

Advantages of Radio Control Sailing:

- Races last less than 15 minutes: many opportunities for learning and winning, and a bad place doesn't last as long.
- It's not the size that counts, it's the sailing...
- Hull cleaning doesn't require getting wet.
- Coast Guard regulations are pretty simple for this class of boat.
- Rechargeable batteries are easier to find than reliable crew.
- Mooring fees and storage: need we say more?
- The boat won't be stuck in the basement/garage when it's completed.

For more information:
Pictures and information can
be found on our web page
<http://www.jordansweb.com/soling/>

Please call or e-mail if you'd like to learn
more about building and racing in this new
R/C sailboat fleet.

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Chicago Radio Controlled Sailing Club

The club

In 2003, we started a club to build and race radio controlled (RC) sailboats. Our new Chicago fleet has 16 boats. We expect the fleet to continue to grow.

We build the boats together, working one night a week in a workshop on the north side of Chicago. The completed boats then join fleet racing on a weekday evening at one of several city harbors and parks.

If you'd like to participate, we organize a group to build the models together over a couple months, working one night a week. No model building experience is necessary. Alternatively you can buy a completed boat if superglue and epoxy doesn't appeal to you.



The boat

Our boat of choice is the Soling One Meter, the most popular RC sailboat class in the country.

We build the boat from a polystyrene kit from Victor Model Products, reinforcing the structure and replacing some standard fittings with higher quality stainless steel or aluminum parts. Building as a group gives access to shared tools and experience.

Per class rules, there are two controls, one for sheets and one for rudder. The jib and main are sheeted together. The Soling One Meter has all the sophisticated sail and rig tuning you find on a big boat, just smaller.

While knockdowns are rare, the 6½ pound lead keel will right the boat quickly. Of course, no cockpit = no water taken on.

Specifications

LOA: 39.37" beam: 9.25"
height: 65" draft: 10"
disp.: 10 lb. Min. Sail Area: 592 in.²

A complete kit with everything you'll need to sail and race is \$400. This includes the hull, sails, standing rigging, running rigging, radio, receiver, servos, and batteries. A pre-built model from the manufacturer costs \$530 plus shipping.

The racing

Our typical evenings of sailing involve at least five quick races on a marked course, from 6 PM to sunset.

Racing is conducted with the same rules, strategy, and tactics that apply to all sailboat racing. There are even national regattas and strict one-design standards. Thirty different frequencies allow a large fleet of boats to sail at once.

Since the owners stand within feet of each other many opportunities exist for (mis)communication and socializing.

Guests are welcome to borrow a boat for a race or two and enjoy the park. Come visit; find out the time and place of our next race at our website.

