
N.M.Y.C. NEWS

Our New Naples Boulevard Sailing Pond



Pond #2 is starting to achieve its intended usage. Solings can now sail there every Wednesday and Saturday. We are averaging 15 - 17 boats each Saturday and we

Drone photo by
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are getting many folks stopping by to ooh & ahh over the boats. Members not racing have become **Club Ambassadors** explaining about the club, how the boat works and if interested letting the person take the transmitter and coaching them. There is no question that the Naples Blvd. pond generates new interest and will add to the growth of our club.

March 31st was an exciting race day with “Crafty” announcing each race. Any other announcers out there?

Meet Winston Mathews...

When did you join Naples Model Yacht Club? I have been a member of NMYC since 1999.

How did you first become involved in sailing? I was the son of a member of the Power Squadron in Newport News, Virginia. I spent many summers cruising the Chesapeake on a 42 foot "cabin cruiser". As such, my experience in sailboats was nonexistent until the 1970's, and I was drawn to the speed of multihulls. The largest one of several I owned was a 27' Stiletto catamaran.

What classes of boats have you sailed? I have owned Soling, Marblehead, 36/600, EC12, Footy, Micro Magic, Dragon 65, Dragon 95 and a trimaran. Today I am down to 1 Soling.

What led you to join Naples Model Yacht Club?

When we began our move to Naples in 1999, I realized that the expense of keeping a full size boat here was huge compared with what I was used to, so model sailing was an affordable alternative. I kind of fell in with Gerard Kelter and Jack Wubbe. I learned from them.

How is your knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing? I consider my knowledge of the RRS to be adequate. There are times when I am involved in contact with a competitor's boat at a far away mark where I am unsure which of us is at fault. If we both remain silent that does not resolve the issue. Call Fouls.

Do you have any suggestions to make our club the best that it could be? For all who foul or hit a mark or miss a mark, do your turn (or go back around the mark you missed). Do this in all races. Fun sailing races or counted races or Regattas. Pay the piper. Yes, I used to be a lawyer.

Do you have any comments for our club members? I consider my years with the club to have been very enjoyable. The club has gotten better every year. The cost of boats and equipment has gone down, our ponds are the best we have had. I enjoy helping anyone I can and others help me. What's not to like? Recently I was coaching a sailor. I told him to remain on the tack he was on because he was about to get a lift. He did and the lift came. After the session he asked me "How did you know the lift was coming? It is a secret.



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