

# San Diego's R/C Model Boat Club

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**Soling-50 NCR, July 16, 17 has been changed to the Ray Newman Soling -50 Regatta on the same two days.**

### San Diego Argonaut's Scale Boat Regatta

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 a motley crew of Captains, First Mates, and Able Bodied Seapersons dared the submerged shoals, sandbars, shore batteries, volcanoes, and other obstacles to compete in the San Diego Argonauts' Scale Boat Regatta at San Diego's Vacation Island model boat pond. and in San



Diego's Vacation Island model boat pond. Water locked landlubbers came all the way from Huntington Beach, Riverside, and San Bernardino for the chance to test their piloting skills in the salty brine of our pond. They were joined by a throng of spectators and other scale builders who were

either sodium-averse or hydrophobic, but who nonetheless captured the imaginations on many a would be tar or future modeler. In addition, Rob Wood of the near maniacal sect of battle pond enthusiasts was there to lend a hand and to try to induce other boaters to join his cult of like-minded sailors who actually plan on sinking their boats.

The awards, although rigged like a schooner, went to the following old salts:

In the **Best of Class**, the winners in each class are: Military - 1st place Mike Rivera, 2nd place Martin Bunch, 3rd place Jimmy Hawkins.

In Workboats - 1st place Mike Rivera, 2nd place Tony G., 3rd place Frank Azucena.

In Pleasure Crafts - 1st place Dave Manley; 2nd place Armando, 3rd place Dave Ender.

### Upcoming Events

July		
9	10:00	Club Meeting - Donuts
9	11:30	Sail Points: S/B, Soling-50, IOM, ODOM, RD: John Tyler
16	9:00	Ray Newman Soling - 50 Regatta
17	9:00	Ray Newman Soling - 50 Regatta
29-31	9:00	Power Races
August		
6-7	9:00	Free Sail National Championship
13	11:30	Sail Points: IOM, ODOM, S/B, Soling-50, RD: Mark Hallberg
28	9:00	Power Points

**REMINDER: PTS RACE ON 9<sup>th</sup>, John Tyler  
Start Sequence is S/B, Soling-50, IOM, ODOM**



In navigation the winners were: 24" or less - 1st place Ron Tindall. 36" or less - 1st place Ron Tindall and 2nd place Art Grunow. In 36" or more - 1st place Mark Weber; 2nd place Armando, and 3rd place Armando (who this writer assumed everyone knew this fine gentleman's last name).



The BEST of SHOW went to Mr. Tony G. (who, wishing to dodge the paparazzi and gold diggers, refused to provide last name).

The whole affair was deemed a smashing success – in no small part to the efforts of Rosemary Kapler who catered the event – knowing full well how cranky hungry sailors can be. The only complaint was that the grog was watered down.

Additional logistics were provided by the future president of the Argonauts, young Master Dave Kapler, who helped the old salts rinse off (and he cleaned their boats too!). Jeff Sparksworthy and Vice Commodore David Alvarez ran the registration table and carefully cooked the scorekeeping books, as well as selling tickets, and making award plaques.

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Special thanks are due to Rob Wood, Martin Bunch, David Manley, and Don Johnson for heading the judging. Thousands were raised in bribes alone! Another big, calloused hand goes to galley slave Ron Tindall for rowing while Mark Weber set up islands and to Don Johnson for bringing them in.

We all deeply appreciate the continued support of John at Discount Hobby Warehouse and we all need to thank Jimmie Hawkins for his mystery raffle prize. Other donors include Mike Rivera's for tools, Martin Bunch for kits, and Don Johnson for motors. A shout of "thanks" goes to all of the other named and anonymous prize donors.



The event seems to grow like a barnacle and yet to somehow get better every year, due in great part to the "all hands on deck" attitude of the scale division and to the support of our fellow obsessives in the sail division. We even

had some people crossing the once dangerous taboo between sail and motor driven groups. Perhaps we should have a shellback ceremony next year to welcome them to this side of the equator. Some intrepid sailors even made a mad dash to run their boats through the obstacle course under sail, although their comments can't be printed in a family publication.

The Argonauts are looking forward to making next year's regatta bigger and better with more entries, a submarine class, and a special category of heaviest AND ugliest boat to placate a certain obnoxious amateur builder.

Thanks to all who worked at and attended our event and my apologies to any and all who expected the full truth and nothing but the truth in this press release. By Jeff Sparksworthy- Scale division



### **The Recipe for Good Telltales – Ken Campbell**



The June Sail Points saw some of the shiftiest winds the pond has ever had to offer. It was a demanding test of a sailor's ability to read the wind. And as you may have heard me say on numerous occasions, the only way to keep your boat on the wind while working to weather is to have a good set of telltales on the jib. They are the sensors that detect those shifts for you, and in turn can get you to the weather mark sooner. Without a good set of telltales it's going to be a long and frustrating afternoon.

The recipe for a good set of telltales is simple...

