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New Format

At the request of several members I am adopting a new format for the newsletter. The focus will move away from race scores as the central theme and more towards club activities, members, and the fun we are having at the pond, as well as more articles from members related to items they want to see each month. I am hoping all divisions of the club will participate with providing material. Scores from Points Races are on the last 2 pages in the cumulative scores format. Please let me know how this approach fits with what you want to see. Thanks, Tom Gardner, Editor.

2016 Scale Boat Summer Regatta in June.



Saturday June 25, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm



In 2015 the Scale Division revived the scale boat regatta here at the pond. They had a great family—friendly event and this year it is coming again this month. It was a great success. If you have not been to one of our Scale Division events you have really missed out.

Upcoming Events

June											
3-5	Rock & Roll Marathan										
11	11:30	Sail Points: ODOM, IOM, Soling-50, S/B									
		RD: Kim Robbins									
12	10:00	Board Meeting- Lon's Garden									
25	9:00	Summer Scale Regatta									
26	9:00 Power Points										
	July										
9	10:00	Club Meeting - Donuts									
9	11:30	Sail Points: S/B, Soling-50, IOM, ODOM, RD: John									
9	11:30	Tyler									
16	9:00	Soling -50 - Summer Regatta									
17	9:00	Soling -50 - Summer Regatta									
29-31	9:00	Power Races									

REMINDER: PTS RACE ON 11th, Kim Robbins RD

June Scale Boat Summer Regatta.



These folks know how to have fun with great model boats, events, food and swap meets. Glenda and I were there last year and bought our first Military style boat, and have since traded for a Coast Guard Cutter. We will be there again this year with three boats!!! Hope to see you there too. Here is what you can expect:

- 1. Navigation Course
- 2. Lunch: \$10 for food (chicken) & drink
- 3. Trading Tables: Bring your extra boats & parts
- 4. Raffle! (must be present to win at 2:00 pm)
- 5. Remote controlled model boats! Cool, cool scale boats! Come check 'em out even if you don't have one!

What to Bring: Bring your own table, chair & sun screen. Bring a scale boat to run through our navigation course. Bring money for lunch & raffle and spare stuff for trading.

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2016 Soling-50 NCR, July 16, 17

Last year we had 12 participants for the National Championship Regatta (NCR). It is back this year at the pond but will probably be elsewhere next year. So here is your chance to participate in a great local event.

Of the some 45 or so registered Soiling 50's nationwide, we have 24 of them right there in the Argonauts. But many members have not yet participated in a NCR event. There are good reasons: Conflicts of schedule, it is a two day event and that's a lot of walking, and it's a bit intimidating. OK, I get it. But it is also a lot of fun and the best way to improve your skills. With Points Races there are only 3 races, that just barely gets you started, especially if something goes wrong. In a two day event, there are a lot of starts (24), more competitors (i.e. more to beat if you get the chance) and you can learn from mistakes and try again in the next race. If your feet get tired just sit out a race. Nothing says you have to race every race. With 24 races there will most likely be 4 throw outs. So come give it a try and just have fun!!



2015 Soling-50 NCR Race Week Participants What to expect:

Early Registration at the pond on Friday

Saturday 8:30 Coffee and donuts

9:00 Registration

9:30 Skipper's Meeting

10:00 Race

12:00 Lunch Break

5:30 BBQ

On Sunday things start a little later with the breakfast of champions at 9:00 am and racing at 10:00, with another lunch as time permits. Filippo is the RD and he would like to get 14 races in on Saturday and 10 on Sunday so we can be done earlier on Sunday. Our normal rules of sailing (SI) will apply. The awards ceremony will follow racing on Sunday afternoon. That is a lot for a \$45.00 entry fee.

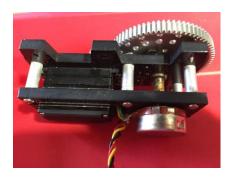
The full NOR and registration information is attached to this email. Note that you can use AMYA, Regattas, go to July for an on line registration and PayPal. Or just send \$ and registration form to me. Hope to see you there.

Be ready for Soling-50 NCR with this check up!

Robot Zone Heads Up! By Ken Campbell

I absolutely love the Robot Zones I have in my boats. But be aware, as I discovered at the last Sail Points, that the unit is not without it vulnerabilities. Namely because the Robot Zone sensing potentiometer lives outside the typical protective servo case, it is fully exposed to mother nature at her worst... a corrosive salt water environment.

I have been sailing my Robot Zone equipped Soling 50 for probably 5 years with little if any problems. But last Sail Points was a different story. Upon rigging the boat and testing all the servos I discovered the sail arm unexpectedly twitching around... not it's usual, or desired behavior. I swapped out the receiver but that didn't help. So the only other option was to swap out the Robot Zone unit... which I did. Happily the replacement worked just fine.



Upon inspection of the faulty Robot Zone it was easy to see all the corrosion that had accumulated around the shaft of the sensing potentiometer, and I can only assume, inside the potentiometer itself as well. Upon replacing the pot with a new unit the Robot Zone was once again ready for duty at the pond.

The takeaway from this article is the message to occasionally give your electronics a through visual inspection. Better to identify and rectify a problem in the garage at home, rather than when you're ready to put your boat in the water at the pond.

Remember to sail on the lifts,

Ken

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May Points Race

The May Points Race was well attended with more than 5 boats in every class. Lon Wahler was RD and did a very nice job. Bill Honeycutt came down from Anaheim with his Soling-50, and Dave Woodward joined the IOM's for a 2nd Points Race in a Row. The surprise of the day came in the ODOM class, note the winners picture below and in case you don't recognize him, that is Jeff Young (no hat). He is one of our newer members from Southwestern Yacht Club, where he sails a very beautiful Beneteau. 18 skippers have raced their ODOM's this year in Points Races, Jeff with his great 1st place finish in the 1st race nipped Gerry Wold for 2nd place overall when they tied with 8 points. Jeff is now in 8th place and will be moving up with sailing like that. Congrats Jeff.



