



The RUDDER

Duke City Model Yacht Club
American Model Yachting Association Club #213



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The Duke City Model Yacht Club, sanctioned by the American Model Yachting Association, promotes radio controlled model sailboat racing for the benefit of the membership. Club activities include racing the nationally sanctioned one design classes Soling 1 Meter, and RG-65 as well as special events which may be opened to other R/C sailboats.

First DCMYC Newsletter of 2013

Commodore's Commentary:

We had a great awards dinner last month, and I would like to thank Kathy Bailey for making the arrangements. The event marked the handover from Michael Jiron to me for the Commodore job, and Mike did a great job of running the dinner meeting. We would like to thank Mike for his service to the club over the last year, which included Soling and RG-65 Regattas, both of which had good participation from out of town skippers. Steve Bailey also helped run the dinner meeting in his role as Regatta Captain. The event was well attended, and I think everyone had a great time. **2012 season awards were given to RG-65 skippers Michael Jiron for First Place; Kieth Radcliffe for Second Place; and Pat Montalvo for Most Improved Skipper, while the Soling One Meter season awards went to What's His Name for First Place; Dane Christopher for Second Place; and Bob Jones for Most Improved Skipper.** Earl Boebert took care of getting season trophies and trophies for our regatta events. We thank him for his continued help for this year as well as previous years.

We would like to thank Jim Scheibner for his help as club webmaster, and also thank Peter Roupas for his continuing service as our Treasurer. Steve Bailey has agreed to continue on as Regatta Captain, so we thank him for his continued service. Steve got permanent marks installed at our pond, along with help from a number of other skippers, including Peter Roupas and Jim Scheibner. We did have to temporarily pull the marks, when pond ice began to move them too close to the shore; however they are back in the pond as I write this note. Steve is in the process of building two more racing marks, so we can have three marks at both the north and south ends of the pond. These extra marks should make it easier to set a good racing course with up-wind legs.

As you know, we circulated a draft of changes to our DCMYC Handbook. We received enough approval votes to authorize the changes to the Racing and Bylaws sections, and our revised handbook is now available from our dcmyp.org web site. We plan to continue work on the Racing section, and will probably make a few additions to our procedures for this next year when we have had the time to review concerns from last year, and evaluate changes that might be needed with the new Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016. There are links to the new rules on the club web site (dcmyp.org), and I encourage everyone to become familiar with the current rules.

I will try to cover some of the new rules as time goes by. For starters, be aware that when hailing another boat, for whatever reason, we are now obliged to call out the digits of the number: we call out boat one five, instead of boat fifteen. This applies to skippers racing and to the RD who may be calling out boats who are OCS (On Course Side) or "over early" at the start.

Earl Boebert has offered to purchase a Racing Rules review disk from UK Sailmakers. I have arranged to borrow a video projector. As soon as we can put the two together, along with a meeting place suitable for 10 to 15 skippers, we will have a chance to study the new rules. If you know of a suitable meeting place (perhaps a conference room or restaurant meeting room?), please let us know. We would like to schedule this for mid to late March.

Our end of year Treasury balance is \$630, which is \$125 more than the previous year. Major income was from dues, regattas and the sale of the club soling. Major expenses included new buoys and trophies. We thank Peter Roupas as Treasurer and Jim Scheibner as auditor for this information.

Here's wishing you steady winds, enjoyable pond-side temperatures, and steady thumbs,

Pete Eschman

DCMYC Annual Banquet

As Pete mentioned, the DCMYC Annual Awards Banquet was held on Monday, January 14th at the Texas Land & Cattle Steakhouse. We had a nice room with lots of space; a fireplace with a blazing fire, good food, great conversation; exceptional service and of course, the presentation of trophies



The turnout was really great in spite of the snow which started coming down pretty heavy when we arrived and by the time we were ready to leave about 8 or 8:30, most of us had to scrape the snow and ice off our cars so we could see to drive home. All in all I think everyone had a good. For those of you not able to join us, we missed you and hope you will be able to join us next year!



Membership Dues for 2013 Are Due Now!

Don't forget the dues for 2013 are due now. If you haven't already paid your \$20.00 for this year, please make a check payable to **DCMYC** and send it to Peter at the following address or bring it to the pond and give it to Steve Bailey, Kathy Bailey, Pete Eschman, Peter Roupas or Jim Scheibner.

DCMYC
C/O Peter Roupas
915-21st St NW
Albuquerque, NM 87104

Please include a note updating your information (email address, phone #, address, etc) with your dues so we can keep our roster up to date.

Meet Our Newest and Youngest Skipper

Our newest and youngest skipper is named Sebastian. He is 8 years old and is in the third grade. He and his parents were riding their bikes on the bike trail and saw some sails on the pond so they stopped. One of our great skippers let him sail and he was hooked.

Kathy asked Sebastian to tell us a little about himself and how he got interested in sailing. The following is what he shared:

"I am in Gifted classes where I am challenged more and have lots of fun. I like to run, play with Lego's, and dig. I love to sing and can play the piano. I went to my grandfather's house and went to the America's Cup and that's what started making me want to sail. My grandfather has a Sunfish and a Cape Dory. My grandfather let me go along on some races so I could see what they felt like. We were riding our bikes on the bike trail and we saw some sails in the pond, and they let me sail. Dane lent me one of his boats called Surprise and it is a very good boat. I enjoy sailing because it lets me concentrate on what I'm doing and forget about other things."



Sebastian with his new boat!



Sebastian & Steve at the pond on Feb 16th

Sebastian decided to build a RG65 and Steve offered to help him. Sebastian and his mom or dad drove to Los Lunas several times while he and Steve built a really sharp looking competitive RG65. Sebastian said it really moves when it gets the wind. Skippers, you better watch out, here comes Sebastian, #04!!!!

Member Roster

A new updated roster for this year is an attachment to the newsletter email. If you ever think that you do not have a current roster, please send me an email and I will make sure to send one to you. I am making every effort to keep the roster current. If you change your phone number, move, or get a new email address, please let me know as soon as you can so I can make sure to update the roster accordingly. There are 7 skippers that have not confirmed their information so please if you haven't confirmed your information, please do so.

Race/RD Schedule

We will be updating the Race/RD schedule as things change during the coming year and will keep an updated schedule on the web. Here is the link to our most current DCMYC race schedule and RD assignments updated as of February 24, 2013: http://www.unm.edu/~eschman/dcmyp/DCMYC_Schedule.pdf. Please check the schedule periodically to see if any changes have been made however, I will send out an email letting everyone know that an updated schedule has been posted. Also, if you are not able to perform your RD duties on your assigned day, please be sure to find someone to switch with and notify Kathy Bailey, Steve Bailey or Pete Eschman by phone or email so we can make a note on the schedule and don't send out an incorrect race reminder email.

WATCH FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE DCMYC NEWSLETTER THE END OF APRIL!!!!

If you'd like to contribute to the newsletter, send an email with your contribution attached to Kathy Bailey and we'll make every effort to include it. Thanks!!!!