

## Meet Ron Stryker!

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# N.M.Y.C. NEWS

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### The Next 58 Days...

We led with a re-print of the Corinthian Spirit as a reminder to all of us that we sail by the rules, we monitor ourselves and we do our penalty turns even if not called by the other boat. We are one third of the way done with our counted racing series running from January 2nd to the end of March. How can we make the next 58 days an excellent experience for you?

It won't be because you place in the top three finishers in a fifteen boat fleet race, no matter the class...

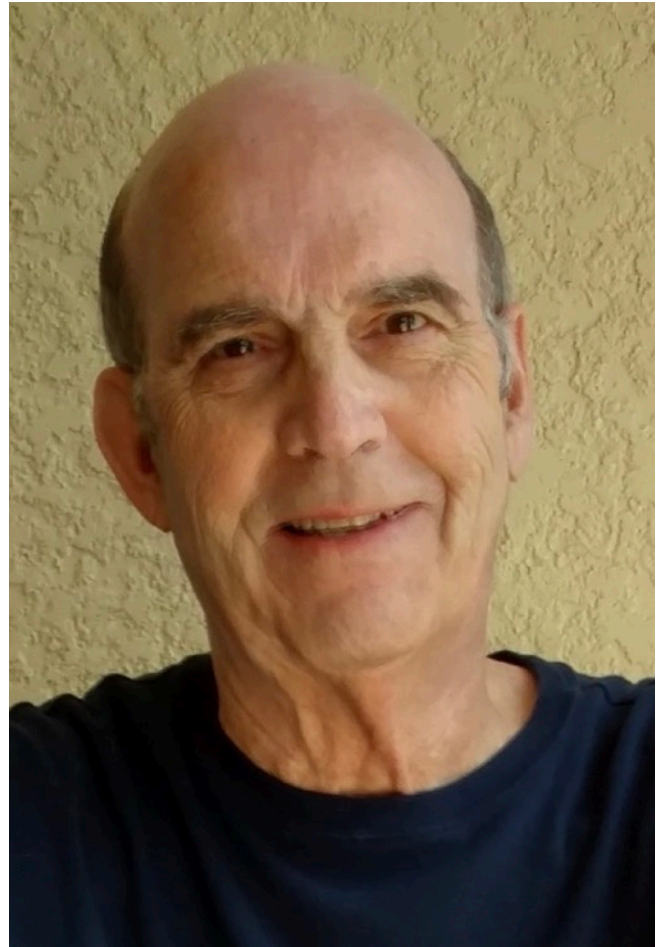
It might be an excellent 58 days of your life if you help another member tune his boat so he is sailing the best his boat has ever sailed!

NMYC boats round  
buoy #3

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It might be an excellent 58 days of your life if you invite a neighbor, a relative or a young person to



1. When did you join Naples Model Yacht Club? [August 2018.](#)

2. How did you first become involved in sailing? [I spent my summers in southern Wisconsin where at age nine I began crewing on my family's C and A scows, eventually skippering the C boat.](#)

3. How many years ago was that? [65.](#)

4. Did you ever sail full-scale boats? [Yes, in addition to the C & A boats of my youth, I've competed in the Thistle and MC scow classes during the last 40 years.](#)

5. How long have you been sailing radio-controlled model sail boats? [Since October, 2018.](#)

6. What led you to join Naples Model Yacht Club?

[I owned a 20-year-old RC Laser, but job constraints prevented me from ever using it. So, I thought that RC sailing would be a good outlet for my competitive instincts. After learning that NMYC no longer supported the Class, I purchased a DF95.](#)

7. Before you retired, what was your work? [I owned two Ohio based companies; one was a niche marketer/distributor in branded concepts for the food industry, specializing in in-store fried chicken and donut programs. The second company manufactured the breadings, mixes, and icings used by the first and a network of other distributors.](#)

8. What class boats do you sail? [DF95 and Laser.](#)

9. How is your knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing? [Relatively good; I was Executive Secretary for the MC Scow Association for six years.](#)

10. What could our club have done to make your joining experience better? [It's been a lot of years since I was a newbie in a sailing class, and having no radio-controlled experience, felt a bit apprehensive, not to mention in over my head. I appreciate Denis Blaise, Jack Wubbe, and Dick Hedderick's technical assistance in assembling and tuning my boat and of course Winston's wise counsel.](#)

come and watch the races even though you are not competing.

It might be an excellent 58 days of your life if you volunteer to help us set up some social activities so members can get to know one another in an informal gathering.

It might be an excellent 58 days of your life if you mentor a new member and make sure his boat is tuned correctly, he understands the strategy behind the starting line and has a basic understanding of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

## Volunteers Wanted...

In 58 days at your club annual meeting on March 30th we will vote on board member and fleet captain candidates for the coming year. This is an excellent opportunity to become more involved with NMYC in a leadership position. You don't have to be a year-round Florida resident, in fact Randy Williams, Race Director and former Commodore spends six months "up North" each year.

If you have questions about this opportunity either as fleet captain or board member we have a nominating committee who will answer your questions. Randy Williams is the committee chairman. Please consider this as your personal invitation to become more involved with your club. We need new energy, new ideas and in return you will have the satisfaction of helping your club to offer outstanding services to members.

## Commodore's Luncheon

Club members have asked for social events where we can get to know fellow skippers over lunch. On **Wednesday, February 13th** we will get together at Bokampers at Vanderbilt Beach and Airport Pulling from 12:30 - 2:00pm. Set your GPS to 8990 Fontana del Sol Way, Naples, FL. 34109. Bokampers has a full service bar and excellent lunch menu. We plan similar events for March, maybe more than one depending upon how this one goes. RSVP to Larry Brannan (616) 633-3888. Individual billing. We might even have a fun, special award for one member but you have to come to find out.

## Customized Video Link

David Boulanger shot some interesting video at the Soling races earlier this week. As he points out, it shows some very smooth weather mark rounding and some not so nice. This link to YouTube should open if you click on it provided you are reading this on a computer, iPad or iPhone. It works if you right click on it and then click on open hyperlink. If you print out this newsletter, you will have to key in the link.

Thank you David for once again sharing your water level video - this can help us all become better sailors.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFj5J0Ssb6w&t=5s>