
N.M.Y.C. NEWS

North Collier Regional Park R/C Sailing Summer Camp



Your club has partnered with the park staff to offer a R/C model sailing course as part of the park's summer camp. There will be five two week sessions and campers will receive classroom training as well as outdoors sailing on the pond. Our goal was to teach them to control the boat around a rectangular course both clockwise and counter clockwise. Figure 8's may be added later.

Denis Blaise and **Denny Ginsberg** headed up our clubs participation assisted by **Fred Hall**. They developed ways to keep the young sailors attention and involvement during the classroom sessions by a Smartie reward system.

The boats used were ordered by the Park staff and our team assisted in the construction and tuning of the DF65's. Roughly half of the campers picked up how to sail very quickly.

Meet Joel Krissoff

We recently caught up with Joel and asked him a number of questions about his sailing experiences, on full-scale and R/C models.

Q When did you join Naples Model Yacht Club?

A January, 2018

Q How did you become involved in sailing?

A I started sailing at age 9 (now 75) and started serious racing at age 25, 66 years ago!

Q Did you ever sail full-scale boats?

A Yes, I have owned and raced the following boats - Sailfish, Butterfly, Ensign, J-30, Nelson/Marek 36, Nelson/Merek 40, One Design 35 and J-124. I currently race on Lake Michigan out of Macatawa Bay on a friends Swan Club 42.

Q How long have you been sailing RC sailboats?

A Four years, I started with RC Lasers on Marco Island.



“Great venues, helpful members, all good. Thanks for the fun”

Q What led you to join the Naples Model Yacht Club?

A Jack and Linda Knoblauch started a Dragonflite 95 fleet at our yacht club here in Holland, MI. and got me to buy one. They then suggested I join the NMYC and sail while I was in Florida for three months this winter.

Q Before you retired, what was your work?

A Trial Attorney

Q How is your knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing?

A Pretty good. I am currently serving as an expert witness on the case in Federal Court here involving a personal injury accident that occurred during a sailboat race. The case turns on questions of interpretation of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Q Do you have any suggestions to make our club the best that it could be?

A My only suggestion would be for all of us to take ourselves less seriously, protest less and relax more.

Thanks Joel - we are looking forward to racing with you next January to March!