Robert Lewis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" was named *Viceroy*.
8. The name of the boat in Nicholas Monsarrats "The Cruel Sea" was *HMS Saltash*.
9. The boat name in H.G. Wells "The War of the Worlds" was *HMS Thunder Child*.
10. The boat name in Herman Melville's "Billy Budd" was *HMS Bellipotent*.
11. The name of the boat in Rudyard Kipling's "Captains Courageous" was *We're Here*.
12. The boat name in "Narnia" books by C.S. Lewis was *Dawn Treader*.
13. Dougal Robertson's boat in "Survive the Savage Sea" was *S.Y. Lucette*.
14. The name of Tristan Jones' boat during his "Incredible Voyage" was the sailboat *Sea Dart*.
15. The boat in "Two Years Before the Mast" was the brig *Pilgrim*.
16. Tania Aebis took a "Maiden Voyage" around the world in the 26-foot sloop, *Varuna*.
17. Robin Graham sailed alone around the world in the 24-foot sloop "*Dove*"
18. Thor Heyerdahl's raft for his 1947 expedition and his book's title is the *Kon-Tiki*.
19. Captain Slocum sailed "Around the World Alone" in the sloop, *The Spray*

## Saving the J. B. Ford (CONT.)

where she was now renamed the E. C. COLLINS.

The ship was once again sold in 1956, this time to the Huron Portland Cement Co. They finally renamed her the J. B. FORD. The J. B. Ford ran into engine problems and retired in 1985 to become a storage container for Lafarge North America Inc. in Chicago, IL. She retired from this occupation and was towed to Superior, WI in 2001. This is her current resting place.

Some rebuilding and modification has been done to her but these are relatively moderate, leaving her a good sample of the 1904 laker. Perhaps the greatest of these modifications was done in 1959 when she was converted to a 'self unloading' cement carrier for the Huron Portland Cement Co. This involved converting the hold to hoppers with the necessary augers and blowers to unload the dry powder. The original hatches were eliminated and smaller circular hatches were installed in their place. An aft doghouse was removed and replaced with a new superstructure.

The starboard anchor was a problem with snagging on the dock so it was modified to stow in a pocket. In 1976 her boilers were converted from coal fired to oil fired. It was noted that she blew so much smoke in the confines of the harbors that it became a company embarrassment and led to the change.

Finally in 1985 her sailing days were over and she was relegated to life as a storage container, ending up in Superior. Now her continued life depends on the success of the Great Lakes Steamship Society at converting her to a museum piece. . -Bill Hamelink



## At the March 19, 2012 Meeting



Tony Johnson gave a very detailed and informative presentation on sail design and sail positioning for different wind conditions. Many questions were raised about sailboat tuning and how to get the most efficient use of wind energy. Thanks Tony!, your helpful information helps us all prepare for the sailing season. Joe Steele brought in his recently acquired racingboat "Moonshine". He will now have to find a large enough water area to run the "Moonshine" -*Todd Moen*



**Joe Steele's new racing boat "Moonshine"**

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**Contact:**  
 Kevin Waldo [REDACTED]

**Cub Burgees and Stickers**  
**Contact:**  
 Mickey Kirihara [REDACTED]

## EMYC GIVES PRESENTATION TO SEA SCOUTS

By Wayne Snyder

EMYC gave a presentation to the Sea Scouts B.S.A SSS Mendota in West St Paul Monday March 5th.

Tom Johnson, Paul Olson, Don Westley and Wayne Snyder visited the Sea Scout meeting with several boats of varying types. All the way from a take it out of the box and float it to self designed scratch built boats. This was to show the scouts the many ways one could get into the hobby of R/C boating. The meeting included the regular scout troop as well so there were 35 to 40 scouts present. Also a few parents were present showing an interest in the models. The boys were divided into four groups and had about 15 minutes at each table to ask questions and look at the boats. There was a lot of interest and a few questions. It was well worth the effort, thanks to those who helped. Again I appreciated the contact information about the scouts as this is a

first step toward my effort to get young people involved in the club. If there are more contacts like this that you know of please let me know.



Sea Scout B.S.A SSS Mendota troop



**SAILING ON MARCH 15, 2012**



Paul Olsen, Wayne Snyder, Fred Ferris, Terry Mackey, Tony Johnson, Larry Wheeler & Joe Steele -Photos by Todd Moen

**EMYC MEMBERSHIP  
DUES NOTICE**

If you have not paid for your 2012 EMYC Membership dues, we can no longer send you this Sail & Scale publication. Please pay this year's dues by April 17, the next club meeting or send to Centennial Lakes Hughes Pavilion 7499 France Avenue South Edina, Minnesota 55435 Contact Larry Wheeler for more information [REDACTED]

**3 POND RACE SET FOR APRIL 21ST**  
by Todd Moen

Tune up those Fairwind sailboats for the 3 Pond Race on Saturday, April 21st. Fred Ferris, our race coordinator would like to see an impressive display of Fairwinds on the water. Everyone is encouraged to come, even if you do not plan on competing. This race is for Fairwind sailboats only.

Schedule:	9:30am	Skippers Meeting
10:00am 3 Pond Race	1:00pm	Heat Racing

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**37" Victory Tug Boat**  
A Scale model of Lord Nelson Tug Ready to Run, complete with Motor, Servos & Transmitter.  
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Contact Bill Igoe [REDACTED]



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## APRIL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012 7:00 P.M.  
CENTENNIAL LAKES GARAGE BAND ROOM

### AGENDA:

- Frank Star: History of the Upper Mississippi and St. Anthony Locks
- Show 'N Tell: Bring your building projects

### Special Interest Contacts:

#### Scale Boating:

To Be Determined (Anybody Interested?)

#### Sail Boating:

Tony Johnson [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

#### Fast Electric:

Dan Proulx [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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