



The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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NOTICE:

**The next meeting will be held on December 5, 2011 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135**

NOW HEAR THIS

FROM THE BRIDGE



With the leaves falling from the trees and into our sailing ponds, I guess it is time to admit that our sailing season is about over for this year. The Regatta is past, darkness comes earlier, the Cards are

World Series Champions, and it's time to get ready for holidays and colder weather.

In line with those thoughts, it's also time to take a minute to reflect on the past year, and to give thanks for some of the good things that happened. First, we had some great sailing times and a nice Regatta at the Boat House in Forest Park. The hospitality given us by Catering St Louis and the Boat House staff has made this a fun year out on the water. We got some nice exposure to new folks.

We also sailed at the neighborhood event in Benton Park; a place I didn't know existed. Although limited by the weather, the Club also participated in an event in Kirkwood. And then, as ever, we had some great (and some interesting) afternoons sailing at our normal location in St Ferdinand Park

in Florissant. For all these things and events we are thankful for.

If our boats ran well, we had fun. If our boats didn't run well or sank, we had some character building experiences. Some of our members had health issues, but we are grateful to see them, hear that they are improving, and include them as being our friends. The Admirals Boat Club has brought us together. Otherwise, we would not have had the experiences or been able to count those friendships among the more pleasant experiences in our otherwise busy lives.

Most of us are able to sit down to the up-and-coming Thanksgiving feast and the other holidays' just beyond. So it's a good time to "recharge batteries" (both a model boating and a submarining term) and take some time to really be thankful. I have enjoyed the comradeship and good times this past year. Those memories will not go away. Other things may change, but I'll have the memories..... For those, I am thankful.

Commodore Jim

December 5 - 7:00 PM Christmas Party and meeting at St. Stephens Church

Tentative 2012 meeting
dates are:

Jan 2, 2012

Feb 6, 2012

Subject to availability by St. Stephen's Church

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

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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, Tom Eckert

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Saint Louis Admirals RC Model Boat Club  
Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2011

Commodore Jim opened the meeting at 7:20 PM with the pledge of allegiance. Jeff Manning was present with a broken foot. Fred Hoeffken hopes to attend the December meeting after completing physical therapy. Gene Ellerbusch and his wife attended as visitors.

Reading of the minutes as published in the BroadSides was approved. The Treasurer reported was given. A new membership roster was handed out, showing 42 members to date. Twenty-four members were present for the meeting.

Commodore Jim reported that he was sending Fr. Tom Keller his trophies from the Regatta. Jeff Manning received his 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy in the Paddlewheeler class. Tom Eckert, Regatta Chairman, presented a framed photo of the RC model SS Admiral to Paul Kirby for being the first intrepid skipper to complete the new navigation course at the Regatta. Anyone who would like a photo of the model SS Admiral can contact Tom at (314) 426-6244. If you wish to see photos of the 2011 Regatta, and other club events going back to 2009, Jeff Manning has a CD available. You may reach him at (618) 254-1420.

The Commodore thanked all those who participated and helped make the 23<sup>rd</sup> Regatta a fun time. He expressed special appreciation for the efforts of Tom Eckert, Chris Kunz, and the St. Clair family --- Dave, Dee, and Desiree. Tom said the management of the Boathouse at Forest Park was very pleased with our big annual event. They extended an invitation to the club and to individual members to sail anytime as their guests.

Commodore Jim and Vice Commodore Dave St. Clair asked all members to consider service to the club by filling a term as an officer. Successful events like the Regatta depend on the voluntary efforts of the members. The officers and committee chairmen are the pivot points for planning and

organizing what we do. Please contact Dave St. Clair at (636) 671-5353 to see how you can best help the club.

Election of officers for 2012 will take place at the next meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>. That is also the time for the Christmas social. Everyone is welcome. Food and beverages will be provided. A contribution of \$5.00 is requested. Bring cookies or dessert to share with all hands.

The first meeting of the New Year will be on January 2, 2012.

Jane Rivers and Tom Eckert won the Mark Twain raffle gift cards. Members then swapped model kits and parts. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Minutes as presented by Chris Kunz, Secretary