May Points Race - ODOM Winners

Boats For Sale





US One-Meter

Soling-50

U.S. One-Meter with sails and radio ready to sail \$350.00 OBO. Call or see Dennis Frost at 619-972-5788.

Soling -50 with sails and radio ready to sail. Contact Don Lair for details at 619-213 6410.

"America " The Model

Built from Smithsonian Institute line drawings, Bob DeBow created a 58 inch model of the schooner "America" and it is now for sale for \$500.00 OBO. The picture below cannot due it justice. The scale is 1/2"=1' and it displaces approximately 19 ½ pounds.

Constuction took 400 plus hours and the detail is exquisite. The construction is plank over frame covered with glass cloth and resin, with redwood deck houses to simulate mahogany and a deck of balsa strips clear shellacked and glassed to simulate Southern Pine. The aft skylight can be removed to access the internal reciever and servos. You have to see this to really appreciate the great craftsmenship that Bob put into it. The schooner was on display at the San Diego Convention Center with the America's Cup in 1992 and Bob has material related to that event.

Contact him for a viewing opportunity at: 619-222-1991



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2016 SAIL DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS																		
Santa Barbara														Raw	Throw	Throw	Net	
#	Skippers	Sail #	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	#1	#2	Score
1	Ken Campbell	81	4	4	6	5	6								25	6	6	13
2	Gerry Wold	229	8	5	7	8	10								38	10	8	20
3	Rich Rogers	752	27	12	12	7	5								63	27	12	24
4	Lon Wahler	1602	13	27	8	6	14								67.5	27	14	27
5	Tom Gardner	1601	7	12	12	21	9								61	21	12	28
6	Dennis Frost	949	15	11	19	21	27								93	27	21	45
7	Bart Klatt	1801	21	7	26	21	18								93	26	21	46
8	Bill Honeycutt	2107	18	16	22	16	17								89	22	18	49
9	Mark Hallberg	370	27	27	18	12	27								111	27	27	57
10	Dunham Reilly	950	27	27	33	21	19								127	33	27	67
11	Bert Barbosa	1403	27	20	33	21	27								128	33	27	68
	Skippers		7	7	9	5	7								Average # of Skipper		kippers:	7.0
2016 SAIL DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS																		
					9	Soling -	50								Raw	Throw	Throw	Net
#	Skippers	Sail #	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	#1	#2	Score
1	Ken Campbell	81	6	5	4	5	6								26	6	6	14
2	Filippo Bussalacchi	1616	8	10	5	9	17								49	17	10	22
3	Gerry Wold	11	8	7	11	9	11								46	11	11	24
4	Kim Robbins	711	13	13	10	10	13								59	13	13	33
5	Tom Gardner	588	16	15	16	21	8								76	21	16	39
6	Greg Dawe	5	30	13	27	6	24								100	30	27	43
7	Kerim Boran	227	12	15	27	21	24								99	27	24	48
8	Bill Honeycutt	725	30	27	27		24								108	30	27	51
9	Bob Williams	1364	24	21	20	15	24								104	24	24	56
10	Lon Wahler	116	21	48	18	21	27								135	48	27	60
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ODOM														Raw	Throw	Throw	Net	
#	Skippers	Sail#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	#1	#2	Score
1	Ken Campbell	81	4	5	5	4	4								22	5	5	12
2	Gerry Wold	591	5	20	16	12	8								61	20	16	25
3	Kerim Baran	714	13	7	8	15	24								67	24	15	28
4	Scot Tempesta	686	21	33	6	7	24								91	33	24	34
5	Tom Gardner	588	12	14	13	15	15								69	15	15	39
6	Rich Rogers	547	21	21	16	8	15								81	21	21	39
7	John Tyler	492	11	15	30	15	24								95	30	24	41
8	Jeff Young	67	21	33	22	15	8								99	33	22	44
9	John Golden	496	21	9	30	15	24								99	30	24	45
12	Greg Dawe	82	21	10	30	15	24								100	30	24	46
13	Lon Wahler	616	21	33	30	15	13								112	33	30	49
14	Mark Wallberg	513	21	23	30	15	24								113	30	24	59
15	Jim Shadwick	508	21	25	30	15	24								115	30	25	60
16	Jason Moore	741	21	33	25	15	24								118	33	25	60
	Skippers		5	9	8	3	6								Avera	ge#ofS	kippers:	6.2
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						IOM									Raw	Throw	Throw	Net
#	Skippers	Sail#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	#1	#2	Score
1	Ken Campbell	81	5	4	3	4	4								20	5	4	11
2	Kim Robbins	21	6	7	9	14	8								44	14	9	21
3	Mike Eldred	39	11	18	8	11	8								56	18	11	27
4	Bob Hirsch	78	7	12	14	12	10								55	14	12	29
5	Dennis Frost	295	12	8	17	27	21								85	27	21	37
6	Scott Tempesta	41	18	18	24	5	21								86	24	21	41
7	John Golden	51	18	18	12	27	21								96	27	21	48
8	Trace Tempesta	17	18	18	24	17	21								98	24	21	53
11	Dave Woodward	66	18	18	24	21	17								98	24	21	53
	Skippers		4	4	6	7	5								Avera	ge#ofS	kippers:	5.2
	Blank = Did not comp	pete (DN	C), tota	al skippe	ers plus	2, times	3 races											
	RD score equals ave	rage scon	es for th	ne year														
	RD that participated	in the cla	ass race	, scores	race fin	ish.												