

EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER

June 2023 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

June, whew! The season starts out with several events and jump starts the boating season. By the end of June you are completely into the rhythm of prepping your boats for the water, charging batteries, transporting to and from Centennial Lakes, cleanup after being on the water, repairs for things gone wrong..... Just everything! It seems like it all started a long time ago, but really it all did start June 1st with Janet Clark and her adults with disabilities group.



Thank you!! Edina Model Yacht Club for a fabulous evening!
Learning Exchange - June 2023

We have become an annual visit for Janet and her people, and they are always fun, always several very interested in our boats. This year Rob Segal, Paul Wyatt and I were there to share our boats. Quite a few tried out running a boat and a few couldn't get enough. Janet has other activities at the park for her group but clearly this is a special time for many of her people.

Next up, the Parade

Parade of Boats

Nothing can be said other than you could not have asked for a better day in any shape or form. Not just the great temperatures and clear skies, but the wind was very accommodating. Early on you could have your Fairwind on the water for a brief time, but soon the velocity picked up so that the bigger boats could show their stuff. When I was getting help putting the Mighty Mary on the water I could hear the comments in the crowd "Oh.....the big one is coming out!" That boat along with Gary Tschautscher's EC 12 put on a good show thanks to the wind. Then the wind died down again and I think there were 5 Fairwinds on the water at one time!

We also had a give-away of a sailboat that was donated to the club. I printed off 100 raffle forms to sign up and win, and those were gone by just after noon, we made up some make-shift replacements. We had a deliriously happy winner, who had left but sent his father down to pick up the boat, and the father was similarly pleased!
Representing the Ruby family:



The family is at Centennial Lakes fishing frequently and look forward to sailing their new boat!

Again this year we had excellent coverage by the media, I was interviewed by Channel 4, and Tim Kowalik with his computer printed boats got in the Star Tribune. Here is the link to the Channel 4 interview and the Star Tribune article:



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Model boat show makes waves in Edina

A tugboat manned by the film characters the Minions sprayed water at children Sunday at an event hosted by the Edina Model Yacht Club at Centennial Lakes Park. At right, Tim Kowalik checked a 5-foot battleship, which he designed and then produced on a 3-D printer. More than 100 radio-controlled boats powered by wind, electricity and steam joined the regatta to ply the waters.



Be sure to check out the Channel 4 link, it is by far the best coverage of the Parade I have seen to present. A great overall view of the club. Not sure, however, where the reporter got the idea that I was an original member of the club, I guess I must look the part. Interesting that after we completed the interview, the young man from WCCO seemed very interested in the sailboats so I asked if he would like a try. I told him that people can learn to sail well in 15 to 20 minutes, and he said he would like to try. It didn't take long as he caught on right away with my ODOM and said "this is so much fun!!!" I don't know if he has a good time at all his assignments but he sure did on this one!

We also got a mention as a family friendly event on the local Christian station KTIS.

Here is the group this year:



And what a great group we had! So much fun, the work was all worth it. Some boats were sold too! Park Manager Tiffany Bushland said her kids were talking about the Parade all week long and couldn't wait to get there. Captain Jack (Entertainment) was also there working with the crowd. Quite an event!

At the Meeting

We had a nice discussion about the Janet Clark group visit and the parade. For the Janet Clark group it was realized by Rob and Paul that when using a trigger style radio it is necessary to lower the upper limits of velocity significantly as the trigger is otherwise nearly impossible to control when in use by someone else. When letting others try one of my boats I only use the twin stick style radio and always tell them "don't touch the left stick!", which helps, but you still always, always, see the left thumb sneaking up to nudge the throttle forward. But it is always nice to introduce someone else to radio controlled boating!

Regarding the Parade, it was probably the lowest number of boats on display that I have seen. We were short at least 2 people that had conflicts, and their additional boats would have upped the number by 8 -10 or so which would have helped a great deal. I threw out a thought at the meeting that to help with the numbers on display we could invite the Ramsey RC club to attend the Parade and Light House Nights. The Ramsey club would be welcome to advertise their club during the Parade and it would be nice if we can give their club some additional exposure. We always want to help promote RC boating when we can. The consensus was this was worth pursuing, which I will do. I have looked on line and on Facebook for the Ramsey Club page but did not find anything, so if you know how to get in touch with the group please drop me a note.

