
N.M.Y.C. NEWS

EC-12's Inaugurate Pond #2



When EC-12 fleet captain **Dick Hedderick** read the South to North wind forecast for the first counted race of the 2018 season, he immediately decided to hold the EC counted race at our new pond #2. Six boats raced for two hours and veteran skipper **Gerhard Kelter** took home the honors for the day.

We all enjoyed using the new dock build by **Doug Blewitt & Denny Ginsburg** and it was great to have two picnic tables on site donated by **Jim Craft**. We are still open to your ideas for how to use this pond to maximize the FUN factor for our members. BTW, the porta potty will be on site next week.

Race Director **Bruce Budelman** had to deal with two identical sail numbers last week when the big EC's raced at pond 2.

Photo by Winston Mathews

Meet Linda & Jack Knoblauch...



Avid full-scale sailors Jack and Linda enjoy the racing program that NMYC offers.

We recently had the opportunity to sit down under a shade tree at our North Collier Regional Park (NCRP) pond with **Linda and Jack Knoblauch**. I asked them how they became involved with sailing and Jack replied “After getting bored with power boats we decided to buy a sailboat in 1982, a Catalina 27”. “ He went on to explain they became interested in racing and after two more boats upgraded to a Tripp 40. With 10 crew members, this boat is designed for buoy racing and is built to the International Measurement System. They continue to race it with other Macatawa Bay Yacht Club members and serve on the race committee for the junior program and for offshore regattas.

I asked Linda when they discovered R/C model boat sailing and NMYC. She told me that while wintering in Naples they discovered our website and then visited NCRP. They joined NMYC and Jack build a Soling with just enough time to test sail it before returning North. Jack has now built five Solings and they both have DF-95's raced in the X fleet.

Linda owned an art gallery and picture framing business prior to retirement and Jack completed his work career as Director of Engineering for Steelcase, North America Operations. Linda also served on their local school board for 12 years.

When I asked how our club could improve they were quick to suggest we start a mentoring program that would pair a new member with an existing member. They said it is not a forever relationship, but would help to retain our new members and help them integrate into the fleets they pick to race. This is a good idea and we are working on it.

Have you heard...

- * You can check our fleet race results by going to our web site (www.naplesmyc.org)
- * You can find out when you are scheduled as Race Director or Assistant Race Director by going to the club website.
- * Both our ponds are covered under the AMYA pond owner policy for \$2M in liability coverage. Our insurance is for the pond owner, not AMYA nor NMYC members.
- * Our club sent each participant in the DF-95 National Championship Regatta a beautiful pictorial put together by club member TC.
- * Four additional buoys have been ordered for pond #2. They should arrive before the end of the month.
- * North Collier Regional Park will be including a sailing module for their day camps this coming summer. NMYC will assist in developing the program.
- * We have 57 paid members now and 4 life members for a total of 61 active members.
- * If you have not yet paid your dues, Treasurer Denny Ginsburg will still accept them. If not paid by the end of January, we will remove non-paid members from the club roster and newsletter mail list.
- * We have moved our storage locker to a newer site with a reduced cost. The items we store are mainly used for Regattas.
- * Our club will be the last warm-up race for the Laser National Championship Regatta held in Marco Island each year. NOR is out now...see Richard Flach for details. Date is March 1, 2018.

Nominations for Club Officers for 2018 - 2019 season. If you would like to run for one of the club officer positions, this is your chance. Just send an email or speak with Dick Hedderick, Chairman of the nominating committee.

If you would like to assist in newsletter preparation or web page support, contact Larry Brannan.