



# Newsletter

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## A message from the Commodore



The new year has seen some significant changes at our club. Our usual home, Ashland Pond, was drained for repairs. The pond liner was checked and tunnels leading to/from the pond inspected. Current repairs have stopped and water will be allowed back into our pond, hopefully getting it to about half full. Seasonal rains will get the pond back its usual level. Unfortunately, the work stopped because the damage was worse than expected and the project budget limit was reached. That means the pond will be drained again to complete repairs, probably in the October – November timeframe. This project is a high priority and will be funded in the fiscal period covering the fall. The worst pipe has been repaired. The other pipes in the pond will need additional work. The water department is willing to work with us around any fall regattas we might plan. Some fun news - our club has started periodic Friday evening socials where members of all fleets and spouses can get together for fun and comradery. About 20 people recently met at Cane Gardens and had a great time.

## Report from the Annual Meeting



Our January Annual meeting was busy. Attendees approved new Bylaws (now posted on the TVMYS website) and voted for the 2023 leadership team:  
Commodore – Jim Rutherford  
Vice Commodore – John Mowry  
Secretary/Treasurer – John Rumplash  
Board of Directors – Dan Pearce, Bruce Farr, Judy Hanlon  
Directors Emeritus–Alan Perkins, Bill Kenifeck, John Goldsworthy

## “New” Boat for Ashland Pond



More news from a recent BOD meeting - TVMYS Board has approved purchase of a Jon Boat (or something similar) for use at Ashland Pond. This type of boat will be lighter, more stable, and easier to use than the existing boat. We hope to have a “new” boat in place by the time we are back at Ashland Pond. Alan Perkins has donated the electric outboard to the club. THANK YOU Alan.

## Plans for Upcoming Events at TVMYS



Unfortunately, Ashland Pond repairs caused cancellation of the EC12 regatta in March but we have started planning for future events, including the annual EC12 Gator Regatta, hopefully in its usual Nov 2023 time spot.

Other possible events in 2024:

- \* Florida Travelers Trophy regatta for DF65s and DF95s
- \* Possible IOM event hosted at Ashland Pond

## Temporary Sailing Venues and Schedule



While Ashland Pond is drained for repairs, TVMYS fleets have found some new **temporary** homes. The local fleets at Everglades and Rec Dept officials have been VERY accommodating and we THANK them all.

| Weekday   | Time        | Fleet       | Location           |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Monday    | 10 - noon   | Micro Magic | Bonita Pond        |
| Tuesday   | noon – 2 pm | DF 95       | Everglades Rec Ctr |
| Tuesday   | 1 – 3 pm    | DF 65       | Bonita Pond        |
| Wednesday |             |             |                    |
| Thursday  | 2 - 4:30 pm | EC 12       | Everglades Rec Ctr |
| Friday    | 10 - noon   | Micro Magic | Bonita Pond        |
| Saturday  | 10 - noon   | EC 12       | Everglades Rec Ctr |
| Sunday    | 10 - noon   | DF 95       | Everglades Rec Ctr |

Temporary sailing location addresses:

Bonita Pond, 2541 Canal St

Everglades Rec Center, 5497 Marsh Bend Trail

### Report from our Traveling EC12 Sailors



Alan and Liz Perkins have been traveling with their EC12s and doing VERY well.

At the EC12 Nationals in Charleston (Oct 2022) Alan finished 3rd and Liz finished 17th in a 23 boat fleet. At the recent Valentines Regatta (Feb 2023) on Hobe Sound Alan finished 2nd and Liz finished 8th in the 14 boat fleet.

Recently, Alan and Liz Perkins participated in the annual Champions Regatta for the EC12 class in South Carolina. This prestigious race is only open to those who have won a previous regatta or who have scored high enough in their region's standings to be invited. Liz Perkins is the only woman to compete at the Champions Regatta.

Despite shifting winds, Alan placed 12th and Liz 17th in what was arguably the toughest EC12 fleet in years. Congratulations to Alan and Liz.

### Report from our Traveling DF95 and DF65 Sailors



The DF95 and DF65 classes have an active regional schedule with regattas around Florida at least monthly. The regattas attract a competitive fleet of 20 or 30 or more boats. Bruce Farr and John Mowry have been testing their skills with Bruce generally finishing in the top five. John has quickly improved, finishing in the top half of the fleet. (Bruce and John have also started campaigning their IOMs.)

## Local Fleet News

The **DF95** fleet remains very active in their temporary home at Everglades Rec Center with 12 to 18 boats on Tuesdays and 8 to 12 boats on Sundays.

The **EC12s** are also active at Everglades, on Thursdays and Saturdays.

The **DF65** and **MM** fleets have settled into their temporary home at Bonita Pond.

## Outdoor Expo at Everglades



We had two terrific days at the Outdoor Expo in February. We met many people who were very interested in sailing RC boats. Special thanks to Jim Kelly, Bruce Farr, Dan Pearce, Alan Perkins, John Santoro and Don Hain. They kept the crowds interested and answered a myriad of questions from our guests.

## New AMYA Website



Check out the new website for the American Model Yacht Association – [theamya.org](http://theamya.org)

It's now the go-to place for regatta information and links to fleets and class associations.

TVMYS is a member of the national association, and all individuals are encouraged to join and support AMYA's great work.

