



The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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NOTICE:

**The next meeting will be held on August 3, 2009 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135**

NOW HEAR THIS



FROM THE BRIDGE

I just returned from a trip to and from Texas, where it was over 100 degrees each day. Arriving in Pacific, I rediscovered the St. Louis humidity, and even though the

temps were lower, it was just downright nasty. Overnight a nice front has come through and it is gloriously in the 70's today. Maybe I can get some sailing in before more normal heat and humidity returns.

We had a beautiful day for our picnic this year in June at the residence of the O'Dell family. Lots of good boat operations and an outstanding feast prepared by Chuck Greco. Chuck spent a lot of hours making the BBQ, and we had food left over to take home. Many, many thanks to Chuck for all of his hard work, and thanks to the O'Dell family for making our outing most pleasant.

Which brings me to matters of our Club. We have now had the picnic and the sailing event at the Great Rivers Towboat Festival. Besides our normal meetings and sailing afternoons in Florissant, being

a member of this Club gives us lots of side benefits beyond just getting out into the great outdoors and having a good time with our sailing efforts. The Club brings the added dimension of being with other people who share out hobby interests.

During the past several meetings, we have had a number of useful sessions aimed at improving our boating information and skills. Both Dave St.Clair and I have tried to provide some easy to understand information dealing with a number of facets of model boating, and it is our plan to continue such sessions. I think this makes being a member far better and it makes our meetings more enjoyable. We get the opportunity to ask questions and get information that might be hard to come by on our own. Our membership has a vast amount of collective knowledge, and by sharing it, we all become better model boaters.

The time is rapidly drawing near for our annual Regatta at Union Station, scheduled for September 19-20. More information will be coming very soon. We are planning to continue to improve on our past Regatta efforts, while still keeping most things the way they have been. The main idea is to HAVE FUN!!!! I haven't said that in a while, and I need to

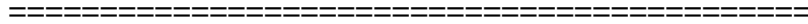
keep repeating that. It's why we have a hobby and like to be with the people who share our interests.

So get your boats in good running order. Remember, the Regatta REQUIRES that your boats on display be operational. We are an operating R/C model boat club. Let's also make a special effort to explain about our boats to the folks who stop by. Our hobby not only brings with it a natural interest

in boats and water, but also contains a lot of technical information on how all of our internal boat goodies work.

See you at the pond.....

Commodore Jim



August 3, 2009 sail at St. Ferdinand Lake 1:00-5:00PM (weather permitting) and 5:00 PM Dinner at Applebee's, 2309 N Highway 67, Florissant, MO 63033, and 7:00 PM meeting at St. Stephens Church.

Regatta at Union Station – September 19-20

Paducah, KY Show – *Barbecue on the River* - September 26, 2009

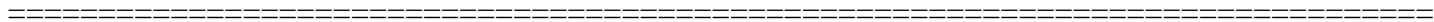
Membership Dues *###Please take note of the following: ###*

Dues for new members will be prorated on a per month basis based upon our beginning of May 1st dues. Please make checks (no cash) payable to "St Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club" in the amount of \$30.00. Send checks (no cash) to

Dave St. Clair
4623 Dulin Creek Road
House Springs, MO 63051

PS If you would like to have your e-mail address included for receipt of the *Broadside* and other publications, please include it on a separate sheet of paper, to my attention. If you have moved since your last renewal, please note change of address, etc.

Thank you, Dave St. Clair



**St. Louis Admirals RC Model Boat Club
MINUTES FOR JULY 6, 2009**

Commodore Jim opened the meeting at 7:05 PM using his new Bosun's Mate whistle. He needs practice. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. The Club's new U.S. flag will hereafter be kept at the church hall.

All members were in good health and our Secretary Ray Sepanski continues to be on the mend. Hopefully he will be getting out of the rehab facility by the end of July. We welcomed new member Jeff Manning.

The Minutes from the June meeting as published in the *Broadside* were approved as published.

The Treasurer's Report was made and approved. All members were reminded that it is now time to renew your memberships and submit you dues to Membership Chairman Dave St. Clair. Members will receive a Club Roster in the near future.

The Club had a successful outing at the Great Rivers Towboat Festival, with a good representation of our members and boats in spite of the very hot weather.

Thanks to Chuck Greco for his BBQ work during the Club picnic held on June 6 at the residence of our late Commodore Tom O'Dell. Thanks also to the O'Dell's for being able to use their residence grounds and the pond. All there had a great time and a good day of sailing.

Commodore Jim further discussed the awarding of trophies at our upcoming Regatta at Union Station on September 19-20. The Regatta Rules soon to be published will incorporate the comments from the Club Members. Awarding of trophies will be overseen by the Club Officers. The trophy submarine models and other materials for the planned trophies are in process.

