

SeaWind Express

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Rosenbaum Wins 2013 NCR in Wichita

By Rob Fresh, SW #227

The Air Capital Model Sailing Club of Wichita, Kansas, hosted the 9th annual SeaWind National Championship Regatta, with 12 skippers representing 4 states. The venue was Horseshoe Lake, one of several small lakes in Sedgwick County Park in Wichita. With recent severe weather to our immediate south in Moore, Oklahoma, and the same forecast for our area a day after the regatta, we were indeed fortunate to sandwich in cooperative weather for the Regatta. Actual competition was held June 1 and 2, but skippers arrived Friday, May 31 for an afternoon of practice. Naturally, the ideal Friday conditions were not repeated the following days. Friday evening, everyone convened at the home of Rob and Nancy Fresh, to enjoy wonderful food, great conversation, and maybe a couple of beers. Old friendships were renewed, and familiar names were matched to new faces. On Saturday morning, the 12 skippers found cool temperatures and shifty winds. Although forecast to be heavy, the air actually remained just within the limits of the Skippers and boats. Race Director Allen Archer approved a single 12 boat

fleet, with offset marks to windward, and a gate to leeward. The light-then-heavy, shifty winds were mostly NW-NE--unusual for this time of year. They stretched the limits of strategy and tactics (not to mention tuning!) for the skippers, and demanded their full attention. Even so, 21 heats were completed, with Eric Rosenbaum and Mike Eades setting the pace.

Saturday evening found the skippers, staff and spouses at a local restaurant/brewery sampling the cuisine and locally crafted malt beverages. Stories flew, laughter blew, and everyone had a genuinely good time!

On Sunday morning, the same wind patterns as Saturday greeted the skippers, but slightly less wind speed. Race Director Archer approved a course change, which was laid in to the south of the previous day's course. The upwind-downwind course was similar to the previous day, but now allowed easier course management. The shifty winds continued. On several occasions, a few boats on a beat to the windward mark experienced crazy wind shifts causing all to "auto tack" at the same time, much like a water

ballet.. This prompted some "ooh-aah"s from the spectator gallery! 12 heats were completed on Sunday.

The regatta ended on schedule, with an impressive total of 33 heats allowing 3 throw-outs. First place went to Eric Rosenbaum, who maintained his lead over Mike Eades. Third, was Mauricio Dantas who changed leads with Andy Rust at least twice, before settling in.

Of note, is that local club member Steve Crandell scored his first bullet at a non-club level race on Sunday. His solid performance made him the second highest local club finisher. Also of note is that the Air Capital Model Sailing Club honors the commitment, attitude and dedication of the "back of the pack", by awarding such skipper the "Infamous Cleat Award." The honor went to Reidar Clausen, who DNS'd 12 of 21 heats Saturday because he left to attend his daughter's wedding (!) A special thank you to Race Director, Allen Archer and Scorekeeper, Kate Crandell, both of whom did an outstanding job, and also Observer/photographer Travis Donily who battled changing conditions to call a 12 boat fleet. *Cont. on pg. 3...*



The 2013 SeaWind NCR field, at Sedgwick County Park, Wichita, Kansas
Photo by Travis Donily

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By Mike Eades — SeaWind #86
(Editor's note: See updated information in regards to SeaWind availability and US made sails in the "Breaking News" section of this issue— this is Mike's original report, as already submitted to MY magazine...ed.)

First an update to the ongoing saga of SeaWind kits and parts availability. During the last quarter further shipments of sail sets (52 sets in all since August 2012!) and miscellaneous parts sets have been imported and sold to fill outstanding orders. One or two distributors who had ordered parts may still have a few in stock and the Kyosho web site has a few parts sets available. Whether or when more will be coming in is as much a mystery to Kyosho America as it is to me. Information just received from Akio Utsumi, Secretary Japan SCOA, is that Kyosho Customer service told him that the planned Spring production of SeaWinds has been delayed to the Fall. Kyosho America confirmed the information. Exactly what production is planned is unclear, we just have to await developments.

The Class biennial membership ballot has been completed. This time most members used the electronic ballot, using technology from Surveymethods.com, which proved to be simple to use and inexpensive (\$27 for a 3-month subscription). A few members (12) had requested paper ballots but two of these used the electronic ballot anyway. On behalf of the Class Officers I thank all members who took the time to complete ballots. 94 validated ballots were received (Electronic 89; Mail 5) representing approx. 51% of current eligible members. All Officers were overwhelmingly re-elected.

