

# EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

## SAIL & SCALE

### NEWSLETTER

#### September 2026 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

##### At the Park

With summer winding down one of the biggest events for children was held at the park, the annual visit by Disney Princesses. This year the visit was by Elsa and Anna from the Frozen movies. I was warned that there was going to be about 500 children for this event, and I don't think that was an exaggeration.



The meet and greet before the performance.

The line for meeting the characters went from the amphitheater up the hill and down 76<sup>th</sup> Street. After the chance for the kids to have their pictures taken with the characters there was a very good singing show at the amphitheater. The two women actors were excellent singers and great entertainers for the kids. The crowd was mostly young girls in their princess costumes and they were just enchanted.



The performance.



The group watching.

### Classic Boat Show at Bar Harbor - Gull Lake

Organizer Rob Segal has said that if you see one show, this is the one. This year was just spectacular! To put it in perspective there was an incredibly beautiful Italian boat there call a Riva. I have included photos of this boat in past newsletters and these boats are just Italian beautiful design. But as it was near one end of the dock

you had to pass the older classic boats first and by the time you got to the Riva it looked much more ordinary. There were a lot of stand-out boats at the show, here are three that really impressed. Two launches were featured this year:



That is the Elizabeth J, an 1897(!) 36 foot Glass Cabin Launch. She is part of the Lee and Penny Anderson collection. Originally built for Hiram Walker, of distillery fame, as a 30 foot boat, it was lengthened by 6 feet in the early 1930s to include a galley and toilet. Just gracefully beautiful.



This one is White Wings, a 1904 Dan Kidney 36 foot Cabin Launch. It was discovered by Lee Anderson sitting in the woods as he motored by to fish spring crappies in International Falls. Originally built for Dr. and Mrs. Ingraham of Ripon, Wisconsin. A very elegant boat!

Remember in the hay days of hot rods, the Rat Fink cartoons by Ed "Big Daddy" Roth? Over blown drawings of Rat Fink in ridiculous cars? The real thing in racing boats was at the show, part of the Lee Anderson collection.



Those are twin 16 cylinder marine racing engines! On yeah, with open headers!! She got fired up several times at the show, a show in and of itself! The boat is the Miss America VIII, a 1929 30 foot Gar Wood hydroplane, twice winner of the Harmsworth Trophy! In 1929 Gar Wood in Miss America VIII beat his brother George, in Miss America VII, by one-hundredth of a second. Gar Wood stated that the eighth was the finest boat he ever built, even better than the tenth.

At the show you could also get a ride in a hydro-car - John Bishop and Kevin Waldo did.



Right in front of our display were some vintage Harleys, and an air-head BMW displayed.



The show sponsors were handing out free of charge a beautiful booklet containing photos and descriptions of several of the classic boats on display and also honoring 100 years of the Canadian built Century boats. Burgers and hot dogs grilled on the lawn, all in a beautiful setting on the shore of Gull Lake, this is the show of shows in the Classic Boat world that we visit, and gaining in national recognition. Many more photos by John Bishop at:.

#### Classic Boat Show at Lord Fletcher's - Lake Minnetonka

Shortly on the heels of the Gull Lake show the Lake Minnetonka show is only 2 weeks later. This show has some ultra high end boats too, and maybe more of the everyman's classics than Gull Lake. Usually, some classic cars are in the parking lot too. This year was special for those of us attending in the club for the interaction with the show visitors. Case in point, while having lunch with Rob and sharing the table with a very nice young couple, we all noticed a plumb of black smoke rising in the sky, accompanied by a whiff of plastic burning, just beyond the club's tent set up in the parking lot. Finishing lunch, we returned to our display where our resident fire fighter, Tony Gutierrez, explained that at the home adjacent to Lord Fletcher's parking lot a plastic Adirondack chair had been placed too close to a fire pit and caught on fire! Tony immediately went in action and was joined by another off-duty fire fighter attending the show to put out the blaze before 911 could respond. One interesting car of note at the show was a 1956 Ford Parklane, two door station wagon with light modern upgrades:



