



Central Park Model Yacht Club

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CENTRAL PARK MODEL YACHT CLUB OVERVIEW

We're the Central Park Model Yacht Club (CPMYC), a group whose goal from day one has been to "encourage those interested in designing, building and sailing model yachts."

As a matter of fact, day one was in 1916. So on Saturday April 23 we'll be kicking off a season of racing and festivities by officially celebrating our 100th Anniversary. Come join us for racing, sailing demos, open-house, displays and more.

WHO WE ARE

Our club is made up of men and women, teachers and students, workaholics and retirees, doctors and people who play them on TV, all kinds. We're open to anyone who's interested.

Some of our members buy new ready-to-sail pond boats every few years. Others start out buying competitive second-hand boats. And a couple of us sail and race model yachts we've built ourselves.

Some of us have only been sailing for a year or two and others have been racing for decades. In fact, several of the world's top IOM sailors race in our club so those with less experience get to learn from the best.

CPMYC has been written about in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Offshore Magazine, Model Yachting, Sports Illustrated and Popular Mechanics.

We're a member of the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA), the national governing body for 95 clubs representing approximately 2,500 members across the US.

GETTING STARTED

A major focus of our club is racing radio control sailboats. But we also know you have to learn to walk before you can run. So we invite novices and first-timers to call or email us and we'll set up a time to give you instructions, tips, pointers and the controls.

Those interested in racing with us (or any club in their area) should consider buying or building the class of boat that the local club races.

RACING

On Saturdays from 10 AM till 1 PM, we primarily race the International One Metre (IOM), the world's fastest growing RC class of radio control sailboat. While it's a fast, nimble high-tech design, it's also more affordable than many similar size classes.

WHERE TO FIND US

Just inside Central Park off 5th Ave. between 72nd and 76th Streets you'll find Central Park Conservatory Water, the place where the CPMYC has been racing since 1916. It's considered the most recognizable model sailing site in the United States. We all know of the E.B. White children's book 'Stuart Little' and the part Conservatory Water played in that famous tale. That pond and our boats have been seen in dozens of movies and TV shows including The TODAY Show, FX, Breakfast At Tiffany's, Miracle In the Rain, Three Men & A Baby, Give Me A Break, The Equalizer, Kate & Allie, and Murder in Black and White. And CPMYC has been written about in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Offshore Magazine, Model Yachting, Sports Illustrated and Popular Mechanics.

KERBS MEMORIAL BOAT HOUSE

During the sailing season we store our boats next to the pond inside Kerbs Memorial Boathouse, which was sponsored in 1954 by Jenne E. Kerbs in memory of her parents Alice H. and Edward A. Kerbs who enjoyed watching the beauty of the boats from their 74th St and 5th Ave window. If you're in the area, stick your head inside the boathouse and check out our collection of over 100 sailboats. Or stop by some Saturday morning, watch us race and introduce yourself. We welcome everyone who's interested.