SCOA Class Officers:

Secretary.....Mike Eades
 Technical Advisor.....Ken Bauser

AMYA Regional Directors

Region 1 (NE).....Ken Bauser
 Region 2 (NE).....Vacant
 Region 3 (SE).....Darrell Krasoski
 Region 4 (Central).....Andy Rust
 Region 5 (SW).....Bob Piper
 Region 6 (NW).....Doug Lanterman
 Newsletter Editor.....DL Lawrence

SCOA:
From the Secretary's Desk

A minor Bylaw clarification which confirmed the Class requirement that all entrants in Regional or National level regattas be properly registered in the Class was approved by over 90% vote. Three Rule changes proposed by the Class Officers to soften requirements for all standard kit parts in light of the current and anticipated parts availability limitations were all approved. Modification to allow installation of cosmetic parts to be optional was approved by 86% vote. Modification to permit use of approved alternative sails was approved by 91.4% vote. A new Rule to allow a skipper to petition for a "Rule Variance" to replace an unavailable kit part received 97.8% approval.

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McCarty Comes Out on Top at 2012 R1CR

By Mary Goebel, SW #171
(Editors Note- Apologies to the Housatonic Model Yacht Club for the delayed publication— This article was inadvertently omitted from Issue #18—ed.)

On June 30, 2012, the Housatonic Model Yacht Club hosted the SeaWind Region 1 Championship at Hop Brook Lake in Middlebury, Connecticut. The regatta was sailed under sunny skies, with warm temperatures and moderate breezes.

With the top six skippers separated by just nine points there were many close finishes throughout the day, and visiting skippers Jay Niggli (New York), John Coale (Maine) plus Mike Ladd (Maine) acquitted themselves very well, sailing against the local "veterans" which included a past National Champion and several former Regional Champions.

With only three points to spare, 2009 National Champion Cliff McCarty, Jr. came out on top, with a very consistent Hank Buchanan in second and Rochester,

NY skipper Jay Niggli, an impressive third.

The regatta was ably run by Dan Olah, Race Director, with the assistance of Melanie Benvenue (Score Keeper) plus Jim Fogle and Steve Gromko (Mark Observers). Thanks go to them, plus all participating skippers, especially those who traveled long distances to join us for the regatta.

Summary of the 2012 SeaWind R1CR

Date: June 30
Location: Hop Brook Lake, Middlebury, CT
Host Club: Housatonic MYC #117
Entries: 12
Winds: NNE, Moderate
Races Completed: 18 (2 throw outs)
Scoring System: Low Point

Race Committee: **Dan Olah**, Race Director, **Melanie Benvenue**, Score Keeper, **Jim Fogle** and **Steve Gromko**, Mark Observers, **Mary Goebel**, Regatta Coordinator

2012 Region 1 Championship — Results		
Pos.	Skipper/Sail #:	Pts.
1	Cliff McCarty #204	54
2	Hank Buchanan #79	57
3	Jay Niggli #118	58
4	John Coale #250	60
5	John Arkenberg #195	61
6	Fred Goebel #40	63
7	Ken Bauser #10	99
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9	Mary Goebel #171	126
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Pssst...Hey you...yeah, YOU!
Got a Good SeaWind Story or Idea?
 Tuning tip? Building idea? I'll bet you do!
 If so, why not submit it in Word format to me, David Lawrence, Editor, and we'll get it published in the next issue of SWE!
 All submissions are welcomed!
 This is YOUR newsletter— please contribute!
 dllawrence@yahoo.com

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Thanks also to Rob and Nancy Fresh for coordinating Friday and Saturday night events, as well as helping with lunches; and assistants Andy Rust, Steve Crandell, Scott Moses, and Brett Hudson for helping with camp, marks, and photography.

Event: 2013 National Championship
Class: Seawind
Date: June 1-2, 2013, Wichita, KS
Host Club: Air Capitol Model Sailing Club
Weather: NW-N-NE 8-15 mph
Races Completed: 33
Scoring System: Low Point

Regatta Committee & Valuable Assistants: Allen Archer, RD; Kate Crandell, Scorer; Travis Donily, Observer/Rescue; Scott Moses, Nancy/Rob Fresh, Steve Crandell, Brett Hudson, Assistants.

