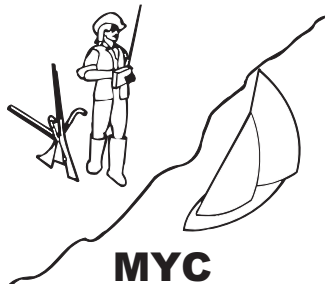


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About Minuteman Model Yacht Club

The Minuteman MYC is dedicated to the development of all aspects of model sailing. Dues for the year 2003 are \$15, \$10 if you *do not* require a hard copy of this newsletter and can receive it via e-mail; checks should be made out to "Minuteman MYC" and sent to Jack Sullivan at the address above.

Formal trophy regattas are held regularly. From April to June informal sailing sessions are held on Tuesday evenings between 5:00 PM and Sunset, and on Sundays beginning at 1 PM at Needham Reservoir, and at Rosemary Lake in Needham until November. Indoor meetings are held monthly between January and March.

The club recommends that new members select the Soling One Meter class yacht as their first boat. The Soling One Meter is a low-cost, entry-level, one-design boat. It is available in kit form, and a complete, ready to sail yacht can be built for less than \$250, including radio.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call any of the officers listed above. Or come and see us on Tuesday evening or at one of our regattas. Also, check out the AMYA web page on the Internet <www.amya.org>. Our club's web page can be reached at <www.amya.org/club/25/>



2002 Ice Bucket winner, Peter Wells of Martha's Vineyard MYC (right), shows off the Auld Cup while standing next to Al Fearn's Soling One Meter and a couple of bumps.

Oh Boy, It's Icebreaker Time Again

By Jack Sullivan

Sunday April 6th will be the date for our first regatta of the season, the Ice Breaker. The race will be held at the Needham Reservoir and is open to all AMYA classes. The skipper's meeting will start at 10:00 AM, but we suggest that you show up at least a half-hour early so you can get your boat set up before the race starts. The Icebreaker is usually very well attended and a wide variety of classes show up, so be sure to call Art Jacobsen to reserve your frequency. There are trophies for all classes that preregister

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more than three boats, and the prestigious Ice Bucket trophy is awarded to the winner of the largest class of boats represented. There is a \$5 entry fee to help pay for the trophies.

The calendar will say it is Spring but it is really the tail end of our New England winter. The ground will be either frozen or muddy. If you bring guests make sure they are dressed to stay outside for 4 hours in raw weather.

Check your equipment and have your boat ready. It is very uncomfortable trying to tie knots or crimp wires when your hands are cold. Freshly charged batteries are a must.

Wood's Hole 2003

By Jim Linville

The fourth biennial Woods Hole Model Boat Show will be held this year on the weekend of April 26th and 27th. Model boat builders from all over will exhibit and demonstrate historical, modern, military, sub-surface, static, free-sailed, and radio-controlled models. Model sailboat races, talks on model boat building, and hands-on operation for adults and children will be held.

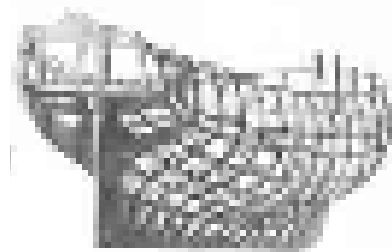
AMYA and VMYG will again share space in the Community Hall. VMYG's John Snow will serve as lead for the exhibit in coordination with AMYA Region 1 Director, Pete Maxson. Exhibit space will consist of four large tables and half the stage area. Those interested in exhibiting an AMYA or vintage model should contact John.

An AMYA open (over/under 40 inch) model regatta will be held on Saturday from 12 NOON to 4 PM, and the VMYG will host a "J" Class model regatta on Sunday from 11:30 AM to -2:30 PM. Both events will be held on Eel Pond across from Community Hall. Jim Linville will be Regatta Director for the AMYA event; and John Snow will run the "J" Class regatta. The Woods Hole Show organizers will provide trophies for the top three skippers in each event/category. All regatta participants will receive free admission to the Show.

