



# The RUDDER

Duke City Model Yacht Club  
American Model Yachting Association Club #213



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The Duke City Model Yacht Club, sanctioned by the American Model Yachting Association, promotes radio controlled model sailboat racing for the benefit of the membership. Club activities include racing the nationally sanctioned Soling 1 meter, one design class as well as special events which may be opened to other R/C sailboats.

Article by Jim Scheibner:

## RG 65 Measurements and Certification

One of my responsibilities as DCMYC Regatta Captain is measurement and certification of new boats. This has not been done for the RG65's, and for those planning to sail in the Rio Grande cup, we need to get this done soon. When you have rechecked the rules and are ready for inspection, contact me. It is your responsibility to get it done, and I will not be bugging you. Don't wait until October. The RG65 rules can be found on our DCMYC website.

Aside from inspection and basic measuring, the toughest part is that skippers must provide a full-sized template of their sails, with marking points and dimensions. This template must include a table of area calculations. The sails themselves are to have the above marking points added, and each sail is to be marked with its area in square centimeters. This requirement applies to all sails you may enter in the Regatta. I will initial both templates and sails after inspection as certification.

Once your boat and sails are certified, you can sign and submit the "good faith certificate" with your application to sail in the Rio Grande Cup Regatta on October 16-18 this Fall.

This regatta will also be the first RG65 NCR (US National Championship Race). You need NOT be an AMYA member to participate for the Rio Grande Cup, but must be an AMYA member to be included in the scoring for the AMYA championship.

## Race Results and Season Standings

I have attached Race Results for both the Solings and the RG65 races and the Season Standings through mid July. Thanks to Pete Eschman for keeping track of this for the club and for double checking the scorekeeper's math.

## Soling Set Up Tips

Also, attached to the newsletter is an article submitted by Steve Bailey that discusses tips for setting up a soling. There are some really good pictures included with the information.

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## DCMYC Community Outreach

The Education Building at the Bio Park was the setting for a visit from the Los Lobos 4-H club from Ojo Caliente, NM on Sunday, May 31st. Several skippers had their boats on display along with a tank filled with water and a RG 65. The students and parents were shown the basic principles of sailing and how hulls are designed using the DelftShip design program on the computer. After a question and answer period, everyone went to the boat pond at Tingley and the visitors were given the opportunity to actually sail some boats. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to Earl for setting it up and to Bruce, Jim, Pete, Steve, and Paul for taking time out of their Sunday to come participate in this great outreach activity.



Earl and Ojo Caliente 4-H group at BioPark.

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### **DCMYC Ship's Store**

Our hard working Treasurer, Bruce Wagner, has set up a DCMYC Ship's Store, which he brings to the pond in a handy suitcase. Be sure to check out some great stuff (check or correct amount in cash is appreciated):

#### **Handsome Hats AND Stylish Shirts**

The hats and shirts can be purchased for \$15.00 each.

#### **Genuine Guides to the Racing Rules (two types):**

Handy Guide to the Racing Rules 2009 - 2012, US Sailing - cost \$7.25

16 Pages, "This highly visual, condensed guide to the 2009-2012 racing rules is a must-have for any racing sailor. The Handy Guide is a pocket-sized, 16-page self-cover booklet containing full-color illustrations of the primary rules governing sailboats on the racecourse. It's a valuable quick reference for any sailor, new or experienced."

Racing Rules Companion 2009 – 2012, by Bryan Willis - cost \$11.00

24 Pages, "A quick reference to any situation that should arise during a race, this trim, splash-proof guide offers beginners instant access to the newest racing rules for yachts, dinghies, and windsurfing. A summary of the latest ISAF regulations, which are revised every four years, this practical, user-friendly guide covers the basic rules of sailing, covering everything from changing course, visual signals, penalty turns, and even includes advice on protesting or appealing a decision. Here is the perfect onboard thumb-through guide for meeting any racing challenge as it happens."

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## Mark Your Calendar:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rio Grande Cup Regatta will be held October 16-18, 2009. We are hoping to have some skippers come in from out of town this year so plans are already in the works to line up hotel rooms, RV parks, the dinner Saturday night and giveaways. More information will be forthcoming. We will need volunteers to help with the event so anyone interested should email Earl Boebert and let him know.

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## DCMYC Banquet Survey

The annual DCMYC banquet is held in January 2010 and with that in mind, some interest has been shown in helping plan the annual event. Vic Rotolo did an outstanding job in planning last year's banquet, which will be a tough act to follow. So, what we are looking for is some information from all our members;

- How much would you pay for dinner?
- What type or kind of food would you like, (i.e. a variety, or only a couple of choices)
- Would you like to be able to have a cocktail or glass of wine before or with dinner?

Please email Kathy Bailey with your input and it will be passed along to those interested in helping out this year. Also, if you are interested in helping plan the banquet, please include that in your email. I know, it's early, but hey.....the early bird gets the worm....right?????

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## Evening Sail

There has been some discussion about having an evening sail and maybe changing one race to an evening. So, a couple of weeks ago, a few of the skippers got together on a Wednesday evening to sail. It was much cooler and really nice at the pond, but there wasn't much wind. There has not been a decision made as to whether any races will be held in the evening during the week.



Paul Boucher's Soling taken in the evening by Flynn Bushong.

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Thanks to everyone who submitted something for the newsletter. It was greatly appreciated. Watch for the next issue of The Rudder to arrive in your inbox sometime the end of September. Anyone wanting to contribute articles to be included in the next issue of the newsletter should email them to Kathy Bailey at [klb1051@yahoo.com](mailto:klb1051@yahoo.com).