2013 National Championship — Results		
Pos.	Skipper/Sail #:	Pts.
1	Eric Rosenbaum #67	59
2	Mike Eades #86	67
3	Maricio Dantas #371	104
4	Andy Rust #425	129
5	Bob Piper # 465	155
6	Hap McGill #771	203
7	Steve Crandell #813	208
8	Sam Foreman #244	231
9	Rob Fresh #220	235
10	Scott Moses #309	240

Suggestions for format or content for upcoming issues of the SeaWind Express? We'd love to hear them! Please send them to:
 David Lawrence, at dllawrence@yahoo.com
 Or
 Mike Eades at swcs@w3az.net

BREAKING NEWS— UPDATE ON KYOSHO SITUATION, AUGUST 2013!!

*From Mike Eades, Class Secretary
 SeaWind COA*

Kyosho's NEW SeaWind!

I received information today from Kyosho America that Kyosho have announced a new SeaWind product offering, Product # 40462B SeaWind Readysset with PERFEX KT-21 2.4Ghz radio (see photos, pg. 8) This appears identical with the previous SeaWinds but has a pre-painted hull and installed rudder and sail servos and Kyosho's own PERFEX 2.4 ghz radio transmitter and receiver. It is claimed to only need batteries to be ready to race. I have requested some follow up information, servo specs, pricing and first order and shipment dates and will post more information in the SRC Forum as it becomes available.

This is very good news for the class! Kyosho America fully expect Kyosho to support this new product offering with spare parts as is customary for their product line which should help existing Seawinds remain in good health. For those skippers who wish to customize their hull paint jobs, replacement hulls

are still available, in fact there are some in stock currently at Kyosho America.

**Additional info on page 6...*

Alternative US produced SeaWind Sails

I am very pleased to announce that Tippecanoe Boats, Everson, WA are an approved supplier of alternative sails for the SeaWind, see Class Rule 12.1. The new sails are expertly made from Norlon 75 cloth to SeaWind Class Specifications.

Also enclosed are the following items:

- Strips of epoxy/fiberglass batten materials suitable for use with the sails.
- A length of Spectra fiber line for use as a forestay.
- A length of nylon tubing for use as the "bolt rope" in the main sail luff pocket.

Orders may be placed with Kathleen, Office Manager, by telephone (1-800-206-0006).



Hap McGill, #771, and Mauricio Dantas, #371, leading the pack off the line in a hotly contested start at the 2013 SeaWind Nationals in Wichita, Kansas. Brett Hudson photo.

Desk, from page 2...

Revised Bylaws and Class Rules become effective April 1, 2013 and copies will be posted on the AMYA SeaWind Class page and the SeaWind Resource Center US-SCOA page.

With help from Ken Bauser and Darrell Krasoski the Class Officers have developed preliminary specifications for standard class sails and we are in discussion with a few prospective sail makers to determine their interest in and ability to make SeaWind sails for us. The Officers would prefer to be able to approve a limited number of sail makers whose sails meet our class specifications. I expect to report further on this in my next report.

It is time once again to report on the financial health of the class. See ledger below:

Current AMYA Membership levels stand around 190.

In fleet activity the Naples MYC, FL concluded its season series with Chuck Weaver again taking first place over David Boulanger and Wayne Starr (Tiebreak over Richard Johnson.) with eleven skippers competing.

The 2013 National Championship will be held June 1-2, 2013 in Wichita, KS. Andy Rust and fellow members of the Air Capital MSC are looking forward to welcoming guests to the first National held in Region 4. Watch the web site s for announcements of other Regional Regattas.

See you at the pond!

2014 NCR Announced!!

The 2014 SeaWind National Championship regatta will be hosted by the Housatonic MYC at Hop Brook Lake, Middlebury, CT in late September/early October. Exact dates will be advised as soon as plans are finalized. Hope to see a great lineup there!

Make Early Plans to Be There!!