1. Use VHS tape... it can be seen all the way across the pond. VHS tape will have a slightly permanent curl because it has lived on a spool. Mount the tape so that it wants to curl away from the sail. And maybe even put a mild crease along the tape to help keep it from sticking against the sail.
2. Tape the telltales back 2" from the leading edge of the jib about half way up the jib luff. Mount the port side telltale about 2" higher than the starboard side so you can tell them apart at a distance.



3. Cut the telltale to be 3" long.

Now that you have a good set of telltales on your boat it's all about keeping the leeward telltale streaming back, or flying. (And don't worry about the windward telltale... he'll get his turn when you tack.) If the leeward telltale is not streaming back the sail is probably stalled, so head up a little. And if you are sailing too high then it's easy to see the jib luffing, so head down a touch. Just keep your eyes fixed on that leeward telltale and keep it flying back. When the wind changes direction (or strength) you will find that you need to adjust the course of your boat, so do so. This will keep your boat on the wind and making best speed to weather. At the June Sail Points I probably spent 95% of my weather time with my eyes glued on my telltales.

So get some VHS tape (or ask for some from me) and get them on your jib. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. I am always happy to share my lessons learned. Next time we'll talk about how to use those telltales to keep your boat sailing on the lifts so you can be the first to that weather mark.

Ken

### ***June Points Race***

The June Points Races had 13 different skippers participating in the 4 classes. The winds were all over the place and catching the shifts was critical. Kim Robbins was RD and we thank him for doing a very nice job. He chose an alternative course layout to accommodate the south wind which was prevalent for most of the day. Santa Barbara racing was very close with Gerry Wold taking 1<sup>st</sup> and Rich Rogers taking 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a 4 way tie for third place with 13 points each for Tom, Dennis, Lon and Ken. Ken got that 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the 2<sup>nd</sup> race. Gerry Wold took 1<sup>st</sup> in the Soling 50 Class with 3 bullets. With only 5 participants this was a good opportunity to make up points on the competition. Ken Campbell lead the way for both the ODOM Class and the IOM's as he had 3 bullets in both events. Tom and Kerim are neck and neck for 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the midpoint of the year in the ODOM class with Kerim leading by only 1 point. Finally, the news worth printing: Bob Hirsch is now in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the IOM class after 2 second place finishes on Saturday.

I would like to mention two new members and racers; Bob Reeve in the ODOM class and again David Woodward in the IOM class. Welcome aboard!!

**Race results are posted on the last two pages.**

### ***Boats For Sale***



U.S. One-Meter with sails and radio ready to sail \$350.00 OBO. Call or see Dennis Frost at 619-972-5788.



Soling -50 with sails and radio ready to sail. Completely refferbished new electronics, and Black Sails Contact Don Lair for details at 619-213 6410. \$850.00 firm. I hear thisi s a fast one.



**Some fun at the June Points Race.**

*Editors Note: Thanks to Ken Campbell and Jeff Sparksworthy for their contributions to the newsletter this month.*

# SAN DIEGO ARGONAUTS

## BOARD MEETING – MINUTES, JUNE 20, 2016

**Present:** Tom Gardner, Secretary  
Lon Wahler, Purser Mark Hallberg, Staff Commodore Filippo Busalacchi, RD for Soling 50 NCR

**Meeting could not be convened for a lack of a quorum (5 members).**

**General Discussion Items:**

1. Sharing funds with the Scale Division
2. Treasury Report:
  - a. Club Balance = \$1,847
  - b. Sail Division = \$2,283
3. Non Profit – Status
4. Incorporation, banking, liability and Insurance
5. Slipping at the pond and shore condition
6. Regatta Plans

**Sharing Funds with the Scale:** Mark W. and Dave A. had approached Tom asking about the \$15.00 membership fees and how there might be an allocation of a portion for the Scale Division for their activities. They were having problems getting members because they could not explain what they get for the \$15.00 Mark and Dave related that they were spending \$\$\$\$ out of their own pockets to support the club.

**Discussion Outcome:** Have the Scale Division submit any club expenses to the Purser for reimbursement.

**Non-Profit Status:** The question came up again as to whether the club is or is not a non-profit organization. Filippo advised that we had a non-profit tax ID number and that Ernie M. or Dunham R. would have the information. (See follow-up below)

**Incorporation, banking, liability and Insurance:** These related issues were discussed. Our banking is now complicated as the banks are not accepting checks due to the club's lack of legal status. Incorporation could help that, as well as helping to insure that Board members are better protected in case of law suits. The issue then of insurance coverage came up. The group decided to further research each item.

**Slipping at the pond and shore condition,** Tom slipped and fell badly at the last Points Race. Discussion included history of falls and litigation. It was recommended that a raking be done prior to each Points Race and regattas, so that the moss can be roughed out. That should be added to the task list. Filippo thought there was already a rake in the shed.

