

EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER

May 2025 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

Hang on! Here we go into the boating season! Spring falling behind and summer is happening everywhere! When you visit the ponds you will see evidence of all the plantings the park horticulture staff have been busy with all over the park. The park just came through the beautiful blooming of around 2,000 tulip bulbs that were planted last year that was also happening with the trees in full bloom. The park was simply gorgeous! Here is a photo of more to come from inside the maintenance garage:



Hanging plants besides all the perennials that go into beds and pots around the park.

And new on the water are some yellow duckies:



Here in the garage getting prepped for the water, and as of this newsletter there are two at the docks in the rental fleet. Same size as the swans of last year which have proven to be immensely popular. Grounds manager Jeff said that less than one minute after putting the first ducky on the water it was rented. These and the swans are popular in appearance but also because you step directly from the dock onto the deck of the boat at the same level, you don't need to step down to get in or step up to get out. Likely there will be a few more in the future?

Rob Segal has his own new things on his plate since retiring from owning his children's museum exhibit company, and this task is very close to his EMYC home. Let Rob tell you all about it:



Four years ago I attended the Diamond Classic Boat Show in Alexandria for the first time as a member of the EMYC. I did a bit of research on the show and the Alexandria area ahead of time and found out that the event is run by the Legacy of the Lakes Museum. I had no idea there was a museum with a large collection of vintage boats on display anywhere in the Midwest, let alone in a small city like Alexandria. I drove up

the day before the show so I could visit the museum that afternoon, then stayed overnight in Alexandria for the show on Saturday. I was amazed by the collection of vintage woodies on display and learned about the history of Alexandria Boatworks. Fast forward to the Convention Center last January where I had conversations with Katie Williams (our contact for the Alex boat show, and former president of the board of the museum) and Dave Bortner (our contact for the Gull Lake Show and advisor to the museum). Three weeks later I got a phone call from these people, and 2 weeks after that found myself elected as a new member of the Board of Directors for the museum!

I encourage anyone with an interest in vintage boats and cabin life to visit the museum and consider becoming a member. Along with their collection of woodies there are two new exhibits for this season: Glastron boats and "Wild and Wacky Watercraft" which highlights innovative watercraft designs of the late '50's and early '60's. Think tail fins, flying saucers, and an Evinrude helicopter boat! No, it doesn't actually fly but is cool none the less! There are movie clips of the Glastron Boats used in the James Bond film "Live and Let Die", and the custom Glastron built for the 1966 "Batman" movie, a spinoff of the 1960's TV show. The Runestone Museum, home of the controversial Kensington Runestone, is right next door too!





Thanks Rob! I also visited the museum our first year in Alexandria based on Rob's recommendation and yes, the museum has an amazing number of classic boats on display, but the museum also says it gives the experience of being "up north" in Minnesota and it does that extremely well. The ambiance inside the museum simply transports you to a different place. If you plan to visit the museum while attending our show you need to allow for another day and stay overnight, or you can make a daytrip out of the visit as it is a two hour drive west on I-94.

Spring Opener

We had the spring opener, Coffee and Rolls, on Saturday, May the 10th. Richard Dahlquist reports on Facebook:

Speaking of the weather we had an absolutely beautiful day for the Spring Opener. There were at least 20 members present for the coffee and rolls and then we moved out to the pond to run our boats. When I left there were over 10 members running boats and I saw more coming, it was a great day. I have some pictures to share.

Actually, we had 38 people signed up and a few more came too. It was quite a crowd in the pavilion with many bringing boats to run as Richard mentioned. A few members could not sign up as the event conflicted with the DF 95 Regatta in Tomah, Wisconsin, which would have added to the excellent turn out. Check out Richard's photos of the event on Facebook.

DF 95 Regatta

The DF 95 regatta attracted skippers from 5 states. Terry Mackey gives this summary:

Well, four of us went to Tomah to bring the competition to their knees. They were still standing, but we had a great time. The event was well run and kudos to the organizers. There was discussion of moving the event about 1 ½ hours south to some miraculous weed less lake (???). More to come on that... The top five trophies in order were awarded to sailors from Illinois, Illinois, Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin. The next four spots went to Minnesota sailors with Gary Tschautscher leading the way....

