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## RC Sailboat Racing May 15, 2016

The first Radio Controlled model sailboat race of the 2016 Season was held on the middle pond at 2:00 PM Sunday, May 15, 2016. Only three skippers were able to meet the starting line on this the first meeting of the season and it was a day of funky winds and getting back in shape after a long winter of no racing. Although unable to join the race, **MIKE DAVIS** set the beautiful "lighthouse" marks he created on the course. *Thank You, Mike.*

**STEVE RHOADS** was sailing "J3," Leo Bienhorn's assembled kit with some of the old analog electronics installed. Is that one of the reasons it was able to cross the finish line first in all three races for a total of three points for the day?

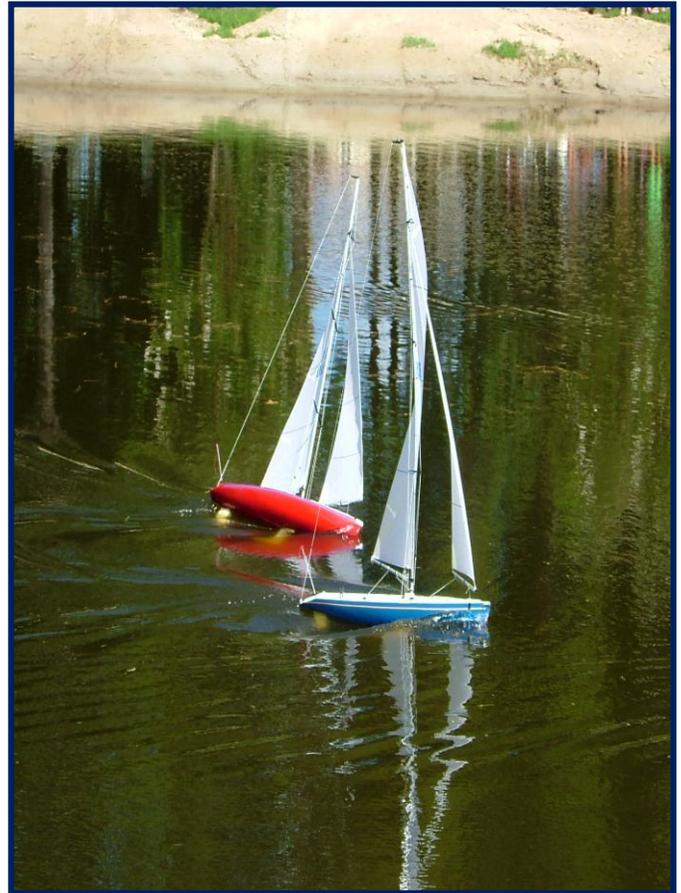
**ROB BEADLING**, sailing Jim Rivera's old boat with modern digital electronics was just behind Steve Rhoads for a second in each of the three races and a total of six points for the day.

**DAVE RHOADS**, sailing "O6", with the new digital electronics was the "beetle-bomb" of the day with three third place finishes for a total of 4 points.

**NANCY BEADLING** was our outstanding race committee. She started and recorded the finishes of each race and kept the skippers straight. *Thank you, Nancy.*



We enjoyed having a spectator group who brought their own chairs and refreshments. Following the races, some of them got a chance to sail one of the RC sailboats.



Races are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Weather permitting, our the next races are set for Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM, at the middle pond. Come out and enjoy the fun.