Tickets: \$10.00 adult; \$5.00 children (must be accompanied by adult); \$25.00 family. Contacts: Co-chairs: Paul Ferris Smith, 508-548-4442, Barry Norris, 508-540-7345 (barry.nn@verizon.net).

CLUB BUSINESS

By Jack Sullivan



March 2003 Indoor Meeting

A dozen skippers and two of their wives gathered at the gymnasium meeting room of the Massachusetts Hospital School on the second Sunday in March for our final Indoor Meeting of the year. From now on we'll see you pond side.

Frequency Assignments

Jim Linville passed out radio frequency assignment sheets for Minuteman fun sailing and club series regattas. These assignments are not valid for invitational regattas, they are strictly for Tuesday night fun sails and Metric Series Regattas (club only events). For invitational level regattas we still need to register with Arthur Jacobsen as we have done for many years. It is hoped that this will avoid frequency conflicts with new skippers (or skippers who only show up at the lake once or twice all summer).

The Wall

We then got into our ubiquitous discussion on what to do about the Rosemary Lake wall. We are approaching the window of opportunity when the lake is drained for cleaning of the pool. Al Fearn has volunteered to lead our repair brigade and will fix as much as he can without getting the town up in arms. Anyone who is wants to help out should contact Al at the number in the masthead.

Mystic Seaport and Woods Hole

We had a discussion of the activities at Mystic Seaport and Woods Hole. Volunteers and participants are needed for both events.

There will be a Model Boat Show in Woods Hole that includes an Over/Under 40 inch regatta on April 26 and a "J" Class Regatta on the 27th. See the related article elsewhere in this newsletter for details. To register for the Over/Under Regatta contact Jim Linville at the number on the masthead — for the J-Class Regatta contact John Snow at (781) 631-4203 or <jsnow@drc.com>.

The activity at Mystic Seaport will be held between July 30 and August 3. It will be THE major model yachting event of the year in Region One, including two National Championship Regattas (Wheeler Class and Star 45 Class) and two Regional Championship Regattas (EC-12m Class and "J" Class). Don't worry plenty of details will follow in later issues of this Newsletter.

Old Farts Regatta

Amid much laughter we discussed the "Old Farts Regatta." First requirement is that the skipper must be on Social Security. A great deal of the banter revolved around Al Bradford. How do you handicap a race for the elderly when the oldest member of the club, Al, is in his nineties? In open regattas he regularly wins heats against skippers 60 years his junior. Watch our Newsletter for details.

Soling One Meter Interclub Championship

We decided to sponsor a Soling One Meter Interclub Championship on October 19. This event will be held on a neutral pond located as near the geographical center of the region as possible. Details will follow in a later issue.

After listening to the skippers talking seriously for three hours, Norma Greenhalgh made a motion from the floor that we should do something to have some fun. So we adjourned the meeting.

New England Model Yachting Event Schedule

April and May 2003

This list is as complete as possible. Events noted as "Club" are local club events and may be restricted to members of the sponsoring club. Club names and contacts are:

005, Metro Marine Modelers (Toronto), Keith Rodgers , 905-639-4755 <gkrodgers@look.ca>

018, Buffalo Model Boat Club, John Tracy, 716-832-5749, e-mail <DougHemi@aol.com>

020, Greater Hartford MYC, Rich Ellis, (860) 228-3327 <richard.ellis@snet.net>

025, Minuteman MYC, Art Jacobsen, (508) 543-1321 <Aojjr@attbi.com>

041, Marblehead MYC, Chuck Winder, (781) 631-6727 <chuckw88@msn.com>

051, Narragansett MYA, George Greenhalgh, (401) 245-7493 <Bygeorge18@aol.com>

159, Stowe YC, Charlie Berry, (802) 253-4184 <cberry@vtlink.net>

Vin, Vintage Model Yacht Group, John Snow, (781) 631-4203 <JSnow@drc.com>

Other clubs exist, but have not submitted events for this calendar. To submit events and corrections, contact Jim Linville, (781) 925-0045; jimisu@attbi.com.