Sailing has been in full force already this year with the DF 95 racers that went to Tomah practicing for the two weeks prior to the regatta, and the ODOM racers also have had several regattas on the south pond and at Smith. Other action on the south pond included larger boats:



Always special when the bigger boats get out and Kevin Kavaney reports:

Three EC-12's, a Canterbury J and two DF95's showed up today....nice to get out. Adam Koller and Randy showed up with the DF95's and Rob got his new to him vintage EC-12 wet for the first time. It looks gorgeous to me, but being an antique it has its physical issues that bug Rob. The Canterbury is the first one I've ever seen and it looks awesome and well built by our buddy David in South Dakota. I met its new owner Jim today for the first time. The forecast was totally wrong and it was sunny and beautiful and perfect winds for these boats. Tons of people out and about and many were curious as hell at what we were doing! A great day to be at Centennial. Thanks for Jim and Bill for stopping by as well.

Membership Meeting

Again there were over 30 people attending the meeting. We had some brief business news and some show and tell, but this meeting I would have to call the "problem solving" meeting. Several people were looking for help or solutions and got them during and in the meeting after the meeting - including Randy Liebo who got the rigging on his ODOM completely overhauled by three of us.

- We briefly discussed the Coffee and Rolls event and all comments were positive.
- I brought up that we have been discussing seminars for the introduction to RC boating and introduction to kit building with the direction that we would put out signup sheets to the public at the Parade of Boats. Since the Parade is upon us we needed two individuals to commit to putting on these events and Tim Peterson () said he would put together the introduction to RC boating and Rob

Segal () said he would do the same for kit building. To complete the signup sheets we need to coordinate (quickly!) a date and time to hold these at the pavilion. The Park staff would like us to do a Monday evening as that time is not popular with the others using the pavilion. Contact Tim or Rob if you would like to help.

- James Nield said that his company has a “hobby day” on July 16th and that he might need some help with a display. James will get back to us on that.
- David Brinkman indicated that the price for nametags will be going up for future orders from \$10 to \$12. He did take more orders at the meeting which will be at the current lower rate.
- Rob Segal had shirts in for delivery that people had ordered, and also said that he had three of the chambray/denim shirts in a small, medium and 2XL size available right now. I have found my shirt size is true to my normal size so you can trust the sizing. Shirts are \$40. Also, hats will be going up in price as well but we will not know what that will be until we order again. We still have several hats available at \$20. You can buy one now before the price goes up.
- Gary Tschautscher gave an additional report on the DF 95 regatta and said that it was extremely well run and the hosting club dealt very well with the weeds that were a problem for some. One of the three days of the event had to wait out a mirrored water surface, no wind at all, for a bit but once things got going there were 30 races over two days! Whew! It was an effort but a lot of fun for all. Very interestingly the hosting club was using GPS guided buoys for the regattas! Also good news from the Chicago sailors at the regatta that they hold EC 12 regattas and also vintage class regattas. Gary said that the boats are awesome! Both of those boats have interest from our group as there are several EC 12's in the club and several vintage class boats including International A and Santa Barbara's.

Show and Tell

Interesting show and tell with a variety of displays. First up was John Bishop:



John had some super flexible and fully tinned copper wire he purchased from Bntechgo (bntechgo.com) on eBay. The strands are extremely fine and the tin coating is for corrosion resistance in harsh environments (i.e. water).

Next was the pirate boat by Patrick Morvant, which he was converting from a Chinese Junk, and will be unable to finish so he is sending it back to the club. We have a few boats to finish up donated recently (see For Sale later) and this is one of them:



Comments at the meeting were that the boat looked like it would be finished off with Lego or Playmobil figures! And it did!

Next, Tim Crane is working on the Calypso and had questions about connecting two wires to a bullet connector in a Y configuration, which the response was Hub had Y connectors in stock. He was also looking for direction for the hard lines to connect the rudders for control, and Kevin Waldo will send him photos of how his boat is rigged.



