Naples Model Yacht Club <u>www.naplesmyc.org</u> May 1, 2018

N.M.Y.C. NEWS

Sailing Fundamentals Class Offered By Our Club



Naples Model Yacht Club has 76 members with varying degrees of sailing skills. Some have no prior experience with radio controlled model boats and others come from full-scale racing boats or model airplane flying. All members should expect to __

Every Thursday starting April 25, 2018 10:00 - 12:00

benefit from their membership. According to Race Director **Randy Williams**, 60% of the membership participated in counted races during January 2 - April 1. Your Executive Committee divides our membership into thirds. The upper third is well served by our counted race series and special regatta programs. The middle third mostly participates in "fun racing" with more emphasis on fun and fellowship than racing. The last third needs individual coaching and group instruction. They need to feel they are welcome and are learning while having fun. **Denis Blaise**, Vice Commodore has volunteered to teach a class at this level. New club members should contact Denis at 239.221.8394 or twocaptains@comcast.net.

Meet Dick Mulvey

It all started in the New York finger lakes at a cottage on Seneca Lake. The three Mulvey brothers sailed a 16' Comet and raced with the Seneca Yacht Club.

In 1950 Dick joined the Army during the Korean war and was stationed in Europe. In 1953 he finished his military service and bought a Star class boat (23'/900 lb keel) and raced Stars until 1993, over forty years.

Dick was introduced to R/C sailing when someone told him about a group that were sailing at the Vineyards. Dick stopped by and talked with Jim Hoffman and ended up buying his Soling. Dick also met Gerhard Kelter at that time.

Dick was an attorney for 43 years, doing mostly trial work. He also was a city judge for five years.



Dick Mulvey has been a NMYC member for over 17 years!

I asked Dick for his thoughts concerning NMYC. "A delightful group of people". He further stated that "sailing is what keeps me down here in Florida". He thought back to his initial introduction to model sailing at The Vineyards and remembered how he was welcomed by a club member, that was important.

"I was such a lousy sailor that John Farr would tack away when he saw me coming."

Dick has been a Florida resident since 2000. He currently sails Soling #863, EC-12 #15 and SeaWind #4. Dick is one of the cornerstones of our club and we are lucky to have had him as an active member all these years. ##

Reminders: Thursday, May 3rd Beginners class at 10:00 - 12:00 at North Collier Regional Park
Saturday, May 5th Happy Hour at Miller's Ale House 6320 Hollywood Blvd. Near Pond #2