<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Apr 06	Ice Breaker (open)*	025	open	Needham, MA	10am
Apr 12	GHMYC Soling Regatta (1)	020	S1m	Mansfield, CT	11am
Apr 13	AC Open	005	AC	Amherst, NY	10am
Apr 13	Spring Hi Ball	051	EC-12	R.Williams St. Pk.	10am
Apr 19	GHMYC Practice (One Meter)	020	1M	Mansfield, CT	11am
Apr 21	Patriot's Day Regatta **	025	open	Needham, MA	10am
Apr 23	AC Open	018	AC	Amherst, NY	9am
Apr 26-27	<i>Woods Hole Model Boat Show Regatta</i> (Register with Jim Linville, 781-925-0045)				
Apr 26	Over/Under 40†	025	open	Woods Hole, MA	12noon
Apr 27	"J" Class Regatta	Vin	J	Woods Hole, MA	12noon
Apr 27	AC Open	018	AC	Amherst, NY	
May 03	GHMYC One Meter Regatta (1)	020	1M	Mansfield, CT	11am
May 04	S1m Metric One (club)	025	S1m	Needham, MA	10am
May 04	GHMYC Club Heat racing	020	open	Mansfield, CT	11am
May 10	GHMYC Soling Regatta (2)	020	S1m	Mansfield, CT	11am
May 11	US1m Metric One (club)	025	US1m	Needham, MA	10am
May 11	Mother's Day Fun Sail	051	EC-12	R.Williams St. Pk.	10am
May 11	US 1m Open	018	US1m	Amherst, NY	9am
May 17	GHMYC Star Regatta (1)	020	Star 45	Mansfield, CT	11am
May 18	S1m Metric Two (club)	025	S1m	Needham, MA	10am
May 18	NMYA H.C. #1	051	EC-12	R.Williams St. Pk.	10am
May 25	AC Open	018	AC	Amherst, NY	9am
May 26	Memorial Day Regatta††	025	open	Needham, MA	10am
May 31	GHMYC One Meter Regatta (2)	020	1m	Mansfield, CT	11am
May 31-Jun 1	Green Mt. Regatta	159	EC-12	Stowe, VT	9am
May 31-Jun 1	M Class Region 1 Championship	041	M	Storrow Lagoon	10am

Minuteman MYC RDs: * Cliff Martin; ** Al Fearn; † Jim Linville; †† Herb Dreher

Fans 1; Boats 0

By Cliff Martin

I have to admit that it has taken quite a while for the scars to heal and for me to be able to talk about the incident. Unfortunately, as this case will point out, innocent bystanders often suffer more permanent injuries.

As you might imagine, it started out innocently enough. For several months I had stood at the edge of our local pond where the Model Yacht club regularly sailed. I watched the other guys sailing and occasionally coaxed one or more of them to let me try. Pretty soon, with their encouragement, I bought my first boat... a Soling One Meter. I could tell, just by looking at her unassembled parts, that she was one of a kind, a thoroughbred built for speed. There was no doubt that even with my marginal building skills, when finished, she would run to the front of the pack. Even as I sat opening my Soling kit for the first time, my trusty golden retriever, Max, stood excitedly by my side. His tail wagged as I held each part up for his subsequent inspection and lick of approval. It was an involved ritual, but I knew that I would never have to undertake such a project alone; Max would always be at my side (whether I wanted him there or not).



Minuteman MYC Commodore, Cliff Martin, wills his Soling One Meter to the front of the pack. Now we know why we so seldom see Max at the pond."

According to archives, the construction of the Soling went uneventfully. That is to say, I only melted the keel into an amorphous blob once and after spilling my shot all over the floor I was able to keep Max from eating them while recovering enough to complete my replacement keel. This was followed by many happy hours of painting, picking out dog hair, sanding and repainting. While the paint and dog hair was drying on the hull I would work on the mast and booms.

The mast/booms had to be sanded and all of the stays, screw eyes, hardware, etc. had to be placed. This is exacting work, requiring a steady hand and keen eye, but when completed you are rewarded with a mast and rigging that looks truly impressive. Once I was sure that everything on the mast and booms was shaped perfectly and placed where it should be, I began a spar varnish, dog hair, sanding ritual, not unlike that on the hull.

