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# Boat Report

## Nirvana II Racing Yacht

**This ready-to-sail RC package from Megatech International is any aspiring yachtsman's dream for ponds and lakes.**

**M**egatech International's Nirvana II RC racing yacht is a beautiful RC sailboat. The model comes almost ready to sail, and can be prepared in approximately one hour. The instruction manual takes you through everything from initial setup to comprehensive sailing instructions. I had never operated an RC sailboat before, and this boat made it easy.



Devin Troy tightens the set screw to secure the rudder's tiller arm.

Mylar jib and main sails, rudder, mast and boom set, a factory-installed RC system, folding wooden stand, adhesive-backed graphics and a 20-page instruction manual.

The Nirvana II comes complete with everything necessary to run. Just add a Phillips head screwdriver and 12 AA alkaline batteries, eight for the transmitter and four more for the RC receiver in the sailboat. The kit comes with a factory-joined hull and deck, a removable ballast keel,



The Nirvana II's assembly instructions are simple, easy to understand, and accompanied by photographs and illustrations for maximum clarity. The text is well-written and the terminology is simple enough to follow easily, even for someone who is unfamiliar with sailboats.

The first step in preparing the Nirvana II is to slide the removable ballast keel through the slot in the bottom of the hull, then flip the twist tab at the top to lock it in position. Performing this step in reverse allows the keel to be removed for transportation. The final hull step is to insert the rudder shaft into the tube at the stern of the boat and tighten the set screw on the tiller arm.

Installing the mast and boom might have been complicated, but the clearly written and illustrated directions



### Specifications

- Length: 32 inches
- Beam: 7.75 inches
- Height: 65.5 inches
- Weight: 5.5 pounds
- Top wind speed: 15-20 knots
- RC system: 2-channel FM
- Range: Approximately 1,500 feet

### RTR Sailboat Features

- Factory-joined hull and deck
- Factory-rigged mast and Mylar sails
- Factory-installed RC system
- Removable ballast keel
- Folding wooden stand
- 20-page instruction manual with comprehensive sailing instructions



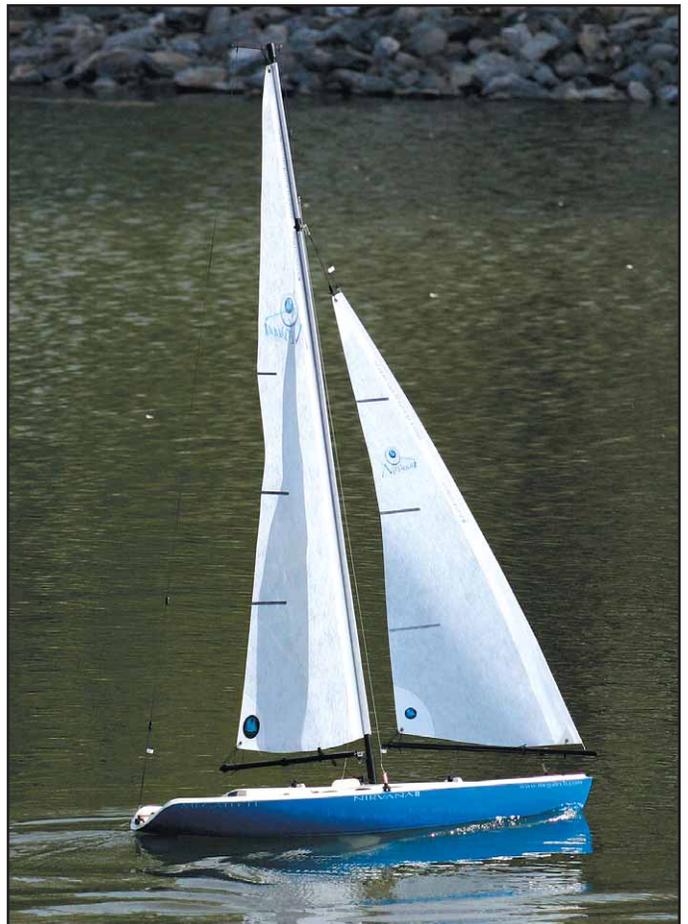
Nirvana II's removable ballast keel inserts from beneath the hull and locks with a twist tab. New sail servos have increased torque.

made it extremely simple. First I connected the upper mast section to the lower section, which is labeled with the same letter. Then, once connected, it attaches to the deck by simply sliding the base of the mast into the hole in the deck. I hooked side shrouds and backstay lines to their brackets, then tightened the side shrouds and backstay lines using the bowsies. I locked the sheet lines and hooks into place in the boom and jib, then checked that the main sail and jib sail were properly adjusted. The manual shows how to adjust the sails correctly.

My yacht was ready, but I had never operated a sailboat before. Fortunately, the manual has an entire section dedicated to *Sailing Basics*. This divides sailing into three

sections: *Tacking*, *Jibing*, and *Racing Your Nirvana*. The instructions really work, and I was pleased by how much I really enjoy sailing my Nirvana II. It is a beautiful boat on the shore, but absolutely breathtaking on the water. The Nirvana II's simple controller made it easy to understand how to direct the sailboat. By controlling the sails and direction, I was able to sweep the Nirvana II around the pond with no difficulty, even my first time out.

The Nirvana II is extremely graceful and very easily controlled. It turns nicely and answers my commands while still using the wind to play the important part. Megatech International's Nirvana II is a pleasure to sail, and it's a truly beautiful RC racing yacht. **HM**



Devin Troy and her Nirvana II RC Racing Yacht from Megatech International, on the shore and on the water with the wind in her sails.