Kevin Waldo brought yet another, and obscure, kit he is working on, and this time said (jokingly!) he would have it ready for the Parade. The kit is a H. A. Kit “Offshore Racer” but is a clone of a Fairey Huntress. The kit has very vague instructions and no metal parts at all, which begs the question why Kevin is taking on such a poor kit. Kevin explains that he has a lot of metal parts from other kit builds and will use them to complete this build! Pretty neat Kevin! Also, there are great instructions in this issue of Model Boats:



At this point of the presentation it was offered up that many, many magazines are available free using the “Libby” app on your phone or tablet, and that it is a free library resource app. Without the instructions in the magazine Kevin said that it would be extremely difficult to complete the kit build.

Other Things

It was reported in previous newsletters that Paul Olsen is completing the upgrade of his famous Marblehead boats that he made for his two daughters. Daughter Suzie was in the shop the last time I was there and she said we need to put together an event to get all of Paul’s Marblehead boats together this summer. Paul and his two daughters makes three boats, I have two making five, and Don Westley has another for six, but we were not sure what others there might be. If you also have one drop me a note so we can all get together. BTW, Paul clarified that his boat is not really a Marblehead, (but they have been referred to as such for as long as I have been in the club) it is really a 5800, meaning 5 foot hull and 800 sq. in of sail.

For Sale/ What’s in the Cage

We have had more donations to the club recently from member Ed Janiga. He has moved to Elk River and changes in life have re-arranged priorities so that he has some boats and kits he is donating to the club. They are all available for a donation to the club, contact me for further information.



This is not an RC kit and is a static/display model that might be well suited to someone building a kit for the first time.



A beautiful two masted schooner that has Bill Uhl all over it. Ed re-did the deck and has made other improvements. Built in the Bill Uhl sturdy and tough school of thought. Comes with a lighter "X" stand for at the ponds. Looks to be fully functional as it is.



37' Victory Tug Boat kit that Ed has done a good part of the assembly. All the other parts are in the box and many of the exterior wood parts are prepared and finished, just waiting for assembly. Paul Olsen has seen this boat and told Ed he did a really nice job on the hull! That is not faint praise. Spot light is set up to be remote controlled and/or oscillate side to side.



The Victory Tug kit box.



The previously mentioned pirate conversion boat, just to let you know it is in the cage if you want to take a look at it.



Todd Formico has this boat on Facebook. Let me know if you are interested and I will put you in touch with him.

Reminders

- You can pay your 2025 dues by check in the mail, cash in person, or PayPal. Please remember when using PayPal you need to use the “friends and family” option otherwise a handling charge is deducted from your dues payment. The

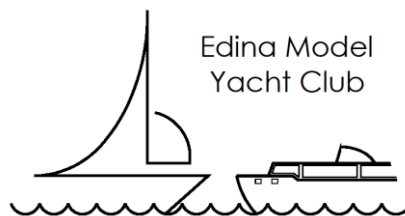
amount for the calendar year remains at \$40 for a family membership. If you have not paid yet this year you will receive a reminder from Dave Brinkman soon. Let him know if you do not plan to renew your membership. If you do not I will take you off the list for receiving the newsletter unless you tell me that you would like to stay on the list.

- Let Rob and/or Tim know if you would like to attend either or both of the upcoming seminars - date to be established, or if you would like to help out.
- Got things for sale? Boats, tools, other? Send me a photo and description plus price and contact information and I will include it in a newsletter.

Coming Up

- Thursday, June 5th, 6:30 pm, Janet Clark and the Learning Exchange - we will have the newly updated captains stations set up for their use and it is always nice to have a few other boats on the water as well.
- Sunday, June 8th, Parade of Boats - Show goes from 10:00 to 4:00. Set up starts at 8:00. Remember we are putting on a show so please, please bring your boats to display, keep them in the show until the end of the show, and get them on the water!
- Tuesday, June 17th, 8:00 pm, membership meeting.
- Saturday, June 21st, White Bear Lake Classic and Vintage Boat Show.
- Saturday, July 12th, Legacy of the Lakes Boat Show, Alexandria, Minnesota.

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