
N.M.Y.C. NEWS

Ten Accomplishments for Our Club in 2018



*DF-95's search for
that welcome
"puff"...*

#1 Updated Counted Race Program - Your club board reviewed seven boat classes and decided to support five, Soling 1M, DF-95, Sea Wind, EC-12 and DF-65.

#2 Established Member Database - Doug Blewitt and Denny Ginsburg developed a database of club members and their boats. Now fleet captains have up to date member lists, we can track AMYA expiration dates and we have good email addresses for members.

#3 Taught a Junior Sailing Program - Your club assisted the North Collier Regional Park team in building six DF-65 boats, setting their own racing buoys and then assisting in teaching the classes. Denis Blaise and Denny Ginsburg provided technical resources for the park personnel and taught several classes.

#4 Established Saturday morning racing - We established weekly Saturday morning Soling racing at pond #2 (behind Dick's Sporting Goods) on Naples Blvd. At the end of March we closed this pond and turned in the porta potty saving \$75.00/mo. We re-opened Pond #2 on December 1, 2018.

#5 Audited AMYA membership - We worked directly with AMYA to cross check that NMYC members were also AMYA members. This is important to retaining the AMYA liability insurance program we provide to pond owners. This insurance program helped us to retain our sailing program at the North Collier Regional Park as well as the privately owned Pond #2 on Naples Blvd.

#6 Built New docks at North Collier Regional Park pond - Doug Blewitt supervised the construction of two new docks at our primary facility. The new docks are longer, more sturdy, yet still easy to move.

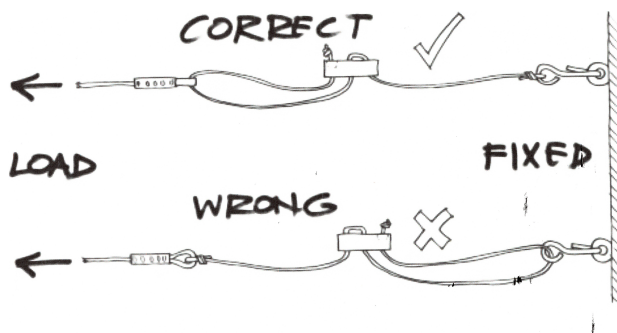
#7 Consolidated Scheduling Program - Randy Williams organized the three month racing schedule for five different boat classes, 80+ skippers, Race Directors and Assistant Race Directors all in an easy to read document.

#8 Established Purchase Program for DF95 & DF65 - Doug Blewitt and Denny Ginsburg organized a quantity discount program for members wanting to order either a DF95 or DF65 (or both). Over a dozen boats were purchased with the special 10 percent discount program.

#9 Organized NMYC Host Program - Dick Hedderick organized a NMYC member hosting program for visiting EC-12 skippers for the January 2019 regatta held by our club.

#10 Taught Continuing Education Classes - Gerhard Kelter and David Boulanger taught a racing class based on The Racing Rules of Sailing. Their classes are popular with members and help us all to sail and race safely.

The correct way to install a bowsie...



Meet Ray Penick...

I talked with Ray in between Soling races at Pond #2 recently. I asked him how he got started in radio controlled sailboat racing. He said he happened upon Soling races at North Collier Regional Park. He said when Denny Ginsburg offered him his transmitter to try it and “I was hooked”.

Ray first became involved in full-scale sailing 48 years ago. Just out of college, he noticed an old Starfish sitting in the apartment parking lot. After asking around, Ray bought the boat and a trailer for \$250.00! Later he upgraded to a Catalina 22, a Catalina 25, Newport 27 and an Oday 28 over the years. “I only raced a couple of times officially, but we all know that if there are two boats on the water, it’s a race.

Ray’s career was as a petroleum engineer and he is still active in an ongoing exploration and production company drilling in West Texas.



When asked how our club could have improved his experiences as a new member, he replied that we need to be mindful of the newby’s as they are getting time on the sticks. We should be more proactive in teaching the rules. “Starting out, there is a lot to learn even if you have been sailing big boats for years. Between boat handling, rules, rigging, tuning, learning to sail coming towards you, etc. it is a handful”.

Ray also said he appreciates Winston’s help, taking him aside after regular sessions and just doing figure 8’s and many other exercises. He also said Jack Wubbe has been a big help in coaching and sharing racing rules and techniques.

“I’ve enjoyed the fellowship and friendships over the past ten months and look forward to getting better acquainted with many more in the coming years.” Say hello to Ray next time you’re at the pond!

A Memorial for Jim Beals...

by Gerhard Kelter

I sailed with Jim Beals and Johnny Farr while they still sailed with our Chicago club in the 80's.

Jim, a most successful business man and having a winter place down in Bonita, invested time and money trying to find suitable sailing pond for NMYC in the early 80's. Johnny had access to a plane and together with Jim, they scouted for ponds in the Naples/Bonita area from the air. Once they found an interesting location and he was ready to invest when after some additional land search he found all undeveloped plots around that pond were owned by multitude of different owners. Planning for access road and parking, he was told they - actually one big owner having registered plots under different corporate names a local real estate "phenomena"- would never allow any easement. Looking to be landlocked, he gave up that project.

Once my wife and I became partial residents in Bonita, Jim and Johnny introduced me to NMYC - at that time sailing at Village Walk, first off the field (current parking lot behind today's Physicians Regional) and later across the bridge behind Publix. Being a "commuter" between Chicago and Bonita as of 1994 to 2013, Jim



shared his Marblehead and 36/600 on sailing days with me "every second race" while I got myself a used Soling from Miami to have a r/c boat down here.

Jim was full of remarkable stories shared during sailing sessions, follow up luncheons with other skippers. Followed also his very impressive power boat racing career up in Ft Myers - but local sessions always started after a big breakfast at Perkins.

As generous with time and ideas, when Johnny and I went for lunch, Jim was quite frugal with the tip which he felt should not be more than 25 cents. At IHOP on Ridge, our customary waitress always welcomed us because Johnny and I always picked up the tip for Jim to make her whole.

Jim reached the age of 99 and blamed his longevity on the good DNA pool he married into and rubbed off onto him (Pearl his wife will be 102 in February and her sister 106).

Jim is a testimonial to a life well lived and he will be sorely missed.