

October Newsletter

Getting to be the end of the boating season but there is still lots going on the water and in members workshops. Don't need to wait for winter to get a project underway. In September we saw new member Ed Janiga bring his under construction boat to the meeting to solicit helpful comments on finishing the outside of the hull, and at the October meeting new member Frank Patka brought his new kit in for advice. Frank already has one of the Dragonflite 95 sailboats and wanted to try a power boat. Ah yes, the sickness starts to take hold. In the not too distant years we may hear another person lamenting that "I have too many boats!!".



What a nice job Frank was doing already. We can look forward to Frank and Ed bringing their boats back in to show the progress and finished conditions.

Also at the meeting was Jim Pennoyer with one of his two Fairwinds:



On display is the Pepto Bismal pink Fairwind III Jim acquired from Kevin Kavaney, only this is how it looks after 7 layers of paint and 4 colors have been removed, including that the boat has once been named “Mariah”. Jim has clearly been overtaken by “the sickness”, more on that later.

Not at the meeting but contributing none the less was John Bishop with his “Barn Find” Chris Craft 42’ Corvette. Discovered in a friend’s parents’ attic with the original box and what looks like unknown other wood for maybe something else?



Soooo tempting to take it and bring it back to glorious condition, there were several people in personal struggle after the meeting looking over the boat in significant detail. Ultimately, it went home with Jim Penoyer - see what I mean, the sickness is taking hold in no uncertain terms. Included with the barn find were several ingots of lead, which are free for the taking and stored in the book case in the caged storage area in the maintenance shop at Centennial Lakes.

John was also in Greece recently and offers his photo collection for viewing at this link: <https://pixelmagic.smugmug.com/Greece>
Here are a couple of his photos:





Tim Crain, not to be outdone by his friend Jim, brought his latest project in-progress:



While it looks like Tim is well along in the build, and he is, there is a long way to go as Tim has big plans for a complete interior and lighting, and look at the rigging in the photo of the real boat! This is going to be one impressive boat when Tim is finished!

Many thanks for the members that are willing to share their projects along the way in the build. Very instructive, informative and inspiring. Thank you!!

Outside of the membership meeting there has been a lot going on with the sailboat group. Two regattas were held, the traditional 2-3 pond race, modified, and a DragonFlite 95 (DF 95) regatta.

Gary Tschautscher wrote up a very nice and comprehensive summary of the 2-3 pond race which is attached to this message. The short version is that due to construction of the two pedestrian bridges on the north and south end of the middle pond at Centennial Lakes, the races were confined to the water between the bridges. Two classes of boats were run with the following summary of the results:

Small boats:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Finish</u>
Terry Mackey	DF 95	5	1
Rob Bergh	ODOM	8	2
Larry Wheeler	ODOM	8	2
Tony Johnson	DF 95	10	4
John Bertelsen	DF 95	16	5
Tom Weigel	DF 95	19	6
Burt Fisher	DF 95	23	7
Michael Flannigan	DF 95	27	8

Big boats:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Finish</u>
Kevin Kaveney	Wheeler	3	1
Larry Wheeler	EC 12	8	2
Terry Mackey	Newport	11	2
Gary Tschautscher	Newport	13	4
Steve Leitken	EC 12	15	5
Tony Johnson	Santa Barbara	18	6
Adam Kohler	EC 12	19	7
John Bertelsen	International A	23	8

Photos courtesy of Tom Weigel:





The DF 95 regatta was organized by Terry Mackey, with Larry Wheeler keeping score. The races were held on the south pond and initially the wind was very strong, easily overpowering the DF 95 boats at times. A few gave up but most persevered and highly competitive races resulted. Here are the results:

DF 95 Regatta:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Finish</u>
Tony Johnson	DF 95	19	1
Adam Kohler	DF 95	22	2
Terry Mackey	DF 95	34	2
Gary Tschautscher	DF 95	35	4
John Bertelsen	DF 95	36	5
Kevin Kavaney	DF 95	49	6
Rob Bergh*	DF 95		7
Burt Fisher*	DF 95		8
Jay *	DF 95		9

* Did not compete in all races.

So, for the excuses, Kevin just finished building his boat literally minutes before the races, and I spent part of the races dragging a reed around the pond. Lots of fun in sometimes/ most of the time trying conditions. This was looked at as preparatory to hosting a regional event in the future.

This was the end of the regatta season but racing continues as weather permits.

Don't forget, this year's Dry Dock Party is just around the corner! All costs will be covered by the Club and the buffet will be catered by Famous Dave's again this year.

Saturday November 10th

Centennial Lakes Park Hughes Pavilion

5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. - Reception Hour

7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. - Dinner

8:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. - Yearend Presentation

Please RSVP your attendance and if you are bringing someone with you, the name of your guest, ***by November 3rd to Julia Moen*** [REDACTED]

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by phone or email (below), my wife Terry at [REDACTED] or Julia Moen (above).

This is always a fun event to wrap up the season, so I hope you will be able to join us!

Then the Swap Meet on Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00 PM in the meeting room.

I hope to see everyone at the party!!!

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