EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB
SAIL & SCALE NEWSLETTER

October 2026 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

Two years in a row, a spectacular fall with beautiful weather to do -- anything! Everyone is in a good mood and all outdoor activities seem special! The ODOM sailboat racers were on the south pond again and the boats were a beautiful display with the reflection in the water surface and fall tree colors in the background.



Doesn't get much prettier than that! Thanks to Kevin Kavaney for the photo. Then with the convenience and comfort of having Tavern 23 right there the group retired

to the restaurant's patio for adult beverages and appetizers. Gary Tschautscher summarizes (Jean and Thomas are in the foreground of this spectacular fall photo):

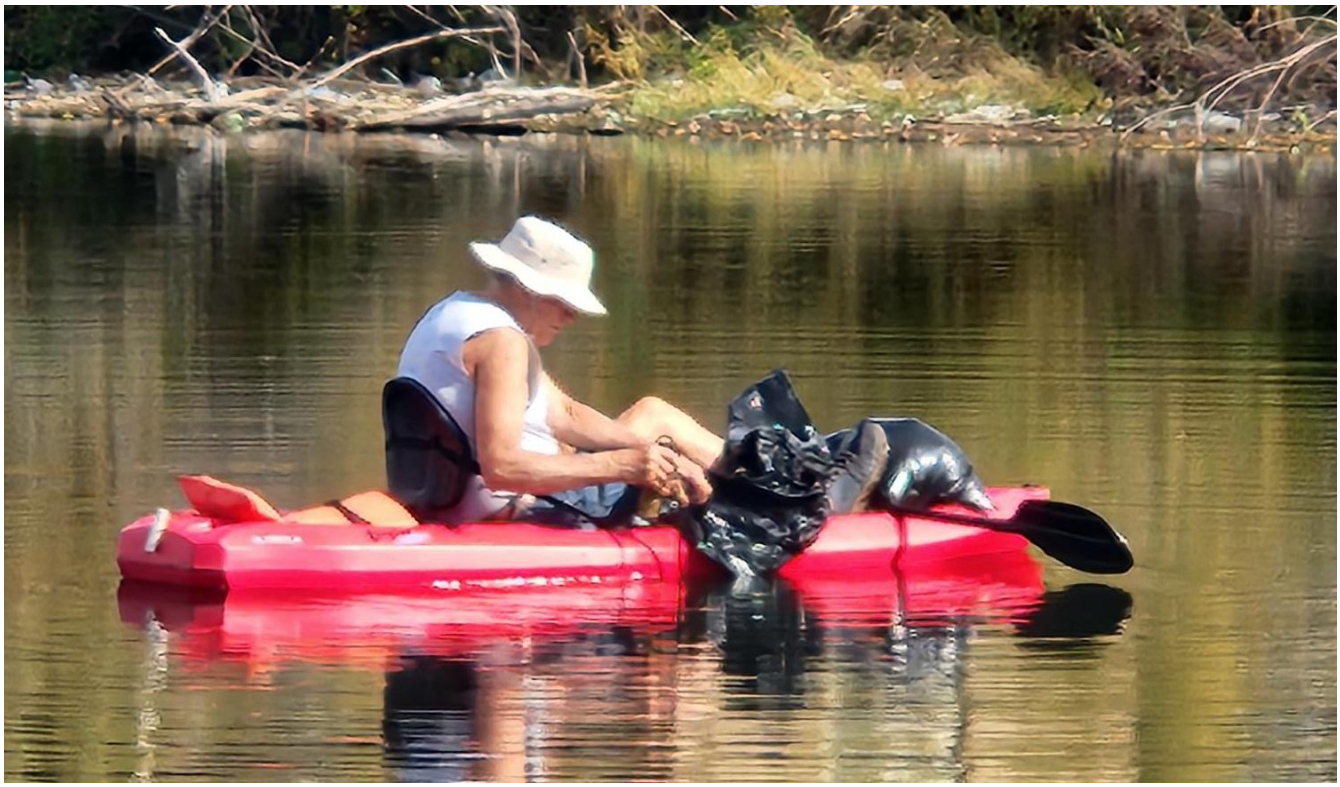


You might recall that Jean and Thomas Germanson the AMYA Region #4, Director visited the Twin Cities. They attended the club meeting on Tuesday evening and we were sailing on the Centennial South Pond on Wednesday and today. The winds were a little on the light side, but we had an absolutely great time. Blue sky and temperatures in the mid 70's, incredible for the end of October.

Thanks to everyone that were able to participate. Today we ended up at the Tavern 23 for a great ending to a couple of fun days! Most likely the last chance we had to enjoy the outdoors patio in 2026.

- Gary

Another end of season ritual is the removing of buoys at Smith Park in Bloomington. At Smith the City allows the racers to place buoys at the beginning of the racing season and leave them out all summer. Stuart MacPhail takes care of the buoys all season long and here he is in his kayak removing them at seasons end.



At the Park

Still more special things happening at the park, this time visitors during the last Farmers Market.





Yes, those are Llamas, and it is pretty much an annual visit, and yes, that is yours truly making friends with one of the boys. People were really enamored with them and a lot of petting was going on. Not responsive like a dog but they are quite gentle and petting was not a problem. They also found that some of the park vegetation was tasty too. The owner said that they had more bookings to go yet this year and in total the Llamas were making over 300 appearances in the area this year.

