

EMYC October Newsletter

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Whew!!!! Try to keep up with the weather this fall!!! What a great fall we have had. But when it ended it sure left no room for doubt. Thankfully the sailboat racers were able to fit in one more event, the three pond races, in between bouts of heavier winds. The much anticipated big sailboat event is seemingly not going to happen this year but most of us with the larger boats managed to get out on our own at least once.

Let's get going with the news and events.

Kevin Waldo's African Queen Build

This is the second update on Kevin's latest build. Here is Kevin's progress report:

Hello; Fellow Boaters, Here is the next installment of "How I'm building the African Queen". But before I get started I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to Jeanette Ross for loaning me her "Queen". It was an invaluable asset in building mine! Ok, I now got the frames installed, the motor and prop shaft installed:



I found that all the deck and floor pieces had no detail to them, to fix it I went to Blick's Art store and bought a #1 wood gouge to make the deck planks, then colored them in with a pencil. I stained the pieces with Minwax Golden Oak stain. Then I

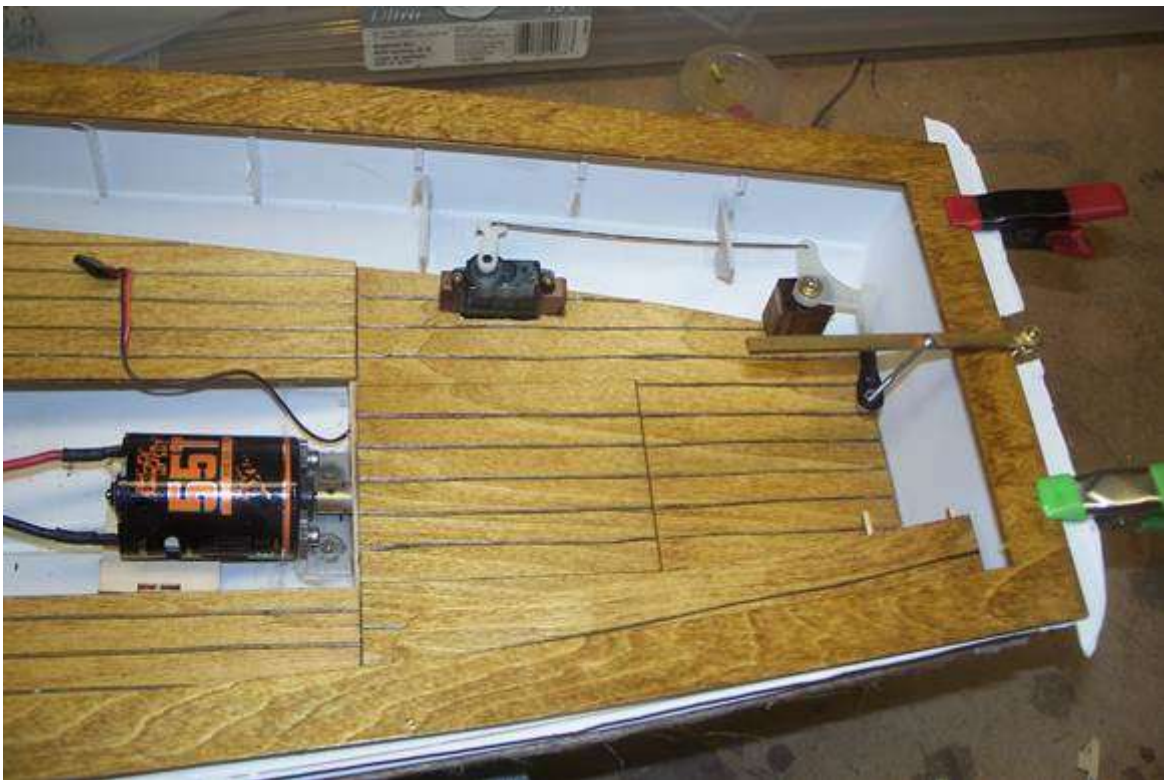
applied Minwax Helmsman clear satin spar urethane to the pieces before finally installing them in the boat. Looks great, doesn't it?



The bottom of the hull was painted in Tamiya Oxide red primer:



The next thing to make was the steering mechanism. A mini servo to a bell crank was used:



The rudder was fabricated out of brass instead of wood and once installed on the boat it is almost ready for trial runs!



Well that's it for now. Next build update, the steam engine.

Huge thanks to Kevin for chronicling his build. As we know, a test run is a big step, but there are a lot of things to be completed yet so we can look forward to the future updates.

Three Pond Races

Several years ago when I joined the club my first boat was an ODOM and participating in the end of season Three Pond Race was a big event for me, and I could tell by the atmosphere it was an important event for all the sailboat racers. This year it seemed to have even greater significance, and the fact it was taking place was not taken for granted. First of all the races were necessarily tricky to fit in between a lot of high winds that have accompanied an otherwise extraordinary fall season. There were two races that covered all three ponds. The first race was for ODOMS, and the second race was for DragonFlyte 95's (DF 95's). What makes the Three Pond Races so special are the two legs through the channels between the center pond and the north and south ponds. Very light to almost no winds meant that it was even worse in the highly sheltered channel segments. No wind means no steering, and no steering means drifting sideways into the weeds on the east side of the Center to North pond leg and there was a lot of attrition. Races were nevertheless exciting, just required a bit of patience. The races started in the center of the center pond heading north, then around the buoy in the north pond, back through the two channels passing through the center pond to the south pond, around the buoy and back through the south channel to the finish line in the center pond. Here are some reports from the races:

From Adam Koller:

Great day and congrats (to Gary Tschautscher) on winning both races!