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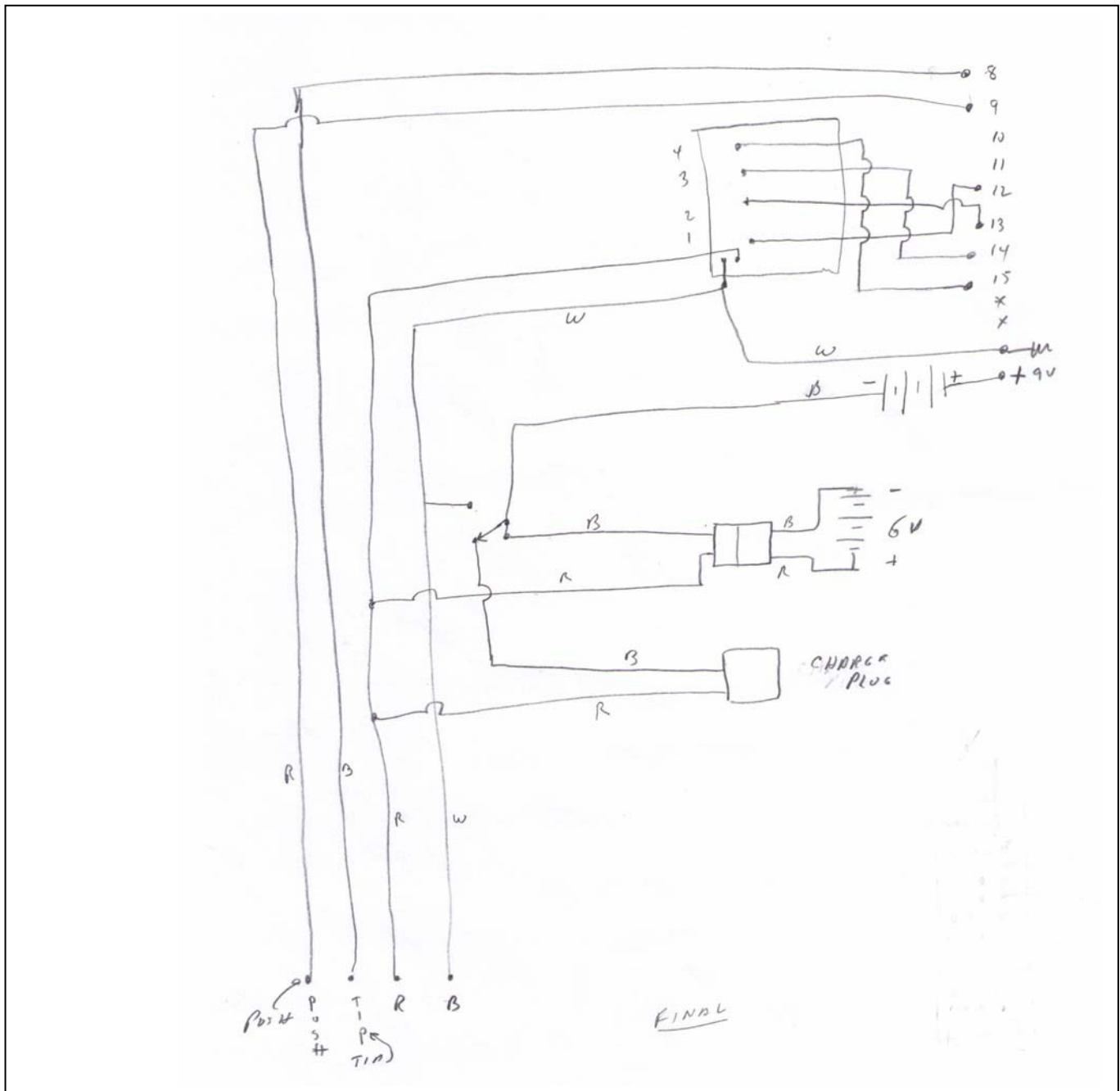


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Warren Spielmann's Kayak and wiring diagram. He came all the way from California to our Regatta



# Confederate sub upright for first time since 1864

**AP** Associated Press



*AP – The Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley sits in its slings on Friday, June 24, 2011 at a conservation lab ...*

*By BRUCE SMITH, Associated Press Bruce Smith, Associated Press – Fri Jun 24, 3:01 pm ET*

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – The first submarine in history to sink an enemy warship is upright for the first time in almost 150 years, revealing a side of its hull not seen since it sank off the South Carolina coast during the Civil War.

Workers at a conservation lab finished the painstaking, two-day job of rotating the hand-cranked H.L. Hunley upright late Thursday.

The Hunley was resting on its side at a 45-degree angle on the bottom of the Atlantic when it was raised in August 2000 and scientists had kept it in slings in that position in the lab for the past 11 years.

But they needed to turn it upright to continue with the job of conservation.

Scientists hope the hidden side of the sub will provide clues as to why the Hunley sank with its eight-member crew in February, 1864, after sending the Union blockade ship *Houston* to the bottom.

While there was no immediate clue from a first look at the hidden hull but "we are seeing some tantalizing clues on that side," Hunley archaeologist Maria Jacobsen said Friday.



*AP Photo/Bruce Smith*

Scientists knew there were large hull breaches on the starboard side that remained out of view all these years. Jacobsen said the area around the holes is smooth, as the sediment that has hardened on the hull was blasted away. It's not clear whether the breaches are manmade — caused by an explosion or the like — or simply caused by nature.

She said it likely could have been scoured away by water and tides.

"We may be dealing with nature here. How can these massive hull breaches occur?" she asked.



"Nothing jumps out at me" from seeing the starboard side, said state Sen. Glenn McConnell, the chairman of the South Carolina Hunley Commission. "But we will be examining it for any clue that might be there to help us solve the mystery."

There are various theories why the sub sank. It could have been damaged by fire from the Housatonic or the sub's crew was knocked out by the concussion from the blast that sank that ship. Or it could have been damaged by another Union vessel rescuing the Housatonic.

Studies show the crew died of a lack of oxygen and didn't drown. The remains of the crew, who were buried in 2004, were found at their stations and there seemed no rush to the escape hatch.

McConnell said seeing the submarine upright brings it alive.

"Instead of looking like an artifact, it now looks like a stealth weapon," he said.

"It's as if you are looking at the submarine for the first time," agreed conservator Paul Mardikian. "Before it was more like a mass of inert metal. Now it looks like something that had a life."

The next step in conserving the Hunley comes next week when it will be lowered onto keel blocks to hold it upright. It will probably be a month before a truss and the slings that suspended the sub from it will be removed, providing an even better view of the submarine.

The delicate process of righting the sub involved rotating it between 800 and 1,000 millimeters. A team of workers adjusted the slings by 2 millimeter increments during the two days the job took.

"It went better than it had any right to do," said Mike Drews, the director of the conservation center. "Knowing there were unknowns, we always erred on the side of caution."

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Memories of the Regatta at the Boat house in Forest Park, St Louis, Missouri

**FROM THE EDITOR** – Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party, cost is \$5.00 per Person. It will be greatly appreciated if you bring a dessert, appetizer, or snack for sharing. Coffee will be available; soda is available through the soda machine.





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