*-Dave Rhoads, RC Sailboat Racing Captain*

# MORE SUMMER EVENTS



## **Kayak Paddle**

August 9<sup>th</sup>

Super Fun Destination TBD

## **Model Sailboat Race**

July 17<sup>th</sup> Middle Pond 2:00PM

*(Weather and winds permitting.)*



## **Power Boat Trip to Manteo**

July 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM

*Shopping and Lunch on Your Own*

## **Power Boat Raft-up**

July 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM



## **Power Boat**

## **Purple Martin Expedition**

August 4<sup>th</sup>

*And, don't forget...*

## **Labor Day Fish Fry**

September 4<sup>th</sup>



# JULY 3RD PARTY

## A Huge Success!

What does one do upon awakening on the morning of the big party to



horrible weather and forecasts of more to follow? Well, your MPYC Board not

only watched the skies, followed the weather forecasts and crossed their fingers; they also banded together and pulled out tents that the club had purchased years before for just such a circumstance. (Charter Members, Tom Franchi and Dave Rhoads said that we probably hadn't used them in over 15 years.) So, after digging them out of storage, remembering what went where and mucho manpower ("Thank You" Tom Franchi, Greg McMahon, Michael Serbousek, Frank Spruill, Tom Warlitzer and Jim Withycombe) the tents were in place and we had the perfect environment for our celebration.



The party was attended by over 85 people including club members, their friends and family; and everyone seemed very comfortable in the extended pavilion. The company was wonderful and the food was delicious! Rear Commodore Suzanne Smith's devoted assistant, Emmett, grilled his oh-so-famous hot dogs; High Cotton supplied fried chicken with all the fixin's and generous club members brought delicious side dishes and desserts.

Everyone was having such a good time they remained enjoying each other's company long after the food had disappeared. Isn't there a proverb that goes something like, "*One can always measure the success of a party by the size of the lingering crowd?*" Well if not, there certainly should be.

*-Susan P. Smith, Log Editor*

## Coinjock Power Boat Cruise

The Martin's Point Yacht Club power boaters planned to cruise to Coinjock on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and the cruise was rescheduled to Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Four boats made the cruise Captained by Hearne, Forbes, Franchi and Schroeder with fifteen people. We left the Martins Point Marina at about 11:00am. With NE winds at about 10 to 15 knots, we ran south on the Currituck Sound through the Albemarle Sound and up the North River to the Coinjock Marina restaurant. It was a little bumpy for a few miles when we were south of Point Harbor, but the water smoothed out when we ran in the lee of Currituck and north up through the North River.



We had a great lunch in a private room at the restaurant on the Intercoastal Waterway.

We planned to return via the Coinjock canal to the Currituck Sound through the Big Narrows and south back to Martins Point. However, the prevailing NE winds lowered the water in the Currituck Sound making it a little risky, so we returned the way we came arriving at Martin's Point about 4:00pm.

*-Tom Franchi, Power Boat Fleet Captain*

## July 12<sup>th</sup> Kayak Adventure

As the MPYC kayakers prepared to depart for their July Paddle, it was quite a site to see a total of 12 vehicles lined up at the Martin's Point mail center with their assorted kayaks that were all rigged in various degrees of professionalism.



Greg and Suzette McMahon organized the event that launched from the Currituck County Rural Center which is immediately across the Sound from the northern point of Martin's Point. In total, 26 kayakers participated. The weather was great, and the launch is nicely situated at the end of a canal.



The paddle, which covered a bit more than 2 ½ miles, eventually took the group into the Sound and around a number of small marsh islands. The creek eventually entered the Sound where a bit of a breeze made the paddle a bit more challenging. After a brief paddle in the Sound, the group reentered the marsh islands and worked their way back to the Rural Center's canal. The day was beautiful, the bird watching was terrific and the camaraderie was super.

The group started their paddle around 10:00 and returned to the launch site a bit before noon.

The McMahon's planned lunch at the newly opened Point Harbor Café and Marina which is immediately across the bridge. It was a new experience for most of us and it turned out well. The café was set up and waiting for us and handled us nicely. Most reported that the food was good as was the service. In all, it was a delightful outing.



Thanks to Greg and Suzette for their efforts in putting this event together. It was super!

The next event will be on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be coordinated by Barbara and Jim Withycombe. They will be contacting everyone shortly before the event with specific details. Anyone interested in joining this fun group of adventurers should contact Barbara and Jim at [bbwithy@aol.com](mailto:bbwithy@aol.com).



*-Ralph Deger,  
Co-Captain of the MPYC  
Kayak Fleet*