This year I tried something different to transporting my boats to and from the parade. It has always a nerve wracking experience for me, and in 2022 it took two trips with two cars with associated damage to boats from being crammed in against each other. This year I rented a UHaul van which worked like a dream! Picked it up Saturday morning, dropped off the key and truck Sunday evening, drove 32 miles and was charged for only one day rental and 32 miles, total \$57.00. It was so worth it. I still left two boats at home but most of my fleet made it there with only one very minor repair needed at the end. Worth considering to lessen the anxiety and also help to get more boats on display?

Last discussion was the battery for the tri-hulled boat which was barely functional and in need of replacement. That was being attended to after the meeting.

Show and tell:

Jerry Jones brought his beautiful Victoria to talk about the rigging:



Jerry (who works at Hub Hobby for those that do not know) fabricated the boom and mast out of carbon fiber. Jerry cautions that you need to fully cover skin and eyes when working with carbon fiber as the debris from cutting, such as with a Dremel tool, is like little needles and can get into your eyes and skin. The mast is a tube and was cut with a Dremel tool, carbon fiber everywhere! The boom is a built up section using carbon fiber sheets glued together, then cut to shape with an X-Acto knife, much cleaner. Jerry noted that Hub does not carry carbon fiber sections anymore because

the price has increased so dramatically. I wish I had a better picture of the boat so you could see how beautifully Jerry has re-finished the boat. It was the nicest Victoria that I have seen.

White Bear Lake Classic and Vintage Boat Show

June is not done yet! On to the White Bear Lake Classic and Vintage Boat Show! Usually all boats are on display on trailers and out of the water, but starting last year one was on the water and it looks like this year another joined it. It was also the debut of the new 10' x 20' canopy. Here are some summary comments from those that participated:

Despite the weather reports of bad weather, we really lucked out on our participation in the White Bear Lake Antique and Classic Boat Show on Saturday, June 24. It must have been a good omen that we used our new canopy tent with side panels to ward off a nasty storm - Todd Moen

Hi John, things went very well at WBL. Todd Moen posted a nice group shot on the Facebook page (although it is missing Bill Lundholm) of almost all the members that participated today. Lots of other photos too. We had Todd and Julia, Kevin Waldo, Dave Petrich, Dave Brinkman; Bill Lundholm, and Stefan Silverman.

There were a couple of models for sale at various vendors, and another full scale boat builder had done a scratch built scale version and displayed them together. Everyone thought the new tent was a great upgrade-we even put up half of the included side curtains when we thought we had rain approaching- but that step of preparation was enough to ward off the rain, so they came back off - Rob Segal



New awning/tent/roof - really nice!!



Representing the good 'ol EMYC



Model of what we hope to have some day



Model of what we have now



Model for sale



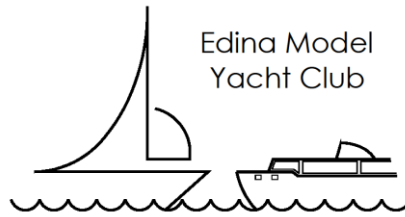
Two on the water

Coming up:

- Saturday, July 8th, Legacy of the Lakes Boat Show, Alexandria, contact Rob Segal if you would like to participate. Highly recommend you do this show once if for no other reason than to visit the Museum in town that is simply outstanding (covered in last year's newsletter).
- Sunday, July 16th, the Sousa band has an evening concert and listening to them while boating is very enjoyable. The boats with the band are very pleasant together, and we know this from comments from the people watching the concert.
- Tuesday, July 18th, Membership Meeting, starts 8:00 PM.

The season is rolling now! The Farmers Market is open Thursday evenings so you can run your boats and try out the different foods that are for sale too, if you wish.

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