SeaWind Class Financial Summary	
Cash balance at 3/31/2012	\$814.50
Income:	
Yacht Registration Fees: New 25, Transfers 17	\$297.00
Expenses:	
“S” sail logos	\$ 76.00
Mailing standard weight	\$ 14.00
Bank charge	\$ 7.50
Ballot envelopes and stamps	\$ 24.29
Survey Methods subs (ballot)	\$ 27.00
Cash balance at 3/31/2013	\$962.71

2113 Texas No Name Regatta — Results		
Pos	Skipper/Sail #:	Pts.
1	Eric Rosenbaum #67	20
2	Maurcio Dantas #371	38
3	Bob Piper #465	45
4	Mike Eades #86	46
5	Dennis Corder #40	60
6	Ron Sinclair #555	70
7	Rob Fresh #220	82
8	David Shultz #151	138
9	Jerry Hayslip #372	168
10	Chuck Williams #917	171

Rosenbaum Wins in Tough 2013 Texas “No Name” Regatta

By Bob Piper, SW#465

I can’t believe I spent my weekend at some No Name regatta. I am sure there were skippers telling themselves this after spending this weekend in Lewisville, TX at the SeaWind No Name Regatta. This regatta was held in what has to be the windiest conditions a SeaWind was successfully sailed in. The weatherman was right this time. Friday it was perfect for us to get our boats ready, with south winds in the 8-10 mph range. Saturday they were calling for mid teens with Sunday in the

low 20’s. There were 13 skippers signed up for the regatta, and all 13 were on the line for the first race on Saturday. Everyone was a little jumpy as the winds were right around 12 mph for the start. No white caps, but a little bit of chop was on the water. The race started, the windward mark was rounded, and the wind jumped up to about 20 mph as 8 of the 13 were headed to the far side of the pond. They were not able to turn down wind, and they could not turn back up. The chase boats (a raft and a kayak) made their way over and pointed them all in the correct direction. We had a short break and

boats were tuned a little differently. The wind was only going to get stronger and the sun brighter as the day went on. This regatta was going to be tough. By race 3 we lost 4 skippers. This was due to either health, boats breaking, or a skipper just saying they could not sail in these conditions. At race 6 we lost another one, and by race 10 we had lost 6. On race 15 only 4 boats actually finished the race! It was time for a break and there was talk about calling it for the day. **Cont. on page 6...**

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**Tech Topics Index compiled by Rob Fresh, updated Jan 1, 2012. All issues are available for download at the SeaWind Resource Center website, www.seawindrc.com*

TECH Corner

Save Those Receivers!

By Mike Eades, SW#86

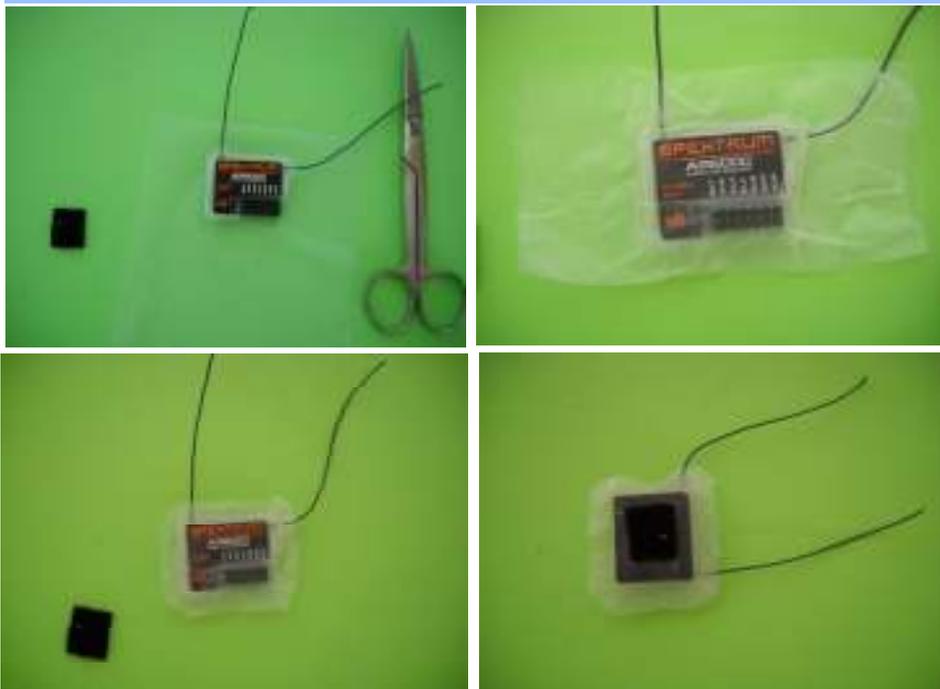
Protecting your receiver from direct water contact or even from high interior hull humidity is an important component of maintaining a reliable electronic setup for any RC boat. Many skippers wrestle with plastic or rubber bags to hold their receivers coupled with rubber bands around the neck and protruding wires which at best makes a poor seal and at worst is pain to deal with if you need to make a quick Rx change.