After what seemed like months, Max and I completed the hull, mast, booms, etc. and excitedly assembled them. The newest edition to the Soling fleet sat gleaming on my basement workbench. Neither Max nor I could have been happier.

It seemed like a great time to show the rest of the family what we had accomplished and celebrate with a few drinks and dog biscuits. Max led the procession up the basement stairs and into the family room, barking and running in circles around our prize and me. I was watching Max, to make sure that I didn't trip and spoil the entrance, when I heard a loud resounding "CRASH" over my head. Max ran away and my wife watched in horror as one of my side stays tangled in the ceiling fan and gently circled the pitiful remains of my mast, now broken and bent in the middle. It was over in the blink of an eye.

Yes, she had not yet seen the water, but the Soling that Max and I had worked on, so long and hard, had fallen in the most unexpected way. The quiet, whispering, you never know it's there 'til you stick your mast in it, Ceiling Fan.

I was devastated and I only share this with you in hopes of preventing it from happening to others. You should be aware that even though it has been a long time since the "Ceiling Fan Incident," as it has become known in my family, it is still difficult to talk about. As I said earlier, sometimes innocents suffer the most. After running out of the room, that fateful night, Max has still not recovered from the trauma. He doesn't like to hang around anymore if I'm working on a boat and will leave the family room if I bring in a boat with a mast.

**DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU! TELL YOUR FRIENDS WITH MODEL YACHTS TO WATCH THE CEILING;
NEVER LOOK DOWN!**

WOODENBOAT SHOW 2003 TO INCLUDE MODEL YACHTS

The 12th Annual Gathering of Wooden Boats, Builders, and Enthusiasts is
Scheduled for July 18–20 in Rockland, Maine

(BROOKLIN, MAINE)—The 2003 WoodenBoat Show, owned and produced by WoodenBoat magazine, is preparing for one of its most far-reaching events ever this July 18–20 in Rockland, Maine. Approximately 140 exhibitors of wooden boat-related products and services (including 100 wooden craft on display) are expected to fill the Rockland waterfront and attract thousands of visitors from around the world. Like last year's show, the 2003 event will host the Watercraft Challenge, co-produced by the Atlantic Challenge Foundation; and new special events include Family Boat Building, and in-water demonstrations and events, among others.

The WoodenBoat Show begins on Friday, July 18. In-water events include the Watercraft Challenge, which will feature teams aboard historic vessels and replicas competing at in-water events. There will be a parade of sail across Rockland Harbor Friday afternoon, featuring Penobscot Bay schooners and pristine new and restored wooden yachts that will join a selection of powerboats on display at docks throughout the show.

Penobscot Bay Model Yacht Club is joining the WoodenBoat Show this year, and it will be representing the U.S. Vintage Model Yacht Group and the American Model

Yachting Association. Their model yachts will be on display and in demonstrations in the Inner Basin during all three days of the show. Highlights include a re-creation of 1930s AMERICA's Cup match races between spectacular J-Boat models RAINBOW and ENTERPRISE (these models are 8-1/2' long!) and later AMERICA's Cup boats NZ 60 and COURAGEOUS.

On land during the show will be the two-and-a-half-day-long Family Boat Building event, during which 15 families and groups (chosen in advance based on entries) will build their own wooden dinghies or skiffs with the help of an instructor. All boats will be launched on the final day of the show. Rockland will be the headquarters for Family Boat Building events being hosted in communities across the country and internationally throughout the week of July 13–20, during which an estimated 750 to 1,000 families will participate worldwide.

On-land exhibits from Boat Building, materials, and service companies will be spread along the waterfront, and demonstrations of Boat Building and related skills—including marine carving, rope work, caulking, repair methods, and wood-working—will be featured. Children are invited to take part in Children's Boat Building, sponsored by Interlux Yacht Fin-

ishes, which is an ongoing event for children to build and sail their own tiny wooden boats.