At the Meeting

A good turn out for the annual election of club officers. For Director positions on the Board the three current members all wished to continue their service, and two members not currently on the Board, David Brinkman and Tim Crain were looking to become Directors. A motion was made to accept all five persons as Directors on the Board for 2027, and was unanimously approved. For the Commodore position there were no applicants. John Bertelsen agreed to continue as Commodore with the understanding that past responsibilities and coordination of events and tasks that he has handled in the past will be the subject of review at the 2027 Board meeting in January. This would complete the transition of the Club functioning primarily on the onus of the Commodore to the responsibility of the Board members, as is stipulated in the Bylaws. A motion was made to approve John Bertelsen as Commodore for the 2027 calendar year, and was unanimously approved.

Show and Tell

Paul Wyatt brought the in-progress Arethusa, which like Paul's Heminway boat, has a very interesting history which Paul explained in detail. This boat was a knock-about schooner, and was fast. Because of that, early on, it became a rum runner. It was 138 feet in length, and the model is at 55 inches, making it about a 1:30 scale. The real boat had a motor, and while the model has provisions to add a motor Paul is leaving it out for now, might be fitted later.





Tim Crain brought a very unusual boat, for him that is.



That is a plastic model battle ship. As Tim explained the boat came from a plastic kit, and it was all plastic, including the rudder and driveshaft from the motors. The problem with the rudder is that it is meant to be installed and cemented in place, which then precludes removal of the rudder to service the driveshaft. Tim is creating his own mount of the rudder and making his own driveshaft. Making a cradle to hold the motors was proving to be a problem and Tim was looking for help. Also, the ballast was being very tricky to get right. So more to come on this one in the future.

David Petrich was having a good time inventing ways of creating a mold to create a foam shape. He created the mold in concrete, and then used spray foam for the final object. The results from that experiment are on the table in the photo. Didn't work well and there was good discussion on how to improve the process including using a different foam to create the shape from the concrete mold.



Not sure how much of this experimenting we will see in the future. One thing that is certain, Dave is not afraid of trying something different.

Final presenter was new member Tom Kerns. Tom is an experienced model builder of airplanes and wanted to do something different, like a boat. He looked on line and found a Marblehead, which the classic lines of the boat made it attractive to him. Plans were available on line and he used his laser cutter to cut the pieces, along with a little trial and error. As you can see the boat is well along in assembly and I hope Tom brings it back to show us his progress as the build continues.



Rob Segal gave a recap of his attendance at a model outboard motor meet in Newburn, North Carolina. A hobby that Rob has jumped into with both feet, he has a cabinet full of his model motors on display at the Legacy of the Lakes Museum, Beyond the Bathtub exhibit. This is the uber meeting of the collectors of these models and Rob has gained some notoriety amongst the enthusiasts with his ability to recreate certain parts for the motors. He has a formidable collection of his own that will be getting scrutinized and thinned out in coming months, but Rob reported that the collections that he encountered at the meet were truly world class. Of particular note was a custom maker of these motors whose model of a French built Chrysler motor contains details that were staggering. These include the cables from the motor that go to the controls mounted near the steering wheel as on a real boat, the hand lever controls themselves, and the motor itself included the vibrating device from a cell phone so that when the motor was at idle the motor shook as would the real thing!

Other Things

- Rob sent me a note after the September Newsletter was sent out, in which I had boats from the Lord Fletchers Classic Boat Show. I had included a boat he and his wife, Sue, had done some fancy tufting work on a cushion. I erroneously said the boat was a Chris Craft. The boat was in fact a rare, in the U.S., 20 foot Italian made Riva Super Florida. Here is a listing on Bring a Trailer for a Riva Super Florida:

- The club helped out Amelia Johnson, and her daughter MaryAnne, with some resources for electronics in radio control hobbies. MaryAnne is involved with an engineering fair at her school and she had found a great resource for a Glossary of Electrical and Electronic Engineering terms. Here is the web address: . It covers many items including:

    - The basic units (amps, volts, ohms and watts) explained in plain language
    - Common components such as diodes, inductors, transformers and MOSFETs
    - How motors work, including brushed vs. brushless DC motors
    - Safety terms like clearance, creepage and electrical isolation
    - Further reading on circuits, soldering safety and semiconductors

- “One more splash before the snow flies” – is an impromptu, grass roots from the membership event for this Sunday, November 1st, at the center pond at 2:00. Bring any boat you have and hope the weather holds. This time of the year anything goes weather-wise but it is so rewarding to get in late season boating – it is November after all!

Coming Up

- Saturday, November 7th, Dry Dock Party, social hour starts at noon, lunch at 1:00 by Famous Dave’s. Kaci Johnson, Associate Director of the Legacy of the Lakes Museum in Alexandria will be the speaker. She will be talking about rum running boats, which ties in with Paul Wyatt’s boat he is working on, and rum runners will be the featured display for the museum in 2027. Charge is $10 per person. If you

have not already, let Terry know by October 31st (, text to) that you will be attending and if you will have a guest.
- Sunday, November 8th, Swap Meet, set up 8:00 am, sales until noon, Hughes Pavilion.

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