A simple way to protect your Receiver is to construct a simple sealed pouch. The items needed to do this are shown in Figure 1. I still use the tried and true Spektrum AR6000 Rx with my old DX6 radio for my SeaWind. I lay the RX on one half of a piece of Glad Press'n Seal kitchen roll (seal side up!). I only need a sharp pair of scissors and a piece of Velcro to complete the job.

Step 2 is to fold the Press'n Seal back over the top of the RX and press down all around to seal the RX in a pouch (Figure 2). Step 3 is to carefully trim off excess Press'n Seal around the RX and its protruding wires (cut up to each side of a wire and then pull off the excess material and make sure the wire is sealed in tight, Figure 3).

Simply add a small piece of Velcro to the back side (Figure 4) and you have a sealed Rx. Just push the connectors on to the pins through the Press'n Seal membrane. This provides a simple but very effective seal. I keep all my receivers sealed ready to go so changing one out is quick and easy. Figure 5 (page 8) shows an AR6000 plus an AR 6115e with end pin connectors which is a very compact RX that I use in my Micro Magic yachts.

Photos, clockwise, from top left – fig. 1, fig. 2, fig. 4, fig. 3. Fig 5, page 8..



No Name, from page 4...

But the one of the out of town skippers had just finished putting in a new rudder servo and wanted more! For the last two races of the day we only had 5 boats in the water. But that out of town skipper called it right. They took a bullet for the last race of the day.

We packed up and everyone that could went over to a local gathering place for a beer and a bite to eat. No one lingered as everyone was heading back to get their boats dried and repaired. Even the first place skipper had things on their boat to fix that night.

Sunday found 9 skippers ready to do battle once more. However, at race time it was blowing 18 and was supposed to build to 25 with gusts of 30+ mph. We sent the first place boat out, and they never made it to the starting line.

The chase boat was launched as the test boat was heading to the other side with no hope of turning it around. The skipper said there was no way to control the boat, and everyone thought that was pretty obvious as it must have been heeling about 65-70 degrees.

So the marks were pulled, and the location was cleaned. The awards were handed out and everybody was able to spend their day off the water.

Class Secretary, Mike Eades, sent this message after returning home: "I enjoyed my annual dose of humility! Saturday was a blast in conditions that were very much on the edge of impossible. I really must practice my hand tacking skills! Great sailing by all who survived Saturday's carnage! Thanks to all who put together a great event, always good to go back to Dallas area where skippers sail well and know how to have a great time on and off the water."

Summary of the No Name SeaWind Regatta

Date: May 18-19
 Location: Railroad Park in Lewisville, TX
 Host Club: North Texas MYC
 Entries: 13
 Winds: 12-20 mph with gusts to 30+ mph
 Races completed: 17
 Scoring System: Low point

Regatta Committee & Valuable Assistants: Eric Rosenbaum, Race Coordinator; Bill Hill, RD; Chandler Hill, chase boat; Jared Piper, Scorer; and Jim Aenchenbacher and Mauricio Dantas, assistants

- ***How old are you, what is your occupation, and where do you live?***

I am 52 and live in Dallas, TX. I grew up in California where I got degrees in engineering and finance. That background led me to an analyst role in a small investment bank about 25 years ago. I have been involved in that industry for the great majority of the time since, and now I work for business owners who need to raise capital or wish to sell their businesses.

- ***What was your first exposure to sailing?***

I was about 10 years old when a family friend mentioned that he had a small sailboat in the backyard, and he asked if I wanted to learn to sail. It was a little 8' long Sabot - a pram style boat with a single sail.

SCOA Member Moment with Eric Rosenbaum, SW#167

To this day I remember the feeling of pushing off the dock and sailing away from my Dad and his friend. I was instantly hooked on sailing and have sailed everything from small to large boats ever since.

- ***What was your first RC vehicle***

My introduction to RC was with high-start launched gliders. I was probably about 14 when I became interested in building and flying balsa frame gliders. Lots of fun, but I made a lot of kindling when the planes inevitable crashed.

Note to anyone interested in RC flying - get a mentor first!

- ***Do you sail any other classes competitively?***

In RC, I actively race RG65s, IOMs, and Victorias - in addition to SeaWinds.