**Soling 50 Regatta Plans:** Plans were reviewed.

Minutes prepared by Tom Gardner, Secretary

Follow-up on Non-Profit status. Research was done on this issue following the meeting. We at one time had a non-profit tax ID number. But the number was not put into effect when paperwork to the IRS was not submitted. Therefore we have never been a non-profit. The use it is being removed from Club literature and publications. Tom Gardner - Secretary.

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Santa Barbara															Raw	Throw	Throw	Net
#	Skippers	Sail #	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	#1	#2	Score
1	Ken Campbell	81	4	4	6	5	6	13							38	13	6	19
2	Gerry Wold	229	8	5	7	8	10	8							46	10	8	28
3	Rich Rogers	752	27	12	12	7	5	10							73	27	12	34
4	Lon Wahler	1602	13	27	8	6	13	13							80.4	27	13	40
5	Tom Gardner	1601	7	12	12	21	9	13							74	21	13	40
6	Bart Klatt	1801	21	7	26	21	18	27							120	27	26	67
7	Bill Honeycutt	2107	18	16	22	16	17	27							116	27	22	67
8	Dennis Frost	949	15	11	17	21	27	13							104	27	21	56
9	Dunham Reilly	950	27	27	33	21	19	27							154	33	27	94
10	Bert Barbosa	1403	27	20	33	21	27	27							155	33	27	95
11	Mark Hallberg	370	27	27	18	12	27	14							125	27	27	71
Skippers			7	7	9	5	7	7							Average # of Skippers :			7.0

### 2016 SAIL DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Soling -50															Raw	Throw	Throw	Net
#	Skippers	Sail #	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	#1	#2	Score
1	Ken Campbell	81	6	5	4	5	6	8							34	8	6	20
2	Gerry Wold	11	8	7	11	8	11	3							48	11	11	26
3	Filippo Bussalacchi	1616	8	10	5	9	17	24							73	24	17	32
4	Kim Robbins	711	13	13	10	10	13	12							71	13	13	45
5	Tom Gardner	588	16	14	16	21	8	9							84	21	16	47
6	Kerim Boran	227	12	15	27	21	24	10							109	27	24	58
7	Greg Dawe	5	30	13	27	6	24	24							124	30	27	67
8	Bob Williams	1364	24	21	20	15	24	15							119	24	24	71
9	Bill Honeycutt	725	30	27	27		24	24							132	30	27	75
10	Lon Wahler	116	21	48	18	21	26	24							158	48	26	84
Skippers			8	8	7	5	6	5							Average # of Skippers :			6.5

Blank = Did not Participate, scores as a DNS, total participants plus 2, times three races  
RD = RD that participated in the class race.  
RD = RD that did not participate in Class race, score equals average scores for the year  
Actual = Actual scores are reported

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ODOM															Raw	Throw	Throw	Net					
#	Skippers	Sail #	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	#1	#2	Score					
1	Ken Campbell	81	4	5	5	4	4	3							25	5	5	15					
2	Gerry Wold	591	5	20	16	12	8	13							74	20	16	38					
3	Kerim Baran	714	13	7	8	15	24	27							94	27	24	43					
4	Tom Gardner	588	12	12	13	15	15	7							74	15	15	44					
5	Rich Rogers	547	21	21	16	8	15	17							98	21	21	56					
6	John Tyler	492	11	15	30	15	24	16							111	30	24	57					
7	Scot Tempesta	686	21	33	6	7	24	27							118	33	27	58					
8	Jeff Young	67	21	33	22	15	8	27							126	33	27	66					
9	Lon Wahler	616	21	33	30	15	13	18							130	33	30	67					
12	John Golden	496	21	9	30	15	24	27							126	30	27	69					
13	Greg Dawe	82	21	10	30	15	24	27							127	30	27	70					
14	Ben Reeve	000	21	33	30	15	24	13							136	33	30	73					
15	Mark Wallberg	513	21	23	30	15	24	27							140	30	27	83					
16	Jim Shadwick	508	21	25	30	15	24	27							142	30	27	85					
17	Jason Moore	741	21	33	25	15	24	27							145	33	27	85					
Skippers			5	9	8	3	6	7													Average # of Skippers :		6.3

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#	Skippers	Sail #	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	#1	#2	Score
1	Ken Campbell	81	5	4	3	4	4	3							23	5	4	14
2	Kim Robbins	21	6	7	9	14	8	9							53	14	9	30
3	Bob Hirsch	78	7	12	14	12	10	8							63	14	12	37
4	Mike Eldred	39	13	18	8	11	8	18							76	18	18	40
5	Dennis Frost	295	12	8	17	27	21	9							94	27	21	46
6	Scott Tempesta	41	18	18	24	5	21	18							104	24	21	59
7	Dave Woodward	66	18	18	24	21	17	10							108	24	21	63
8	John Golden	51	18	18	12	27	21	18							114	27	21	66
11	Trace Tempesta	17	18	18	24	17	21	18							116	24	21	71
	Skippers		4	4	6	7	5	4							Average # of Skippers :			5.0

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