The Mark Twain raffle was held, with winners being Mike Alligood and Ed Gant.

Dave St. Clair will continue to provide future presentations on model boating subjects. The members were asked for topic suggestions.

A Show and Tell presentation was made by Quincy Watt, displaying an interesting wood sailboat called a "Footy."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes as presented by Commodore Jim



Tentative 2009 meeting dates are:

September 8? Or 14, 2009 October 5, 2009 November 2, 2009 December 7, 2009

Subject to availability by St. Stephen's Church.

September 19 and 20, 2009 Regatta

September 26, 2009 Paducah, KY Show

Grafton 09

The St. Louis Admirals were at Grafton again this year. After all, what would the festival be without us? On Saturday, the weatherman promised us a good dose of heat. Let me tell you. It was HOT! I believe the temperature was about 97 degrees with a heat index of around 104 degrees.

We got there fairly early and drove in close to the tent so we could unload. I had about 8 boats and both the other two, Ed Gant and Tom Eckert also had brought several boats. Very quickly, the tables were covered and all we had to do was to wait for the crowds to show up. In the meantime, we all began to run our boats in the pond. This year it was similar to the other years except this time it had a rubber liner instead of plastic. The whole thing was held together with a single cable that ran all the way around it to hold the hay bales in place against the push of the water in the pond.

As the morning got along, the band set up and began playing their music. It was very loud for us because we were located right in front of their speakers. We waited and watched for the crowd as the temperature climbed and climbed. By noon, I was sure we weren't going to see a lot of people. They just weren't there. Never the less, we did our thing. We ran boats and talked to the people who had come. The day wore on and pretty soon it was time to shut it down for the day.

Now Sunday was a whole another matter. It had rained during the night and some of the water in our pond was lost due to the wind. But the temperature was much better, the band wasn't as loud, and there were lots and lots more people. This time the venue was loaded. Again we talked. We ran the boats. We talked some more. A few

other club members showed up, bringing the boat count to about 27 for Sunday. It had been a little lower on Saturday, about 25. I should mention here that the club members numbered about 7 on Saturday and about 8 on Sunday, even though only half of them were actually different people.

When it got to be near 4:30 or so, we began to load up our boats and get ready to leave.

All in all, I enjoyed myself and I believe that all the others did also. I don't recall hearing any complaints. We hope to see you there next year.

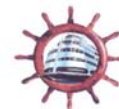
Dave

Grafton Tow Boat Festival June 29, 2009





ST. LOUIS ADMIRALS



R/C Model Boat Club

21st Annual Regatta

Union Station in St. Louis, MO

September 19 – 20, 2009

The St. Louis Admirals are proud to announce their 21st Annual Regatta at St. Louis Union Station Lake. This event is open to the public and anyone interested in model boating at no charge. The only cost is to enter a boat in competition at the show. As usual, we are inviting electric and sail (sorry, no gas powered boats or steam boats due to Union Station regulations) to join in the fun. We will have trophies to be awarded in 9 classes plus Best of Show, Skippers Choice, and the Union Station Award. **Each boat must qualify as a fully operational R/C Model as determined by club officials.**

Please be sure your correct frequency is marked on your transmitter and that you have attached a nametag with phone number. Boats that won 1st place in their class, Best of Show or Skippers choice last year cannot be judged this year. The awards are for amateur builders, not professional builders. All such decisions will be made by Club Officials.

Registration starts at 0800 hours (8:00 a.m.), until noon Saturday, September 19th. The fun will begin at 10:00 a.m. lasts all day and evening until 2200 hours or (10:00 p.m.) Sunday, September 20th starts at 0900 hours (9:00 a.m., or start earlier if you like) until 1300 hours (1:00 p.m.) Awards will be presented at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

PERSONS IN CHARGE OF REGATTA

Jim Schwinkendorf, Commodore jaschwink@aol.com Dave St. Clair, Vice-Commodore 636-671-5353
Kathleen Bray, Registration 314-837-7603

For more detailed information on the Regatta or lodging, call or e-mail Kathleen Bray at 314-837-7603 or kdltm@yahoo.com

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First, second and third place trophies will be presented in each of the nine classes.

Best of Show Award will be chosen by a select group of judges.

Skippers Choice Award will be selected by all who have entered a boat.

Union Station Award will be chosen by the Union Station Marketing Staff.

EACH MODEL BUILDER WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ONLY ONE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD PLACE TROPHY REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF MODELS OR CATEGORIES.

Copy this form and use one for each boat entered. Your club name: _____

21st REGATTA REGISTRATION FORM – Fill out one form for each boat!

