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# N.M.Y.C. NEWS

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## Are You Ready To Race? Fleet Captain Tips



In eight days our club's counted race series starts the 2018 season for seven fleets. I recently asked the Fleet Captains to reflect on how they would answer the following question from a member. "What should I do to prepare myself to race in your class?"

**Jack Wubbe** (DF-95 "X" & "Y" class) - "Learn how to use the jib and main tell tails. We have shifty conditions and you need something to give you a heads up on wind direction. My second recommendation would be to just sail your own boat. Don't get involved in other skipper protests and arguments.

*Fleet Captain Tips continued...*

**Dick Hedderick** (*EC12 Fleet Captain*) - Prepare yourself with this thought: Avoid contact with other boats. Staying clear of other boats makes you faster and avoids frustration. Getting in a pileup is really slow. Even if the other boat is wrong, avoid contact and then protest.

**Denny Ginsburg** (*Micro Magic Fleet Captain*) - I strongly suggest you learn about your batteries and charger to insure you are ready when you get to the pond. Too often, skippers discover that they did not charge their batteries and run out of power in the water, going round and round. Also, it is important that you have the right size (power) for the particular boat you are sailing. The small boats like the Micro Magic do not require the same output as a Soling1M. Spend the proper time in preparation before you leave home.

**Richard Flach** (*Soling Red Fleet Captain*) -

- Attend our sailing instructors classes on Wednesday morning. You will learn a great deal from Gerhard and David.
- Sail with lots of space, staying away from potential conflicts.
- Try starting on a starboard tack.
- Take all buoys wide as our rules consider all to be “hot”.
- If you foul someone do your turn and move on
- After the races, feel free to ask other sailors any questions you may have

**Randy Williams** (*Soling White Fleet Captain*) - To the skippers in the Soling white fleet: Our first races will be on Saturday, January 13 at 1 PM. We currently have between 10 and 15 skippers in our soling white fleet, but if you are a new member of The Naples Model yacht club and you have a Soling 1M boat, come and join the fun at North Collier regional park.

**Chuck Weaver** (*SeaWind Fleet Captain*) - Take your Phillips head screwdriver and make sure all the screws are tight. Next check all your lines and replace anything that shows signs of chafing. Clean or replace any electrical connection that shows corrosion.

Our fleet captains all are experienced model boat skippers. Listen & Learn



## Meet Denny Ginsburg

“Meet Denny G.” is almost unnecessary since everyone knows Denny. He is the Treasurer of the club, the fleet captain for our Micro Magic class and Race Director for the recently completed National Championship Regatta for DF-95’s. And, he just completed with Doug Blewitt a new dock for our second pond.

Denny started his sailing adventures in 1976 in a rented Sailfish. He later purchased a Sidewinder which is a 16’ sloop and very narrow. He sailed with the Peace Valley Yacht Club. He remembers well his first race being on the wrong side of the starting line headed in the wrong direction!



He continued his racing career sailing an Albacore throughout the Eastern United States. Denny finished 3rd in the US nationals and qualified for a spot to go to the Worlds in England. Denny also qualified as a certified Instructor Trainer in basic sailing.

“I strongly suggest to all new comers to get involved. What you put in will yield much more in what you get from the club”.

In his professional work life, he worked as a commercial construction manager with major builders. He estimated, scheduled and managed all types of projects including over 4,000 new homes and condo’s, highway road work and bridges. Denny was assistant engineer on the Girard Point Bridge in Philadelphia.

Denny joined NMYC in 2014 sailing a very heavy Soling . He now sails in the Soling Red Fleet, Micro Magic and DF-95 “Y” fleets. Denny knows the racing rules well and always will take time to answer questions from members. He represents an active, committed member who does get involved in all aspects of adding value to the NMYC membership. Denny’s final words to the club were “Have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!!!!”

***Hello again from the race director,***

We've made a couple of minor changes in the January racing schedule, so please check our website.

The primary change is that the Soling counted races will start on January 13 rather than on January 6.

We are also currently contemplating having a practice match racing event on January 6 at 10 AM. This will be limited to six skippers, each sailing once against each of the other skippers. As you can see in the scoring sheet below, that means a total of 15 races, and with these races being very short, we should be able to attain that number of races within about one or 1 1/2 hours.



Skippers will receive one point for a win and zero points for a loss. Since you are sailing against five other skippers, the maximum number of points you can get is five. Any ties are broken by who won the race between the two skippers that are tied.

If you are interested in participating, contact me via email, [Rwilli4210@aol.com](mailto:Rwilli4210@aol.com), and the first six people contacting me will be included in the event. If this becomes popular, we will do it again later in the season.

Randy

Circle WINNER of each race below:

Race #:	1	1 vs	2
Race #:	2	3 vs	4
Race #:	3	5 VS	6
Race #:	4	1 vs	3
Race #:	5	4 vs	5
Race #:	6	1 vs	6
Race #:	7	3 vs	5
Race #:	8	2 vs	6

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Race #:	9	2 VS	4
Race #:	10	3 vs	6
Race #:	11	2 vs	5
Race #:	12	1 vs	4
Race #:	13	2 vs	3
Race #:	14	4 VS	6
Race #:	15	1 vs	5