



October 2021 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

The year is winding down but you will see that October provided some of the best weather and boating of the year. To start out let's look at the big sailboats that managed to have two outings. The First was at the south pond at Centennial Lakes.





I love these photos as they really give a sense of the grandeur of sailing the south pond. There is an elegance to the surroundings that complement the bigger boats. Wouldn't we all be contented to have just the center pond for our boating and be very happy at the venue that it affords us to enjoy each others boats close up and share them with the public? Instead we are perhaps the most fortunate of all RC boaters in the country to have three very different venues to explore with our boats! The three pond races coming up really explore all three ponds and the two connecting channels. If you have not seen the races plan on coming down and follow the action all up and down the entire park. Could there be more to this boating hobby and sport than the three ponds? Well, yes there could be:



Left to right: John Bertelsen, Tom Weigel, Kevin Kavaney, Gary Tschautscher.

This is Lake Calhoun, the big water! Kevin Kavaney is the big water expert and enthusiast in the club, and jogs those of us out of our complacency and safety of the ponds to try the big waters. What a phenomenal day we had! Perfect water and wind from the south blowing towards us on the north side of the lake, we cruised back and forth all afternoon. Lots of people stopped to inquire about our boats. The water felt cool initially and immediately became completely comfortable. We all spent the afternoon standing in the water as shown. Kevin's big J boat is amazingly fast and fun to sail. All these boats are something special. We that own them are caretakers and proud to do so:



John



Kevin

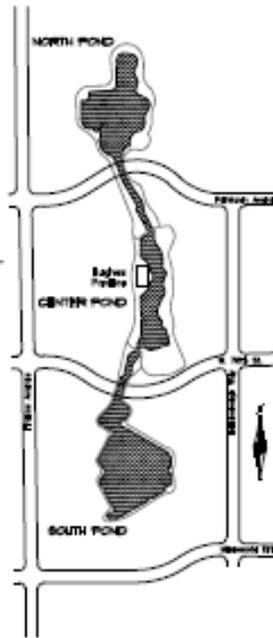
Thanks to Tom and to Gary's wife Heike for taking pictures to share with everyone.

At the Meeting

A smaller than usual group of members were at the meeting, but we had good attendance on zoom. The only glitch with zoom was a momentary loss of connection to the internet which Gary restored in short order. We started the meeting with an update on the "boating rules" that we will be presenting to the Park Manager. I had a reduced copy of the suggested sign that will be discussed at the board meeting this Saturday the 23rd:

RULES FOR MODEL BOATING AT CENTENNIAL LAKES PARK

- Model boating is open to the public on all three ponds.
- Model airplanes and drones are not allowed.
- Boats may be electric, steam or wind powered. No internal combustion engines.
- Boats must not create noise, music or other sounds that disturb park patrons, residents, performers or events at the park.
- Boats must stay clear of wild life, patrons along the sides of the ponds and paddle boats.
- Skippers must always be in full control of their boat and avoid contact with other boats.
- The Center Pond is reserved for casual boating. Operation in excess of 15 mph (radar checked) is not allowed.
- Open boating is allowed on the North and South Ponds. Faster boating is only allowed on the North and South Ponds.
- The Ponds are home to the Edina Model Yacht Club (www.emyc.org). The Club holds events throughout the boating season. When there is an event on any of the ponds public boating is as allowed by the Club.



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Then a reminder that the three pond races are this Saturday the 23rd at 11:00 am, right after the board meeting. The three pond race starts and ends in the center pond. All boats are welcome, including powered boats that are welcome to accompany the sailboats on their way - staying well clear of course. A very special and fun event. After the three pond race concludes (1 ½ hours plus or minus depending on the wind or lack thereof) we continue at the center pond for more one-pond races and general boating. Interesting and surprising the day the bigger boats were at the south pond Gary and Kevin sailed up to the first bridge to the north to check for clearance to the water. Here is Kevin's report:

Gary and I were able to navigate our big Newport's through the channel into the center pond from the South Pond today...it would be optimal if we had spotters as the clearance was about 6 inches over the top of the masts right at the crest of the bridge...a bit either way, would get hung up...yuk..... John's Mighty Mary and my Wheeler however would NOT get under those bridges however...Adam's EC-12 however would do JUST fine...

So the races are suddenly opened up to a larger class of boat whereas previously we thought the bigger boats would not fit under the new bridges. All for fun, bring whatever you want to sail.

Next another reminder that the Dry Dock Party is being finalized and you need to get in touch with Terry to put in your reservation:, or call her at. Saturday, November 20, in the Hughes Pavilion, lunch served at 1:00, come early for conversation and visiting.

Last business item was one to think about. I have several requests for contact information on members throughout the year. In the earlier years the membership list and contact information was published in the newsletter. We need to be more sensitive these days so be thinking about whether you want your information available to others and how we might do that securely. This will be up for discussion at the board meeting in January.

Show and tell had two interesting presentations. The first by kit building expert Tim Crain who brought an update on a boat he is putting together that was started by Jim Pennoyer, and named the James P. in memory of a very enthusiastic club member:



With some generic string led lights on the inside, Tim demonstrates how thin the hull is:



For this reason the boat will be completed this winter with a fully planked hull. Tim's work is always exceptional so we can look forward to the completed boat next year.

Next was David Petrich who was demonstrating the electric capabilities of the \$2.00 purchase at Axe Man, or at least as much as he has determined that it can, or is supposed to do. Starting with a 6 volt battery David is cautiously moving up in voltage to further explore the device. Still a bit of an in-the-works discovery so I am somewhat at a loss to explain it any further. The conclusion by all was that for \$2.00 David has already had his money's worth in fun with it, whatever it is.



To finish off the meeting Jeff McCabe noted that a rare event is about to happen. The Split Rock Light House will be lighted up for a few hours at sundown (4:30 pm) on November 10th to commemorate the sinking of the Edmond Fitzgerald in 1975. All names will be read and a bell rung for each of the 29 lost in the wreck. Jeff further notes that north shore photographer Christian Dalbec will be there to record the event. Christian's photography is often from the water in an unusual perspective. Christian is out of Two Harbors and his striking work can be seen on his website: christiandalbecphotography.com.

Lastly is the meeting after the meeting that is at least as much fun as the formal meeting:



Left to right: Gary Tschautscher talks to Terry Bertelsen, Nate McMullen and Jeff McCabe talk with David Petrich about his latest tug featured at a previous meeting.

The meeting in November is the swap meet, same time and location. Bring your items for sale, or come to see what you might need! We will zoom the event and explore showing the items for sale. If you are interested in something that you see on line you will be able to call my cell number to reserve an item for purchase or negotiate with the person that has an item for sale.

I hope to see you at the three pond races, swap meet and the party!

John Bertelsen
Commodore
Edina Model Yacht Club