- ***Do you still, or have you sailed or raced 1:1 scale?***

Yes, I still sail and race 1:1 scale. I have owned boats including a Laser, a Prindle catamaran, a Shock 21, a Benteau First 36.7, and a Viper 640 - in that order. I am currently boatless in the 1:1 scale, and frankly don't know where I would find the time to sail my own large boat. The good news is that I have friends with big boats, and there are always charters available.

- ***Best advice for someone new to the hobby?***

Remember to have fun! It is easy to get caught up in the competitive aspect, and poor results can really be disheartening.

I have seen really nice people get frustrated and throw in the towel, even though they had a lot of potential. The trick to getting better is to pay lots of attention to what the fast sailors are doing. How they tune, where they start, how they pick directions, round marks, deal with crossing situations, etc. Ask questions and take notes. The fast sailors almost without exception want their comrades to sail faster and push them to get better. If you do not have that resource locally, then travel to away regattas. Don't worry about doing well, that is not the point. You should go with the intention of having fun, meeting new people, and learning more about sailing and racing your boat. When I started in RC sailing about five years ago, I routinely finished in the bottom 10% of the fleets. The good news for me is that I sail in an area with very competitive fleets, so there was a lot of opportunity to learn the nuances of RC sailing. I have gotten considerably faster over time by learning from the faster guys who I sail with. In the last couple of years, I have been trying to return the favor by helping out the newer guys in my club, and it is working well. As they are getting faster, so am I.

- ***What other interests do you have other than RC sailing?***

When time and opportunity allow, I also like to golf, ski, and hike. Does single malt scotch counts as an interest, or is it simply a vice?

NEW PRODUCT INFORMATION



August 2013

**Radio Controlled Racing Yacht
40462B SEAWIND readysset w/PERFEX KT-21
Shipment from China**

Delivery starts from August, 2013 / WIR Date for Public: August 1st, 2013 (Japan Time)

Factory assembled SEAWIND Readysset will be available in the market soon. Based on 'America's Cup' class racing yachts, the Seawind looks just as good as it sails.

Features!!!

- Full assembled and painted ABS hull with R/C system installed, and applied decals.
- High-strength mast and boom are extruded from hardened aluminum.
- Factory assembled Main and Jib sails are made from sewn spin cloth.
- Easy to install the mast and sails without using tools. Painted ballast and included rudder.
- High-quality yacht fittings adorn the SEAWIND, making it great for indoor display also.
- Dual-pull rudder and sail trimming guarantees reliable steering for responsive turning during racing.
- 2.4GHz FHSS Stick type PERFEX KT-21 transmitter.

TECHNICAL DATA

- *Scale 1/20
- *Length: 998mm
- *Width 226mm
- *Height: 1,850mm
- *Weight: 3,000g (approx.)
- *Sail Area : 39dm²
- *Radio 2.4GHz KT-21 with 1 standard servo and 1 sail servo

R/S CONTENTS

- * Completed Hull *PERFEX KT-21 transmitter and 2 servos *Wooden Boat stand

Required for operation

- *Battery for TX and RX : AA sized Alkaline battery x 12pcs

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**Specifications subject to change*

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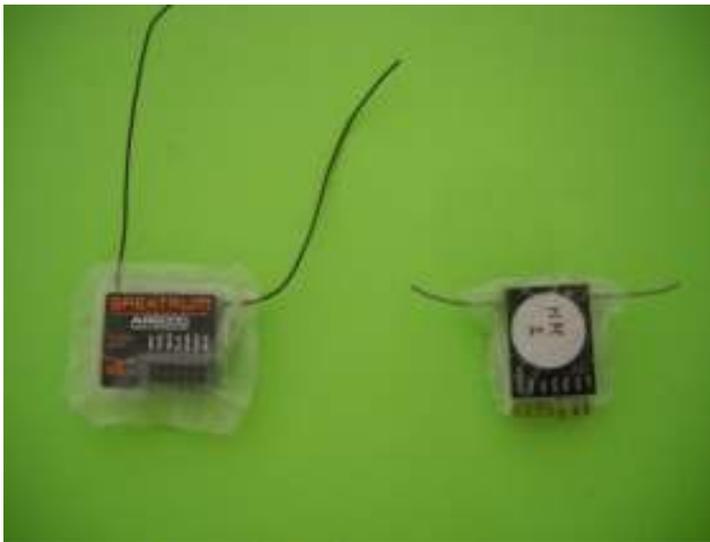


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Promotional photos from Kyosho Marketing Brochure for new SeaWind Readyset model....