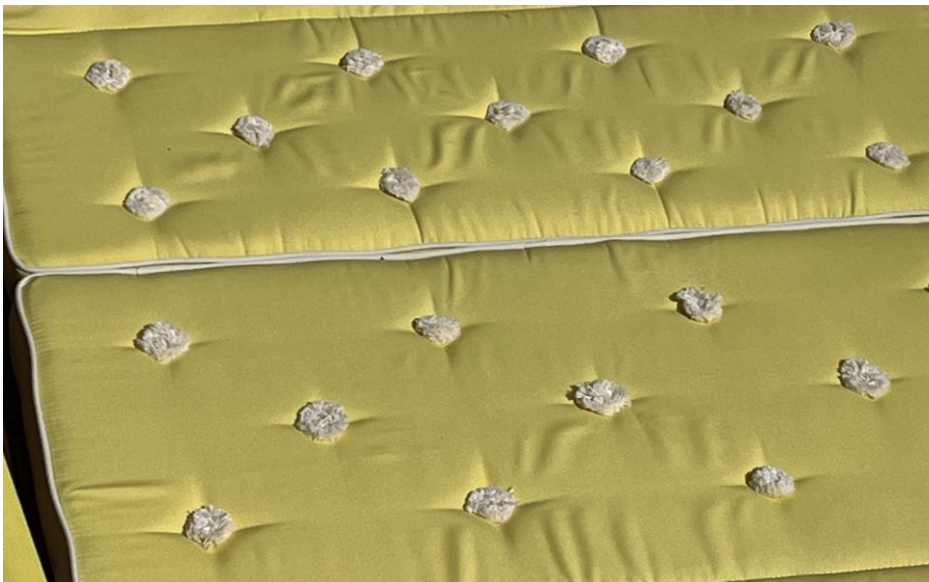
The owner explained that most people wanted the four door version so that this model was not popular, unlike the Chevy Nomad that was also produced in low numbers that later did become popular with classic car people.

Boats of note included this special built Miss Moonshine by Kevin Fitzke of Fitzke Boat Works. The hull was on display at last years Bar Harbor show, and was now completed and on the water:



The boat is powered by a modified GM 350, and the boat is built using Spanish Cedar and Honduran and Okoume Mahogany assembled with 4,762 brass screws!

This 17 foot Chris Craft is notable for the cushion that is placed the full length of the cockpit:



Notice the tufting on the cushion. During restoration the upholsterer making the cushion said they could not do the tufting, but Sue, Rob Segal's wife (a seamstress of note in the bridal world) said she could do it. Except the density and thickness of the cushion made that difficult so Rob created a jig to compress the cushion material allowing the tufting to be done and be uniform.

This is Sister Syn, a 1927 35 foot Horace Dodge Race Boat with a Curtiss Conqueror V-12 engine, and a 1930 Sweepstakes winner. The name comes from being the sister ship to Miss Syndicate, another of Horace Dodge's boats. Now part of the John Allen collection.



### Light House Night #2

This event is Saturday evening of the Fall into the Arts Festival at the park. The weather was absolutely perfect for the Saturday/Sunday event, turning colder and rainy on the following Monday. Perfect timing! A very pleasant no pressure event for club boats making for a relaxed time for you and your boats with the light house after dark. Captain's stations were in operation too with no need to limit the time per child. There was plenty of time for kids to enjoy the boats. See photos in Todd's photo gallery under "See Boating" on our website.

### At the Meeting

Light attendance at this meeting and was maybe the shortest I can remember. Rob Segal gave a great summary of the two classic boat shows and there were several comments about Light House Night #2. Show and tell was also abbreviated with three brief presentations. First up was Tim Kowalik, one of our 3D printing specialists, who was wanting to improve the run time for his radio, stock form uses four AA batteries and he was having to replace them with any extended run time. To do that he printed a new battery pack housing for the bottom of the radio that now contains sixteen AA batteries. It was very cleverly done and fit perfectly. Just another perfect creation from Tim.



Tim and the radio



The blue at the base is the new battery pack

David Petrich brought his latest skier, a much improved version that he says really skies like a real skier!



Lastly, Dave Brinkman really does have a soft spot for boats on sale, this one he watched on Facebook Market Place for 3-4 weeks.

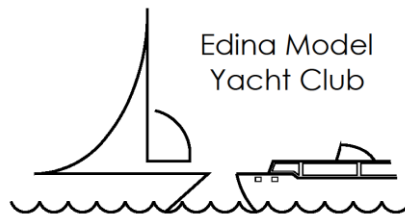


The boat is a Seguin tug, built about 50 years ago by the seller's father. All the vintage electronics are intact, and the boat is in pristine condition. A very nice find.

### Coming Up

- Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, final membership meeting of the year, election of Commodore and Directors for 2027. According to the club Bylaws members must be present at the meeting to vote.
- Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, Dry Dock Party, social hour starts at noon, lunch at 1:00 - we will have a guest speaker for the entertainment as well as Famous Dave's catering! Charge is \$10 per person.
- Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Swap Meet, set up 8:00 am, sales until noon.

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