The WoodenBoat Show 2003 will be open Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, July 20, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Advance tickets may be purchased on-line at www.woodenboat.com (click on the WoodenBoat Show logo) or by calling 800-273-7447. (Editor's Note: I'm not sure yet, but I believe that AMYA Volunteers and Regatta participants will receive free admission.)

The WoodenBoat Show, in its 12th year, is an annual event that moves across the country. This is the show's second consecutive year in Rockland, Maine, following events in prior years in South Haven, Michigan; St. Michaels, Maryland; Mystic, Connecticut; Southwest Harbor, Maine; and Newport, Rhode Island. Last year's show drew an estimated 12,000 people to Rockland. WoodenBoat magazine, owner and producer of the WoodenBoat Show, is the international publication dedicated to wooden boat owners, builders, and designers, features a wide range of articles about wooden boat design and construction, reporting on both emerging technologies and traditional methods.

FOR SALE!

IOM Little Wing Kit

All parts, including a Bantock bulb, Ripozola mast, a Futaba S-5801 sail winch, (and a Hit-Tech HS-725BB for backup).
The hull has a crack in the gelcoat, but I have pigment from the original lay-up to fix.

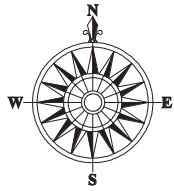
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Contact: Rick McKinney
(508) 359-9192 or <RMckin5324@aol.com>

One Last Boat Night

Hal Robinson has agreed to host one more Boat Night this year. It will be held from 5–8 PM on Tuesday, April 15th, 2003. If you haven't made it to one of these great evenings, you're missing one of the best things about our hobby — the comradeship. Come on down! And bring your latest project to share with the rest of us. As usual, we will send out for Chinese food. Call Hal at (781) 648-4074 or Jim Linville at (781) 925-0045 for directions.

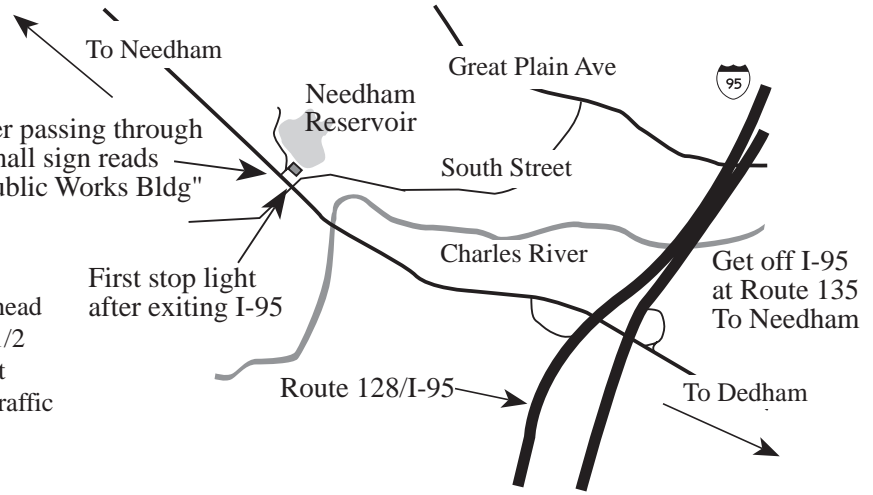
Directions to the Needham Reservoir



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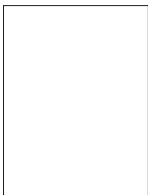
First stop light after exiting I-95

Get off I-95/128 at Exit 17 (Route 135), head West towards Needham. Approximately 1/2 mile from the exit there is a traffic light at South Street. Turn right just beyond this traffic light. It's a driveway with a small sign "Needham Public Works Bldg."



One Last Word...

The snow in Southern New England is gone, and the model yachting season is about to begin! Believe-it-or-not, Minuteman's Ice Breaker is scheduled for April 6th, the Greater Hartford club will hold a Soling 1m regatta on April 12th, the Narragansett MYA holds its Spring Hi Ball on April 13th, the Patriot's Day Regatta will be sailed in April 21, and the Woods Hole Model Boat Show is on the week-end of April 26-27. My God! Where did the winter go?



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