It is such a fun and challenging race on a near perfect day. Using Bill Coppage's loaner boat I was a half-pond length ahead when the wind gods harshly tooketh away in the last channel. Gary and I then sparred back and forth up last leg in the center pond where he got me by 3 seconds - this after a 1 hour and 15min race! What a fun way to lose!

Bill, thanks again for the loaner and thanks for letting for my MC-buddy Joe sail it too. He also had a great time.

Enclosed are a few DF pics. Reviewing these, Joe really nailed his first start in my black DF... Pin-end favored, fully powered at the gun...impressive!



Starting line.....



On the way.....

From Gary Tschautscher:

It was a picture perfect fall day and we really couldn't have asked for more. Thank you Canada for sending us that incredible blue sky. Ok, at times the winds were a little on the light side. It made the channels more of a challenge, but that's exactly what makes the Thee Pond Race so unique and fun.

We had boats stuck in the weeds, run aground, catch weeds, etc. Some of us had to climb the rock embankments, crawl under a bridge and take a late year swim freeing our boats. I believe John was at one point nearly to his waist in the pond. Jim took a dive trying to catch up with his boat, but hopefully nothing more than a bad scratch.

Lastly and not least, congratulations to David Petrich for finishing his first race with his recently restored ODOM. No doubt he will remember that forever, I know I remember mine. Years ago I entered my first Three Pond Race with a Fairwind. Kevin put it in my hands and said: "you have no say in this, you will race it - go!".

You combine all that and you end up with a perfect day of fun and something to brag about over a beer. Some of the guys went to Tavern23 after the races and I can only imagine the stories that were being told.

An event like this is always a team effort and thanks to everybody that came out today.

- Thanks to Terry (Mackey) for helping with setting the buoys.
- We would have been in big trouble without John (Bertelsen) and the rescue boat.
- Kevin was crawling under a bridge freeing boats, including mine - what a team spirit.
- Thanks to my wife (Heiki) for keeping track of us.

From Bill Coppage:

Hats off to Gary for running such a good event. You and your wife pulled it off wonderfully. Thanks also to John for getting my boat numerous times. Also Kevin for getting my boat by crawling under the bridge to get it. I had a great time. Congratulation to Gary for winning both races. Nice job!

From Jim McKie:

Yes, stupendous! First time for me, and even the scuffed elbow was forgotten during the fun. I also learned how to tune my DF-65!

Thanks, Gary and Heiki!

Results:

ODOM		DF 95, Other	
<u>Place</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Skipper</u>
1	Gary T.	1	Gary T.
2	Adam K.	2	Tony J.
3	Jim M.	3	Adam K.
4	Terry M.	4	Terry M.
5	Bill C.	5	Kevin K.
6	Stewart M.	6	Fred A.
7	Kevin K.	DNF	Bill C.
8	John B.	DNF	Jim M.
9	Dave P.	DNF	John B.
DNF	Greg S.		

When Fred Appell was not racing he was busy sketching this beautiful scene of the racing event:



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Zoom request

I received a request that could we look into zooming our meetings. Resident computer and internet guy Gary T. says it is certainly doable. Actually, Joe Steele and I will be the main presenters at the November zoom meeting of Dorothy Zimmermann's Northern Lights Sailing Club so while I have only heard of zoom meetings I will have firsthand experience pretty quickly. To even consider going to this effort we would need two things to proceed: 1) Since when we usually had our in-person meetings we had typically 15-25 people attend, I would think we need that kind of desire expressed by the group, and 2) Someone (or two plus?) willing to see that it happens. It will be important to let me know if you want to see this happen, and if you would be willing to help make it happen. No response will be interpreted as it is not important to you either as a spectator or participant. This will be a discussion item for the January board meeting.

Swap Meet

Don't see this happening this year as we have done in the past. But we can post anything you would like to sell or might be looking for. The cage in the maintenance garage still has a variety of boat projects, and some building materials. I will put together a special edition newsletter in November to bring all these things together, so send me pictures and description of anything you would like included by Sunday, November 8th. We have access to the cage, just not in larger numbers, and I will set up a Saturday morning when anyone interested can go to the cage and see what we have to offer provided we keep our on-site numbers to a minimum at any one time.

Donations to the Club

Did you get one of Bill Uhl's boats? Bill's desire was that anyone that received one of his fabulous boats make a donation to the club. I don't believe we have seen that happening for some of the boats yet. You can mail your donation to the park offices at: **Edina Model Yacht Club, 7499 France Avenue South, Edina, MN 55435.**

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