CLASS (check one)

Name _____

Vessels
Address _____

Boats
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____
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Email _____

Judged
Boat Name & Description _____

Sail Boats
 Commercial

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 Submarines
 Runabouts,

Miniature Boats
 Scratch Built
 RTR/Not

Radio Frequency

Return form & check to: Kathleen Bray, 1760 Arundel Drive, Florissant, MO 63033

Make check payable to: St. Louis Admirals Model Boat Club

Pre-registration Fees: \$15 one boat. Two boats \$25. Each additional boat – FREE!

Day of Event Registration: \$15 one boat. Two boats \$30. Each additional boat – FREE!

Be sure all of your boats are finished and in good running order!

For safety reasons transmitters will be impounded!

YOUR MODEL BOAT WILL FALL INTO ONE OF THESE CLASSES

SAIL BOATS

Includes all boats powered by wind. They may also have Auxiliary motors.

OCEAN GOING COMMERCIAL VESSELS

Types include cruise ships, ocean liners, freighters, cargo ships, tankers, trawlers/fishing and research vessels

TUG BOATS

Types include all tugs.

COMMERCIAL RIVER WORK BOATS

Types include towboats with or w/o barges, powered gambling boats, ferries, all types of paddle wheels and other working river craft.

RUNABOUTS & PLEASURE BOATS

Types include all racing and speed boats, fast electrics, mahogany runabouts, cabin cruisers, pontoon boats, house boats, sport fishing boats and personal watercraft. No gas powered boats.

MILITARY & GOVERNMENT

Types include Navy, Coast Guard, Marine, Army, Army Corps of Engineers, landing craft, police, fireboats, buoy tenders patrol and rescue craft of any nation.

SUBMARINES (Nuclear and Non-Nuclear)

Any type, size or country.

MINIATURE BOATS

Any type of R/C model boat that is no more than 16" in overall length OR no more than 3" at maximum beam. *Your boat may exceed one but not both dimensions and still enter this class. *Sidewheelers will be measured across the hull, not the paddle boxes. Outriggers, catamarans and trimarans will have all hull and outrigger hull dimensions added together for a total hull measurement not to exceed 3".

SCRATCH BUILT

Any type or size of boat allowed. Builder can bring plans and/or other documentation to aid the judges. The hull, deck and superstructure must be scratch built.

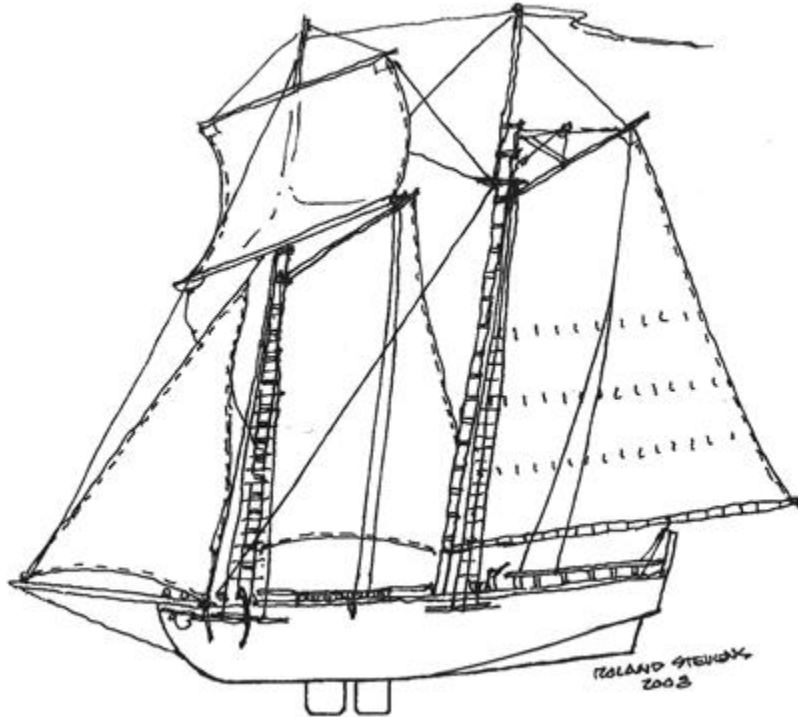
READY TO RUN / ARFs (Not Judged)

Types include all crafts bought ready to run.

Judging Rules: Peer judging applies. All entries and judging shall be reviewed by a committee.

ONLY ONE FIRST, SECOND & THIRD PLACE AWARD PER PERSON.

A rare dagger-board schooner has been discovered in over 500 feet of water off the southern shore of Lake Ontario... Jim Kennard and Dan Scoville, shipwreck enthusiasts, located the schooner using deep towed side scan sonar equipment. Sailing vessels of this type were in use on the lakes for only a short period of time beginning in the very early 1800's. This ship is the only dagger-board schooner known to have been found in the Great Lakes.



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Chris Kunz, brought this beautiful model for Show and Tell, and wanted to know if he could R/C this model, and was informed by our prolific boat builder that this was a definite possibility.

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